

Saint Denis /Our Lady Of The Wayside Churches

*Brought together by Christ, we, the parish of St. Denis
and Our Lady of the Wayside*

respond to his call to live our Catholic faith.

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Mass Times

St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30 am

Confession Times
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm



March 4th, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

During a funeral mass, after communion, the priest incenses the casket as a reminder that the human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The human body is sacred because God himself made it. It is more precious than any temple that could ever be made by human hands.

Whatever we make inevitably crumbles and decays. It does not last forever, not even the ancient pyramids or any Basilica will last. Man made things eventually come to an end. Even the Jewish temple in the days of Jesus was ruined.

What does last forever, as long as we have faith in Jesus, is the temple of the human body. Through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have eternal life. When the risen Lord comes in his glory at the end of time, he will raise up our bodies to be glorified bodies. The temple of the human body will live forever. What God creates will endure for all eternity. Therefore, do not worry what may happen to our bodies. God will restore us anew.

God bless Fr. Paul

We Believe

WHO GAVE YOU THE AUTHORITY?

Authority: the power to control, command, decide.

We are usually in the middle of those who have authority over us and those over whom we have authority. The boss tells us what to do, and we tell our children what to do!

But do I have authority over myself?

Do I have the power to control myself and make my own decisions?

Most of the time, I have authority over my own life. I make my own decisions and act on them. I'm in control of my time, my money, my activities.

But every once in a while, I have to admit that I am not the ultimate authority in my own life. I have a husband for whom I willing sacrifice my time, energy and emotions. And I have children, who even as adults, need my time and attention. I have a ministry for which I put aside other activities. And we have a grandchild on the way, who I am sure will command and control us all!

But ultimately, I need to acknowledge that even those people have less authority in my life than God has. Without God, I do not even exist. And any control I might have, is given to me by God. Even my free will is a gift from God.

Jesus had the authority to turn over the tables in the temple, challenge the church leaders and upset the status quo in many other ways. But do I acknowledge the power and control he has over me?

When we say "God is in control", we do not give God authority over us. He already has that!

We are simply acknowledging God's authority and accepting it and surrendering to it. And if we can joyfully do that, we will have the ultimate freedom!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Mar.	3	5:30 pm	Joseph Koch (+)
Sun.	Mar.	4	7:30 am	For World Peace
			9:30 am	For Refugees
			11:30 am	Caregivers & Medical Personnel
Mon.	Mar.	5	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tue.	Mar.	6	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Wed.	Mar.	7	8:00 am	Audrey Durazzo (living)
Thurs	Mar.	8	8:00 am	Nurses
Fri.	Mar.	9	8:00 am	The Pope

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Mar.	03	4:30pm	Victims of Child Abuse
Sun.	Mar.	04	9:30am	Terrene Donohue (+)

In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation News



JOIN US FOR A FUND-RAISING LUAU DINNER!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 AT 6:30PM IN ST. DENIS PARISH HALL

Please join us for roast pig, pineapple cake, and Maitais! (Hawaiian Punch for the kids) We're raising money to help send our middle school group on their mission trip to Hawaii. Free-will donations accepted. Raffle prizes too! Fun for the kids! We're counting on your support! RSVP to Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



CRS RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent, and hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide. We devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. You will find Rice Bowls near the bulletins. You may bring your filled Rice Bowls to church anytime during Holy Week and the Easter season. Just put them in the collection basket or in the box in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SACRAMENT WORKSHOP FOR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Sunday, March 4 at 1:00pm in the CHURCH at St. Denis

This is an interactive workshop where children and parents can teach each other about the Sacraments. Come and explore the symbols and rituals. Ask questions! Pick up your banner kits and make sure you have reserved a date for your celebration.

Contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more details.

Parish Outreach Lenten Project

St Denis/OLW Outreach Plan 2018 Plan:

As a Lenten Outreach project we have decided to focus on homeless families in our local communities through the Home and Help organization. This group provides homeless families by providing shelter and meals. Homeless families rotate weekly to churches in our area where they are housed and fed for one week. You can participate in two different ways: 1.) Financial support by contacting homeandhope.net. 2.) Volunteering to help provide a meal at a local church one evening during Lent. If you are interested in helping with this meal please contact Pat Mach at 415-640-0245. Thank you.



Tour of Chapel Windows Notre Dame de namur

Saturday, March 10th, 11am to 3pm at Notre Dame de Namur University, 1500 Ralston Ave, Belmont. Sr. Roseanne Murphy, 650 592-2572 murphyrose@sndden.org

The public is invited to have a docent-led tour of the noted sculptured glass windows created for the Cunningham Memorial Chapel by Gabriele Loire (1904-1996) who is considered one of the greatest window makers of the 20th century. Tours begin at 11am and are every 45 minutes until 3pm. For more information, contact Sr. Roseanne Murphy, above.

Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements

The Deadline for bulletin inserts is (The Tuesday Before Noon,) before the weekend of publication. All mass announcements are to be scripted & okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dedem@pacbell.net
NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

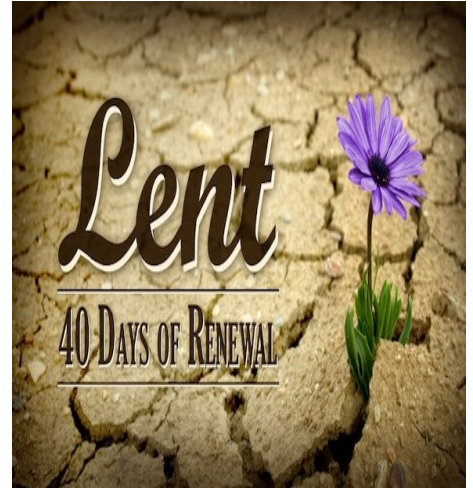
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to January 31st, 2018	\$234,344.00
Monthly Goal—January 2018	\$36,000.00
January 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$38,195.00
2018 Annual Appeal Goal	\$117,232.00
2018 (Actual Annual Appeal to date)	\$56,355.00

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

New to online Egiving? Follow the link in our parish website to create a new account. If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account.

Upcoming Events

- March 4th **Sacrament Workshop for first communion families**
1:00pm in St. Denis Church
- March 9th **Stations of the Cross every Friday (During Lent) after the 8:00am Mass**
with refreshments in the St. Denis Parish Hall afterwards.
- March 10th **Luau Dinner—fund raiser for Hawaii Mission Trip**
6:30pm at St. Denis parish hall
- March 11th **Confirmation Class, begins with Mass at 5:30pm**
- March 12th **Fr. Paul's optional First Communion class at 3:30pm**
- March 20th **Lenten Retreat at St. Denis with Sister Sharon McMillan**
at 9:30am with mass and lunch to follow.



Outreach "A" Team At Maple Street Shelter

On February 11th St. Denis' monthly dinner at Maple Street Shelter was made and served by the Outreach A Team. Volunteers that helped were: Carie Alexander, the McCormicks, Fr. Paul O'Dell, Christine Sheehy, the Lambs, the Schultes, the Lindbloms, the Sarrailles, Marlene Hunter, & Josephine Hunter.

