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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MassTimes

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

Office Closed December 26th thru January 2nd.

A Savior Has Been Born

December 25th, 2016 Nativity of the Lord

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
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Pastor's Corner

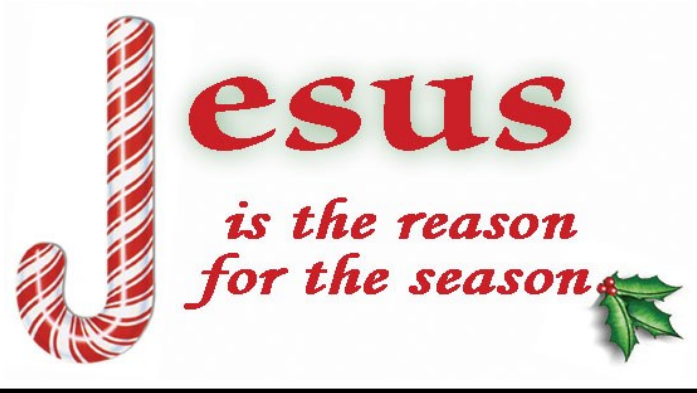
The Candy Cane's Good News

The candy cane is more than just a simple Christmas treat. It has a GOOD NEWS message I can share with all I meet.

This cane helps tell the Gospel truth of why my Savior came. In fact, it's shaped like letter J, the first in Jesus' name!

The pure white color of the cane means Christ was pure of sin. The red stripes tell that Jesus died so I might live again.

He is my shepherd every day. He guides and keeps me too. And, I just cannot wait to share the candy cane's GOOD NEWS!



What We Believe

Sightings

As a catechist, at the pre-Christmas season you try to get the little ones to veer slightly away from presents and Santa and to center on the Nativity Story, but, as we were discussing Christmas today in my Sunday Pre-K class, I was reminded of something that happened over 60 years ago. When I was a very little girl my dad took me to the window on Christmas Eve and told me that if I looked very hard, I could see Santa among the stars on his sleigh riding through the sky. "I see it, Daddy!"I remember exclaiming, while peering through the venetian blinds. That made my father smile and shout out to my mother, "Marion, Dede can see Santa Claus!" The next day at Christmas dinner all the relatives heard about this sighting, all the more astonishing since we lived in a fog belt in Daly City back then.

In a weekly Tuesday night spirituality group I belong to, we share "God-sightings, "times when we feel God has particularly shown up in our everyday lives. We have found that consciously being present to these "God-sightings" keeps us focused on life's important message, that Emmauel, "God with us" is real. Fostering that view can make all the difference. I never saw Santa in the stars again but it's okay.

Dede

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Dec 24	4:00 pm	Bob & Mary Hagman (+)
		6:00 pm	St. Denis Decease Members
Sun.	Dec 25	7:30 am	Omid Sharif (+)
		9:30 am	Omid Sharif(+)
		11:30 am	St. Denis Deceased Members
Mon.	Dec 26	8:00 am	The Pope
Tues.	Dec 27	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Wed.	Dec 28	8:00 am	The Homeless and Shut Ins
Thurs	Dec 29	8:00 am	Deceased Members
Fri.	Dec 30	8:00 am	Mary Margaret Koch (+)

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Dec 24	4:30pm	Deceased Members
Sat. Dec 24	9pm	Deceased Members
Sun. Dec 25	9:30am	World Peace

In your charity, please pray for...

Lillian Schulte, George Sutton,Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, Stella Arde, 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, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner. **NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

Religious Education

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR VACATION TIME!

There will be no Religious Ed classes on December 25 and January 1.

Our next regular classes FOR EVERYONE will be January 8.

Have a happy and holy Christmas!

EIGHTH GRADERS TO MAPLE STREET SHELTER

Our Eighth Grade group cooked for and served to folks at the Maple Street Shelter.

They had a wonderful experience, learned a lot and met some interesting people!

Need a Ride to Mass?

If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available to help. Please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657.

7th Grade Retreat Day

Our 7th grade group was on retreat last Saturday. They discerned the Gifts of the Holy Spirit , and how to use those gifts in their lives. And they enjoyed the parishioners at Our Lady of the Wayside for mass.

Christmas Tea Thanks You!!

Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements.

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of reminders:

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

Advent Office Hours

Due to our heavy workload caused by the end of the year and a new payroll system our office hours are 9:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Friday. Please call if you are planning on coming in during lunch time as we may be on break.

Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	**$450,000.00**
July 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016	**$192,473.98**
Monthly Goal-November, 2016	**$36,000.00**
November Sunday Collections	**$37,391.58**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Staff of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside Churches

Extends, our warmest Christmas Greetings and thank each and

Everyone of you for your encouragement and support.

Fr. Paul, Lucy, Dede, Gina, & Manuel.