

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

Tue. Mar. 8 Lenten Retreat 10:00am to 2:00pm

Prayer, reflection, Mass and lunch at St. Denis

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 6th, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

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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,

It saddens me to say that both of my sisters stopped going to Church when they were teenagers. I do not think that they even pray. For my Irish Catholic mother, this was a heart breaking cross to carry. It hurt her deeply. Throughout my childhood, I remember seeing my mother holding Jack Daniels in her left hand and the phone in her right whenever she called my sisters. My mother would beg them to come back to the Church. Unfortunately, my mother's words fell on deaf ears. My sisters did not want anything to do with God or the Church.

Both of my sisters had the privilege of going to Catholic schools. My mother did her best to raise my sisters in the practice of the faith. To make things worse, my oldest sister Patti became a Communist while at Berkeley. My sisters are very much like the prodigal son in today's gospel. Leaving the Church and not practicing the faith is like squandering God the Father's love, which makes one truly wealthy.

I do not know what will make my sisters come to their senses like the prodigal son. He realized what he had in life when he was home with his father. He desired more than anything to be welcomed back home. He was willing to apologize to his father for living a decadent lifestyle. I envision his father standing day and night looking towards the horizon hoping and waiting to see his son walk back home. When the Father does see his son, I imagine him running to his son to embrace and shower him with unconditional love.

That is how God our Father is as well. I envision God standing day and night waiting for my wayward sisters to come back home to the Church. I am afraid that God may never see my sisters on the horizon. My mother never did while she was alive. I am sure I never will. Yet, God our Father will wait and wait and wait. I have given up hope. God has not though. God waits patiently and with all hope to welcome back home all those who have squandered his love.

What We Believe

Making the "Good News" Real

In the synagogue, after the sharing of the Scripture readings, an explanation was given by one of those present. This practice was carried over by the earliest of Christians. Just as the Living Bread of the Eucharist is broken and shared, so, too, is the Word.

The word "Homily" comes from the Greek meaning "instruction" or "formal discourse." Generally speaking, there are two basic goals of the homily: first, that it is based on the day's readings or another pertinent part of the particular celebration and secondly, that the type of speech should relate to the congregation so that it elicits a response from the assembly. In the Middle Ages these homiletic characteristics were de-emphasized and the homily became instructional based on the Creed and the Commandments. Preaching was seen as an unnecessary part of the Mass.

Vatican II reaffirmed the homily as an integral part of our liturgy, stating, "By means of the homily, the mysteries of faith and the guiding principles of the Christian life are expounded from the sacred text during the course of the liturgical year. The homily is strongly recommended since it forms part of the liturgy itself. Focusing his preaching on the liturgical texts, the homilist shows how our loving God continues to act and speak among the people today.

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Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION ENRICHMENT CLASSES WITH FR. PAUL

Fr. Paul is offering optional enrichment classes to children preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring.

Classes are Mondays at 3:30-4:30pm in the parish hall, Parents welcome!

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

These books are designed to help you pray more and differently during Lent.

They are FREE and can be found in the boxes near the church entrances.

LITTLE PURPLE BOOKS

Just like the books for adults, but these are for children!

Also free and in the box in the back of the church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services project 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 www.crsricebowl.org

Take a bowl with you today, and we'll collect them during Holy Week.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY

Today, Sunday, March 6 at 5:30pm

Meet us for Mass in the chapel, then dinner and class.

Bring your books!

Spiritual Book Club

How has your faith evolved since the Second Vatican Council? Our new book **Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution** describes how many Christians in the U.S. have shifted their perspective from a more distant God to the God within us and in our neighbor. Diana Butler Bass is both a historian and journalist. Currently she writes for the Huffington Post and for Beliefnet. In the spirit of Pope Francis, Diana describes taking care of the earth as a spiritual responsibility. Books are available on the Book Club shelf at Kepler's. Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. Please call Tereza McNamee

The Many Stories and Last Days of Thomas Merton"

A documentary film and discussion

With the film's producer Morgan Atkinson

Sunday, March 6, 2016

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Arrillaga Family Recreation Center

St. Patrick Seminary

March Goretti Night - Lenten Sacrament Supercharge Night: "What are you looking for?" The Goretti Group aims to spread the joy of authentic love. All are welcome.

A cradle Catholic, Marciano Palha De Sousa has identified as agnostic, Protestant, and non-practicing Catholic at various stages in his life. Despite this spiritual confusion, he is now 32 and saving himself for marriage. Come and hear his story, why he made the choices he made, and how he came to embrace his Catholic faith and find what he was looking for.

Friday Mar 11th, 2016 - St Patrick's Seminary - 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park

6:30 pm Adoration & Confessions | 7 pm Mass | 7:30 pm Dinner | 8 pm Talk | 9 pm Social Time

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 DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

For more information go to 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.



Mass Intentions

ST. DENIS

Sat. Mar. 5	5:30 pm	Yong Ernst (+)
Sun. Mar. 6	7:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
	9:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
	11:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Mon. Mar. 7	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Tues. Mar. 8	8:00 am	The Deceased Members
Wed. Mar. 9	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Thurs. Mar. 10	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Fri. Mar. 11	8:00 am	Renee Gautier (+)

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat. Mar. 5	4:30 pm	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners
Sun. Mar. 6	9:30 am	Terrence Donohoe (+) & The Sands & Donohoe Family (living)

In your charity, please pray for...

Rosa Sharif, Bob O'Neil, 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 February 29, 2016	\$255,522.72
Monthly Goal-February 2016	\$32,800.00
February Sunday Collections	\$40,830.88

2016 Annual Appeal	\$83,000.00
Contributions to Date	\$70,018.18