

Fr. Paul's Installation Mass and Reception

We congratulate Fr. Paul on the occasion of Installation as Pastor of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches. Special thanks to Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone for presiding.



Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS NEXT SUNDAY

Eighth Grade Confirmation class meets today, Sunday, November 1 at 5:30pm

With Mass, dinner and class to follow.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING TODAY!!

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30am in the church (right after the 9:30am Mass)

For parents of children preparing to receive First Communion this spring.

We'll go over the materials, requirements and answer any questions you may have.



Faith Formation Conference for any adults looking to grow in their faith,

including catechists, liturgical ministers, volunteers, etc.

Friday, November 6 8:00am to 4:00pm and/or Saturday, November 7 8:00am to 4:30pm

Santa Clara Convention Center

For more information and to register for workshops, go to www.faithformationconference.com

Have Information for the Bulletin?

If you have information that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, we ask that all of the information be submitted to us the Tuesday before by noon. Thank you.



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

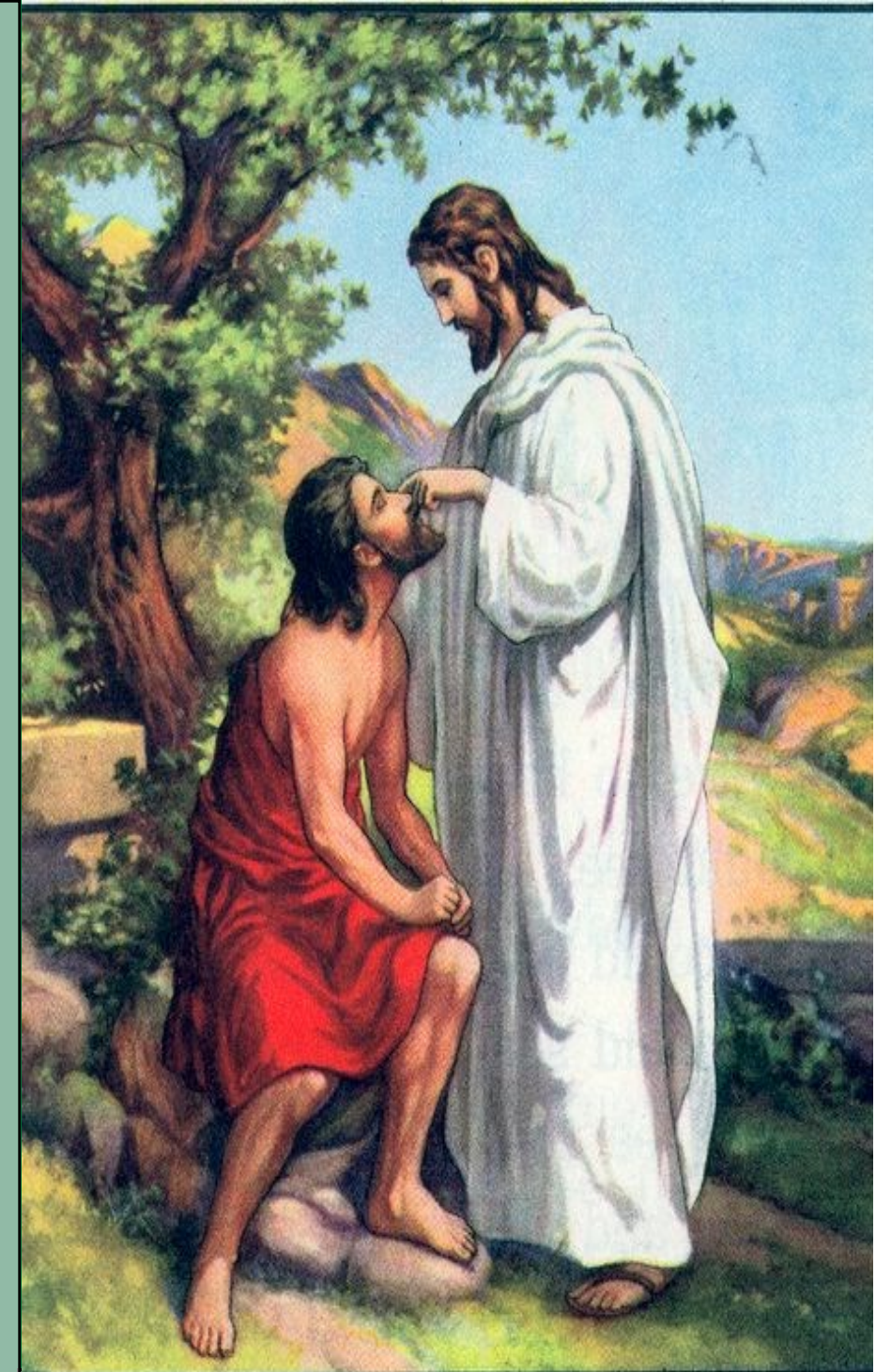
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9:30 am

