

# Saint Denis Parish

*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

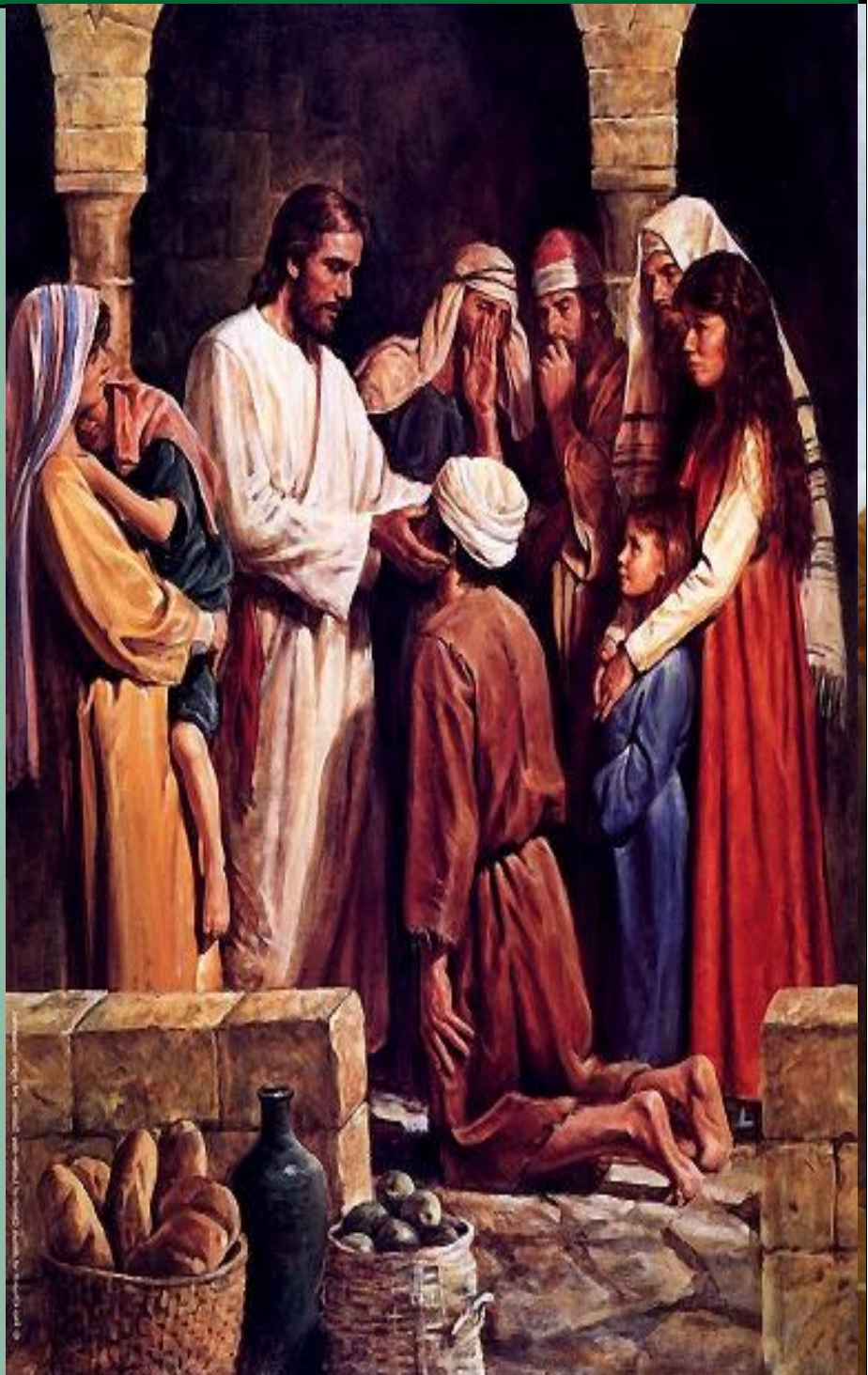
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30 am

### 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



September 6, 2015

|23rd Sunday of Ordinary

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

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

With every miracle that Jesus performs, something is revealed. In today's gospel passage, Jesus heals a deaf man who had a speech impediment. The location of where this takes place is very significant. Jesus moves from the Jewish territory of Tyre into the Gentile territory of the Decapolis. The people there already have some sense of faith since they bring the deaf man to Jesus to be healed. The Good News is not only received by the chosen People of God, but also by the Gentiles.

