

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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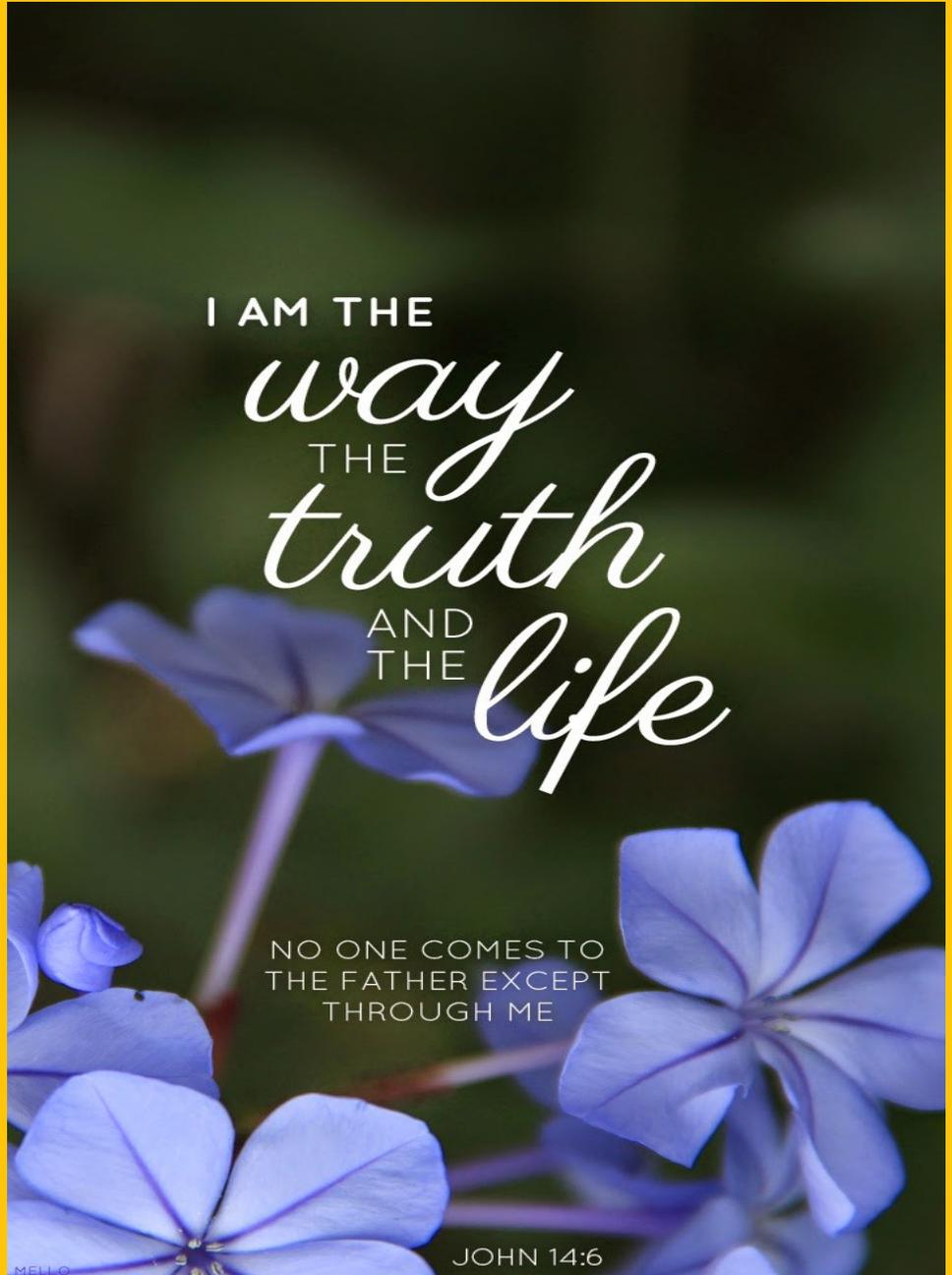
Mass Times

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



May 14th, 2017 5th Sunday of Easter

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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

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The word exult is mentioned in today's Responsorial Psalm. It means to rejoice, be joyful, be happy, be delighted, be elated and be ecstatic. This word, indeed, is an appropriate word on this Mother's Day weekend. The Lord, in his goodness, has given us the tremendous gift of a mother to love us unconditionally. A mother's love has a way of loving us no matter what, despite the mistakes and wrong decisions we may make in life.

God, in his wisdom, had his son Jesus born into this world through a mother. In this, we see the importance, dignity, sacredness and beauty of motherhood as well as womanhood. Because of this all women command our utmost respect. When my mother was battling dementia, I came to realize that a man is measured in how he treats his mother. I believe we will be judged in how we treat all women, God's gift to us.

