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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Denis Parish is to create a warm and welcoming, Christ-centred, Catholic community that answers the call to know, love, and serve God by spreading the Gospel through words and actions.

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese
pastor@stdenischurch.ca

PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese
ajivargheseoic@gmail.com

SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Nancy Chmay
secretary@stdenischurch.ca

DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

Mr. Ryan Hermack
evangelization@stdenischurch.ca

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed everyday for lunch: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST. DENIS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

Principal: Mrs. Victoria Wegelin
175 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 1S1
905-682-4156

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

Principal: Mrs. Branka Jones
615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3
905-934-3112

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Principal: Mr. Tony Della Ventura
541 Lake Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 4H7
905-646-2002

SACRAMENTAL SERVICES

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

(IN CHURCH)

Tuesday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
Saturday: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

(IN MEETING ROOM)

Monday to Friday: 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the priest!

WEDDINGS

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the priest!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

(IN MEETING ROOM)

Sunday to Saturday: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

(1ST THURSDAY & 1ST FRIDAY)

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

DEVOTION TO MARY

(DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY)

7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Please call or email the parish office.

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, April 25 – Private Mass

St. Mark, Evangelist
Sp. Int. Alex Kazam

Tuesday, April 26 – 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel
Antonela & Oranulus Vaz & Family

Wednesday, April 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Deceased of the Andria Family

Thursday, April 28 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Thomas DeMontbrun

Friday, April 29 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Sp. Int. Nancy Chmay

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 30 – 4:00 p.m.

Russ Kozachenko | Wendy Pozzobon | Leze Avullija
Stewart Hamilton | Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 1 – 8:00 a.m.

Paolo & Antonia Marcella | George Vanderwerf
Maria De Meo | Sp. Int. Lee Bastings

Sunday, May 1 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, May 1 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Deacon Daniel Corso



COLLECTION FOR APRIL 17

Easter Offertory	\$ 7,503.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,235.00
E-Transfers	\$ 525.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,263.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30th, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.”

I would like to invite each of you to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 3:00 p.m. today. Myself, Fr. Ben, and His Excellency, Bishop Bergie, will be hearing confessions in the presence of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. Come delight in the abundance of mercy that has been prepared for you, especially as we continue to bask in the light of the Risen Christ!

I would also like to thank the anonymous donor who so generously sponsored this year's Paschal Candle. May the Lord continue to bless each of you during this Easter Season.

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

When we look up the word ‘hospitality’ we find the definition: “*the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.*” There is no doubt that we have a great team that does this before Mass, but I would like to see it expanded beyond just before Mass. For example: coffee socials, parish dinners, and fun family events.

As such, I have asked Mrs. Yolanda Hermack to take on the role of Coordinator of Hospitality. This is not something she can do alone and is certainly looking for volunteers to be on her team. If you are interested in serving the parish in this way, please email Yolanda at hospitality@stdenischurch.ca.

The first event that we will be restoring is the coffee social after that 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Please feel free to bring some delicious nut-free treats to share. This will be a great way to enjoy some awesome Sunday morning fellowship!

QUEEN OF CLERGY CENACLE

This is a group of laity and clergy dedicated to praying for an increase in vocations to priesthood and for all priests (and bishops). To join this virtual prayer group, please email cenacle@stdenischurch.ca to be added to the group list. The next meeting is **Monday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.**



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our new monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Please send in your form & void cheque as soon as possible. Our deadline for the May withdrawal is Wednesday, April 27th. As of today, we have 14 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,335.00 per month. ***This truly is easiest way to give; you set it up once and you never have to worry about your weekly offering again!***

MASS INTENTIONS

What would be a better gift than offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your friends and family? Perhaps a birthday or anniversary or ordination?

Our next available single Mass intention is: Thursday, May 26th. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, May 7th. ***Reminder: you are welcome to book up to 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon, as to not be disappointed.***

NIAGARA FOUNDATION GALA

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is holding its annual Benefit Gala on Friday, May 20th, 2022 at Club Roma (125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines), doors open at 6:00 p.m. This year's honour guest is Bishop Bergie. The funds of this gala are used to help students in need and to provide scholarships to deserving students. There will be a cash bar, followed by dinner. Tickets are \$100.00 per person (with an eligible \$30.00 tax receipt upon request). For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.nfce.org or call 905-735-0240 Ext. 214.

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Each month “*The Vineyard Harvesters*” produce a calendar to pray for the priests of the diocese. If you would like the monthly calendar in print or by email, please let Nancy know and she can either print you a copy or email you the document.

Daily Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, You love Your church and those called to share Your priesthood! With our love and prayers, we join You in asking our Heavenly Father to continue to pour out His gifts of holiness, compassion, and ardent zeal on your priests everywhere. Inspire each of them to offer his life as an “*Ambassador of Christ*”, bringing reconciliation and healing to the world. Mary, Mother of all Priests, inspire us to live in peace and joy and pray this prayer with us. Amen.

CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

Interested in going to March for Life in Ottawa? There has been a bus arranged for youth and chaperones for May 11th & 12th. The fee is \$90.00 and includes bus, accommodations, youth conference, and candlelight vigil. Consider joining thousands of Canadians as we witness to the sanctity of life. Sign up by Wednesday, April 20th to guarantee your spot.

Also, there will be a Life Dinner held on Saturday, June 4th at Coppola's Banquet Hall (203 Carlton Street, St. Catharines) with speaker Lia Mills. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for students. To book your tickets for these events, please visit www.chooselife.ca/events or call 905-684-7505.

Additionally, there will be a Mother's Day Diaper Drive to help moms in difficult circumstances who have chosen life. Donations for diapers, wipes, or money for baby essentials can be made until May 20th. For drop-off locations and more information, please visit www.chooselifeniagara.com/diaper-drive-2022

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