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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

(1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY & 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 20, 2022

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, February 21 – Private Mass**

*St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, February 22 – 8:00 a.m.**

*The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle*  
Ralph Monteleone

**Wednesday, February 23 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*  
Leo Martin

**Thursday, February 24 – 8:00 a.m.**

Celina & Jermias Vaz

**Friday, February 25 – 8:00 a.m.**

Thomas DeMontbrun

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

*8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**Saturday, February 26 – 4:00 p.m.**

Michael & Helen Prokopich | Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

**Sunday, February 27 – 8:00 a.m.**

Deceased of the McManamy Family  
Anthony Marenchin | Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

**Sunday, February 27 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, February 27 – 12:00 p.m.**

Patricia Fortier



#### COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 13

Offertory	\$ 3,325.00
Building Fund	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,625.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

As you know, I am always ready to help out a brother priest and a sister parish (or in this case the mother parish...the Cathedral). In the summer, we helped Fr. Ben put on their summer fundraiser fair in the parking lot, which was an excellent success. Even though it was an incredible hot day, it was an enjoyable evening; I most certainly had a great time in the dunk tank. As we look forward to the restrictions lifting, albeit not yet, Fr. Ben has decided to make the best of the situation and have an outdoor winter funfair! The evening will begin immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral. There will be music, hot chocolate, winter goodies, and other food. Please feel free to bring anything you would like to make the evening enjoyable. In addition, there will be a tent with heat set up for people to sit and get warm. Now you might be thinking, what's the draw...why even go? Well, to watch Fr. Ben and other volunteers be dunked into the ice-cold dunk tank that will be set up! The evening is set to last two hours; the second hour is when the dunking will take place. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Now having been here at St. Denis for a year, I am going to make a small change with regards to our confession times. As of right now, confessions are Tuesday to Friday, and Sunday: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. ***Starting on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> confessions Tuesday to Friday, and Sunday will change to: 7:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.*** With rare exception, the church is empty between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. and as such I do not like to leave the church unattended while I sit in the confessional. Saturday confessions will remain 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. As well, the evening confessions (Monday to Friday) will remain 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thank you for your understanding.

As we begin to prepare for the Season of Lent, Stations of the Cross have been on my mind. Last year, due to the pandemic, we held stations at 7:30 a.m. prior to the Friday morning Mass. With the recommendation of our parishioners, I have decided that we will continue this new tradition. 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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!***

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## 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](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca) to be added to the group list. The next meeting is **Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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## 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.

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## PARISH EXPENSES

As promised, I want to try and keep you informed about our finances. Each week we publish the previous week's collection in the bulletin; however, we do not regularly publish our expenses. Over the next while, I will be trying to do this more frequently, again for great transparency and accountability. Please find below some of the monthly expenses for January:

1. Cathedral: \$6,445.86 (Variable / Bi-Annual)
2. Hospital Ministry: \$ 3,060.00 (Variable / Annual)
3. Health Insurance: \$ 3193.98 (Variable / Annual)
4. Salaries: \$4,741.58 (Fixed / Monthly)
  - Pastor, Secretary, Music Ministry
5. Payroll Deductions: \$1,702.68 (Variable / Monthly)
6. Printer Lease: \$248.60 (Fixed / Monthly)
7. Church Hydro: \$850.40 (Variable / Monthly)
8. Rectory Hydro: \$150.03 (Variable / Monthly)
9. Rectory Phone: \$45.83 (Variable / Monthly)
10. Internet: \$105.60 (Fixed / Monthly)
11. Church Heat: \$4,018.03 (Variable / Monthly)
12. Rectory Heat: \$479.75 (Variable / Monthly)
13. Church Water: \$101.42 (Variable / Bi-Monthly)
14. Rectory Water: \$164.44 (Variable / Bi-Monthly)
15. Property Tax: \$1,117.29 (Variable / Annual)
  - 50% of last year's property tax, awaiting city adjustment
16. Fire Monitoring: \$180.80 (Fixed / Monthly)

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