St. Denis Church Establishes St. Vincent de Paul Chapter

Several parishioners, along with Fr. Paul O’Dell, gathered in the parish hall on February 17, 2016, to learn about volunteer opportunities within the newly established St. Denis Conference (chapter) of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), San Mateo County. Participants also received information about the history of the Society and its structure within San Mateo County.

Representatives from SVdP of San Mateo County included Executive Director Lorraine Moriarty and Board members Martin Duda, Chairperson of the SVdP Conference at Our Lady of the Pillar, Half Moon Bay, and James Fox, Restorative Justice, retired District Attorney for the County of San Mateo.

The next meeting will be held at the St. Denis parish hall on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 5:30 pm. All interested parishioners are welcome.

Lenten Schedule

Every Friday during Lent at 8:00am at St. Denis:
   Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hot Cross Buns

Tue. Mar. 1 Senior Luncheon
   Noon at St. Denis

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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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

February 28th, 2016 3rd 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
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We have journeyed almost half way through the Lenten season. This Sunday is the time for us to hear some hard words from Jesus. We may not like them. They may even rub us the wrong way. Yet, they are words we need to hear at this point in Lent. Jesus is telling us to repent. If we do not repent our sins, then we face the consequence of perishing. The hard words of Jesus, though, are tempered with a merciful parable. He tells the parable of the gardener who pleads with the owner to give him more time. Jesus is the gardener. God is the property owner.

Jesus intercedes on our behalf to God. He urges God to be patient. When I was a wee lad, one of my many chores around the house was gardening. I had to mow the front and back lawns, and pull the worse weeds in the world, milkweeds, from the flower beds. In the summer, the temperature would get into the 100’s. Pulling the milkweed was a dirty, laborious and sweaty job that I absolutely loathed. Even today, I abhor gardening. Jesus, on the other hand, willingly rolls up his sleeves to till the hardened ground of our hearts.

For Jesus, gardening is a labor of love. Under the scorching sun, in the heat of the day and without taking a break to cool off and relax, He lovingly works the soil of our hearts so that our hearts can receive God’s Word. Drenched with sweat, the good Lord gets his hands dirty in removing the debris of our sins. How filthy our sins are. Jesus will not stop. He will not quit on us. He works unceasingly with tremendous love for us. How blessed we are to have Jesus himself as our merciful gardener. May we turn to the good Lord believing always in His compassion and mercy for us. We believe in a merciful Lord who intercedes on our behalf to God. He urges God to be patient.

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