

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

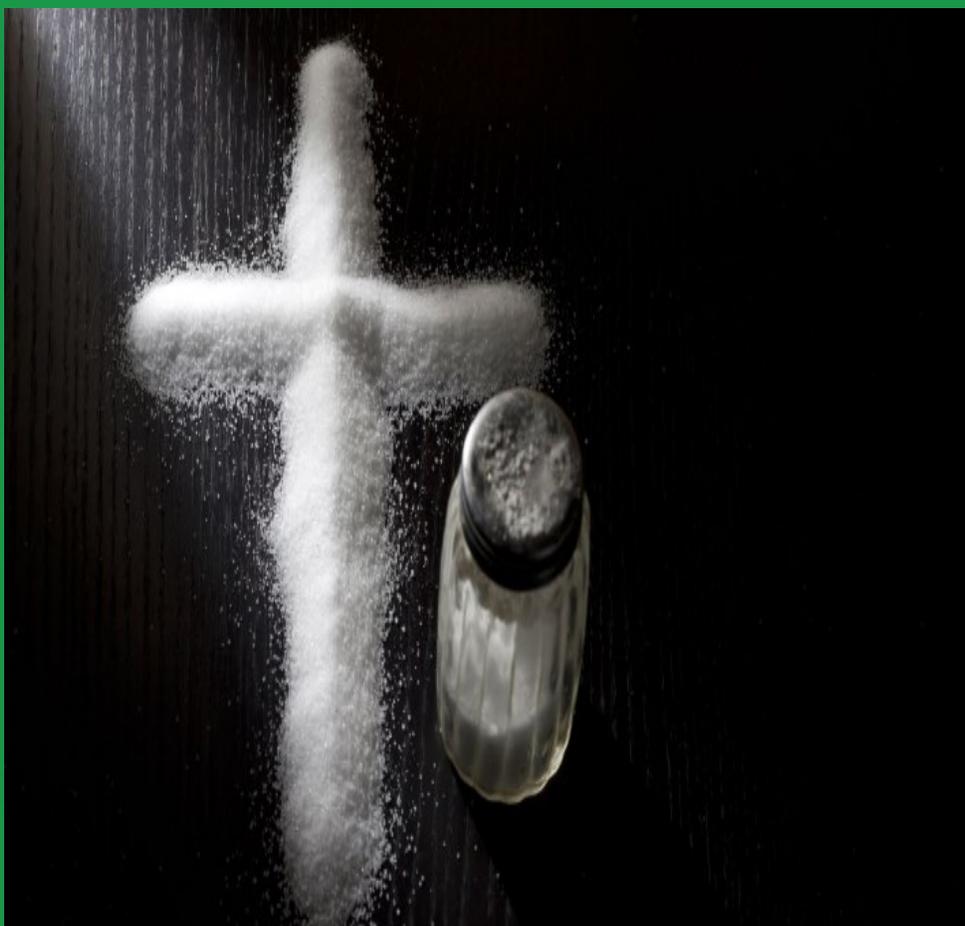
Confession Times
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Matthew 5: 13-16

You Are The Salt of the Earth

Let Your Light Shine Before Others



February 5th, 2017 5th Sunday in ordinary time

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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

Pastor's Corner

What We Believe

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

At our baptism, the Paschal candle was lit. The Paschal candle is large and white for it symbolizes Christ. Our faith reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. After the priest baptized us, our godparents lit the baptismal candle from the Paschal candle. Through the waters of baptism, we now have Christ, his light, in us. The light of faith burns inside us. Like Christ, we are to be a light to the world. We can be because Christ's light is in us.

More importantly, we are challenged to be a Christ, a light to others. This is how we can shine a light on those living in darkness. A kind gesture, helping those in need, being of service to those who call out to us is how we are a light to the world. As we know, the world can be a cold, dark place because people can be at times self-absorbed. How often do we see people buried in their cell phones, computers or tablets not looking up or around. Their light is hidden consequently. Jesus could be standing before them and they would not even know it. Jesus is actually standing in front of us in the needy. By looking up at people, we uncover our light for people to see.

This coming week, look up and around not down. Allow your light to shine by seeing and acknowledging people around you. Open your heart. Be willing to give yourself to those in need. You just may see the very face of Christ in your midst. Fr. Paul

Salt of the Earth, Light of the World

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." We are now the disciples and these two images symbolize our call to be active in the world. We should not be hiding in fear under a basket!

Now is the time to shine so bright that everyone knows what we as disciples stand for. We are living in a time when our boldness and bright light must overcome our fear and caution.

At this moment in history we are called to shine brightly for Creation, for our Brothers and Sisters no matter who they are or where they come from, and for Truth.

