

## Senior Lunch

Our next Senior Luncheon is Tuesday, March 1. All Seniors and caregivers are invited to attend this monthly event! Let Dede by calling 650 854-5976, press 4. We hope that you are coming!

## Lenten Schedule

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

Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hot Cross Buns

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, noon at Our Lady of the

Wayside

(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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### MassTimes

**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



February 21st, 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

(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,

One of my passions in life is golf. Not to brag, but I play well enough to enjoy the game. There is always room for improvement though. Like most golfers, I like to watch the Golf Channel on television. In the past, whenever Tiger was speaking about his game or giving some type of advice, my ears would perk up and I would listen and hang onto his every word. Who better to listen to when it comes to improving your golf game other than Jack or Ben.

When it comes to learning or improving oneself, listening to someone of authority and stature is the key. In the game of golf, we willingly listen to someone like Tiger. When it comes to our faith, though, we are commanded by God to listen to his chosen Son Jesus. Golf is, indeed, a humbling game. There are moments of greatness, but most of the time we struggle with some aspect of the golf swing. We struggle to live our faith in Jesus as well.

It takes humility on our part to listen to Jesus. Listening implies we do not have all the answers in life. Listening involves swallowing our pride because we need advice. Listening indicates we have come to realize we cannot do it on our own. Listening means we need help. Listening is a good thing because we can now improve and get better in the area of faith. Listen more, talk less would be something to work on during Lent and beyond.

## What We Believe

### Gospel Roots

While anyone appointed could read the first and second readings, from the earliest times a special minister, a deacon, the minister who exemplified Christ as the Servant, was charged with reading the Gospel. Only in the absence of a deacon did the priest read the Gospel.

The book of readings was customarily brought in by procession. When candles and incense accompanied the book, it arose from court usage where it was seen as a sign of respect to a ruler appearing in public. As early as the fourth century, people stood for the reading of the Gospel, the recognition of the Risen Lord. In the Middle Ages the custom of signing the book with the cross became popular. Tracing a small cross on one's forehead, lips, and heart was and continues to be an expression of opening one's mind to the Gospel, confessing it with one's lips, and safeguarding it in one's heart. In the eighth century the clergy kissed the book after the Gospel was proclaimed. There are even recorded instances when the whole assembly kissed the book! The Book of the Gospels was once highly ornamented with gold, silver, and precious stones. These elaborate books eventually gave way to the Missal, the book containing all the texts of the Mass. Today we use the Lectionary, the book that contains all the readings for the Mass.

The Gospel reading remains the high point of the part of the Mass called the Liturgy of the Word. From the beginning, the proclamation of the Gospel, the Good News of Salvation, is our Living Word. It signifies Christ present among his own who continues to speak to his people, calling them to faith and conversion.

## Religious Education

### 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, Parents welcome!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME TODAY!

All elementary classes resume on February 21.

NO 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade class because of the retreat

Confirmation class (8<sup>th</sup> grade) also meets today at 5:30pm.

### LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

These books are designed to help you pray more and differently during Lent.

They are FREE and can be found in the boxes near the church entrances.

### LITTLE PURPLE BOOKS

Just like the books for adults, but these are for children!

Also free and in the box in the back of the church.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services project to help you pray, fast and give!

Pray for the poor around the world, make a sacrifice

and put the money in the RICE BOWL.

There are also recipes from around the world, stories about how CRS is helping fight hunger and poverty, and more on their website at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

Take a bowl with you today, and we'll collect them during Holy Week.

## Spiritual Book Club

How has your faith evolved since the Second Vatican Council? Our new book **Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution** describes how many Christians in the U.S. have shifted their perspective from a more distant God to the God within us and in our neighbor. Diana Butler Bass is both a historian and journalist. Currently she writes for the Huffington Post and for Beliefnet. In the spirit of Pope Francis, Diana describes taking care of the earth as a spiritual responsibility. Books are available on the Book Club shelf at Kepler's. Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Please call Tereza McNamee 650 323-6859, for more information.

This film is the story of Merton in the last year of his life, embarking on a journey from his home at the Abbey of Gethsemani, across America in the turbulent year of 1968 and finally to Asia for meetings with the Dalai Lama and other spiritual seekers. It celebrates the triumph of all that was gained by his journey, reflects on the tragedy of what was lost with his death and considers why Merton's life and work challenges us today.

## Maple Street Shelter A Team

Thank you to all of the parishioners and packing helpers. We were able to make 75 amenity bags as Valentine's favors plus sorted overstock for the Maple Street Shelter closet. What an amazing response!



## Mass Intentions

### ST. DENIS

Sat. Feb. 20	5:30pm	Yong Ernst (+)
Sun. Feb 21	7:30 am	First Communion & Confirmation Students
	9:30 am	Heather Crawford (+)
	11:30 am	Dennis Greenwood (+)
Mon. Feb. 22	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tues. Feb. 23	8:00 am	The Deceased Members
Wed. Feb. 24	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Thurs. Feb. 25	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Fri. Feb. 26	8:00 am	Deceased Members

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. Feb. 20	4:30 pm	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners
Sun. Feb. 21	9:30 am	Deceased Members

Deceased Members: Robert Hagman

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

Rosa Sharif, 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, 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

<b>July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)</b>	<b>\$372,300.00</b>
<b>July 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$214,691.84</b>
<b>Monthly Goal-January 2016</b>	<b>\$41,000.00</b>
<b>January Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$40,317.84</b>
<b>2016 Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$83,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions to Date</b>	<b>\$44,581.00</b>