Thank You!

"Outreach Committee member Barbara Mason playing the part of the Easter Bunny for St. Denis Parish. 23 baskets were delivered a few days before Easter to the delight of Hoover Pre-School children. A big thank you to all whom contributed."

Parish International Outreach; "Dress A Girl Around The World"

Please contact Rose-Marie Lombardi at 650 366-3159 if you are Interested in this loving Outreach Project "Dress A Girl Around The World."

Please bring your completed dresses to the back of church this Sunday, April 17th. Rose-Marie plans to take over 250 dresses to the Ambassador of the Project in Livermore. We are praying to continue this Loving Outreach Project by delivering completed dresses to Livermore Once a year. Thank you and God bless you.

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

2nd Collection: April 24th
Catholic Home Missions

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me"

John 10:14

April 17th, 2016 **4th Sunday of Easter**

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

To be known personally is a very human desire. It is a need that we have as human beings. When we are not known, we feel alone, abandoned and forgotten. As your pastor, I believe it is very important to know the names of my parishioners. As I get older, I find it a little more difficult to remember names. In my younger days, it was a lot easier. I was much better at it. The names of trouble makers, though, are easier to remember for some reason. Unfortunately, there are no trouble makers here.

Jesus is more than a Shepherd. He is our Good Shepherd. He knows each and every one of us and calls us by name. He knows who we are for we are his. We belong to him. There is also the human need to be held, tenderly and lovingly. And so we are by Jesus and by God.

In your private prayer, try to imagine and feel this. Feel being held by the hands of our Good Shepherd, and believe in your heart that you are cared for by him. The God we believe in wants a personal relationship with us. He calls out our names so that we can go to him to be with him. Listen to him in the silence of your hearts.

What We Believe

The Prayers of the Faithful

One of the features of the Synagogue liturgy was a group of 18 prayer requests that considered both general and individual needs. So, from the earliest times in our Christian history, we have had prayers of petition. In the mid-second century Justin the Martyr instructed: "Offer prayers in common for ourselves… and for people everywhere." These prayers were originally so connected with the faithful, that the catechumens had to leave the Church before they were uttered as part of the Eucharistic celebration. Gradually these prayers developed into formalized litanies and it wasn't until the reforms of Vatican II that the Prayers of the Faithful were revived as we know them today.

When we write the Prayers of the Faithful each week, we try to use the following format: the needs of the Church, public authorities and the salvation of the world, those who are oppressed in some way, and the local community. Every few weeks there is a prayer intention that seeks to remind folks that we have a prayer intention book where parishioners can write special intentions down. Hopefully all of us in our parish community will take time to pray for those prayerful intentions of our fellow parishioners!

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Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat April 16	5:30 pm	Nan Wentworth (+)
Sun. April 17	7:30 am	Sophie Daszkiewicz (+)
	9:30 am	Florence Budelli (+)
	11:30 am	Special Intentions
Mon. April 18	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Tues. April 19	8:00 am	For Christian unity
Wed. April 20	8:00 am	For public officials
Thurs. April 21	8:00 am	For Pope Francis
Fri. April 22	8:00 am	Special intentions

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. April 16	4:30 pm	For Pope Francis
Sun. April 17	9:30 am	Parishioners of Our Lady of the Wayside

In your charity, please pray for…

Lee Harnett, Rosa Sharif, 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 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, 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.**

Religious Education

OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you participated in the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl project, it's time to bring y9our filled bowls to church!

There is a basket in the back of the church during Easter season.

See where your donations go by checking out their website at www.crsricebowl.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please join the children as they receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time!

(Rehearsal for ALL groups is Saturday, April 30 at 10:30am at St. Denis)

Saturday, April 30 at 5:30pm at St. Denis

Sunday, May 1 at 9:30am and 11:30am at St. Denis

Saturday, May 7 at 10:30am at St. Denis

Sunday, May 8 at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Wayside

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TONIGHT

Sunday, April 17 at 5:30pm

Bring your books and any forms that are still due.

Oversees Supplies Needed

NEEDED FOR OUR OVERSEAS TROOPS:

The American Legion is accepting donations of energy bars, chapstick, dental floss, unused greeting cards, plain mailing envelopes, new pens, stationery, travel sewing kits, small flashlights, eyeglass repair kits, hard wrapped unmeltable candy, gum, unused puzzle books, small ziplock baggies.

Please bring these items to the back of the church and we will make sure our troops receive them!

Spiritual Book Club

Spiritual Book Group

Everyone is invited to join us in May, when we begin reading Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, ***Praise Be to You –Laudato Si: On care for Our Common Home.*** Pope Francis' writing is both inspiring and important for our times . The book is currently available online at an excellent price. Our group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the home of one of our participants. For further information please contact Tereza McNamee at 323-6859.

Adult Religious Classes

Classes to start this Sunday, April 17th. We'll meet at the parish hall 10 minutes after 9:30 am mass. In the six week series we will discuss the Sunday readings, current, local and world wide church events and we'll spend some time going over details of the Psalms. Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no preparation required. If you have any questions call John Lippert at 650 854-3278.

Adult Education

Stewardship

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)	**$372,300.00**
July 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016	**$289,264.56**
Monthly Goal-March 2016	**$24,600.00 (Does not Include Easter)**
March Sunday Collections	**$33,741.84**
Easter 2016	**$25,722.00**
2016 Annual Appeal	**$83,000.00**
Contributions to Date	**$86,717.00**