

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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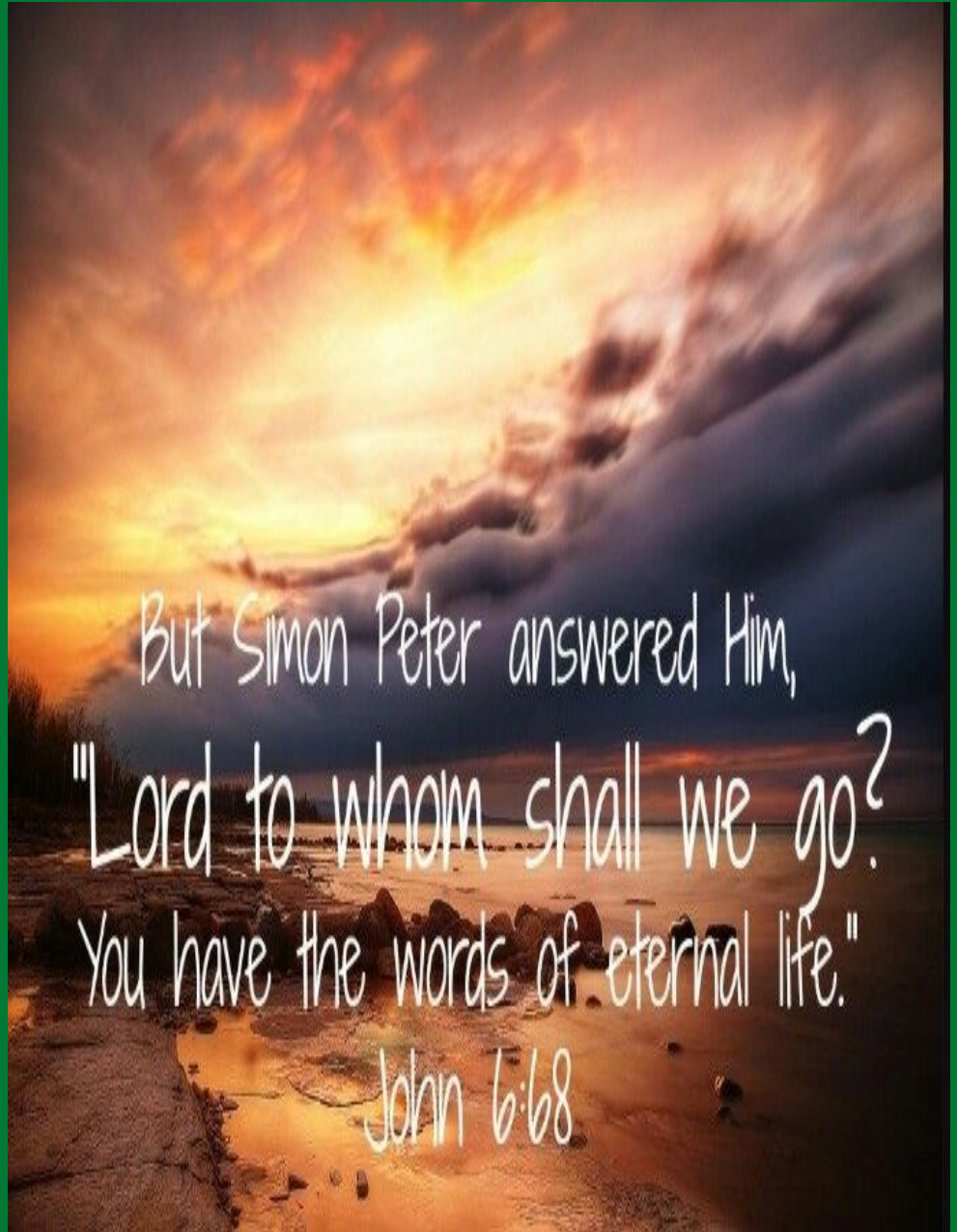
Mass Times

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



August 26th, 2018 21st Sunday in ordinary time

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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,

It is amazing to see how many dating sites there are these days. So many people are searching for someone special, someone they want to spend the rest of their lives with in a committed relationship and eventually marry. Some of the couples who have come to me for marriage preparation have actually met online.

In my first meeting with the couple, I tell them to see each other as a tremendous blessing and gift from God. God brought them together. The couple is blessed to have someone to love him or her, to be committed to him or her and to want to be married to him or her. I also tell the couple to cherish each other in their hearts. With this mindset, with this proper attitude the marriage has a solid and good beginning which will last a lifetime.

I have come to realize this after reflecting upon today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. He sees Christ's relationship with the Church, with us as a marital relationship. Christ is the groom and the Church is his beloved bride. As the groom, Christ loves us unconditionally and cherishes each and every one of us in his heart. Christ gives all of himself to us even his own very life. If all men treated women like this, if all husbands treated their wives like this, wouldn't that be something. It is more than possible if men so choose.