Jesus told us not to hide in quiet caution and fear under a bushel basket but be a light that shines in a world that that has been covered in darkness.

To quote Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:
"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only Love can do that."

Many of us have been salt and light in the world but now we are being called to have even more flavor and be an even brighter light.

Yours in the Lord,
Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Feb 04	5:30 pm	Mary Jo Wilbert (+)
Sun. Feb 05	7:30 am	Niki Rahmati (living)
	9:30 am	Mario & Sandra Castro (+)
	11:30 am	Baby Sierra
Mon. Feb 06	8:00 am	Global Peace
Tues. Feb 07	8:00 am	Jeffrey Johnson (+)
Wed. Feb 08	8:00 am	Victims of human trafficking
Thurs Feb 09	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Fri. Feb 10	8:00 am	Mary & Robert Hagman (+)

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Feb 04	4:30pm	Baby Sierra
Sun. Feb 05	9:30am	Victims of human trafficking

In your charity, please pray for...

Baby Sierra, Ken Broome, Lillian Schulte, Janet Sue Cox, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, Stella Arde, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Lorie Ortega, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner.

Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a short meeting with First Communion parents **TODAY Sunday, February 5 at 10:30am in the church (right after Mass)** We have your folders and home materials for the second half of the year.

And it's always good to check in with each other!

For more information about any of these events,

Please contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS CHANGE!

Due to the Super Bowl, today's scheduled class will be **NEXT SUNDAY, February 12.**

Join us at 5:30pm for Mass, then dinner and class time til 8:00pm.

Bring your journals!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS WITH FR. PAUL (optional)

Fr. Paul's next sessions with the First Communion class will be **Monday, February 13 at 3:30pm in the parish library.**

Lenten Outreach Project

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Join us during Lent as we partner with St. Leo the Great Parish in Oakland and Catholic Charities of East Bay to provide financial assistance to a newly settled refugee family from Afghanistan.

For more information about the program please visit our parish website www.stdenisparish.org

You may begin to contribute to this worthy cause on the 2nd Sunday of Lent. Please make checks payable to St. Denis Parish and write "for Refugee Project." There will be colored envelopes in the pews and at the back of the church. Place your check in the colored envelope and drop it into the collection basket or the parish office mail box.

Personal Planning Seminars

Topics at these seminars include end-of-life bioethical decisions, funeral and burial planning, and estate planning. When it comes to these important issues, many people need a place to turn for sound moral advice. All parishioners are welcome to attend any of these FREE workshops. Please register to attend. Contact Fr. Anthony Giampietro at 415-614-5580 development@SFArch.org.

Dates and locations are:

Saturday, February 11 10am-11:30 am St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church

Saturday, February 18 10am-11:30 am St. Raymond Church

Saturday, March 4 10am-11:30 am St. Bartholomew Church

Saturday, April 1 10am-11:30 am St. Hilary Church

Tax Statements

Parish Pay has sent out 2016 tax statements to those of you who use it. The parish office has sent out tax statements for families that gave more than \$500.00. If you have given less and would still like a copy email Gina Morales at gmorales@stdenisparish.org. Thank you.

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin & Announcements.

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.

Note: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin cycle due to space limitations. Thank you.



Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00
July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016	\$227,568.98
Monthly Goal– December, 2016	\$36,000.00
December Sunday Collections	\$35,095.00

Annual Appeal 2017 \$27,094.00

Actual Amount Needed (\$100,000.00)

Parish Pictorial Directory

2017 St. Denis/Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Directory

Please join us in having a picture of you, your family and even your pets in our parish directory!

All participating parishioners will receive a FREE directory & an 8X10 color portrait.

Our 2017 Parish Directory won't be complete without you!

Please sign up today!

Volunteers will have a sign up table in the plaza on February 5 to help you!

Pictures will be taken on Feb 15, 16, 17, 18, 24 & 25 at St. Denis Parish Hall.

To schedule your appointment, go to the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org

and follow the link on the homepage.

We need volunteers to help with the photo sessions on Feb. 25 at 1:30-3:30pm OR 6:00-8:00pm.

For further information please contact Josephine Dorval at (650)506-6571



Connecting You through
Family Photography

Upcoming Events

February 7th— Senior Valentine Lunch at 12 noon in the parish hall

**March 1st— Ash Wednesday Mass and Soup Luncheon for everyone
12 noon at St. Denis**

**March 5th— Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast & Lent Workshop 10:30am in
the parish hall**

**March 8th— First Weekly Lenten Family Potluck & Faith Sharing 6-8pm in
the parish hall**



Sunday Donut Help Needed!

Please go to www.stdenisparish.org to sign up to help with "donut duty" so we can continue this community-building activity. Volunteers will be given "first dibs" to reserve their favorite flavor for after Mass.

