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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

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615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3
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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!

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)

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, MAY 8, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, May 9 – Private Mass

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 10 – 8:00 a.m.

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Ron Ryan

Wednesday, May 11 – 8:00 a.m.

Deceased of the Vaz Family

Thursday, May 12 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, Martyrs

Evelio & Aquilino Lazo

Friday, May 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Fatima

Domenico Bruzzese

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 14 – 4:00 p.m.

Russ Kozachenko | Michael Pangan
Johanna Sosiak | Sp. Int. Teresa Mannon

Sp. Int. Anne Marie Hammer

Sunday, May 15 – 8:00 a.m.

George W. Wilson | Greggann Isaacs
Sp. Int. Lee Bastings | Sp. Int. Theresa Mitek

Sp. Int. John Vendittelli

Sunday, May 15 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, May 15 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Deacon Daniel Corso

COLLECTION FOR MAY 1

Offertory	\$ 2,338.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 2,335.00
Building Fund	\$ 615.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,288.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, the day in which we focus our attention in a particular way for praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through his bishops and priests. The current crisis in the church is none other than a crisis in leadership; it is for this reason that when we pray let us say, "*O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people, pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude, to raise up worthy ministers for your altars and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel*" (*Mass for Vocations to Holy Orders*).

Please continue to pray for me and for all the priests of the Diocese of St. Catharines. In a special way, let us continue to pray for His Excellency, Bishop Bergie that he will continue to be our Good Shepherd! I have said it before, but let me reiterate it again, as your shepherd, I love you and I am willing to lay down my life for you. When the wolves come, pray that I will always have the fortitude and the perseverance to keep fighting the good fight for you (cf. 2 Tim 4:7).

Today we celebrate the gift of Motherhood: human and spiritual. While for many, this holiday can be a difficult one (due to circumstances), please know that we always have a 2nd (or in my case 3rd) mother, our Heavenly Mother, who is always watching over us. So, don't forget to pick up your rosary and call your Blessed Mother; I guarantee she would love to hear from you this Mother's Day. We must never forget, without mothers, we would not have priests; and without priests, we would not have the Mass. Mary, Mother of Priests; pray for us!

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

PENTECOST PARISH DINNER

We will be celebrating our Pentecost Parish Dinner on Saturday, June 4th at 5:30 p.m. This will be a joint event with Fr. Ben and the Cathedral parishioners. The menu will be: Italian Garden Salad, Beef on a Bun, Tuscan Roasted Potatoes, with dessert and coffee/tea. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and there are only 150 tickets available (50 have already been sold)! To purchase a ticket, please call the parish office at 905-685-5911 and speak to Nancy.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Are you interested in serving the parish by becoming a member of our hospitality team? For example: planning and preparing coffee socials, parish dinners, and other fun family events? Then this is the ministry for you! To sign up, please email Yolanda Hermack at hospitality@stdenischurch.ca.

Don't forget to check out our coffee social after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Please feel free to bring some delicious nut-free treats to share. This will be a great way to enjoy some awesome Sunday morning fellowship!

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, please email cenacle@stdenischurch.ca to be added to the group. The next meeting is **Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

HIGHSCHOOL MINISTRY

As previously announced, our parish is starting a youth ministry program! All highschoolers: whether going into grade 9 in the fall or just graduating from grade 12, are invited to join us this summer. Our first social will be on Tuesday, May 17th. To signup, please contact Ryan, our Director of Evangelization, at evangelization@stdenischurch.ca to register your teen(s) and ask any questions you may have!

MASS INTENTIONS

What would be a better gift than offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your friends and family? Perhaps a birthday or anniversary or ordination?

Our next available single Mass intention is: Friday, July 8th. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, May 21st. **Reminder: you are welcome to book up to 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon, as to not be disappointed.**

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please consider joining Bishop Bergie at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 8th at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate a Holy Hour on the occasion of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us support those who pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, like the Serra Club of St. Catharines. For more information about the Serra Club, please email the President, Patrick Portelli at serraclubstc@gmail.com

PROJECT UPDATES

I want to provide you with an update of some ongoing projects that we will be working throughout these next couple of months. The first is the Grotto to the Holy Family. We are waiting on final drawings and pricing for this project. I would hope that this can be completed by the end of June. The second is to update and enhance all the exterior lighting. As many of you know, the front of the church (Carlton Street) is very poorly lit and could be considered a safety/security risk. As such, we have partnered again with Sam Visca Electric to provide us with this service. We are still waiting on final design and pricing for this project. I am hoping that this project will also be done by mid-July. The third is a new parish sign. The old sign has started to rot, and the Mass times are outdated. I would like to replace this with a manual sign (like St. Denis school), which would be illuminated at night. This is still in the infancy stages, but to begin the old sign will be removed. The fourth is the removal of the fence around the property, as it quite damaged and could become a safety concern, especially during the winter. In addition, it will make curb appeal more inviting. Please pray for the success of these projects.

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

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.

ESTATE PLANNING

There will be free estate planning seminar presented by Patrick J. Darte Funeral Chapel in the parish hall on Friday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. There will be door prizes, as well coffee will be served. Learn about the six challenges that most executors face and how to place ahead for them. Space is limited, so please RSVP to the funeral home at 905-685-6584.

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