

Save the Date!

Senior Luncheon: Monday, February 1st, 12 Noon. RSVP Dede Waters-Masters
650 854-5976 ext. 3

Lenten Schedule

Wed. Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday Masses:

St. Denis: 8:00am, Noon (with soup lunch), 6:00pm

Our Lady of the Wayside: 9:30am, 6:00pm

Every Friday during Lent at 8:00am at St. Denis:

Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hot Cross Buns

Thu. Feb. 18 Parish History Night

6:00pm Soup & Speaker at St. Denis

Tue. Mar. 1 Senior Luncheon

Noon at St. Denis

Tue. Mar. 8 Lenten Retreat 10:00am to 2:00pm

Prayer, reflection, Mass and lunch at St. Denis

The Triduum (March 24, 25, 26, 27)

Holy Thursday - 7:00pm at St. Denis

(Mass with Feet Washing, Benediction)

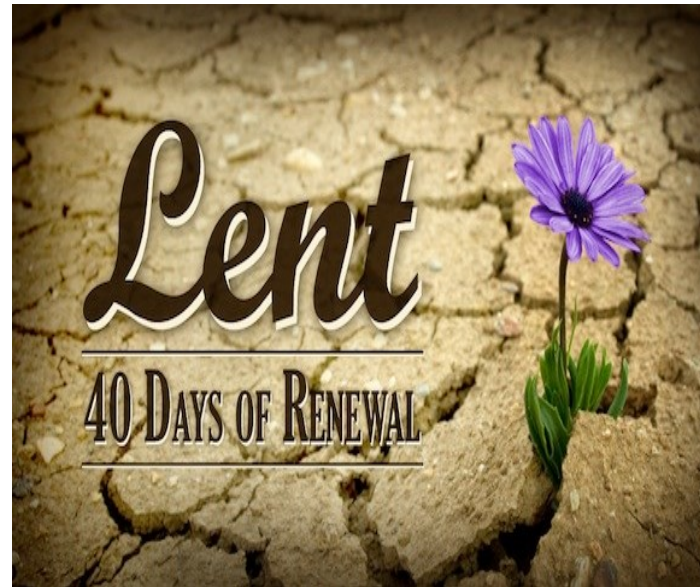
Good Friday services - noon at St. Denis

(Stations, Passion, Adoration of Cross, Communion)

Easter Vigil - 7:00pm at St. Denis

(with reception after)

Easter Sunday (regular Sunday schedules)



Need A Ride To Mass?

If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available.
Please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657.



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



January 31st, 2016

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(650) 854-5976
www.stdenisparish.org

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 am and always will be eternally grateful to the Archdiocese for appointing me as your pastor. I am so very blessed to be the pastor of not only one, but two wonderful parishes. You are the best community a pastor could ever hope for. It feels like I am living a dream. The best part is that I am not. Every priest in the Archdiocese is so very envious of me. I treasure each day in my heart that I am with you.

As you know, St. Denis/Our Lady of the Wayside is your Church. Take good care of it and take good care of each other. As your pastor, it is my responsibility to take care of your Church and you. I not only take this very seriously, but to heart as well. It is, though, a joy for me to do this. I am very blessed to be here.

As your pastor, I have already donated \$1,200 to the Annual Appeal by using Parish Pay. I cannot ask you to do something that I am not willing to do myself. I ask you then to donate to the Annual Appeal. Every family is ask to participate and donate \$200 to the Annual Appeal. I like to think that 70-100 of my parishioners are capable of matching my donation. Remember any amount over the assessment goes back to us. We get to keep it to do the necessary maintenance of your Church. Hopefully, we will have enough to also build up our savings account for a rainy day.

I want to thank you for prayerful consideration in this very important matter. Please do what you can to help. Know that you are in my daily prayers at mass.

What We Believe

LENTEN PRACTICES

I know, we just finished the Christmas season, but it's time to prepare for Lent!

