

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

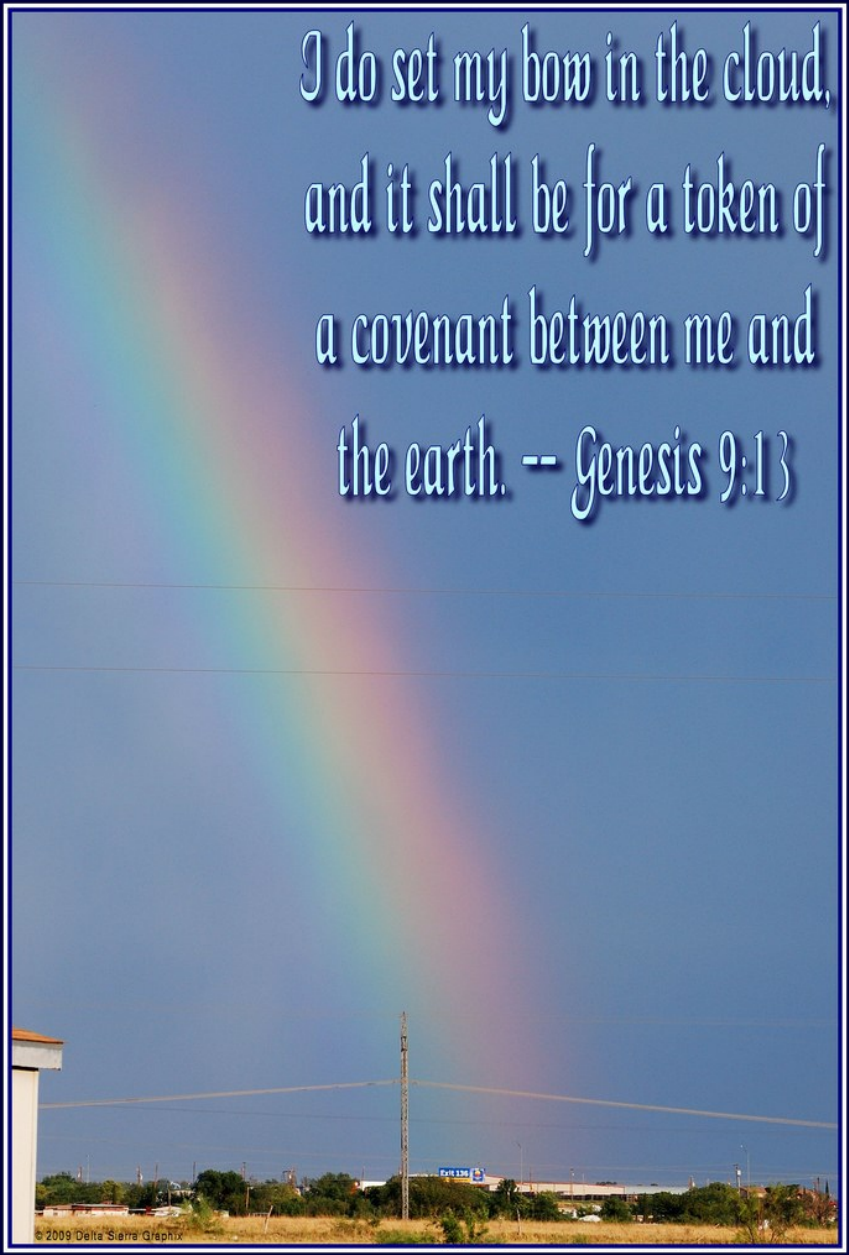
Confession Times
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**The Parish Office Will Be
Closed Monday February 19th,
in Observance Of
President's Day**

**Take a copy of the Little Black
Book home with you for Lent.**

*I do set my bow in the cloud,
and it shall be for a token of
a covenant between me and
the earth. -- Genesis 9:13*



February 18th, 2018 1st Sunday of Lent

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I imagine we have come across certain individuals in life who have a know it all kind of attitude. These type of individuals think they have all the answers, and that no one can tell them anything. They do not seek advise. If they only knew how wrong they are. They are foolish in thinking they do not need to learn. Being human, we are bound to make the wrong choices and decisions for ourselves. There will always be times when we need the wisdom of others.

Our faith in Jesus reminds us that we are his disciples. A disciple is a learner. Who better to learn from than the good Lord. Today's Responsorial Psalm urges us to seek God for guidance and to learn from him. Would the Lord ever lead us astray? Of course, he would not. The good Lord leads us in the truth and to the truth. His path leads to life. His teachings, if we heed them, are transformative.

Praying for one's enemies leads to healing, not to destruction. Loving one's neighbor leads to changing the world for the better, not for the worse. Helping those in need contributes to building up the Kingdom of God, not to it's demise.

On this first Sunday of Lent, may we realize that we have a lot to learn in life. Remember the saying, "The more we learn the less we know." Being open enables us to grow and evolve to become what God wants us to be, which is to be holy and righteous in his sight. The season of Lent gives us the opportunity and the challenge to do this. May we take advantage of it.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

We Believe

PRAY – FAST – GIVE

“What are you giving up for Lent?”

