

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

March 7th Fr. Paul's
Birthday



March 5th, 2017 1st Sunday of Lent

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2250 Avey Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

What We Believe

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

On this first Sunday of Lent, the readings focus on the notion of temptation. In the Old Testament Eve and Adam were tempted by the serpent in the garden, and in the New Testament Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert. The devil has a way of turning a lie into a truth and the truth into a lie. The devil is, indeed, devious.

The devil tempts us to disobey God, to be rebellious of God's will and to be consumed with arrogance and pride. By doing this, we squeeze the presence of God out of our very lives. We fool ourselves into thinking that we do not need God. We acquire the mentality of I can do all things myself and by myself.

As people of faith, we look to Jesus as the model of how to resist and refuse the devil's cunning and deceitful ways. As the Messiah, Jesus did not rely solely upon his own strength to overcome the devil's temptations. With each alluring temptation, Jesus turned to God for help. Jesus relied solely on God. This first Sunday of Lent sets the tone of how we are to live in this world as the people of God. In God alone is our strength. The less I am (pride and ego), the more the presence of God is in me. With God, all things are possible then. With God, we are victors of the devil's evil ways. Turn to God in your time of need. God awaits us.

Fr. Paul

JUST SAY NO

"I'm giving up _____ for Lent"

Why?

I have always wondered about the purpose and benefit of fasting.

For me, giving something up only made me more focused on that thing.

It didn't seem to help me focus more on God, or my prayer. It was just a distraction.

But now I realize that giving up something that makes me happy in *this life* can remind me that only my relationship with God can make me truly happy for *eternal life*.

By experiencing some little sacrifice of temporary happiness, I can better appreciate the eternal happiness that is waiting for me.

And I *should* give up something that makes me happy, like chocolate or wine, not some negative thing that I should give up anyway, like anger or smoking. (I don't smoke, it's just an example!)

In today's Gospel, Jesus says no to the things that could make him happy in this life, like power and fame, so that he could focus on his long-term mission of bringing us all to the Father for eternal happiness.

Jesus confronted what was tempting him, recalled the lessons of the Scriptures, and prayed.

For Lent, I will try to confront what tempts me, recall the lessons of the Gospel, and pray.

Your in the Lord, Lucy Soltau

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Mar 4	5:30 pm	Sam Bonar MD (+)
Sun.	Mar 5	7:30 am	Deceased Members
		9:30 am	Margaret Rodgers (+)
		11:30 am	Terrence Donohoe (+)
Mon.	Mar 6	8:00 am	Refugees
Tues.	Mar 7	8:00 am	The Pope
Wed.	Mar 8	8:00 am	Repentance
Thurs	Mar 9	8:00 am	Deceased Members
Fri.	Mar 10	8:00 am	End of Terrorism

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Mar 4	4:30pm	Terrence Donohoe (+)
Sun.	Mar 5	9:30am	Deceased Members

In your charity, please pray for...

Sandy Rock, Baby Sierra, Ken Broome, Lillian Schulte, Janet Sue Cox, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, 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, Lorie Ortega, 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.

Religious Education

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND LENTEN WORKSHOP

Join us on TODAY Sunday, March 5 after the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis for a celebration of Mardi Gras!

We'll have craft projects for the kids, ideas for observing Lent with your family,

And PANCAKES!! Free for all ages!

Contact Lucy for more details at

Isoltau@stdenisparish.org

OPERATION RICE BOWL

A beautiful way to answer the call to PRAY, FAST and GIVE during Lent.

Pick up your FREE Rice Bowl container by the church entrances TODAY!

Return your filled Rice Bowl during Holy Week.

All proceeds go to hunger projects in our area and Catholic Relief Services. For more information go to www.crs.org



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Please take a book with you to help your daily Lenten prayer.

Each day has a reflection on Scripture and an interesting story about Lenten practices and traditions.

Also, there is a handy Lenten schedule of parish events on the front!

LITTLE PURPLE BOOKS are for the children!

Personal Planning Seminars

Topics at these seminars include end-of-life bioethical decisions, funeral and burial planning, and estate planning. When it comes to these important issues, many people need a place to turn for sound moral advice. All parishioners are welcome to attend any of these FREE workshops. Please register to attend. Contact Fr. Anthony Giampietro at 415-614-5580 development@SFArch.org.

Saturday, April 1 10am-11:30 am St. Hilary Church

Religious Life for Women

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Mercy Sisters of Burlingame and the Missions San Jose Dominicans, invite Catholic women, ages 18 – 35 on Saturday March 11, to learn more about the life of contemporary religious. This program will include a panel of sisters from each congregation who will speak of their own call to religious life and invite participants to ask questions. Following the panel there will be a hosted lunch and an opportunity for conversation with the speakers.

Registration is at 11 a.m. at the Province Center of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, 1520 Ralston Ave.

Belmont. For more information please call Sr. Annette Burkart at 408-390-7184

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 the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.

Note: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin cycle due to space limitations.

Thank you.



Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal) \$450,000.00

July 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 \$266,440.98

Monthly Goal– January 2017 \$45,000.00

January 2017 Sunday Collections \$38,872.00

Annual Appeal 2017 \$60,479.00

(Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00)

Family Service Opportunities With St. Vincent De Paul

Spend time together as a family during Lent and help to spread joy and love to those served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There are two projects to choose from:

HEALING SOCKS – place inside a pair of new white tube socks the following:
a toothbrush, toothpaste, travel-sized shampoo, dental floss

FRESH START KITS – pack toiletry kits of soap, body wash, brush/comb
and a new white large t-shirt.

Place your family-provided items in the SVDP containers at the back of the church throughout Lent. Have questions? Contact George Quiter at 650-363-1330

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS – volunteer your time at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Redwood City on March 18, March 28 or April 7.
Please find the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.
You will be contacted about training and orientation.
Great for young people ages 8-17, when accompanied by parents.



Upcoming Events

March 8,15,22,29, April 5- Please join us each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00pm in St. Denis parish hall. We'll share a simple pot luck supper then reflect on the Sunday readings. Childcare will be available.

Every Friday During Lent- Mass, Stations of the Cross, hot cross buns & coffee.

April 2nd- Sacrament Workshop for First Communion Families at 1pm at St. Denis.

April 8th- Seder Meal 6:30pm St. Denis Parish Hall

The Triduum- April 13th-16th Holy Thursday 7pm at St. Denis

Good Friday Services Noon at St. Denis

Easter Vigil 7pm at St Denis

Easter Sunday regular mass schedules

