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

November 6th Second Collection for Military Services

November 3rd, 2016  32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(650) 854-5976
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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

How blessed we are to be in this area where we can freely live and practice our faith. We have the luxury of going to mass in peace. We face no threat. We face no imminent danger. We face no fear of persecution. We can go to church whenever and wherever we want. Given where we are, being a Catholic is easy.

Today’s first reading from the Book of Maccabbees reminds us of the hardships God’s chosen People faced and experienced in ancient times. The seven brothers and their mother suffered tremendous torture and an excruciating death. They died willingly for their belief in God. They persevered to the end. They remained faithful to the Law of God. Their heroic example reminds us that it is possible to be people of faith in the worst of times.

Sometimes we use difficulties in life as a reason for stop going to Church and believing in God. In my own life, I have come to realize the importance of accepting all things with faith and trust in God. Everything, including hardships, is part of God’s plan. We may not like it at the time. We may not understand it at the time. We may never know why things happen, but if we persevere with faith and trust in God, things will work out. That is how we are to live our lives as Christians. If the seven brothers and their mother can be faithful to God in their darkest hour so can we.

Fr. Paul

THE END IS NEAR!

As we get closer to the end of the Liturgical year, the readings are full of warnings about the end of life as we know it. But they also give us signs of hope about the life that is to come. Eternal life with God, resurrection from the dead, these doctrines can be difficult to wrap our brains around!

It was difficult for those in Jesus’ time too. But Jesus reminds us that God is God of the living, not the dead. To God, everyone is alive, always! Our souls are eternal, even though our bodies are not.

Time and space are limits that we have, but God has no limits. God is timeless. So we can always be in God’s presence!

That’s why God can hear our prayers and act in our lives, right now! There are no limits to God’s love and mercy.

So we can be comforted by the knowledge that we are never alone and can always have hope.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

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**Pastor’s Corner**

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### 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.

### Friendly Reminders

**Bulletin & Announcements.**

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of reminder:

- 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 dedewm@pacbell.net

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Tidings of Great Joy

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Sunday November 13th - Next to Coffee and Donuts

Saturday, December 10th 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
@ St. Denis Parish Center
2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tickets: ($25 each)
Please make checks payable to: St. Denis Parish
Barbara Mason @ Tel: 650.854.2526  Email: babs412@yahoo.com, or Josephine Dorval 650.619.4024

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LECTOR BOOKS: Lector books for the new church year for those currently active in this ministry are available in the sacristy.

THANK YOU: Thank you to those people who have contributed to our collections for the troops! We will continue this collection up through Veteran’s Day, November 11th.

VOLUNTEER SHEETS: Please take a volunteer sheet located by the bulletins this week. The Outreach & St. Vincent de Paul Committees are surveying your interests as they offer service activities for families and individuals in the coming months.

BOOK DRIVE: We are having a Book Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They have had great success selling all types of books online to raise money for the needy in San Mateo County. Please leave your books at the back of church and we will collect them after mass today November 5th & 6th.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Your loved ones who have died will be remembered especially in prayer and during our masses. You can enter their names in the black remembrance book provided at the back of church this coming month of November.