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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: Mr. Ken Lococo
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.

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. & 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

(IN MEETING ROOM)

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

BAPTISM

Every Sunday at 11:30 a.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)

30 minutes before all Masses

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Please call or email the parish office.

Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, September 26 – Private Mass

St. Jean de Brebeuf & The Holy Canadian Martyrs
Marion Chipman

Tuesday, September 27 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Thomas DeMontbrun

Wednesday, September 28 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
Thomas DeMontbrun

Thursday, September 29 – 8:00 a.m.

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Mihael Dimnik

Friday, September 30 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Sp. Int. Evelyn Lamando

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Annina Chiarelli | Norm MacNeil
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving for St. Therese

Sunday, October 2 – 8:00 a.m.

Nick Monteleone | Helena Cholawski
Sp. Int. Ethan & Maria Martin | Sp. Int. David Filko
Sp. Int. Mother Mary the Queen of Peace

Sunday, October 2 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People



COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 18

Offertory	\$ 2,346.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,346.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

The pastoral visit of Pope Francis to Canada to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters was a great blessing. In his apology the Indigenous people of Canada at Maskwacis, Alberta, Pope Francis asked for forgiveness for “the ways in which many members of the Church and religious communities co-operated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools.” As a diocese, we have the opportunity to overcome this indifference and actively work toward healing and reconciliation. A significant aspect of this process is the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

The Bishops of Canada have pledged thirty million dollars to financially support Indigenous reconciliation efforts. The Diocese of St. Catharines has pledged \$250,000.00 to this fund over a five-year period. I believe that this is important that we support this significant initiative.

A national charitable organization has been established to administer these funds with a Board of Directors that is comprised of Indigenous and Catholic representatives. Priority will be given to those projects that promote healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; dialogues for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture. These projects can take place where there is greatest need throughout the country.

In order to meet this commitment I have initiated a parish collection that will extend over the next five years. This will give individuals and families an opportunity to financially contribute to this fund if they so wish. The diocese will also draw on existing operational assets to ensure that the annual pledge is honoured. This collection will take place the Sunday after National Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th). This year the date will be on Sunday, October 2nd. You will be able to include your donation in the Sunday collection or online on our diocesan website.

The Diocese of St. Catharines is committed to efforts that promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. A significant step in that process is to support this initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I sincerely thank you for your support and assure you of my prayers and best wishes.

With kind regards, I remain,

The Most Reverend Gerard Bergie
Bishop of St. Catharines

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

This coming week we welcome the Grade 4 through 8 students from St. James for their opening school Mass on Monday. As well, we welcome all the Grade 9 students from St. Francis High School, who will be doing their opening school retreat on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Additionally, Ryan will be working closely with the school chaplain to help establish the Phoenix Faith Ambassadors. We continue to build the *Triad of School, Home, and Church*. I want to thank Mr. Della Ventura for taking the time to welcome us into the Phoenix Family.

PRAYER OF REPARATION

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

This month's booklet in the series *Building the Domestic Church* is titled, "*A Scriptural Rosary for the Family*". The Rosary is a school (a method) of prayer for all times and seasons. For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Rosary to learn the Gospel, and to contemplate the face of Christ in their ordinary lives, but also during times of conflict and danger.

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Please join the annual Niagara Regional Life Chain 2021 here at St. Denis (Lake/Carlton) on Sunday, October 2nd from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please arrive by 2:15 p.m. to register and pick up your sign. We will witness and pray for the sanctity of all human life (born and unborn) in our country of Canada. For more information, please call Rob or Jackie Messenger at 905-646-4926.

LIFETEEN

Our weekly LifeTeen program will be taking place on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The group is open to all those students in high school. The topic: the Liturgy of the Eucharist. To sign up, please contact Ryan, our Director of Evangelization, at evangelization@stdenischurch.ca

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. The next meeting is Monday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Our the next available single Mass intention is: Monday, January 16th. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, October 8th. Remember, you are welcome to book up to 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon, as to not be disappointed.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our new monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Our deadline for the October withdrawal is Wednesday, September 28th. As of today, we have 22 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$3,065.00 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!*

CCO DISCOVERY

We will be starting this Wednesday (September 28th) at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. This is a six-week program which invites participants to encounter Christ through a simple but challenging look at the Gospel message. If you are interested in participating, please email Kate Bohmann at katelyne.bohmann@cco.ca.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Are you interested in offering Holy Mass each day during the month of November for your deceased loved ones? As previously mentioned, every Holy Mass celebrated in the month of November will be for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory; especially those listed in our book of remembrance.

While there is no "fee" to offer a Mass intention, the suggested offering is \$10.00. A Mass intention is typically one name (or couple, if married); or the family name (i.e.: Deceased of the Bruzzese Family). Please be kind and conscientious of this as you submit your requests and remember the immeasurable gift you are offering for your loved ones.

Please PRINT names clearly and legibly. Please return your envelope either in the collection basket or through the mail slot at the parish office. The deadline to submit your requests will be Friday, October 28th.

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