

Senior Luncheon

The Sr. Luncheon will be this 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 calling her at 650 854-5976, then press 4.



First Communion Celebrations

Please join these children as they receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time! Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Saturday May 7th 10:30am St. Denis

Jaiden Luthy	Helena Keane	Johnny Carr
Khloe Garrett	Catherine Eberhard	Rebecca Koenig
Tyler Ungerman	Sofia Monteverdi	Olivia Valentine
Jackson Fair	Ethan Radford	Grace Penner
Maren Mulloy	Ava Kisch	Alexander Boley
Eleanor Kinder	Emily Hsu	Emilia Hsu

Sunday May 8th 9:30 mass at Our Lady of the Wayside

Isabella Leet	Ryan Quiros	Eve Kavanaugh
Sofia Aguilar	Caitlin Berry	Cameron Travers

Saturday April 30th 5:30pm mass at St. Denis

Owen Galligan Christian Summe

Sunday May 1st 9:30 mass at St. Denis

Kelsey Gardener Teddy Watson Alessandra Yi

Sunday May 1st 11:30am mass at St. Denis

Martin & Capucine Landowski

Nicholas Espinosa Dash Dropmann

Tessa & Avery Lee Rowan Prindiville

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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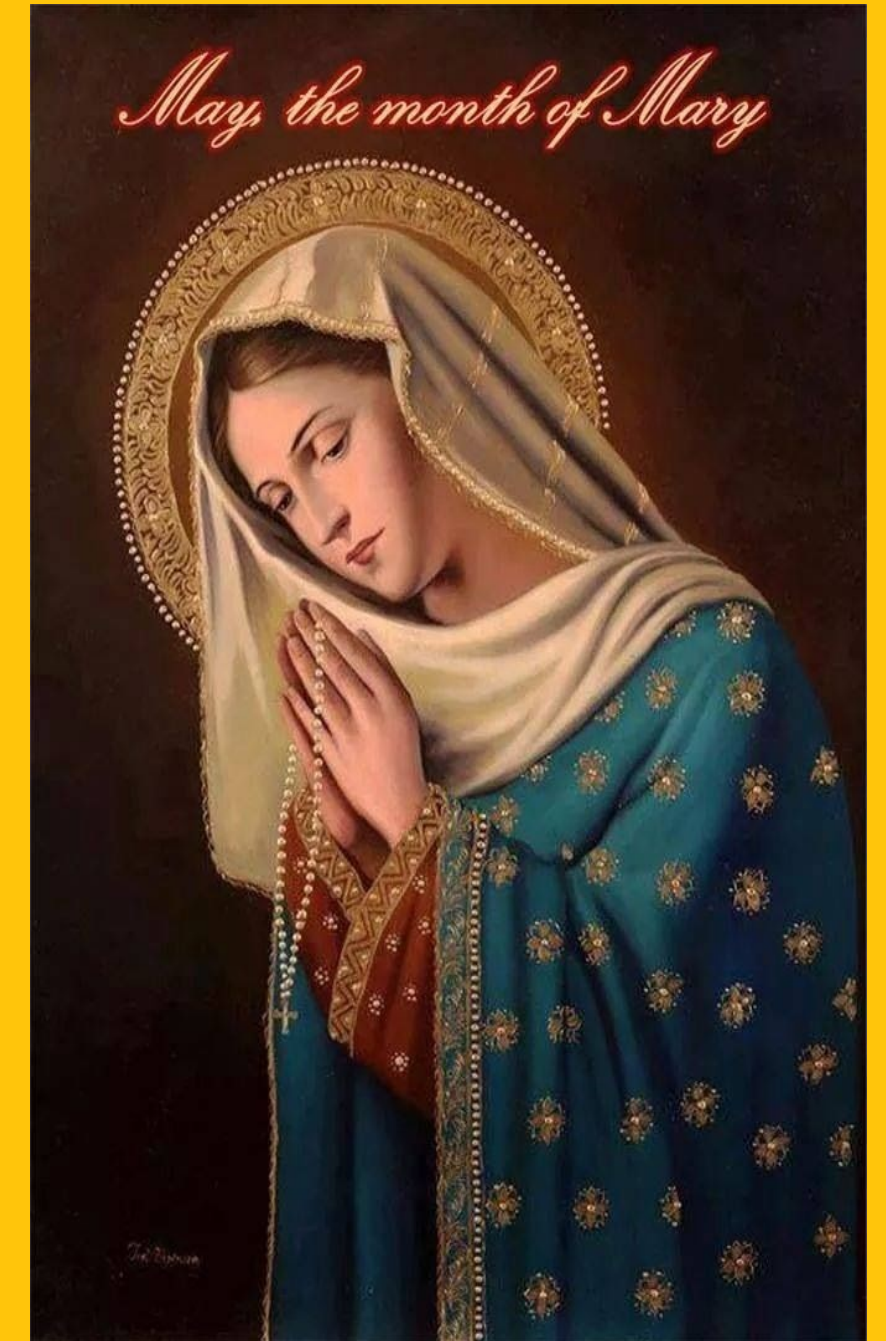
St. Denis Church
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