Fr. Paul

We Believe

"DO YOU ALSO WANT TO LEAVE?"

Ever since the abuse crisis in the church began, people have asked me why I stay in the Catholic Church. How can I still be a member of such a corrupt organization, whose leaders are so flawed and sinful? And with the recent news from Pennsylvania, Ireland, Chile, and more, the scandal we thought was behind us has resurfaced, leading people who were hanging onto the church by a thread to say enough is enough.

Believe me, I've been tempted.

But I stay.

The church needs reform, repentance, and reconciliation. I think I can help that happen more effectively from the inside. I can help protect vulnerable people. I can be an advocate.

All human institutions are flawed and sinful, because they are human! But I have hope for the church because we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, if we turn to it for the gifts we need: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, reverence, courage, right judgement and awe and wonder.

We are the Body of Christ. We are members of the body just as a hand or foot are members of a body. When one part suffers, we all suffer. When one part needs healing, we all need healing. We are in this together, through our common baptism.

Finally, today we have the words of Peter, the flawed and sinful person that Jesus chose to build a church upon: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

I am Catholic because of Jesus. I'll stay with him and with his church. Where else would I go?

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Aug. 25	5:30 pm	For world peace
Sun.	Aug. 26	7:30 am	Sophie Daszkiewicz (+) & Lillian Eustice (+)
		9:30 am	Lois Shellworth (+)
		11:30 am	For victims of abuse
Mon.	Aug. 27	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tue.	Aug. 28	8:00 am	For those with anxiety & depression
Wed.	Aug. 29	8:00 am	Audrey Durazzo (living)
Thurs.	Aug. 30	8:00 am	For victims of abuse
Fri.	Aug. 31	8:00 am	Blessed Mothers intentions

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Aug. 25	4:30pm	Audrey Durazzo (living)
Sun.	Aug. 26	9:30am	Travers Shawn Johnson (living)

In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron

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

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration information and forms are now available on our parish website. You'll find a calendar for next school year, details about our programs, sacrament requirements and more! Just go to www.stdenisparish.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.

Grades PreK thru 4 meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am, grades 5/6 meet Sundays at 10:30am.

Grades 7 and up, please see Confirmation preparation details.

All classes and programs begin September 23.

CATECHIST GATHERING

We will have a short gathering for catechists to check in, pick up their materials and just say Hi on Sunday, September 9 after the 9:30am Mass in the parish hall. Please stop by!

And we still need a few spirit-filled people to share their faith with the kids as catechists! Contact Lucy if you are feeling inspired!

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you will be in the 7th grade or older this coming school year and are interested in preparing for Confirmation, please go to our parish website www.stdenisparish.org and register! Classes are a couple of Sundays a month, beginning Sunday, September 23, and include Mass and dinner together. You would be confirmed at the end of 8th grade, or older.

There will be a Parent/Teen information meeting, with Mass and dinner, on Sunday, September 9 at 5:30pm.

If you cannot come to the information meeting, I would be happy to meet with you before.

Just contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org and schedule an appointment.

Faith Formation News

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND OUTDOOR MASS

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the beginning of the school year with an outdoor Mass and pancake breakfast in the gardens at St. Denis on Sunday, September 16 at 9:30am.

In addition, we will bless our catechists and the teens who participated in the Hawaii Mission Trip will be sharing slides and stories of their trip! Come join the celebration!



Senior Lunch & Mass

All seniors & their caregivers are invited to the Senior Lunch & Mass honoring the memory of Lois Shellworth & Sandy Rock, this Tuesday August 28th, at noon in the St. Denis hall. Please rsvp to Dede 650 854-5976 press 4, or email dedewm@pacbell.net



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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal)	\$468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018	\$44,761.00
Monthly Goal-July 2018	\$45,000.00
July 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$44,761.00

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

New to online E-Giving? 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.

Parish Events Held at St Denis Church

Tuesday August 28th– Senior Lunch & Mass honoring the memory of Lois Shellworth and Sandy Rock, at 12 noon in the hall

Sunday September 9th– Catechist Gathering at 10:30am

Sunday, September 9th- Confirmation Information meeting at 5:30pm includes Mass and dinner! Parents and teens invited.

Sunday September 16th– Catechetical Sunday, Outdoor 9:30am mass and pancake breakfast

Sunday September 23rd– ALL Faith Formation classes begin!!

Monday September 24th– Knit & Pray at 5:30pm in the library

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts & refreshments



Parish Events Held at Our Lady of Wayside Church

Sunday October 14th– Liturgical Minister Training after 9:30am mass

Saturday October 20th– Song Birds at 4:30pm mass with reception to follow

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts & refreshments

