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

The parish office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

May 26th, 6th Sunday of Easter

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. John 14:27

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Already we hear discord and ambiguity within the early Church from today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The early Church went through growing pains itself. The issue of circumcision was of great concern in the early Church. This was a hot topic of discussion for the disciples of Jesus. Countless Gentiles were converting to the faith. The 11 Apostles were Jewish and consequently circumcised. Did this mean that Gentile men had to be circumcised as well? Jesus himself was a Jewish man. Some of the apostles were teaching the necessity of having to be circumcised after converting to the faith in Jesus. In their opinion, this had to be done in order to be saved. They were teaching about other things as well.

Because there was no concrete unifying teaching about Jesus, one had to be created. After prayerful discernment rooted in and guided by the Holy Spirit, the teachings of the Church arose to bring peace of mind to the newly converted. A unifying teaching empowered by the Holy Spirit was taught. The Holy Spirit is unifying whereas the teachings rooted in man can be and is often ambiguous, confusing and divisive.

The Holy Spirit gives us the spiritual insight in all matters. It is God's gift to us to help us in life. Turn to the Holy Spirit then in your time of need. It will guide you where God desires you to be. There you will find peace.

God bless, Fr. Paul

The True Walk Of Faith

As we approach the liturgical milestone of Pentecost, it is valuable to contemplate the faith of the followers of Jesus and how that faith was tested when their Teacher was no longer physically present to them. The Apostles had the courage to say “yes” to Christ, and that decision carried a price as it did for Jesus. Richard Rohr states: “...faith happens in the in-betweens, the interruptions, the thresholds. It happens when I’ve left this room where I was in control, where I had my self-explanation, where I had my ego boundaries, where I had my moral sense of my own righteousness and superiority.”

We know the Followers of Jesus, along with His Mother, were praying and living together as a community, gathered in faith, waiting upon the Lord. Perhaps the witness of Mary was initially part of the glue that held them together in the post-Ascension hours or days, in spite of their fears and anxieties, but they were unsure and fearful of where they were headed, despite the promises of Christ. But then the power comes, grounded in their convictions by the infusion of blessings of the Holy Spirit. Somehow their faith comes alive, their faithfulness bears the fruit of the Paschal Mystery, the faith legacy we share today.

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost in a couple of weeks, it is worthwhile to remember the Spirit hovers over the uncertainty and chaos of our own lives, too. We often experience difficulties, doubts, losses, and indecisiveness, but it is those times that position each one of us on the verge of experiencing the unconditional love of God. Embracing that journey with hope and trust, however tumultuous, is the true walk of faith.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

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In your charity, please pray for...

Judy Lucier, Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Anselmo Briones
Faith Formation News

Thanks to everyone who helped with the PANCAKE BREAKFAST!! Our outdoor Mass got rained out, but Mother Mary got her crown and the breakfast was delicious! Pictured: Yolanda, Heidi, Zoe, Mark, Maya, Cedrik, Dominik and Roydon. Not pictured but just as helpful: Raymond, Ryan, Lynde, Gina, Ani and Manuel.

Catechists Needed And Wanted!

We are always looking for energetic, faith-filled people willing to share that faith with others, to teach in our faith formation programs. All our programs meet on Sundays during the school year. We provide all the materials, training and children! You supply your time, talent and faith! If you are interested, please contact Lucy Soltau anytime at lsohtau@stdenisparish.org

Stewardship

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal) $468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to April, 2019 $361,318.00
Monthly Goal– April 2019 $36,000.00
April 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections $28,859.00
2019 Annual Appeal Goal $110,000.00
2019 (Actual Annual Appeal to date) $112,735.00

Donation Corner

“Save Time and Donate Online!”

Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website stdenisparish.org, and follow the links. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call WeShare at 800 950-9952.

Knit & Pray

It’s time to get your knitting and crochet materials out again. Please join us at Parish Hall Library on June 24, July 22 and August 26. There will be no gathering on May 27. -- 5:30-7:00pm.

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 masses. Contact her at dede@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next Bulletin due to space limitations.

Thank You!
This summer we invite you to discover the power of goodness! We’re now reading *Made for Goodness* by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu. They offer a simple message that if we stop trying to “be good,” and live out of our inherent God-given goodness, we can create beauty in our own lives and for others, too. Desmond and Mpho tell stories of South Africans whose lives are infused with the Holy Spirit.

Come join us. Our group is now meeting weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am at a home in Menlo Park. We read one chapter each week and carry on a lively discussion. Please call Tereza McNamee at 650-323-6859 if you would like further information. After a few weeks vacation, our meetings resume on June 26.