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

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: 9:00 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 20th, 2016
Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services

March 13th, 2016
5th 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,

In today’s gospel passage, the woman caught in adultery begs the question: Who really stands naked before Jesus? It is apparent that the scribes and Pharisees knew who this woman was. They knew where to find her and with whom. For they dragged her naked body from bed through the streets for all to see and threw her down on the ground before Jesus. There she lies naked on the ground seen by all. Her shame and reputation become so very public. The scribes and Pharisees want Jesus to condemn her.

Jesus’ response is not what the crowd or religious leaders expected. He wraps the woman caught in adultery with compassion, mercy and love. Although she may stand bare and naked before the people, the clothes she now wears come from the heart of Jesus. She wears his mercy.

Those with stones in their hands are the ones who stand naked before Jesus. He sees so clearly their sinfulness. They cannot hide their sins. They are exposed to Jesus. It is they who stand naked and bare for he sees their wicked hearts. The people, scribes and Pharisees leave in shame. They are ashamed of the nakedness of their sins.

When I was a wee lad, my mother used to tell me to be concerned about the salvation of my own soul. The older I become the more I sound like my mother. It is good advice though. We are called to be more concerned about our own sins rather than those of others. God is the Judge, not us. Dealing with our own sinfulness is more than we can handle. May we be merciful as those of others. God is the Judge, not us. Dealing with our own sins are called to be more concerned about our own souls rather than the salvation of my own soul. The older I become

In reality, God sees us exactly as we are, with no distortion, no fog, as a mirror. God sees us as God created us, in God’s image and likeness.

Or we can be tempted to think God looks at us through the lens of love, not seeing any of our sins or flaws, and just loving us no matter what.

Of course God sees the sins and flaws, but because of God’s great love and mercy, God sees them in proper perspective.

The people in Gospel today want Jesus to look at the woman with a magnifying glass. But instead, he holds a mirror up to them. They look at themselves honestly, and they don’t throw the stones.

We are not just sinful people, waiting to be judged. We are not perfect people, who can get away with anything. We are forgiven people, because God sees us as we are and loves us no matter what.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy Soltau

Look in the Mirror

What’s the difference between a magnifying glass and a mirror? The magnifying glass makes small details appear larger than they really are. The mirror reflects just what is in front of it.

We can be tempted to think that God looks at us with a magnifying glass, seeing all our sins and flaws in great detail, and judging us based on that distorted image.

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Mass Intentions

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In your charity, please pray for...


Religious Education

HOLY THURSDAY MASS WITH CHILDREN

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Denis all children are welcome, especially those preparing for First Communion, are invited to participate in the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. We’ll be washing feet, joining the Eucharistic procession, and spending time adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Please bring your children to this special celebration.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

The junior high groups are preparing an Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday morning. March 27th after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Denis. They will fill them and hide them and help your little ones find them! Please join us for this fun tradition!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Catholic Relief Services projects 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 crsricebowl.org. Take a bowl with you today, and we’ll collect them during Holy Week.

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St. Vincent Paul March 16th

It’s not too late … to find out more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s new works here in St. Denis and in the local community. If you are interested in growing spiritually and serving people in need, come find out more on Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m. in the St. Denis Church Hall. All are welcome.

Stewardship

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