Jesus goes out of his way to make physical contact with the deaf man. It seems as though the miracle can only happen if Jesus puts his hand into the man's ear and his spit on the man's tongue with his hand. According to the Jewish purity code, this was a violation. It was forbidden to have physical contact with a Gentile. From this miracle then, we realize that Jesus was not afraid to break through cultural barriers or religious rules to include people of all nations into the Kingdom of God. With his heart and with his hands, Jesus embraces everyone. How blessed we are to be included as well. Like Jesus, may our hearts and hands be open to receive and embrace all of God's people regardless of who they are or where they come from.

Blessings,

Fr. Paul

## What We Believe

“The Sacred Connectedness

When I was a little girl I remember going to Mass where people were saying the rosary and going to Confession at the same time! Vatican II and its move towards fuller assembly participation in our Sunday liturgies have fortunately changed over the last five decades. We hopefully have gone from “hearing Mass” to “celebrating Mass.”

The word “celebrating” implies that hope and commemoration are deeply connected to our participation at Mass. Even at times of grieving, the joy of Resurrection is intrinsically present. Not only are we remembering the life, death, and Resurrection of Christ, but we are called to actually celebrate our own trials and triumphs, both personally and communally, and our remembering becomes a real “re-membering” with the Body of Christ.

The meaning of the word “Mass” is “to be sent forth.” The weekly opportunity to experience levels of connection each time we gather to celebrate the liturgy are grace-filled invitations to experience the goodness of God, and all of us, through the various liturgical ministries, after-Mass hospitality, and simple cordialities extended to one another enhance this sacred connectedness as we go forth.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

**Sat. 9/05** 5:30pm Eleanor Bahr (+) (Mary Schleifer)

**Sun. 9/06** 7:30am In Gratitude (Jim & Danuta Eustice)  
9:30am The St. Denis Community  
11:30am David Biasotti (+) (Helen Carey)

**Mon. 9/07** 8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Denis

**Tue. 9/08** 8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Denis

**Wed. 9/09** 8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Denis

**Thu. 9/10** 8:00am Mary Margaret Koch (+) Frank Koch

**Fri. 9/04** 8:00am For the Parishioners of St. Denis

### Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm The deceased of OLW

9:30am The OLW Community

## In your charity, please pray for...

Jose Diaz, Carol Armstrong, Baby Stella Arde, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentez, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikli, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner.

## Upcoming Event

Connie Vincent, a member of St. Denis and author of *Not Going Gently*, offers a fresh look at Alzheimer's and dementia from both personal and professional vantage points—and provides a plan for prevention. We have invited Connie to share her expertise and experience with us on Sunday, September 27, at 12:30 pm. We will begin with lunch followed by her talk. We will have signups for this parish event during the month of September but mark your calendar now. Don't forget "ha ha!" For more information contact Dede Waters-Maters, dedewm@pacbell.net.

## Wine and Cheese

The Wine and Cheese on September 5/6 will be moved to the following weekend, which will be September 12/13. Sorry for the inconvenience, but please join us after Mass!



## Mass and Healing Liturgy

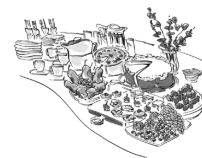
Parents, families, and all interested persons are invited to a Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy in memory of babies and young children who have died before, during, and shortly after birth from any cause, at the Holy Cross Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery, near Rachel Knoll, Colma. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the principal celebrant of the bilingual Spanish and English Mass and will be joined by other priests of the Archdiocese. A Healing Liturgy will follow at the nearby Rachel Shrine. All are welcome to a gathering and a light luncheon following the ceremony, which is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information, please contact Respect Life Program (415) 614-5570 or Project Rachel (415) 717-6428.

## Spiritual Book Group

What do St. Augustine, Dwight Eisenhower, Dorothy Day, and Gen. George Marshall have in common? Come join our discussions and find out! We're reading David Brooks' new bestseller "The Road to Character". Meetings are Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. We read one chapter per week so homework is easy. Call Tereza McNamee (650) 323-6859 for further info and for our meeting location.

