

# 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

**Second Collection May 11-12  
For Catholic Charities**

*"Feed my sheep" John 21:17*



**May 5th, 3rd Sunday of Easter**

(650) 854-5976  
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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,

I can relate to our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The Apostles were summoned to stand before the Sanhedrin to explain themselves. When I was a nearly ordained priest, I was summoned to the bishop's office. My pastor and I did not necessarily get along. To make a long story short, he told me that he wanted me transferred, and that I had to call the bishop immediately. I thought to myself, thank God. I am getting out of here at last. I was a priest for not even a year when I was summoned to appear before the bishop. This was not a great way to start off my vocation as a priest. I was quite nervous to say the least. I must have prayed 100 Hail Mary's while driving to the chancery office.

After my meeting with the bishop, I had to wait to hear where I was going to be transferred. Looking back, it was the best thing that could have happened to me. Everything worked out for the best. I was reassigned to a wonderful parish in Marin County.

When we go through difficult times like the Apostles did after the resurrection of Jesus, we ultimately have to put our faith and trust in God. Our faith in Jesus gives us the grace and strength to endure all things for him. Even though we may doubt that the risen Lord is not with us during those times, he definitely is. As long as we do God's will, live not for the praise of others and trust in his providential plan, things will work out for the best. That has been my experience my whole life, and will continue to be when I die. Live your life for God and all will be well.

God bless,  
Fr. Paul

## We Believe

### CANNOT GO BACK

They didn't recognize him.  
They were afraid and confused.  
They wanted everything to go back  
to the way it was before.  
They went home.

These are some of the reactions  
the apostles had after the Resurrection.  
They hid, left town, and today we hear  
that they went back to their old jobs as fishermen.

These men had spent three years with Jesus,  
listening to him, living with him, and learning from him,  
and yet they still didn't understand what was happening.

Thousands of years later,  
we still don't really understand it either!  
We hide from Jesus,  
when we don't think we're living up to his expectations.  
We don't recognize him  
in the people we encounter every day.  
We sometimes wish our faith could be as simple  
as it was when we were children!

But just like with the apostles, Jesus meets us wherever we are.  
He comes looking for us.  
He enters into our ordinary lives to just spend time with us.

During this Easter season,  
put yourselves in the shoes of the people in the Gospel stories.  
How would you react? What would you do? Do you believe?  
And then maybe we can see with new eyes  
and recognize Jesus in new places.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy Soltau

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. May 4 5:30 pm For all Communicants and their families  
Sun. May 5 7:30 am For all Communicants and their families  
9:30am For all Communicants and their families  
11:30am For all Communicants and their families  
Mon. May 6 8:00 am Ana Figuerdo (+)  
Tue. May 7 8:00 am For special intentions  
Wed. May 8 8:00 am For students  
Thurs. May 9 8:00 am Christian unity  
Fri. May 10 8:00 am Irene Goodwin (+)

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. May 4 4:30 pm Tony Fontana (+)  
Sun. May 5 9:30 am Betty Bowers (+)

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

Judy Lucier, Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell,  
Peter Fulchiron, Anselmo Briones

## Faith Formation News

### END OF THE YEAR MASS AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us Sunday, May 19 at 9:30am in the GARDEN for an outdoor Mass, followed by a pancake breakfast in the parish hall. It's our way of saying thank you for a great school year and have a wonderful summer!



### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please celebrate with our children as they receive the Lord for the first time in the Eucharist!

- Saturday, April 27 at 5:30pm at St. Denis  
Amelia Thomas, Sonny Kline, Elizabeth Meaney, Desmond Miller
- Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am at St. Denis  
Cira & Malia Furukawa, Riley Erickson, Wagner Watson, Brendan Perea, Tate Chalmers, Marcelo Singh, Anton Schroedl, Lincoln McCarthy, Eleanor Ogg, John Timons, Dannika von Briel
- Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am at St. Denis  
Joaquin Traverso, Ryan Spieker, Ian Mattal, Daniel & Benjamin Kim, Lila & Noah Kisch, George Luczo
- Sunday, May 5 at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Wayside  
Coco Simpson, Elsa Wick, Emmanuel Vonderlinden

## Mother's Day At Vallombrosa

Our beloved Mother's Day Mass and Lunch returns Sunday, May 12. 11am Mass will be celebrated in our Chapel with music by the Vallombrosa Choir and a gourmet lunch served afterwards.

