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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

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SECONDARY

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

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Please call or email the parish office.

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!

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.

CONFESIONS

(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.

CONFESIONS

(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.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, May 2 – Private Mass

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 3 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Philip & St. James, Apostles
Deceased of the Demello Family

Wednesday, May 4 – 8:00 a.m.

Bl. Marie-Leonie Paradis, Virgin
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Mary Bruin

Friday, May 6 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Francois de Laval, Bishop
Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 7 – 4:00 p.m.

Russ Kozachenko | Leze Avullija
Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Stephanie Cosgrove | Maria De Meo
Sp. Int. Fr. Grayson Hope

Sp. Int. Lee Bastings | Sp. Int. Anna Biesga

Sunday, May 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, May 8 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Deacon Daniel Corso

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 24

Easter Offertory	\$ 3,193.00
E-Transfers	\$ 225.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 96.50
Total Collection	\$ 3,514.50

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Thank you to everyone who joined myself, Fr. Ben, and His Excellency, Bishop Bergie at the Cathedral last weekend for Divine Mercy Sunday. I pray this was a fruitful experience for you, as it was for me as a confessor; we each heard over 1 hour of confessions with no breaks. I am looking forward to more inter-parish events with the Cathedral.

Speaking of confessions, a reminder that here at St. Denis, confessions are heard Tuesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Also, Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. In addition to these times, every night of the week (Monday to Friday) confessions are heard from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. The five regular confessors are: Fr. Stephen Bruzzese (Monday), Fr. Paul McDonald (Tuesday), Fr. Robert Novokowsky (Wednesday), Fr. Stuart MacDonald (Thursday), and Fr. Benjamin Weber (Friday).

As Catholics navigating our way to the heavenly banquet, we should be trying to get to confession every two weeks (at minimum once a month). In the same way we take our cars to get washed on a regular basis, we should also take our souls for a regular cleaning. Remember, the only sin which is unforgiven is the sin that is not confessed. If it has been a while, do not fret, the Father simply wants to welcome you home.

This weekend we have to bid farewell to Ms. Cassandra Sullivan, our Director of Music; as she has now completed her degree at Brock University and returning home to her family. To say that we as a parish have been blessed to have Cassandra, would certainly be an understatement; we have been spoiled with her vocal and playing abilities. We continue to look for a suitable replacement. On behalf of the whole parish, I would like to thank Cassandra for all her hard work, dedication, and love for the parish while she was with us and pray that the Lord will continue to bless her abundantly in her ministry.

Also, here is the official “Save the Date” for our upcoming Pentecost Parish Dinner on Saturday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. This will be a joint event with Fr. Ben and the Cathedral parishioners. There will only be 150 tickets sold...stay tuned for more details!

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, May 1st 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 June withdrawal is Friday, May 27th. As of today, we have 15 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,385.00 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 30th. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, May 14th. ***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.chooselifenagara.com/diaper-drive-2022

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