Lent, of course, is our 40 day journey in the desert with Jesus, preparing ourselves to celebrate the Pascal Mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection. And it is not just a time to "give up" something!

The main practices of Lent include PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING.

Taking time each day to pray, spend time with God, is probably the most important thing we can do. Prayer leads us to a deeper relationship with God, which in turn leads us to act on God's behalf.

Fasting is not just about giving up food. It's about giving up the attitudes, behaviors and habits that keep us from being who God created us to be. Making these changes for a short time can lead to lasting change in our lives.

Almsgiving, or simply giving, takes our sacrifice another step. We show our gratitude for God's gifts by sharing them with others.

In the coming weeks, we will have information about how we can pray, fast and give as a community and as individuals. And next Sunday is our Mardi Gras celebration and Lent workshop for the children.

We can begin now to think and pray about how we might really use this Lenten season to change and grow! And don't "give up"!

Lucy Soltau

Religious Education

MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL AND LENTEN WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 7 at 10:30-11:30am in the parish hall.

Lots of activities, projects and ideas for observing Lent at home.

All children are welcome to join us!

Junior High!

If you'd like to help, sign up in class

Or contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

FIRST COMMUNION ENRICHMENT CLASSES WITH FR. PAUL

Fr. Paul is offering optional enrichment classes to children preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring.

Classes are Mondays at 3:30-4:30pm (NEW TIME!) in the parish hall,

and will continue on most Mondays til the end of May.

Come to all or just a few. Parents are welcome, too!

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TONIGHT

Sunday, January 31 at 5:30pm.

Bring your books!

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT TWO WEEKS

No classes on February 7 for the Mardi Gras Carnival and Lenten workshop

No classes on February 14 for the Presidents Holiday week-end.

All classes resume on February 21.

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, In Your love and providence, You call each of us to a more holy and abundant life. We pray for our young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, Brother, or Sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Fr. Schunk will be speaking at Our Lady of the Wayside Feb. 6/7 masses.

If you believe God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life or would like to learn more about vocations and our seminarians, please contact Fr. Schunk:

vocations@sfarch.org 415-614-5684 facebook.com/sfvocations

Maple Street Amenity Drive

The Maple Street Team A will be providing dinner on February 14th to the residents. We are collecting **new** unused hotel/airline amenities (all sorts) to hand out to the residents as a little Valentine treat. Alternately, you can purchase travel size shampoos, toothpaste, nail kits, and soaps.

A collection basket will be in the back of church until February 3rd.

Thank you.

Chinese New Year Dinner

Join fellow parishioners in celebrating 2016 Chinese New Year on February 7th at 1pm. Lunch will be served at Tai Pan Restaurant at 560 Waverly Avenue, Palo Alto. Contact Pauline Bilafer at pbilafer@icloud.com or call her 650 851-1046. Space is limited. Cost is \$70/person.

Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat. Jan. 30	5:30pm	Yong Ernst (+)
Sun. Jan. 31	7:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
	9:30 am	Tony Carulli
	11:30 am	Deceased Members
Mon. Feb. 1	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tues. Feb. 2	8:00 am	The Deceased Members
Wed. Feb. 3	8:00 am	The People of St. Denis
Thurs. Feb. 4	8:00 am	The People of St. Denis
Fri. Feb. 5	8:00 am	Deceased Members

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. Jan. 30	4:30 pm	Deceased Members of Our Lady
		Of the Wayside
Sun. Jan. 31	9:30 am	Parishioners of Our Lady
		Of the Wayside

In your charity, please pray for...

Rozeh Nikili, Bob O'Neil, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, 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 Fuentes, 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.**

Stewardship

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)	\$372,300.00
July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015	\$174,374.00
Monthly Goal-January 2016	\$41,000.00
January Sunday Collections	N/A
2016 Annual Appeal	\$83,000.00
Contributions to Date	\$1,975.00