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



October 25th, 2015

30th Sunday of Ordinary

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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 Parishioners,

"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Was this said by the crowd? No. Was this said by one of Jesus' disciples? No. Was this said by one of the Pharisees or scribes? No. These words were said by a blind beggar, Bartimaeus. The words that he says are no mere words. These words that Bartimaeus says is a profession of faith. Although Bartimaeus is blind, he sees so very clearly who Jesus is. For Bartimaeus sees Jesus not with his eyes, but with his heart.

Faith is a matter of the heart. When we see people with our hearts, it is as if we see them for who they truly are. The words Jesus, son of David indicate that Bartimaeus believes with his whole heart that Jesus is no ordinary person. For Bartimaeus Jesus is the Promised One, the Messiah. No one but this blind beggar sees who is in their very midst, the Savior of the world. Bartimaeus' joy and faith cannot be contained. He is overjoyed to be in the presence of God, and he adamantly believes that his life will change forever. It will. It already has changed. By tossing aside his old cloak, Bartimaeus' old life will be no more. He will have a new life in Jesus.

It's no wonder Bartimaeus cannot be quiet or silenced. All of his hopes and dreams have been fulfilled. In Jesus, all of our hopes and dreams are fulfilled as well. Do we not want to be free and to live freely? In Jesus we are, for he suffered and died on the cross. Do we not want to know that no matter what we do wrong that we will be forgiven and shown mercy? In Jesus we are. Do we not desire to have a sense of belonging? In Jesus we belong to God's family and to the faith community of St. Denis/Our Lady of the Wayside. Most importantly, we are loved unconditionally by God. Is that not our deepest of all desires to be loved? In Jesus we are. Believing with all our hearts in these things, how can we not keep from professing our faith in Jesus. Be quiet no more. Let no one ever silence you. Because now you see so very, very clearly.

What We Believe

Halloween is NOT the devil's birthday!

Halloween is about Saints, not Satan!

The word 'Halloween' is a contraction of the phrase 'All Hallow's Eve' or the 'Eve of All Saints'. And that's what it is, the eve of All Saints Day on November 1.

In ancient times, people believed that the spirits of those who had died would visit them. They looked forward to these visits from their loved ones. They would welcome these spirits with their favorite foods and drinks, gifts, and decorating their graves. But they were also afraid of the spirits of those with whom they did not have good relationship! To avoid those spirits, they would disguise themselves and leave treats out, in the hope these spirits would leave them alone! Our modern traditions of costumes, candy, decorations, even the custom of saying "Trick or Treat" come from these ancient beliefs and practices.

To celebrate Halloween, remember that it's really about celebrating the Communion of Saints, being united with those folks who have gone before us and are waiting for us to join them. Look to their example of faith, imitate their loving actions in the world, and ask them to pray for us. But mainly, just have fun with the costumes and the candy!

