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 26th, 2017 8th Sunday in ordinary time
Mass Intentions

**St. Denis**
- Sat. Feb 25 5:30 pm Walt Rozett (+)
- Sun. Feb 26 7:30 am Wilson Sharif (+)
- 9:30 am St. Denis Parishioners
- 11:30 am Christian Unity
- Mon. Feb 27 8:00 am Deceased Members
- Tues. Feb 28 8:00 am St. Denis Parishioners
- Wed. Mar 1 8:00 am Repentance
- Thurs Mar 2 8:00 am Trust in God
- Fri. Mar 3 8:00 am World Day of Prayer

**Our Lady Of The Wayside**
- Sat. Feb 25 4:30 pm Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sun. Feb 26 9:30 am Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners

In your charity, please pray for...

**Pastor’s Corner**

**The Present Moment**
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When we hit the “bumps” in our lives it may be difficult to acknowledge that God loves and cares for us right now in the present moment, unconditionally and forever. Yet carrying around our fears and burdens and letting them take over ignores the unconditional love of God. If we cannot believe that God loves us in the bad times as well as the good, we cannot love ourselves. But when we allow God to fill our hearts in the present moment, suddenly we have the power of grace—the realization that we are worth being loved by God and with that, the ability to give love to others as it has been so generously been given to us.. As Jesus reminds us, “Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.”

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**What We Believe**

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CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY
We’ll be meeting on Sunday, February 26 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm.
Bring your journals!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND LENTEN WORKSHOP
Join us on Sunday, March 5 after the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis for a Lenten Workshop.
We’ll have craft projects for the kids, ideas for observing Lent with your family,
And PANCAKES!! Free for all ages!
Contact Lucy for more details at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

OPERATION RICE BOWL
A beautiful way to answer the call to PRAY, FAST and GIVE during Lent.
Pick up your FREE Rice Bowl container by the church entrances TODAY!
Return your filled Rice Bowl during Holy Week.
All proceeds go to hunger projects in our area and Catholic Relief Services.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS
Please take a book with you to help your daily Lenten prayer.
Each day has a reflection on Scripture and an interesting story about Lenten practices and traditions.
Also, there is a handy Lenten schedule of parish events on the front!
LITTLE PURPLE BOOKS are for the children!

To sign up to help with donut service, please go to www.stdenparish.org and click on “Donut Help Needed!” Volunteers get “first dibs” on choosing donuts. For any further questions call Maritza at 650 291-0657.

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, March 4 10am-11:30 am St. Bartholomew Church
Saturday, April 1 10am-11:30 am St. Hilary Church

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
Thank you to everyone who participated in our directory project!
We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in the new book!

If you would like your contact information to be included in the directory, but did NOT have a picture taken, please fill out the card below and put it in the collection basket or drop it off in the parish office mailbox anytime.

2017 Parish Directory Card

Dear Parishioner,

Please complete this form if you wish to have your information in the Parish Directory and you are NOT planning to have your picture taken.

Name:
Address:
Tel:
Email Address:

Thank you and God bless you!

Upcoming Events

March 1st—Ash Wednesday Services: St Denis 8am, Noon (with soup lunch,) & 6pm
Our Lady of the Wayside 6pm

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

March 8th—First Weekly Lenten Family Potluck & Faith sharing 6-8pm in the St Denis parish hall