

Senior Luncheon

Our next Sr. Luncheon will be on Monday, May 2nd at noon. All Seniors and any caregivers are invited to attend this social event. Please let Dede know if you can make it by telling her or calling the Parish Office and leaving a message.



Catholic Home Missions 2nd Collection

There are over 80 home mission dioceses in the United States. These dioceses are unable to fund essential pastoral work, such as religious education, seminarian formation, and lay ministry training, without assistance. Because of this, they struggle to serve the unique needs of their communities. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps to ease the struggle of these dioceses and to form vibrant faith communities.



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

A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you
must love one another.

JOHN 13:34

April 24th, 2016

5th 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 want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your gracious response and generous donation to the Annual Appeal. Because of your generosity, the total amount of the Annual Appeal was collected within two months. We are actually about four thousand dollars over the assessment. I am so appreciative and grateful for your kind spirit. I am the envy of every priest in the Archdiocese. I am truly blessed to be your pastor.

The excess amount will be used for parish improvements. This week a French drain will be installed in front of the entrance of Our Lady of the Wayside Church to alleviate the flooding of water due to rain. The cost will be around \$1,900. Also, the interior of the Parish Hall will be painted in early June. The cost will be around \$5,900. Every year I plan to do some type of necessary improvements of both St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches. For the rest of the year, any amount collected over the Annual Appeal will not be taxed. We get to keep it. Funds will be used for church improvements. As your pastor, it is my desire to take good care of your Church and to take good care of you.

What We Believe

ACTS AND REVELATION

During the Easter season, we get to hear readings from two unusual books of the Bible: Acts of the Apostles and Revelation.

I love to travel, so Acts has always been one of my favorite books. I read it with an atlas close by! Imagine Paul and other disciples travel from town to town, sharing the Good News with anyone who will listen. Then going back to those towns to check up on the new disciples, with reminders and encouragement. Or writing letters to them if he couldn't make it for another visit.

And just what was this Good News they were all so eager to share? Jesus sums it up himself in today's Gospel: God loves us, so we should love one another the same way. And everyone will know we are Jesus' disciples by the way we love one another.

Revelation is a whole different story! John is describing a vision, a dream, full of symbols and imagery of heaven and eternal life. We're not meant to take it literally, just use our imaginations to see what heaven may be like. No more pain, no sorrow, no death. Everything is made new!

These readings are supposed to comfort, encourage and motivate us to share God's love and make heaven happen right here, right now. Don't wait! Share your love! Make sure people know that we are followers of Jesus by the way we love one another.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy Soltau

Religious Education

OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you participated in the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl project,

it's time to bring your 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.csricebowl.org

And 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

LAST REGULAR CLASSES NEXT WEEK

Our regular Religious Ed classes will finish for the year next Sunday, May 1.

We had a wonderful year with your children!

Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 25.

Registration will be available on our parish website beginning in June.

We will be offering a Liturgy of the Word program during the summer at the 9:30am Mass.

All school age children are welcome to join us!

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

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

Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat	April 23	5:30 pm	Alan Kremer (+)
Sun.	April 24	7:30 am	Victims of Terrorism
		9:30 am	Al Yujuico (+)
		11:30 am	Alice Busch (+)
Mon.	April 25	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Tues.	April 26	8:00 am	For the Pope
Wed.	April 27	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Thurs.	April 28	8:00 am	For Pope Francis
Fri.	April 29	8:00 am	Special intentions

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat.	April 23	4:30 pm	Victims of Terrorism
Sun.	April 24	9:30 am	Marcel Mouney (+)

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 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

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	\$26,082.00
2016 Annual Appeal	\$83,000.00
Contributions to Date	\$86,937.00