For more information about the Saints, go to www.americancatholic.org

St. Denis, pray for us!
Yours in the Lord,
Lucy

Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat. Oct. 24	5:00pm	Jim Ciardella (+)
Sun. Oct. 25	7:30 am	Sarah Cannon (+)
	9:30 am	Sid Cantwell (+)
	11:30 am	Fr. Paul O'Dell
Mon. Oct 26	8:00 am	For the St. Denis Community
Tues. Oct.27	8:00 am	For the St. Denis Community
Wed. Oct. 28	8:00 am	Tom Kirkbride(+)
Thurs. Oct.29	8:00 am	For the St. Denis Community
Fri. Oct. 30	8:00 am	For the St Denis Community

Our Lady of the Wayside

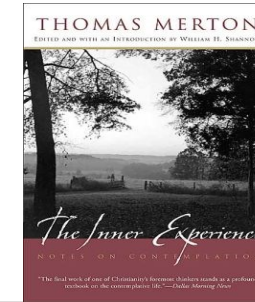
Sat. Oct. 24	4:30 pm	Barbara Moran (+)
Sun. Oct. 25	9:30 am	For the deceased OLW

In your charity, please pray for...

Bob O'Neil, Dean Babcock, Bob Shaw, 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, 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. **NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

Spiritual Book Group

We are now reading Thomas Merton's *The Inner Experience: Notes on Contemplation*. There's one book left at Kepler's on the Book Club shelves under St. Denis Spirituality. At the checkout, be sure to say that you are from St. Denis Book Club to receive a discount. We are currently meeting in a member's home. Please Call Tereza McNamee, 323-6859, for further info. New participants are always welcome and can join us on November 10.



Thank You

The Bake Sale for St. Anthony's Dining Room was a huge success! We raised \$1,274.00. Thank you to everyone who helped make this Outreach fundraiser a success. Special thanks to Chris Sheehy and Cari Alexander who baked with our youth volunteers. The teens baked goods raised over \$300.00



Stewardship Report

	October 10/17/18 2015		October 18/19 2014		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	
St. Denis	\$3,870.00	\$3524.75	St. Denis	\$4,199.00	\$1,324.00
OLW	\$2,034.00 (2 weeks)	\$531.74	OLW	\$1,794.00	\$531.67
	Monthly Total, September 2015		Monthly Total, September 2014		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	
St. Denis	\$14,619.00	\$14,099.00	St. Denis	\$13,754.00	\$10,368.09
OLW	\$8,832.00	\$2,126.696	OLW	\$3,832.00	\$2,126.00

Upcoming Events

Wine and Cheese— November 1st following 11:30 am Mass.

Advent Family Workshop— Sunday November 22nd at 10:30 am. In parish hall.

Senior Luncheon— Monday November 23rd at noon. Annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Contact Dede.

Thanksgiving Mass— Wednesday November 25th at 7 pm. Bread and wine blessing. There will be a potluck finger food reception following.

Parish Women's Advent Retreat— Tuesday December 8th 10am to 2 pm. Contact Dede for more information.

Christmas Tea— Saturday December 12th at 1 pm. Annual Christmas Tea.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples. Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion of your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call David & Karen at 650.350.1469 or go to www.sanfranciscowwme.org. **2015 San Francisco /Santa Rosa Weekends:** Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park: Nov 20-22. Space is limited; apply early.

TODAY IS WORLD PRIEST DAY! Worldwide Marriage Encounter thanks all of our priests for their loving service to God's people. Join thousands of other Catholics worldwide in taking a day to especially recognize the priests who so faithfully serve us by providing the Sacraments, spiritual guidance, education and love as a daily gift. Please tell your parish priest how much you love him! If you wish to attend a WWME Weekend, go to www.sanfranciscowwme.org or call David & Karen at 650.350.1469. **2015 San Francisco/ Santa Rosa Weekends:** Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park: Nov 20-22. Space is limited.