On this Mother's Day, thank your mother, your wife, your grandmother and your great grandmother. Cherish them in your heart, and treasure every day they are still with you. They do not live forever, but their love for you does.

God bless, Fr. Paul

Upcoming Events

Family Italian Dinner: Saturday,
May 20 at 6:30pm
Outdoor Mass, May Crowning, and
Pancake Breakfast:
Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am in the St.
Denis gardens
Senior Luncheon & Communion
Service:
Tuesday, May 23rd at noon in the
St. Denis hall



Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	May	13	5:30 pm	George Koch (+)
Sun.	May	14	7:30 am	Irene Goodwin (+)
			9:30 am	Pauline Diaz (+)
			11:30 am	For all Mothers
Mon.	May	15	8:00 am	Farmers & Workers
Tues.	May	16	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Wed.	May	17	8:00 am	Students & Teachers
Thurs.	May	18	8:00 am	The Pope
Fri.	May	19	8:00 am	World Peace

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	May	13	4:30pm	Frank Quinn Jr. (+)
Sun.	May	14	9:30am	For all Mothers

In your charity, please pray for...

Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Sandy Rock, Baby Sierra, Ken Broome, Lillian Schulte, Janet Sue Cox, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, 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 Fuentez, 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, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner.

Family Italian Dinner

Everyone is invited to our Family Parish Italian Dinner on Saturday May 20th, at 6:30pm at St. Denis Parish Hall. Signups are at the back of both churches or you can call Dede at (650) 854-5976, press 4. The dinner is free. There will be a donation basket for our local charities at the dinner. We look forward to seeing you!!



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Please join us for our end of the year Outdoor Mass and Pancake Breakfast

on Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am at St. Denis.

Our schedule for next school year and registration form will be on the parish website soon,

or you can come into the office and register in person anytime this summer.

Most of our wonderful catechists will be returning next fall, but we are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to share your faith with the children, please contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org anytime, or find me at the donuts any Sunday!

Have a summer full of adventures, peace and joy!

We'll see you on September 17 for our opening Mass.

Classes begin again September 24

Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you for participating in the Operation Rice Bowl Lenten project! You may return your filled Rice Bowl during anytime.

Just place them in the box in the back of the church.

All proceeds go to hunger projects in our area and Catholic Relief Services. For more



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.net

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	Annual Appeal 2017	\$103,569.00
July 1, 2016 to April 30th, 2017	\$375,493.64	(Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00)	
Monthly Goal- April 2017	\$36,000.00		
April 2017 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$33,502.33		
Easter Collections	\$30,455.00		

In Case Mother's Day Is Hard For You

May, the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, is a fitting time to honor mothers and I find it especially comforting to know that even Our Lord's Mother had her ups and downs. Mindful of that, I would like to share this open letter written by a person named Jen from hopefulworld.org. If you are a happy, grateful Mom you have your own reward, but let's remember those who may be hurting especially today:

"Let's be real. Mother's Day can completely blow sometimes. You want to be cheerful. You want to be with the program. But some years there are all these little points of pain that will not go away.

**The baby you never had.
The one you gave up.
The kid you lost to something bigger than you.
The child that slipped away before you ever held her.
The one that was never born.
The one you worry you're failing.
The one that failed you.**

**The mother who's so close and yet so far.
The one you loved so much who couldn't love you back.
The one you could never love because it hurt too much.
The one you lost too soon.
The one who is slipping away.
The one you can never please.
The one you wish you could live up to.**



There are no cards to honor these children or these women. No holidays to contain all the parts of you that fall outside the lines of generally understood sorrow or celebration...And here, my friends, is where something important happens. This is where we connect, where we understand we are frail, where we are human. Where we see in new ways what life means. Where we are issued a compelling and persistent invitation to mother ourselves. To cut ourselves the breaks we didn't get. To ask for the help we always needed. To let tears come and say, This is how it is. I'll ask in this one tiny moment, for the courage I need to let everything just be. No matter what your point of pain or challenge today, I want you to know that you are not the only one. Somewhere over a silly Mother's Day breakfast, there is a woman faking a smile who feels just like you do. Somewhere in a very silent house with no one to call, there is a woman who is tending the ache of her loss, just like you. Somewhere standing in a shower there is a woman who is feeling it all and letting the tears come, just like you."

While many of us are enjoying a wonderful Mothers' Day, let us hold the nameless others lovingly in prayer. As we hold these women in our heartfelt thoughts, let us be in solidarity with them, asking our Blessed Mother to bless them with caring, hope, and light.

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