The question Catholics ask each other this time of year!
But the Church asks us to do more than “give something up”.
We are asked to do 3 things during Lent:

PRAY: spend more time than usual with God.

FAST: this is the “giving up” part!

But instead of just fasting from something, how about feasting on something else?

Here are some suggestions from Pope Francis:

To fast from hurting words and feast on kind words

To fast from sadness and feast on gratitude

To fast from anger and feast on patience

To fast from pessimism and feast on hope

To fast from worry and feast on trust

To fast from complaints and feast on acceptance

To fast from stress and feast on prayer

To fast from bitterness and feast on joy

To fast from selfishness and feast on compassion

To fast from grudges and feast on reconciliation

To fast from words and feast on silence

GIVE: put your sacrifices to work helping others.

Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray

and to be guided by the Holy Spirit

to do the work he was sent to do.

We go into the desert with Jesus during these forty days for the same reasons.

I pray that your fasting, praying and giving

lead you all to know the mission God has for you too!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Feb. 17	5:30 pm	Joseph Koch (+)
Sun.	Feb. 18	7:30 am	Homebound in our parish
		9:30 am	Sheila Tipton (living)
		11:30 am	Those in hospice care
Mon.	Feb. 19	8:00 am	Our Country
Tue.	Feb. 20	8:00 am	The Pope
Wed.	Feb. 21	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Thurs.	Feb. 22	8:00 am	For priests & religious
Fri.	Feb. 23	8:00 am	Victims of gun violence

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Feb. 17	4:30pm	The poor and homeless In our community
Sun.	Feb. 18	9:30am	Mary O'Halloran (+)

In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation News



**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP!! HONOLULU, HI
JUNE 25 THRU JUNE 29, 2018**

That's right! We're taking current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on a 5 day mission trip to Hawaii.

The sponsoring organization is the Center for Ministry Development www.cmdnet.org

We'll be staying at a local retreat center and working on service projects selected for us by the local diocese. The cost is \$290 per person (not including transportation).

Permission forms and \$100 deposit are due February 25.

Space is limited! First come, first served!

To sign up, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.



CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent, and hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide. We devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. You will find Rice Bowls near the bulletins. You may bring your filled Rice Bowls to church anytime during Holy Week and the Easter season. Just put them in the collection basket or in the box in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Knit & Pray



Please join us to "Knit and Pray" on the 4th Monday of each month at St. Denis Parish Hall Library from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm. Kathie Shaw will be available to help those who need to learn to knit. All are invited to join "Knit and Pray". There will be snacks and wine. We will Start on Monday February 26. Please contact Josephine for more details at jsdorval@yahoo.com, Tel: 650.506.6571.



Help With Donuts

Do you enjoy the yummy donuts after 9:30am mass? Then pitch in and help out! We can always use help. Questions contact Dede at dedewm@pacbell.net.



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 & okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dedem@pacbell.net
NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to January 31st, 2018	\$234,344.00
Monthly Goal—January 2018	\$36,000.00
January 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$38,195.00
2018 Annual Appeal Goal	\$117,232.00
2018 (Actual Annual Appeal to date)	\$36,205.00

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

New to online Egiving? Follow the link in our parish website to create a new account. If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account.

Upcoming Events

- February 23rd Stations of the Cross every Friday (During Lent) after the 8:00am Mass with refreshments in the St. Denis Parish Hall afterwards.
- February 25th Confirmation Class, begins with Mass at 5:30pm
- February 26th Fr. Paul's optional first communion class at 3:30pm
- March 4th Sacrament Workshop for first communion families 1:00pm in St. Denis Church
- March 10th Luau Dinner—fund raiser for Hawaii Mission Trip 6:30pm at St. Denis parish hall
- March 11th Confirmation Class, begins with Mass at 5:30pm
- March 12th Fr. Paul's optional first communion class at 3:30pm
- March 20th Lenten Retreat at St. Denis with Sister Sharon McMillan at 9:30am with mass and lunch to follow.



Parish Outreach Committee Update

Update St. Denis/OLW Outreach 2017 Plan:

In 2017 we asked you to support a refugee family in need. You responded with your hearts. Thanks in large part to you the members of the Azimi family from Afghanistan are well on their way to becoming productive members of our society. They are very grateful for everything you have done for them. Your generous spirit went on after Easter to produce more good fruit for another family of refugees from Congo. This family continues to struggle with challenges of transition, but a small interfaith group continues to work with them. A Swahili-speaking volunteer helps with communication. The faith-based group raises money for rent whenever needed, provides ESL courses for the adults, and transportation to and from many doctor appointments. Now we will move into our 2018 Plan.

St Denis/OLW Outreach Plan 2018 Plan:

As a Lenten Outreach project we have decided to focus on homeless families in our local communities through the Home and Help organization. This group provides homeless families by providing shelter and meals. Homeless families rotate weekly to churches in our area where they are housed and fed for one week. You can participate in two different ways: 1.) Financial support by contacting homeandhope.net. 2.) Volunteering to help provide a meal at a local church one evening during Lent. If you are interested in helping with this meal please contact Pat Mach at 415-640-0245. Thank you.

