

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



April 9th, 2017 Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

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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

What We Believe

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Are we prepared? Are we ready? Are we willing? The time is now. Jesus enters the holy city of Jerusalem on this Palm Sunday with much fanfare. People are lined up to see Jesus riding not on a horse, but on a donkey. It is this city where Jesus will undergo his Passion.

Another word for passion is suffering. To journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and into Jerusalem means that we are prepared, we are ready and we are willing to join him and be united with him in his suffering. Jesus will suffer for the salvation of the world, for us. Following Jesus means that we will inevitably suffer because of our faith in him. The martyrs of the Church have followed Jesus to the bitter end. They sacrificed their lives for Christ. They died for Christ crucified.

Jesus does not promise an easy life to those who follow him. What Jesus does promise is eternal life. Our reward will be in heaven not in this world, not in our lifetime. May we continue our Lenten journey of faith with Jesus. Who else experienced tremendous pain and agony for us? Who else was crucified to the cross? Who else was betrayed, denied and died for us sinner? Who else forgave us in his heart and with all his heart?

God bless,

Fr. Paul

Holy Week Thoughts

This week, priding myself on getting things done early, I climbed the pull-down ladder that reaches into my attic, pleasantly thinking about the big blue Easter bunny and giant pastel colored eggs that I would unpack and put out in the bench in front of my house in time for my annual Easter Sunday brunch. Enjoying the cooking of the lamb stew for the Seder Dinner, putting jelly beans and chocolate eggs into baskets for my grandkids, and stationing Easter bunnies all over the living room pleasantly occupied me last Tuesday morning. Because I am still getting used to the quiet of living alone, I usually have the TV on for background noise, but suddenly "Breaking News" grabbed my attention and horrific pictures of the chemically poisoned babies of Syria crashed in on my domestic comforts. They continue to haunt me.

I am sure our Blessed Mother Mary holding her crucified Son and the anonymous Syrian mother holding her convulsing child have much in common-- which is exactly why our faith continues to be alive and meaningful when we open ourselves to it. The sufferings and injustice inflicted on Jesus continue to be played out in what we humans cruelly do to other humans now and over 2000 years ago. As believers we are ever challenged in this despairing realization to make it better in whatever situations we find ourselves. Our spiritual investment into the events of Holy Week individually and as a prayerful community can lead us into a deeper understanding and appreciation of the meaning of communal suffering and the Resurrection and Salvation that is so necessary in our world today. As believers, each one of us is called to be part of that Resurrection and Salvation.

Recently I heard Fr. Richard Rohr comment that while the messages of the Gospel have the power to comfort the afflicted, they have a greater power to afflict the comfortable. As we journey from Palm Sunday into the events of Holy Week, it's probably a good idea to allow ourselves to be a little afflicted.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. April 8	5:30 pm	Innocent Victims of Terror
Sun. April 9	7:30 am	Tad Daszkiewicz (+)
	9:30 am	Amparo Flores (+)
	11:30 am	Ed Keible (+)
Mon. April 10	8:00 am	The Pope
Tues. April 11	8:00 am	The Jewish People
Wed. April 12	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Thurs. April 13	8:00 am	Priests & Deacons
Fri. April 14	8:00 am	For those who Suffer

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. April 8	4:30pm	Innocent Victims of Terror
Sun. April 9	9:30am	Peter Vanos (+)

In your charity, please pray for...

Barbara Ham, John Hunter, 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

HOLY WEEK AND SPRING BREAK: NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

There are no Religious Ed classes on April 9 and 16 for Holy Week and Easter. Classes will resume April 23 at the usual times.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS

Please join us in prayer for all those receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this month! We will be celebrating the Baptism of Nate Alvarez and the Confirmation of Aidan Cooper, Peter Koenig, Daniel Longo, Lindsey Canessa, Gavin Plume and Patrick Timons at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15 at 7:00pm at St. Denis.

We will also be celebrating Confirmation with Bishop William Justice on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00am at St. Denis for Maxine Tamas, Ryan Ho, Michaela Llewelyn, Giovanni Vial, Annamarie Van Buiten, Kamran Murray, Alec Rodriguez-Stangle, Isabella Leake, Corinne Burns and Elliot Kinder.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you for participating in the Operation Rice Bowl Lenten project! You may return your filled Rice Bowl during anytime.

Just place them in the box in the back of the church.

All proceeds go to hunger projects in our area and Catholic Relief Services.

For more information go to www.crs.org



Parish Directory

2017 PARISH DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who participated in this project and had your pictures taken by LifeTouch. We truly appreciate your time and look forward to seeing your pictures in 2017 Parish Directory. If you did NOT have your picture taken and you would still like to have your picture in the Parish Directory, you can send a digital picture to:

dmasters@stdenisparish.org

including your name, address, phone # and Email address. Also please send a \$10.00 check addressed to St. Denis Parish, with Parish Directory in the memo.

You will receive a new 2017 Parish Directory. If you would like your name and address ONLY in the new Parish Directory, you can fill out the form in the back of the church and drop it in the collection. For further information please contact Josephine Dorval at (650)506-6571

Thank you and God bless you.

Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch Tuesday April 25th, at noon. Call Dede to reserve your spot at 650 854-5976, press 4.



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	\$83,129.00
July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017	\$341,991.31	(Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00)	
Monthly Goal- March 2017	\$36,000.00		
March 2017 Sunday Collections	\$41,213.33		

Lilies For The Easter Alter

Remember a loved one for Easter by doing one of the following options: You can write a check (memo box to say Easter Lily & St. Denis or OLW) or you can bring in a white Easter Lily with the person's name on it. We will collect lilies, checks, and names *Between April 8th-14th (Palm Sunday to Good Friday,) on the benches outside of the church at St. Denis or under the breezeway at Our Lady of the Wayside.*

Allergic to Lilies? During Easter Season St. Denis Chapel will be a lily-free zone!



St. Vincent De Paul Family Opportunities

Spend time together as a family during Lent & help to spread joy and love to those who are homeless.

Prepare: FRESH START KITS—pack toiletry kits of soap, body wash, brush/comb, sun tan lotion, & white large t-shirt.

Place items in the SVDP containers at the back of the church. Contact George Quiter at 650 363-1330.

Upcoming Events

Reconciliation Service— Monday April 10th 7pm at St. Raymond's Church



Holy Week

The Triduum-

Holy Thursday- April 13th, 7pm at St. Denis (Mass with feet washing, Benediction)

Good Friday— April 14th Noon, Services at St. Denis (Stations, Passion, Adoration of Cross, Communion)

Easter Vigil— April 15th, 7pm at St Denis (with Sacraments of Initiation and reception after)

Easter Sunday— April 16th regular mass schedules: Our Lady of the Wayside 9:30am

St. Denis 7:30am, 9:30am Family mass with Easter egg hunt, 11:30am