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.

Lenten Schedule

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

March 6th, 2016 4th 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
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 do 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’s love, the Father loves me, which makes one truly weak.

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 sees 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 watching his wayward sisters come back home to the Church. I am afraid that God may never see my sisters on the horizon. My sisters did not want anything to do with God or the Church. Unfortunately, my mother’s words fell on deaf ears. My sisters did not want anything to do with God or the Church.

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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 exhumed 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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The first Communion Enrichment classes will provide a deeper and richer understanding of the mysteries of our faith. The classes are open to all students preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring.

Parents welcome!

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 entrance.

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

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

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

Pray for the poor around the world, make a sacrifice and put the money in the RICE BOWL.

Catholic Relief Services project to help you pray, fast and give!

In your charity, please pray for...

ST. DENIS

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To contribute, drop your bowl in the box at the back of the church. To make a credit card contribution, go to www.stdenis.sf.org.