Join us for a tradition!

Single tickets, multiple tickets and even entire tables are available.

Limited Seats, Registration required. Please call 650-325-5614 or use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mothers-day-mass-lunch-2019-tickets-50892243069>



Adults are \$60, children (ages 5-11) are \$20, table for 8 is \$300.



## 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 and okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at [dede@pacbell.net](mailto:dede@pacbell.net)

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next

Bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!



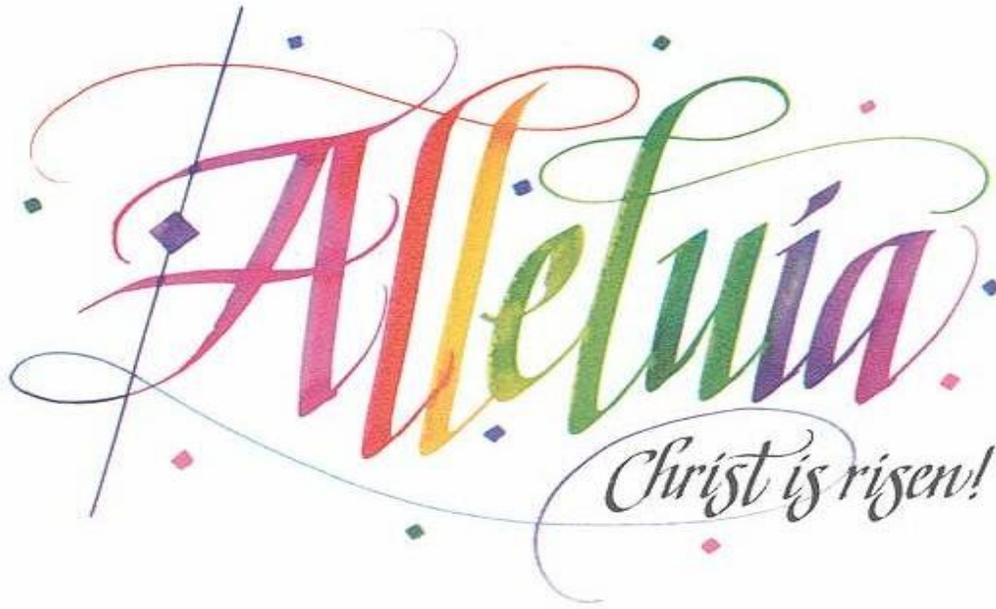
## Stewardship

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| July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal) | \$468,000.00        |
| July 1, 2018 to February, 2019                 | \$293,875.00        |
| Monthly Goal- February 2019                    | \$36,000.00         |
| February 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections     | \$33,055.00         |
| <b>2019 Annual Appeal Goal</b>                 | <b>\$110,000.00</b> |
| <b>2019 (Actual Annual Appeal to date)</b>     | <b>\$102,655.00</b> |

## Donation Corner

### "Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website [stdenisparish.org](http://stdenisparish.org), and follow the links. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call WeShare at 800 950-9952.



## St. Vincent De Paul

SVdP's "Hands and Hearts Making a Difference" Dinner and Live Auction at Viognier Restaurant, Draeger's Market will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019. This year, we are pleased to honor Bishop William Justice for his lifelong dedication to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County. The fund-a-need will benefit SVdP's Children of God Community Impact Fund, which supports our safety-net services, including homelessness prevention and homeless assistance. Please join us in honoring Bishop for an evening of food, fun and friendship. Tickets available at [www.svdpsm.org](http://www.svdpsm.org). Questions? Call Ginny at 650.343.1272.



## Outreach: Home and Hope

Home and Hope will be hosted by St. Bede Episcopal Church from June 30 to July 7, 2019.

Home and Hope provides shelter and meals for families in need.

If you are interested in volunteering in any way,

Please contact Victoria Blayney at [vblayney@gmail.com](mailto:vblayney@gmail.com)

Once you have contacted her, she will email you an invitation to Sign-up Genius.

