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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

## 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.

*Please feel free to drop anything off outside of business hours through the mail slot.*

## 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  
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### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SECONDARY

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: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15 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!*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

(IN MEETING ROOM)

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

### MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

(1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY & 1<sup>ST</sup> 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, JANUARY 9, 2022

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, January 10 – Private Mass**  
Dan Russo Jr.

**Tuesday, January 11 – Private Mass**  
Sp. Int. Kotarski Family

**Wednesday, January 12 – Private Mass**  
*St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin*  
Grant McMillan

**Thursday, January 13 – Private Mass**  
*St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
Krystyna Goik

**Friday, January 14 – Private Mass**  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

*2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**Saturday, January 15 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Rosalia Bruzzese | Ron Statham  
Sp. Int. Helen Tangem  
Sp. Int. Maria Caramia | Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

**Sunday, January 16 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Peter Braun | Cecelia Shalala | Marion Godin

**Sunday, January 16 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, January 16 – 12:00 p.m.**  
Gerald Bergie

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#### COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 2

Offertory	\$ 3,068.00
Monthly PAD	\$ 2,315.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 1,677.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 720.50
Building Fund	\$ 360.00
Christmas Envelope	\$ 140.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 8,280.50</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**  
~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we conclude the Christmas Season but celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the Gospel we hear the voice of the Father say, "*You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.*" While these words are spoken directly of Jesus, they were also spoken of us on the day of our own baptism. St. Gregory of Nazianzus says, "*He [Christ] wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven.*" ***We all know the day we were born (birthday date), but do we know the day we were re-born into eternal life (baptismal date)?*** If you do, great, be sure to celebrate it with as much joy as you would your birthday. If you do not, I would like to challenge you to find out and begin celebrating it this year. In addition, we can receive a Plenary Indulgence (all normal conditions needing to be met) by renewing our Baptismal Promises on that day; never let an opportunity of grace go to waste!

In one of his sermons, St. Charles Borromeo said, "*Are you in charge of a parish? If so, do not neglect the parish of your own soul, do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself. You have to be mindful of your people without becoming forgetful of yourself.*" Therefore, in order not to neglect my soul (and body), **I have decided to cancel all weekday Masses (January 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>)**, as I will be taking some much-needed rest to recharge and recover from the Advent & Christmas Seasons. I appreciate your understanding in this matter. As such, I would encourage you to visit the Cathedral or another neighbouring parish during these days.

Due to the provincial restrictions, the parish office will also be closed to in-person visits until Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to book a Mass intention, please send myself an email or leave a message on the parish phone, myself or Nancy will get back to you. You are also welcomed to drop off any offerings through the mail slot. I apologize for this inconvenience, and I pray that we will be able to return to regular office hours come January 26<sup>th</sup>. In the event of an emergency, please call my cell phone.

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The BLD Covenant Community of St. Catharines will be hosting a six-week virtual Life in the Spirit Seminar from Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> (except March 4<sup>th</sup>).

Bishop Gerard Bergie and other priests from the diocese will be celebrating Mass and giving talks on various topics during the six-week seminar.

If you are interested in participating, please register before Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> by visiting: [www.bldestcatharines.org](http://www.bldestcatharines.org)

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## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



## 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](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca) to be added to the group list. The next meeting is **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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## ST. DENIS CWL

Since January 2019 there has not been an active CWL at St. Denis Parish as there were no members interested in running for any executive positions. Any membership fees sent in since then have continued to be remitted to National CWL for these past three years. Are you interested in leading and revitalizing the CWL? If so, please contact the parish office by phone or email. If an executive is not formed, the chapter will be disbanded. At that point, all active members will receive a letter requesting what chapter they would like to have their membership transferred to, to stay active within the CWL.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Our next available single Mass intention is: Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## CHAPEL VEILS

There are chapel veils available for purchase at the parish office. The cost is \$25.00 each. All proceeds will support the new Marian grotto.

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## TAX RECEIPTS

Good News! Tax receipts will be available starting on weekend of February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> after Mass. After this, they will be available for pick up at the parish office (depending on restrictions). Please make sure that your information is up-to-date by sending an email to Nancy ([secretary@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:secretary@stdenischurch.ca)), if any of your information has recently changed.

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## ADORATION CHAPEL

Are you interested in spending an hour a week with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel? Perhaps you could consider signing up to become a permanent adorer. For more information, please email the coordinator, Emilia Witek at [emilia.witek1@gmail.com](mailto:emilia.witek1@gmail.com). If you would like to simply visit without commitment and you require the access code, please call the parish office or email Fr. Stephen.

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## DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

As many of you are aware, 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.





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