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

February 12th, 2017 6th 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
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Assent is defined as approval or agreement and surrender is defined as cease resistance, give in and give way. These two words go against our human nature and proclivities. As human beings, we can be stubborn, head strong and prideful. We can have the mindset of I want to do things my way. Frank Sinatra had a song about that. "I did it my way." When we tune out advice and not listen then we are likely to make mistakes. Sometimes making the same mistake over and over again. It is no wonder why we feel like we are spinning our wheels and going nowhere.

The words assent and surrender are important words for us as Christians. A life of faith involves assenting and surrendering to something larger than ourselves. We are challenged to assent to the commandments of God and to surrender our will for the will of God. God's commandments and will are intended to help us to live our lives the right way. They are not meant to be burdensome and overbearing.

There is a freedom and lightness when we live for God. We tend to not make the same mistakes. We make the right decisions in life. We are not self-absorbed. We are not internally struggling and fighting for control of our lives. God's presence is more pervasive in us. God is better able to work through us to accomplish his divine plan. May the words assent and surrender be the way we live our lives each and every day.

God bless, Fr. Paul

Breaking News

One of the best features of television for me is being able to record particular programs and “binge” watch them when my schedule permits. Being a 1950's girl, T.V. has always played a big part of my life. But since the campaigning and election my television viewing is confined to the news—where at least every hour there is “breaking news,” along with commentary from both sides that the various versions of this breaking news are now “broken.” All of it is very unsettling and it seems to be escalating day by day.

Amidst the controversies and political turmoil of the current atmosphere, enters our Scripture readings for this weekend.

In Sirach 15:15-20, we are reminded that God gives us choices and that what we choose has consequences, whichever the side of the fence we are on. If our choices are just we will come to know the ageless wisdom of our loving God, wisdom “not of this age...which God predetermined before the ages for our glory” (1Cor 2:6-10). In Matthew, 5:17-37, we are instructed to be forgiving, honest, and obedient to God’s commandments. In the confusion of the times in which we live these Sunday readings are a guidepost for our reactions to the constant stream of “breaking news” and that is why as believers God invites us to channel in the “Good News” of the Word.

Dede Waters-Masters

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In your charity, please pray for...

CONFIRMATION CLASS CHANGE!
We will have class TODAY, February 12.
Join us at 5:30pm for Mass, then dinner and class time till 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.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON FEBRUARY 19
There will be no classes next Sunday, February 19 for the Presidents’ holiday weekend.
All classes resume February 26.

Friends of Father Serra
Present Msgr. Harry Schlitt
March 9, 2017, 7:00pm
St. Raymond Community Center
Fr. Harry will discuss his recent book, "I’ll Never Tell, Odyssey of a Rock & Roll Priest."
"The story of a life well-lived and in the crucible of the Church and society." Tory Hartman, publisher
All are welcome!

Stewardship

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<td>July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)</td>
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<td>$38,872.00</td>
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Need a Ride to Mass?
If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available to help.
Please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657.

Friendly Reminders

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.
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!

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.

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

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.

Many Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1st– Ash Wednesday Mass & 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.

April 8th– Seder Meal TBA