

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: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

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

Second Collection:
Catholic Relief Services



March 22nd, 2020 4th Sunday of Lent

(650) 854-5976
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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,

We are facing difficult times yet we are facing them together. It seems as though we are the disciples in the boat, on the sea in the midst of the storm. It's only natural that the disciples were afraid but Jesus was with them, asleep. The disciples woke Him and pleaded with Him to save them. And with the power of Jesus' words He calmed the storm. If we turn to Him in faith, He too will calm the storm of our fears. And just like Jesus was with his disciples, so too is He with us, even though it may not seem like He is. All that Jesus asks of us, is for us to have faith in Him. And so let us put our faith in Him.

Let us pray for all those that have been affected by the virus, and those that have died. And let us pray that God will bless the scientists to find a cure for the virus. We also pray for the health care professionals that are working with the sick on a day to day basis.

Now more than ever, let us take good care of our parish, and each other with the love of the Lord.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

In today's Gospel, we encounter the curing of the blind man in the Gospel of John. This miracle is a testimony to Jesus' compassion, God's infinite power, the innocence of the victim, and his faith in the Jesus experience.

Blindness can infiltrate our own lives in many ways: prejudice, close mindedness and self-righteousness are some observable examples. While our current corona global crisis has blindsided us, it has also given us an opportunity to see our lives in new and challenging ways. Perhaps we have been called to take our blinders off, realizing our own vulnerability and the marginalization so many of our needy experience.

These next weeks may call us to a deepening of our commitment to follow Christ through the simple gestures of patience and kindness we may be called to perform. If we meet these challenges, we too may be able to see with a renewed vision.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

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| Sat. | Mar. 21 | Marjorie Bruno (+) |
| Sun. | Mar. 22 | Doroteo & Felicidad Carrasco (+) |
| Mon. | Mar. 23 | For those affected by the virus |
| Tues. | Mar. 24 | Lillian Durazzo (+) |
| Wed. | Mar. 25 | For those affected by the virus |
| Thur. | Mar. 26 | For those affected by the virus |
| Fri | Mar. 27 | For those affected by the virus |

Our Lady of the Wayside

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| Sat. Mar. 21 | Pierre Fischer (+) |
| Sun. Mar. 22 | For those affected by the virus |

In your charity, please pray for...

J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, Teresa Bautista, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohen
Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

The Archdiocese has ordered that ALL faith formation programs be CANCELLED for the remainder of the school year due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Class materials are available in the parish office for parents to use at home.

First Communion and Confirmation celebrations and rehearsals will take place as scheduled.

Other events, including the Easter Egg hunts and the Outdoor Mass and Pancake breakfast are also cancelled.

Please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org with any questions or concerns.

Pray for each other and for all effected by this virus. Stay safe and healthy!



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT

The Little Black books are a simple way to help you pray more and better during the season of Lent. There are reflections for every day, and the Holy Week schedule is on the front. And there are Little Purple books for the kids.

Question Of The Week

Since you've been home all day, what are you noticing that you may have overlooked before?

Lenten Parish Project

This year the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a few parish Lenten projects that connect with the St. Francis Center in Redwood City. First, Sr. Christina wants a few clarinets for her 3rd and 6th graders. Unfortunately each clarinet costs \$600. Do you by chance have a clarinet or a little money to help Sister out? If so, please mail a check in any amount, or take the clarinet to St. Francis Center. All checks should be made out to the St. Francis Center. Please consider helping these kids!



Outreach Food Drive

The Outreach Committee is collecting non perishable food items such as canned goods, dried pastas, etc. There will be barrels outside of St. Denis Church. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Bulletin Deadline

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deadline for bulletin articles is Tuesday before noon, before the weekend of publication. All announcements during Mass are to be scripted and approved by Dede prior to Masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next bulletin due to space

limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

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| July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Estimated goal) | \$459,000.00 |
| July 1, 2019 to February 2020 | \$296,728.00 |
| Monthly Goal- February 2020 | \$36,000.00 |
| February 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections | \$38,672.00 |
| Annual Appeal 2020 Goal | \$107,655.00 |
| Annual Appeal 2020 Actual | \$66,435.00 |

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.

Upcoming Events

To slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the church will be closed until April 7th, all events are CANCELLED, including masses. Please call the parish office at 650 854-5976 for more information. If there's anything that Fr. Paul can do to help and support you & your family during this unusual time you may call him directly at 415 686-9951. We are praying for you. Please pray for us.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5

procession with palms at all weekend Masses CANCELLED

The Triduum:

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:00pm Mass with benediction

Good Friday, April 10

noon service with the Stations of the Cross,
Adoration of the Cross, and Communion

Easter Vigil, April 11

7:00pm Mass with Sacraments of Initiation

Easter Sunday, April 12

regular Sunday Mass schedule



Supporting Your Parish During These Difficult Times

Please continue to financially support your parish so that we can continue to provide the ministries that everyone relies on. You may mail your donations to the parish office, or you may give online through WeShare. Go to the parish website, stdenisparish.org to find the links to set up your donation or you may call WeShare at 800 950-9952, press 3, then press 2 or email weshare@4lpi.com. We thank you for your continued support!