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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

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Principal: Mr. Tony Della Ventura
541 Lake Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 4H7
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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!

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, February 28 – Private Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 1 – 8:00 a.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 2 – 8:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

Stephanie Cosgrove

****Day of fast & abstinence from meat****

Thursday, March 3 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

Friday, March 4 – 8:00 a.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 5 – 4:00 p.m.

Michael M. Pangan | Augustine Vulc

Angelo Chiarelli | Deceased of the McDonald Family

Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving

Sunday, March 6 – 8:00 a.m.

Luigi Petrucci | Danny Braun | Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

Sp. Int. Kaitlyn, Kayla & Johanna Benoit

Sp. Int. Jeremy Benoza

Sunday, March 6 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, March 6 – 12:00 p.m.

Bishop John Aloysius O'Mara



COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 20

Offertory	\$ 3,505.00
E-Transfers	\$ 825.00
Total Collection	\$ 4,330.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

It is absolutely mind blowing to think that we will be beginning the Season of Lent this week with Ash Wednesday (March 2nd). This year, ashes will be distributed according to the usual custom, which is on the forehead; please do join us if you are able. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumen and candidates to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by various stages of Christian Initiation. This year, we will be receiving one person into the Church at the Easter vigil, which is very exciting for us as a parish family! In addition, Lent has two major purposes for those already in the Church: it recalls our baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. I would encourage everyone to make at least one good confession during the Season of Lent (Please see the front of the bulletin for confession times).

Also, during the Season of Lent, each Friday we recall our Blessed Lord's final days through the Stations of the Cross. These will be held each Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. This will allow those who would like to come to stations but cannot come in the evening to participate. If you would prefer the evening, please visit Fr. Ben at the Cathedral.

I am so pleased to say that this coming Tuesday, March 1st, all capacity limits (including churches) have been lifted, which means we will be able to get rid of the tape off the chairs. Thankfully, after two years of flattening the curve, we will be able to return to a sense of normalcy, with the exception of masks (for now). Bishop Bergie plans to reinstate the Sunday obligation on Palm Sunday (April 10th). In his weekly update he says, *"Throughout Lent, I am suggesting that we embrace a theme entitled, 'Welcome Home to Mass'. This will require pastoral prudence and patience as there are some who remain hesitant and fearful. Ask parishioners to help you reach out to those they may know who have been away from the parish during the pandemic. Encourage them to accompany these individuals on their 'return journey.' Like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, lead them to 'the breaking of the bread' so that their 'eyes may be opened.'"* I couldn't agree more! Thank you in advance for helping me with this mission...I look forward to meeting all our returning parishioners soon enough.

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Do you want to start the Season of Lent off on the right foot? Do you really want to make this Lent intense? If so, then come join us for our parish Lenten mission! This year I have invited Mr. Marc Moreau, the Central Regional Manager for Catholic Christian Outreach to lead our parish Lenten mission.

Marc has been married to his wife Mylene for 8 years and they have 3 adorable children. He served a year with NET Canada, worked as a Family and Youth Coordinator in Nunavut, and spent 7 years working as a Director of Youth Ministry in Ottawa. The last 5 years he has been working for Catholic Christian Outreach as the Central Regional Manager. He is passionate about all things Jesus and sports related, and yes, he is a Leafs fan (we won't hold this against him!).

The mission will comprise of a 50 minute talk on our identity being rooted in God the Father, following by a 10 minute break, followed by a Holy Hour. ***You have your choice of two dates: either Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, March 4th at 8:30 a.m. (following morning Mass).*** We have designed the mission to reach as many parishioners and non-parishioners as possible. For those who work or go to school, perhaps the night session will work better and for those who are not comfortable driving at night, perhaps the day session will work better for you.

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 March withdrawal is Friday, February 25th. As of today, we have 13 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,315.00 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!***

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 to be added to the group list. The next meeting is **Monday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

SYNOD 2021-2023

The people of the diocese are responding enthusiastically to the invitation to be part of the synodal journey. Nearly 150 individuals, parishioners and clergy, have been trained to facilitate small group listening sessions across the diocese. In-person and virtual listening sessions are being arranged through parishes at various times to accommodate all those interested in participating. If you are interested in participating in one of the listening sessions here at St. Denis, please call the parish office or email Nancy to register. Once you have signed up, you will be contacted by one of the small group co-ordinators to let you know when your listening sessions will take place.

PARISH OFFICE UPGRADES

Over the past few weeks, we have been able to make a few upgrades in the parish office. The most notable is that Nancy, the world's best secretary, finally got a new workstation, which is both beautiful and practical. The cost was approximately \$875.00. Feel free to stop in and check things out.

Also, I purchased two new guest chairs for my office, they are both ergonomical and elegantly designed, to fit the office space. I think they will add to the welcoming feel. The cost was approximately \$600.00. The old chairs have been repurposed in Fr. Aji's office across the hall.

PROVINCIAL GRANT

I am pleased to let you know that we were successful in securing a \$7,500.00 *Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations*. I am deeply grateful to the parishioner who brought this opportunity to my attention. This money will be deposited into our general chequing account, and applied to the security upgrades we have already made in the previous year, including: security cameras and new key system.



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