Peace be with you

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

2nd Collection next week April 21st/ 22nd for Catholic Home Missions

April 15th, 2018 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor’s Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We are in the midst of the Easter season. For fifty days we celebrate the glorious event of our faith, the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Once again the risen Lord appears to his disciples. Unfortunately, they are still incredulous of his resurrection. They are to be living witnesses of the risen Lord. A witness, as we know, is someone who sees with his very own eyes something that happened for real, and can testify under oath its validity. With confidence and conviction, a witness is able to give an account of what happened before a judge and jury.

This is why the risen Lord appears numerous times to his disciples after rising from the dead. After appearing to his disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus again appears to them. By doing this, Jesus is deepening and strengthening their resolve. In today’s gospel passage, Jesus not only has his disciples touch him with their hands, but also goes so far as to eat real food in their presence. In this encounter and experience, the disciples know intellectually as well as believe in their hearts Jesus Christ is risen.

Like the disciples, we too can see with our very own eyes, and feel with our hands the risen Lord. This happens whenever we receive and consume the Eucharist. For the mass is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery: the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us go forth then into the whole world to be living witnesses and to proclaim, if not to sing if we dare, Jesus Christ is risen.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

We Believe

A Lesson from Luke

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading (Luke 24:35-48), we hear about the two disciples who, on the way to Emmaus, encountered the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Somehow these two followers must have mistrusted their first miraculous perception that Jesus was truly alive, because as they retell their amazing story to others, the Gospel of Luke says they are “startled and terrified” when once again the resurrected Jesus appears to them in their midst. Didn’t the first apparition convince them and allay their fears?

This narrative illustrates the fear, doubt, and uncertainty that plagues us humans, doesn’t it? Even as persons of faith, we can look at our individual lives and recognize God’s hand in them but as we move on to the new challenges and problems that arise, we often initially feel confused, alone, and deserted. Like these two disciples, we forget that we have already experienced God’s unconditional love and intimate connection with our joys and especially our sufferings in our journey through life.

If we can take a little time to review our lives’ histories, perhaps we can acknowledge how God “graced” us through. Moving forward to the next of life’s chapters we can remember Jesus’ comforting words, “Why are you troubled?”

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

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<td>Sat.  April 14</td>
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<td>Our Jewish brothers &amp; sisters</td>
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<td>9:30 am</td>
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<td>Fri.  April 20</td>
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In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.
Stewardship

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**RENEWAL ED CLASSES RESUME NEXT WEEK!**

There will be no classes on April 15 for Fr. Paul’s Anniversary Party. We will have class on April 22.

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT:**

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Researchers in the Social Concepts Lab will be here to interview our religious ed students about their perceptions about God: What’s God like? What does God look like? What do you believe about God? They will conduct their research during class time on Sunday, April 22 with the teachers’ supervision. Parents can opt out of participating by keeping their children out of class that day, or can stay in the class to observe! For more details, please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

**CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION**

Please join us on Saturday, April 21 at 10:00am for the celebration of Confirmation with William Cardinal Levada and these young people, who have chosen to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith!

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit take root in them, help them, and guide them now and always!


**CRS RICE BOWL**

You may bring your filled Rice Bowls to church anytime during the Easter season. Just put them in the collection basket or in the box in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE**

New to online Egiving? Follow the link in our parish website to create a new account. If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account.

**Stewardship**

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Happy Easter!

Knit, Pray, Love

Knit and Pray group meets Monday, April 23 at 5:30pm in the parish library.