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

2nd Collection May 8th, 2016
Catholic Charities CYO Appeal



May 1st, 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

(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,

As an orphan, I will never know who my birth parents are. It is just not possible. My adopted mother used to tell me when I was a wee lad how I was found in a field and brought to a Catholic orphanage in Inchon, Korea. Given my early beginnings, I have always had the issue of abandonment well into my adult years. It is something I have struggled with most of my life. There are certain experiences that trigger this sense of abandonment. When it happens, I feel so powerless and helpless. I feel overwhelmed. Fear overcomes me. But then there is my faith.

Thank God for my faith. I do not know where I would be without my faith. My faith has saved me in many ways. Today's gospel passage reminds me that I am not alone in life, that I am not abandoned. Even though I am an abandoned child and I will never know anything about my biological father and mother, I am not abandoned by God our Father.

Jesus mentions with great conviction that we are never abandoned or alone in life. Jesus emphatically says that the God the Father will love us. Also, God and he will come to us, and they will make their dwelling with us as long as we keep his word. Believing this with all my heart, I feel a deep sense of peace and gratitude. Human beings often fail us, even parents as well. God will never fail us. It is no wonder then that Jesus teaches us to call God our Father and to call Mary our Mother. As human beings, we have an innate desire to be loved by a father and mother. And so we are. We travel not alone in life. Our Father and Mother are with us always.

What We Believe

Preparation of the Gifts

In the last few months we have reviewed elements of the Liturgy of the Word. Now we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist in our overview of the Mass.

While the Eucharist celebration was originally connected to a meal, certain practical difficulties arose with larger and larger numbers of participants and varied customs between Jewish and gentile Christians. Gradually, the Eucharist became separate from a meal and the sharing of the bread and wine were placed on the table together, consecrated in thanksgiving together, and shared together.

At the Preparation of the Gifts, formerly known as the Offertory, bread and wine are brought up to the altar as a way of focusing attention on these two elements of worship. In the Middle Ages this practice evolved into an elaborate recitation of prayers often known as the "Little Canon." Today the structure of this rite has been simplified to prepare the altar, the gifts, and the community for the sacrificial offering to come. The Preparation of the Gifts is really the "entering in" of the Eucharistic celebration.

Dede

Religious Education

LAST REGULAR CLASSES THIS WEEK

Our regular Religious Ed classes will finish for the year TODAY, 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!



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!

Catholic Charities 2nd Collection

Next week, May 7th & 8th is Catholic Charities Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, & many most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even the most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities.

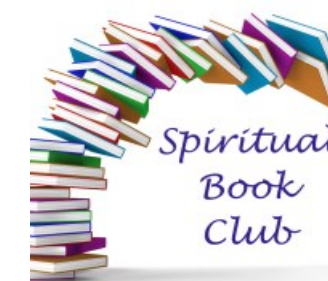
For more information on the work of Catholic Charities and how you can help strengthen families and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415 971-1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



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.



Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat	April 30	5:30 pm	Jane Smith (+)
Sun	May 1	7:30 am	For Pope Francis
		9:30 am	Christian Unity
		11:30 am	For Families
Mon	May 2	8:00 am	The St. Denis Parishioners
Tues	May 3	8:00 am	For the Pope
Wed	May 4	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Thurs	May 5	8:00 am	For Pope Francis
Fri	May 6	8:00 am	For Students

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat	April 30	4:30 pm	For Families
Sun	May 1	9:30 am	For Students

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	\$87,257.00