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

Second Collection today for Victims of Louisiana Floods

September 25th, 2016 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(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,

I am sorry to say when it comes to my oldest sister Patti, I am not the most generous person in the world. When I was assigned to St. Hilary Church in Tiburon, my mother made me promise that I would occasionally see my sister.

As you may know, Patti suffers from severe mental illness. At that time, my sister was either living in a homeless shelter or on the streets of San Francisco. She was incapable of holding any kind of job. Patti has spent most of her life homeless and unemployed. There was nothing my mother could do for her. There was nothing I wanted to do for her.

Every once in awhile, I would take the ferry from Larkspur to the City to see my sister and to give her some money. This was something I dreaded to do. Having to see my sister always put me in a bad mood. It was a bit of a hassle. Seeing her took at least half the day. To be honest, there were others things I wanted to do with my time, but I did it for my mom anyway.

By the time of adding the cost of taking the ferry, buying her lunch and giving Patti some money it was at least $100 of my own money. Even though I could have given a lot more money to my sister, that was all I was willing to give her, not a cent more.

Unfortunately, when it comes to my sister Patti, I feel and act like the rich man in today's gospel passage. The rich man was unwilling to help Lazarus who begged him for help. This story of the rich man and Lazarus helps to answer the age old question of why do we have the poor and the homeless in our lives. I believe we have them for the salvation of our souls. They challenge us to give of ourselves and to be generous when we do not want to.

They make us realize where our hearts are: closed and resistant or open and caring. I am afraid that I will always be quite reluctant to give of myself, including my money, to my sister. Maybe in time I will be more willing. Hopefully before it is too late for me. God bless. Fr. Paul

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LECTIONARY-BASED CATECHESIS

Today begins another year of our Faith Formation program! All classes begin today:
- PreK thru 4th grade at 9:30am,
- 5th & 6th grade at 10:30am and
- 7th & 8th grade (Confirmation) at 5:30pm.

Since most of these classes happen during Mass, it may seem like the classes are a substitute for the Mass, or something for the children to do while their parents are in church. It may seem like we’re just babysitting.

So I thought I’d let you know what the children are really doing in their classes.

The materials we used are based on the Sunday readings each week. The Gospel is the main focus. The children hear the Gospel proclaimed and then have a chance to discuss ways to apply its message to their everyday life, in ways that are appropriate to their age level.

There are games, puzzles, activities, questions to discuss, prayer, and community building, all centered on the Gospel message of the day.

And the catechist teach as Jesus taught: listening and understanding where the person is in their faith life, showing them where God would like them to be, and then helping them take the next step closer to God.

Then the children join the rest of the community at the table, to celebrate and strengthen our faith for the week ahead, and to go into the world and share that faith with others!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

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Mass Intentions

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Our Lady Of The Wayside Church

| Sat.  Sept. 24       | 4:30 pm | World Peace |
| Sun.  Sept. 25       | 9:30 am | Donohue/Sands Families (living) |

In your charity, please pray for...

**Stewardship**

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**Our Bake Sale Is Coming!**

Once again, on October 2nd, our Bake Sale which benefits St. Anthony Padua Dining Room right here in Menlo Park, where 500-600 lunches are served to local homeless shelters seven days a week. They also distribute grocery bags filled with food for anyone to take home. Without food and monetary donations this service for the less fortunate would not be possible. Please go to paduadingroom.com for more details.

You can participate in the Bake Sale by baking the goods or buying. It’s a great way to get your family together in the kitchen. We will have clipboards September 25th after 9:30am mass or contact Barbara Mason babs412@yahoo.com, or 650 854-2526. Teens and tweens will once again be baking tasting treats on Saturday, October 1st from 5pm to 8pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Chris Sheehy to sign up at cmsheehy79@yahoo.com or 650 274-9738. Pizza dinner will be provided.

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**Friendly Reminders**

**Bulletin and Announcements**

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of friendly reminders:
- The deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon) before the weekend of publication.
- All Mass announcements are to be scripted and okayed by Dede prior to the Masses. Contact her at dededewm@pacbell.net.

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**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**

**Sunday, October 2 at 10:30am in the Chapel.**

For parents of children preparing to receive First Communion this spring.

We’ll go over the requirements, give you the home study materials, and answer any questions you may have. At least one parent should plan to attend.

Contact Lucy at lsoルtau@stdenisparish.org for more information.

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**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**

**ALL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!!!!**

Our complete calendar and registration are now available on our parish website! Register all your school aged children anytime. Fees can be paid using ParishPay. Please choose Religious Education Fees to process your payment. Thank you.

PreK thru 4th grades Sundays at 9:30am (join the Mass about 10:00am)

5th/6th grades          Sundays at 10:30-11:30am
7th/8th grades          Selected Sundays at 5:30pm (includes Mass, dinner, class)

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Youth Rally

REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

A YEAR OF MERCY:
A TIME TO HEAL, TO HELP, TO FORGIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
ST. BÉDE PARISH, HAYWARD
FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS BRIAN STOW & TONY MELENDEZ

CONTACT LUCY FOR MORE DETAILS
ltsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Outdoor Mass & Pancake Breakfast

![Image of people sitting on grass with balloons]

![Image of pancakes and a pancake breakfast]

![Image of people working at a pancake breakfast]

![Image of balloons tied to a tree]