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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

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## 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.

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## 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

## 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.

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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### 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.

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### BAPTISM

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

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### WEDDINGS

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

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### 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.

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### DEVOTION TO MARY

(DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY)

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

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**Would you like to become a parishioner?**

Please call or email the parish office.

**Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!**

# SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### Monday, June 6 – Private Mass

*Mary, Mother of the Church*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

##### Tuesday, June 7 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Roger & Meagan Leduc & Family

##### Wednesday, June 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Adelaine Nohara

##### Thursday, June 9 – 8:00 a.m.

*St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church*  
Mary Bruin

##### Friday, June 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Rafal Machel

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

##### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

##### Saturday, June 11 – 4:00 p.m.

Russ Kozachenko | James Dornan | Yvonne Vickers  
Mate Simatovic | Sp. Int. Roger & Meagan Leduc

##### Sunday, June 12 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving | Sp. Int. The Kocsis Family  
Sp. Int. Fr. Robert Novokowsky

##### Sunday, June 12 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

##### Sunday, June 12 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Amanda Hendriks



#### COLLECTION FOR MAY 29

Offertory	\$ 2,740.00
Pre-Authorized Debit (June 1)	\$ 2,535.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,275.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, also known as "*The birthday of the Church.*" The word Pentecost is Greek, and it means "50<sup>th</sup> day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It is interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday.

Liturgically the color of vestments for Pentecost is red and symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit that rested on the Apostles. It is a tradition in some churches to throw red rose petals from the ceiling to commemorate the descent of the tongues of fire. A great example of this is when they drop the rose petals through the oculus at Pantheon in Rome (*The Basilica of Santa Maria ad Martyres*).

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection.

*"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 2:2-4).*

Let us continue to pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, he will ignite our parish with a missionary zeal and evangelical heart, with which we will be able to renew the face of the earth. Each day pray, "*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love. Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created and thou shall renew the face of the earth.*" Remember, the true Christian, is always living in the Season of Pentecost.

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzese**

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June has traditionally been dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the Litany of the Sacred Heart we say, "*Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.*" Humility is defined by the Catechism as, "*The virtue by which a Christian acknowledges that God is the author of all good. Humility avoids inordinate ambition or pride, and provides the foundation for turning to God in prayer.*"

Contrary to humility is pride, which is defined by the Catechism as, "*One of the seven capital sins. Pride is undue self-esteem or self-love, which seeks attention and honour and sets oneself in competition with God.*" To celebrate the vice of pride, already contradicts the life that we called to live as Christians.

It would seem that in order to turn towards God, it requires humility not pride. During the month of June, I am asking all of our parishioners to have an increased devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to make reparations for our sins and those of the whole world. Some practical devotions:

- Make a regular Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Read the Gospel for the Mass each day
- Enthroned an image of the Sacred Heart in your home and consecrate you family to the Sacred Heart
- Recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart daily

If these seem all too daunting, simply say each day, "*Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.*"

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## WINE TASTING & ART EXHIBIT

Do you like wine? Do you like art? Then this is the event for you. St. Denis is excited to be partnering with Colaneri Estates Winery to feature an art exhibit of Ms. Adelaine Nohara's art from *Eyes of the Heart Studio*. The date is still to be determined but keep July 22<sup>nd</sup> & July 29<sup>th</sup> open for now. The event will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$50.00 per person and that will include a seated guided tasting through 4 wines (sparkling, white, 2 reds) and some delicious cheeses. In addition, everyone will be entered into a draw for the chance to win a framed print of your choice (approximate value: \$300.00). After the wine tasting, Adelaine will speak to us about her story and her artwork. During the evening you will be able to view her artwork placed throughout the retail store. Tickets will go on sale soon, keep your eye on the bulletin for more details!

## ICE CREAM SUNDAY

Everyone loves a delicious cone or bowl of ice cream on a warm summer day. With that in mind, the hospitality team is going to be hosting *Ice Cream Sunday* after the 12:00 p.m. Mass on the following dates: June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and August 21<sup>st</sup>. The first *Ice Cream Sunday* will be on Father's Day, so bring dad out for a treat to start the day off right!

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael at 905-325-7820 or by email at michael.s.harding@gmail.com

### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Served 16 families (27 adults and 14 children). An average of 4 families per week.
- Donations received: \$1,127.00
- Vouchers given out: \$960.00
- Bank balance as of April 30: \$17,237.00

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## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Are you interested in serving the parish by becoming a member of our hospitality team? Then this is the ministry for you! To sign up, please email Yolanda Hermack at [hospitality@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:hospitality@stdenischurch.ca).

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## QUEEN OF CLERGY CENACLE

This is a group of laity and clergy dedicated to praying for an increase in vocations to priesthood and for the clergy. To be added to the group please email [cenacle@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca). Next meeting: **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our next social will be on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please contact Ryan, our Director of Evangelization, at [evangelization@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:evangelization@stdenischurch.ca)!

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## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our new monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Our deadline for the July withdrawal is Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we have 16 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,585.00 per month.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Our next available single Mass intention is: Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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