

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

**2nd Collection December 9th
Retirement for Religious**



December 2nd, 2018 1st Sunday of Advent

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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,

We end the season of Ordinary Time and begin a new liturgical year on this 1st Sunday of Advent. With every new beginning, new and wonderful opportunities are possible. As people of faith, we have a fresh start. All that we may have put off last year we can make happen in this new liturgical year.

Perhaps we wanted to make more time to be with our families. Life is busy with work, sports and extracurricular activities. Quiet time is always well spent when we make a concerted effort to spend it with family. Having dinner as a family is not only a sacred time, but also very important. Perhaps we wanted to do more charity work like volunteering at a soup kitchen, homeless shelter or nursing facility. Doing these worthwhile things is living the faith.

Before we can really do anything, I believe we are called and challenged to be rooted in faith. This means praying daily and attending mass on a regular basis. This is something I have always done as a wee lad, which has worked out well for you and me. It is up to us to prioritize our lives. I have discovered that if I put God first in my life, everything falls into place. Is this not a good way to begin a new faith year?

God bless, Fr. Paul

Advent & Christmas

Please join us in preparing for the coming of the Lord!

Advent and Christmas Schedule:

(SD—St. Denis, OLW—Our Lady of the Wayside)

Sun. Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent

Family Gathering: Advent Workshop 10:30am (SD)

Fri. Dec. 7 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 6:00pm (SD)

Sat. Dec. 8 First Reconciliation Service 10:00am (SD)
for first communion families

Sat. Dec. 8 Christmas Tea 1:00-3:00pm (SD)

Sun. Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent

Sun. Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent

Sun. Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses
4:00pm (SD) Family Mass
4:30pm (OLW)
6:00pm (SD)

Tue. Dec. 25 Christmas Day Masses
Regular Sunday Schedule

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS ARE HERE!

Please take one to use in your daily prayers throughout Advent.
The above schedule is printed on the front!

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Dec.	1	5:30 pm	Peter Jiso Ryu (+)
Sun.	Dec.	2	7:30 am	Tad Daszkiewicz(+)
			9:30 am	Suzanne De Valck-Mertens (+)
			11:30 am	Jerry Bagnani (+)
Mon.	Dec.	3	8:00 am	Victims of fires
Tue.	Dec.	4	8:00 am	For a happy Advent
Wed.	Dec.	5	8:00 am	Suzanne De Valck-Mertens (+)
Thurs.	Dec.	6	8:00 am	For fishermen and sailors
Fri.	Dec.	7	8:00 am	For bee keepers
Fri.	Dec.	7	6:00 pm	Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Dec.	1	4:30pm	Deceased members
Sun.	Dec.	2	9:30am	Deceased members

In your charity, please pray for...

Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Robert Roger, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias,,Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham,
Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron

John Hunter,

Faith Formation News

FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Fr. Paul will be offering optional classes for those children preparing to celebrate First Communion in the spring. Classes will be on Mondays at 3:30pm in the parish library.

His NEXT class is Monday, December 10

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 8 at 10:00am

For children preparing to receive First Communion in the Spring.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY: PRAYER

Saturday, December 15 at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Portola Valley.

All 7th and 8th graders are invited!

Meet there at 10:00am. Bring your lunch and snacks to share.

We'll join the parishioners for Mass at 4:30pm.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

We're forming an informal choir of children to lead the singing at our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm at St. Denis. Join us for practices after 9:30am Mass on Sundays, December 9, 16, and 23. If you can read, you can be in the choir!

Summer Mission Trips



We're adding a mission trip for teens currently in 9-12 grades.

And we're headed for Buffalo, NY!

July 21-26, 2019

We are limited to 5 teens only!

The cost is \$395 per person (not including airfare) and scholarships are available. DEADLINE DECEMBER 31st!

For more details about the program, go to

www.youngneighbors.org

To sign up, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



A MISSION TRIP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

Last year, Fr. Paul and Lucy took 8 kids to Hawaii to work, learn, and make friends.

This year, we're headed to Anchorage, Alaska!!

June 24-28, 2019

We are limited to 10 kids currently in 6, 7 or 8th grades.

The cost is \$310 per person (not including airfare) and scholarships are available. DEADLINE DECEMBER 31st!

For more details about the program, go to www.just5days.org

To sign up, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

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 October, 2018	\$144,024.00
Monthly Goal- October 2018	\$36,000.00
October 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$37,150.00

Donation Corner

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

Whether you are new to online giving, or would like to make an update to your existing donations, follow the link below to give.

<https://stdenisparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

<https://olwparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

Parish Events Held at St. Denis Church

December 2nd—Family Gathering: Advent Workshop at 10:30am

December 7th— Mass Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
at 6pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 8th—First Reconciliation Service at 10:00am

December 15th— 7th Grade Retreat at 10:00am at OLW

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments



12th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Please join us for "Christmas Joy!" The 12th Annual Parish Christmas Tea will be held on December 8th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, in the St. Denis Parish Hall. Deacon Tom Kelly will be our speaker, and Brian Lorentz will be our musician. Please complete the reservation form (found at the rear of both churches) which will tell us with whom you wish to be seated and \$25 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased after the 9:30am mass from Tea Committee members, who will be visible, in the Parish office, or by calling Rosie McCormick, 415-519-9642. You may purchase your tickets until December 3rd.



Christmas Giving Trees

The Annual Christmas Giving Trees are in both churches. Gift tags may be removed and attached to gifts, and returned to the church No Later Than Sunday, December, 16. Please securely attach the tags to your gifts paying special attention to whether gift wrapping is necessary which will be noted on the back of each tag. Gifts will be delivered to St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, Hoover Pre-School, and Life Moves "Maple Street" Shelter. If you cannot take a tag but would prefer to contribute there will ENVELOPES in each church for donations. Any amount is appreciated. Questions should be directed to Marlene Hunter 650 325-4058. Thank you.



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