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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
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.

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, MARCH 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, March 21 – Private Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 22 – 8:00 a.m.

Brian Finora

Wednesday, March 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Monique Finora

Thursday, March 24 – 8:00 a.m.

Celina & Jeremias Vaz

Friday, March 25 – 8:00 a.m.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Sp. Int. Anthony & Violet Vaz

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 26 – 4:00 p.m.

Maria Vosner | Molly Southwell | Monique Boulanger
Ferdinand Mejill | Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

Sunday, March 27 – 8:00 a.m.

Helen Motschman | Gene Rymer | Giovanni Masotti
Sp. Int. Don Willwerth

Sunday, March 27 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, March 27 – 12:00 p.m.

Bishop John Aloysius O'Mara



COLLECTION FOR MARCH 13

Offertory	\$ 2,745.00
Building Fund (March 6)	\$ 560.00
E-Transfers	\$ 141.50
Total Collection	\$ 3,446.50

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

This coming week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. It was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. This feast celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. But does this mean it was forced upon her? Absolutely not! In fact, St. Bernard of Clairvaux said in a homily that all of creation awaited her response, *"The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion... The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent."* Of course, we know that Mary did consent saying, *"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."* Her one yes changed the world!

In order to mark this feast (Friday, March 25th) as a parish, I would ask that you prayerfully consider taking an hour at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, where we can witness and pray for the sanctity of human life. The vigil runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is free parking at St. Ann's Adult Education Centre (5895 North Street). Signs are located at 6111 North Street. Also, please consider joining Bishop Bergie at the Cathedral for the Respect Life Mass that evening at 7:00 p.m.

I encourage you continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Ukraine. If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can do so through the parish. Cheques should be made payable to the parish clearly marked "Ukraine Relief" and funds collected will then be forwarded to the Chancery office. The Chancery office will send all monetary donations to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. You can also donate online through the website cnewa.org/ca/donate. St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church (91 Lakeshore Road, St. Catharines) is also collecting essential supplies to send to Ukraine. A list of items most requested can be found on their website (www.stjohnuc.com) along with item drop off information.

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Looking for an amazing Bible Study to enhance your understanding of Sacred Scripture? Well, you are in luck. St. Denis has partnered with Branches Catholic Ministries to present Jeff Cavins' popular video series, "*The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible.*" This exciting study will take your understanding of Sacred Scripture and your Catholic faith to entirely new levels:

- Understand how the people, places and events of the Bible fit together in God's plan of salvation history and how relevant this is to our lives today.
- Learn the six covenants God made with humanity and how they led to the establishment of the Catholic Church.
- Discover how your own Catholic faith fits into "His-story" and watch our parish community grow as we learn together!

The study is 24 weeks long, broken into two 12-week sessions (Spring & Fall). The first session will be offered twice per week:

Tuesday Afternoons: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Starting weekly on Tuesday, March 22)

Thursday Evenings: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Starting weekly on Thursday, March 24)

All studies will be held in the parish hall and the second 12-week session will take place starting in September. The only cost is for the student workbook which is \$42.00 (tax included); this will be purchased at the first study session. All forms of payment accepted (cash, debit, credit). There will only be 60 spots available.

If you would like to register for the Tuesday sessions, please email iruite@branchesoftheword.org. If you would like to register for the Thursday sessions, please email cooj0510@gmail.com. You may also wish to fill out a registration form (at the side entrance) and place it in the collection or through the mail slot at the parish office. If anyone requires financial assistance to purchase a student workbook, please send a request to info@go2branches.com

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, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Are you interested in offering an Easter Candle for your deceased loved one? These candles for Easter will be lit on Holy Saturday after the Easter Vigil and continue to burn throughout the Octave.

These candles will be a visual reminder to each of what Jesus meant when he said, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life*" (John 8:12).

The cost is \$5.00 per candle – which will include one name (or couple, if married); or simply the family name (i.e.: Deceased of the Bruzzese Family).

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 Monday, April 11th. This will allow enough time to prepare the candles for the Easter Vigil.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing, on Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. For location and more information, please contact The Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722.

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 April withdrawal is Monday, March 28th. As of today, we have 14 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$2,285.00 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!***

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Looking to fulfil the 'prayer' aspect of Lent? Why not join us each Friday we recall our Blessed Lord's final days through the Stations of the Cross. These will be held 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 the Cathedral.

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