## Attention Seniors: Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, September 8th at 12:00 pm. We will begin with a Communion service and continue with a leisurely lunch. All seniors and caregivers are invited! Please R.S.V.P. by calling the Parish Office 650 854-5976.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



**MARRIED COUPLES:** Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Call David & Karen at 650.350.1469 or go to [www.sanfranciscowme.org](http://www.sanfranciscowme.org). **2015 San Francisco / Santa Rosa Weekends:** Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park: Nov 20-22. Space is limited; apply early.

## Fresh and Local Produce

Come to the front of the Church after the 9:30am Mass on the 3rd Sundays of the month and pick up some fresh vegetables grown organically and locally! The St. Francis of Assisi Guild NanoFarms USA will be regularly selling produce after Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30-11:30am. Expect to see throughout the summer lettuce, cilantro, kale, broccoli, strawberries, carrots, tomatoes, peas, onions, and more. All produce is grown on the property of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA, an worker-owned cooperative dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto.

## Liturgy Meeting

We have scheduled a Liturgy Meeting for next Sunday, Sept. 13, following the 11:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Library. If you are interested in helping with the various aspects out liturgical celebrations, please come! (There will be refreshments!) If you cannot make the meeting, send us your ideas and suggestions! For more information, please contact Dede Waters-Masters.

## Stewardship Report

### August 29/30, 2015

#### Sunday Collection

#### E-Giving

St. Denis	\$2,617.00	\$3,121.88
OLW	\$1,832.00(Aug 22/23rd)	\$570.00

**Total: \$8,140.88**

### Monthly Total, August 2015

#### Sunday Collection

#### E-Giving

St. Denis	\$14,873.00	\$12,487.50
OLW	\$4,547.00	\$2,280.00

**Total: \$34,187.50**

### August 30/31, 2014

#### Sunday Collection

#### E-Giving

St. Denis	\$3,592.00	\$2,612.86
OLW	\$790.00	\$539.50

**Total: \$7,534.36**

### Monthly Total, August 2014

#### Sunday Collection

#### E-Giving

St. Denis	\$17,661.00	\$10,451.42.00
OLW	\$5,560.00	\$2,156.60

**Total: \$35,829.02**



## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for the St. Denis Church Installation Mass & Reception for our new Pastor, Fr. Paul O'Dell for Sunday, October 25th at the 11:30 am Mass. There will be no Religious Ed. classes that day so we can ALL come to this Parish celebration.



## OLW Welcomes Father Paul

Please mark your calendars for a "Welcome Reception" on Saturday September 19th, for Father Paul. The gathering will be at OLW after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please join us in making our new Pastor feel at home. Appetizers and libations will be served. All are Welcome!



## Career Clothes Needed

We'll be collecting clothes for Maple Street and Haven House's Career Fair to be held at the end of September. We're looking for clothes that their clients can wear when going out on interviews and can continue to wear when they get the job !! These include:

- Black or dark colored slacks
- Khaki slacks
- White shirts/blouses
- Polo shirts
- Business-casual blouses
- Dark socks

If you have things in your closet that you just don't know what to do with this is a great opportunity to help somebody help themselves. The barrel will be located in the back of the Church.



## Religious Education Registration has begun!

The Registration form has been revised and is now available on the parish website at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org).

**New this year:** You can now pay your registration fees using the same Parish Pay account that you use for your weekly donations! Also, please register your high school teens FREE! Then, When we have events or activities for that age group, we can get in touch with them directly!

**Fees:** \$125 for first child, \$75 for each additional child, \$75 for each Sacramental Program.

**Schedule:** PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets at 9:30 Sundays, 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade meets at 10:30am Sundays, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Confirmation) meets at 5:30pm Sundays

**Catechetical Sunday is September 20, Which we will celebrate with the annual outdoor mass and BBQ, and commissioning our catechists and aides. All classes will begin September 27!**

**Contact Lucy Soltau for more information: 650-854-1081 or [Isoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:Isoltau@stdenisparish.org)**

## Parish Pay Sign Ups

St. Denis Church asks you to consider utilizing the many benefits of electronic giving through ParishPay. If you haven't taken advantage of this convenient way of giving, an opportunity to sign up will take place September 12th & 13th after all Masses.

