

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 12th, 2017 2nd 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,

Good to go. These words were instilled in me by Marine Corp drill instructor Staff Sargent Sears when I did my basic training for the navy in Newport, Rhode Island. Throughout my service in the military, we were constantly told to be good to go. Without a moments notice, we could be shipped off to war. We always had to be ready to go. When 911 happened, I received orders to go to the Middle East, specifically Bahrain then to Kuwait near the border of Iraq. My life was literally turned upside down. I went from being a parish priest to being on the front line in an instant. What happened to me is what happened to Abram in the first reading.

God ordered Abram to leave the land of his kinsfolk to go to a foreign land he was unfamiliar with. His life was turned upside down as well. It is quite a scary thing to face and experience the unknown, and to not be in control of one's life. That is how life is for a person of faith. God calls us forth, and orders us to go where he wants us to go. As Christians, we are challenged to be always ready to serve the Lord. Even as a priest, I still have to be good to go. As a servant of the Lord, I willingly put my life in his hands. I am charged to go where God wants and needs me to go. His will not mine be done.

If we are open to God's good to go orders, then good things can and will happen. Abram's openness to God's command of good to go led to receiving an abundance of God's blessings. Abram's descendants became as numerous as the stars in the sky. This was the very best blessing Abram could have ever received from God. I feel extremely blessed by God myself. Look at where I am today, here as your pastor. Be faithful to God and he will bless you. During this season of Lent, let us always be good to go.

Fr. Paul

My Deepest Me Is God

I own a very colorful copy of a poster by brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath that illustrates a quote from St. Catherine of Genoa that says' "My deepest me is God." Somehow that quote seems to resonate when thinking about the Transfiguration. When Jesus takes his special friends up the mountain, he reveals who he really is: past, present, and future. When Jesus reveals his true self, he also reveals what we are called to be.

The profound recognition of self is a lifelong journey. As Joan Chittister states, "This innermost self is the raw material of our spirituality. In our deepest we know the best and the weakest of our spiritual selves." While some of our desires can slow down the process of seeking God within ourselves, the disappointments and struggles can help us to realize just how close our loving God really is. If we tune in, we can realize that all our lives God is calling us to a divine unity. As Joan states, "The depth of our love for the unlovable, the proof of our mercy for the weak, the endurance of our compassion for the suffering, our pursuit of justice for others,--that is the sign of God's presence in us."

As we climb the mountains in our own lives let us seek to go deeper into ourselves to find the God who is ever seeking us.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Mar	11	5:30 pm	Deceased Members
Sun.	Mar	12	7:30 am	Deceased Members
			9:30 am	Deceased Members
			11:30 am	Lee Harnett (+)
Mon.	Mar	13	8:00 am	Mary Stephens
Tues.	Mar	14	8:00 am	Betty Smith (+)
Wed.	Mar	15	8:00 am	Cristina Corpus (+)
Thurs	Mar	16	8:00 am	End World Hunger
Fri.	Mar	17	8:00 am	Social Justice

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Mar	11	4:30pm	In Thanksgiving Vonderlinden Family
Sun.	Mar	12	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

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TONIGHT

Sunday, March 12 at 5:30pm for Mass, dinner and class time.

Bring your journals and your Sponsor forms.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Thanks to everyone who helped with our pancake breakfast and Lent workshop!

What a great turn-out! Thanks especially to our cooks: Michelle Donatelli, Lynde Alvarez, Sean and Dylan Monahan. Thanks to the confirmation class who helped with the crafts and cleanup: Giovanni Vial, Maxine Tamas, Annamarie Van Buiten, Chloe Rodriguez Stangle, Heidi & Cedrik von Briel, Isabella Leake, Cole Longland, Peter Koenig, Daniel Longo, Chiara Cline, and Diana McGrory. And thanks to the parents who helped put away the tables and chairs!

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

Sunday Donut Help

To sign up to help with donut service, please go to www.stdenparish.org and click on "Donut Help Needed!" Volunteers get "first dibs" on choosing donuts. For any further questions call Maritza at

650 291-0657.

Thanks!



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.net

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	Annual Appeal 2017	\$65,679.00
July 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017	\$300,777.98	(Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00)	
Monthly Goal- February 2017	\$36,000.00		
February 2017 Sunday Collections	\$34,337.00		

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.

find the sign-up sheet in the back of the

You will be contacted about training

orientation. Great for young people ages 8-17,

when accompanied by parents.



Symbolism of Lent

Look around the church this season. You'll see lots of purple and the desert. Purple is the color of sorrow and repentance, and reminds us to examine our consciences and be sorry for our sins. The desert is where we join Jesus, confronting our temptations and focusing on our relationship with God, without distractions. The Holy Water has been removed too, as a sign of our desert experience, but it will return with the blessing of new water during the Easter Vigil celebration.

Upcoming Events

March 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

