

## Outreach Committee Easter Basket Drive

**St. Denis Parish Outreach Committee will be collecting Easter baskets for Pre-schoolers at Hoover School** again this year. The baskets will be delivered to the school the week of March 21st. You can drop your baskets in the back of the church **by March 20th**. If you cannot donate an Easter basket but would prefer to contribute to this annual event there will be colored envelopes at the back of the church which can be placed in the collection baskets at mass. We cannot accept late baskets or donations because of our delivery date.

Any amount is appreciated and questions should be directed to **Barbara Mason** at **650-854-2526** or **babs412@yahoo.com**.



## Lenten Schedule

**Every Friday during Lent at 8:00am at St. Denis:**

Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hot Cross Buns

**The Triduum (March 24, 25, 26, 27)**

Holy Thursday - 7:00pm at St. Denis

(Mass with Feet Washing, Benediction)

Good Friday services - noon at St. Denis, noon at Our Lady of the Wayside



(Stations, Passion, Adoration of Cross, Communion)

Easter Vigil - 7:00pm at St. Denis

(with reception after)

Easter Sunday (regular Sunday schedules)

## 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

**March 20th, 2016**  
**Second Collection**  
**Catholic Relief Services**

**March 13th, 2016**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

(650) 854-5976  
www.stdenisparish.org

**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,

In today's gospel passage, the woman caught in adultery begs the question: Who really stands naked before Jesus? It is apparent that the scribes and Pharisees knew who this woman was. They knew where to find her and with whom. For they drag her naked body from bed through the streets for all to see and throw her down on the ground before Jesus. There she lies naked on the ground seen by all. Her shame and reputation become so very public. The scribes and Pharisees want Jesus to condemn her.

Jesus' response is not what the crowd or religious leaders expected. He wraps the woman caught in adultery with compassion, mercy and love. Although she may stand bare and naked before the people, the clothes she now wears come from the heart of Jesus. She wears his mercy.

Those with stones in their hands are the ones who stand naked before Jesus. He sees so clearly their sinfulness. They cannot hide their sins. They are exposed to Jesus. It is they who stand naked and bare for he sees their wicked hearts. The people, scribes and Pharisees leave in shame. They are ashamed of the nakedness of their sins.

When I was a wee lad, my mother used to tell me to be concerned about the salvation of my own soul. The older I become the more I sound like my mother. It is good advice though. We are called to be more concerned about our own sins rather than those of others. God is the Judge, not us. Dealing with our own sinfulness is more than we can handle. May we be merciful as God our Father is.

**What We Believe**

**Look in the Mirror**

What's the difference between a magnifying glass and a mirror? The magnifying glass makes small details appear larger than they really are. The mirror reflects just what is in front of it.

We can be tempted to think that God looks at us with a magnifying glass, seeing all our sins and flaws in great detail, and judging us based on that distorted image.

Or we can be tempted to think God looks at us through the fog of love, not seeing any of our sins or flaws, and just loving us no matter what.

In reality, God sees us exactly as we are, with no distortion, no fog, as in a mirror. God sees us as God created us, in God's image and likeness.

Of course God sees the sins and flaws, but because of God's great love and mercy, God sees them in proper perspective.

The people in Gospel today want Jesus to look at the woman with a magnifying glass. But instead, he holds a mirror up to them. They look at themselves honestly, and they don't throw the stones.

We are not just sinful people, waiting to be judged. We are not perfect people, who can get away with anything. We are forgiven people, because God sees us as we are and loves us anyway!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy Soltau

**Mass Intentions**

**ST. DENIS**

Sat. Mar. 12	5:30 pm	Matthew Stafford (+)
Sun. Mar. 13	7:30 am	Joseph Lim (+)
	9:30 am	Debbie Turner (+)
	11:30 am	Stephen Wipfler (+)
Mon. Mar. 14	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tues. Mar. 15	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Wed. Mar. 16	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Thurs. Mar. 17	8:00 am	Floyd Kenlay (+)
Fri. Mar. 18	8:00 am	Deceased Members

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE**

Sat. Mar. 12	4:30 pm	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners
Sun. Mar. 13	9:30 am	Floyd Kenlay (+)

**In your charity, please pray for...**

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.**

**Religious Education**

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS WITH CHILDREN**

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Denis all children are welcome, especially those preparing for First Communion, are invited to participate in the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We'll be washing feet, joining the Eucharistic procession, and spending time adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Please bring your children to this special celebration.

**EASTER EGG HUNT!**

The junior high groups are preparing an Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday morning. March 27th after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Denis. They will fill them and hide them and help your little ones find them! Please join us for this fun tradition!

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Catholic Relief Services projects to help you pray, fast and give! Pray for the poor around the world, make a sacrifice and put the money in the RICE BOWL. There are also recipes from around the world, stories about how CRS is helping fight hunger and poverty, and more on their website at [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org). Take a bowl with you today, and we'll collect them during Holy Week.

**FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY WORKSHOP**

Sunday, April 10 at 1:00 pm in the church. We'll be talking about the Sacrament, planning for the celebrations, and you'll get your child's BANNER Kit too! Bring the children!

**Holy Week & Spring Break Schedule**

There are **NO** religious education classes on:

**March 20th (Palm Sunday)**


**March 27 (Easter)**

**April 3 (Spring Break)**

**ALL CLASSES RESUME APRIL 10th**

**WWME**

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you **DE-SERVE** a Marriage Encounter Weekend! For more information go to [www.sanfranciscowwme.org](http://www.sanfranciscowwme.org) or call David and Karen at 650.350.1469. Upcoming weekend dates are May 20-22 (Mountain View); Nov 11-13 (Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park). Space is limited, so please apply early.



**St. Vincent De Paul March 16th**

It's not too late ... to find out more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's new works here in St. Denis and in the local community. If you are interested in growing spiritually and serving people in need, come find out more on Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. in the St. Denis Church Hall. All are welcome.

**Stewardship**

<b>July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)</b>	<b>\$372,300.00</b>
<b>July 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016</b>	<b>\$255,522.72</b>
<b>Monthly Goal-February 2016</b>	<b>\$32,800.00</b>
<b>February Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$40,830.88</b>
<b>2016 Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$83,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions to Date</b>	<b>\$76,267.00</b>