

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



June 9th, Pentecost

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pentecost Astonishment

A fundamental element of Pentecost is *astonishment*. Our God is a God of astonishment; this we know. No one expected anything more from the disciples: after Jesus' death they were a small, insignificant group of defeated orphans of their Master. There occurred instead an unexpected event that astounded: the people were astonished because each of them heard the disciples speaking in their own tongues, telling of the great works of God (cf. Acts 2:6–7, 11). The Church born at Pentecost is an astounding community because, with the force of her arrival from God, a new message is proclaimed—the resurrection of Christ—with a new language, the universal one of love. A new proclamation: Christ lives, he is risen. A new language: the language of love. The disciples are adorned with power from above and speak with courage. Only minutes before, they all were cowardly, but now they speak with courage and candor, with the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

Thus the Church is called into being forever, capable of astounding while proclaiming to all that Jesus Christ has conquered death, that God's arms are always open, that his patience is always there awaiting us in order to heal us, to forgive us. The risen Jesus bestowed his Spirit on the Church for this very mission.

Take note: if the Church is alive, she must always surprise. It is incumbent upon the living Church to astound. A Church that is unable to astound is a Church that is weak, sick, dying, and that needs admission to the intensive care unit as soon as possible!

—Excerpted from [*Walking with Jesus*](#) by Pope Francis

We Believe

THE SEQUEL

“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

With these words, and the anointing with chrism, we were confirmed. Bishop Christian in his homily two weeks ago, compared the seal to how wine or medicine are sealed. The seal is a guarantee of what is inside. When we see the seal, we can be confident about the contents.

On this celebration of Pentecost, we remember how the apostles were confirmed, sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. When people saw the way they lived and loved, they knew it was the real thing. When people see our actions and our love, they can be confident of the Spirit inside us too.

The Holy Spirit comes with actions, not words. Wind and fire! We can't see the wind, but we can see what it does. Fire can be dangerous and destructive, but can be controlled and used for good purpose.

May people see in us the results of our confirmation, that the Spirit is working in us.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. June 8 5:30 pm Thanksgiving for 67 years of Marriage
Sun. June 9 7:30 am Robert Hagman (+)
9:30 am For recently confirmed
11:30 am Steven Foley (living)
Mon. June 10 8:00 am Carlos Sia (+)
Tue. June 11 8:00 am Francisco Sales (+)
Wed. June 12 8:00 am Robbie Begley (+)
Thurs. June 13 8:00 am Rosario Bautista (+)
Fri. June 14 8:00 am C. Allen Wall M.D. (+)

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. June 8 4:30 pm For recently confirmed
Sun. June 9 9:30 am For recently confirmed

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, Anselmo Briones

Faith Formation News

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

On most Sundays during the summer, we invite the children to join us during the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis for the Liturgy of the Word. We'll share the Gospel, talk about the message God is giving us, and discuss ways we can live it out in our daily lives. All children are welcome!



Knit & Pray

It's time to get your knitting and crochet materials out again. Please join us at Parish Hall Library on June 24, July 22 and August 26. There will be no gathering on May 27. -- 5:30-7:00pm.



Kenya Help Thanks You

Our parishioners supported Kenya Help which helps raise money to provide scholarships for deserving students in Naivaisha, Kenya. Donations were enough to provide 5 students with four full years of funding to complete high school. Kenya Help, it's partner organization in Kenya, and the students thank the parishioners for your remarkable generosity.

The high school students will be selected in December, after the scores of the national elementary school exit exam. Students are selected based on their financial need and their potential to succeed in high school.

These 5 students will be known as the "St. Denis Scholars."

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, thank you for this gift of education.

Catechists Needed And Wanted!

We are always looking for energetic, faith-filled people willing to share that faith with others, to teach in our faith formation programs. All our programs meet on Sundays during the school year. We provide all the materials, training and children! You supply your time, talent and faith! If you are interested, please contact Lucy Soltau anytime 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 and okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dede@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcement 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 May, 2019	\$401,921.00
Monthly Goal- May 2019	\$36,000.00
May 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$40,603.00
Easter Collections	\$25,496.00

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, 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.

Confirmation Celebration!



**Welcome to full adult membership in the church! We're glad to have you!
May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you and give you all the spiritual gifts!**
(back row from left: Maya Hsu, Tessa Plume, Roydon Ho, Bishop Robert Christian, Kian Murray, Lindsey Travers, Carlo Espinosa. Front row from left: Fr. Paul O'Dell, Dominik von Briel, Catherine Byrne, Sydney Dougherty, Grace Timons, Ria Cuellar-Koh, Natalia Molano)

Spiritual Book Group

This summer we invite you to discover the power of goodness! We're now reading *Made for Goodness* by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. They offer a simple message that if we stop trying to "be good," and live out of our inherent God-given goodness, we can create beauty in our own lives and for others, too. Desmond and Mpho tell stories of South Africans whose lives are infused with the Holy Spirit. Come join us. Our group is now meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am at a home in Menlo Park. We read one chapter each week and carry on a lively discussion. Please call Tereza McNamee at 650-323-6859 if you would like further information. After a few weeks vacation, our meetings resume on June 26.

