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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

Very Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese, V.F.  
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### PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

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### CATECHISTS

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## 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

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Principal: Mrs. Krista Moscato  
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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.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

(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

(ADORATION CHAPEL)

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

(ADORATION CHAPEL)

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)

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, OCTOBER 29, 2023

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, October 30 – Private Mass**  
Anna Rocco

**Tuesday, October 31 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, November 1 – 8:00 a.m.**  
*All Saints' Day*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, November 2 – 8:00 a.m.**  
*All Souls' Day*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, November 3 – 8:00 a.m.**  
*St. Martin de Porres, Religious*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

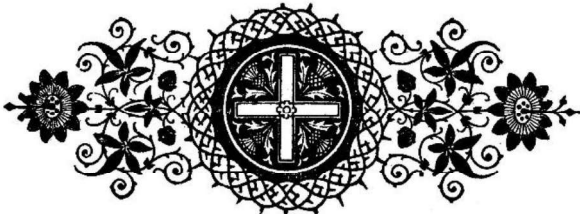
#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, November 4 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Holy Souls in Purgatory | Susan Pisaric  
Ralph & Marion Arsenault | Sp. Int. Fr. Aji Varghese

**Sunday, November 5 – 8:00 a.m.**  
Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, November 5 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Holy Souls in Purgatory | Vac & Germaine Coufal  
Joseph Saranchuk | Nicola & Vittoria Tedesco



#### COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 22

Offertory	\$ 2,210.00
E-Transfers & CanadaHelps	\$ 185.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,395.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**  
~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

This week we begin the month of November, dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Throughout this month we will have the privilege to celebrate each Mass for that specific intention. In addition, the Church offers us an opportunity to gain a plenary\* or partial\*\* indulgence for the Holy Souls in Purgatory:

1. Visit a Church and pray one Our Father and the Creed (November 2)\*
2. Visit and pray at a Cemetery or Mausoleum (November 1-8)\*
3. Reciting the Eternal Rest prayer (Everyday)\*\*

To gain a Plenary Indulgence (only one per day), the faithful must be in the state of grace and the following conditions must accompany the prescribed act:

1. Be detachment from sin, even venial sin;
2. Receive the sacrament of confession;
3. Receive the Holy Eucharist;
4. Recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary)

It is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act.

One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but the reception of a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

In addition to our *All Saints' and All Souls' Day* Masses here, there will be Solemn Sung Masses at the Cathedral each evening at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop Bergie. All are welcome to attend.

As we enter into the fall and winter months, cold and flu season will no doubt be upon us. This is just a kind reminder from your pastor, that if you are sick or feeling under the weather, your obligation to attend Sunday Mass ceases in that case; allowing you to stay home and rest. If possible, I would encourage you to watch a Mass on TV or participate by reading the readings of the day. *Note: This is not a "get out of Mass free card" and should not be treated as such. If you're well enough to go shopping, to the gym or to bingo, then you better also be coming to church.* Each day pray to St. Raphael for continued strength, as well as healing in mind and body.

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## THIS WEEK OF FORMED

### 1. *Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd*

- St. Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome, yet he chose the task of becoming a reformer.

### 2. *The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art*

- In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

### 3. *Brother Francis - All Souls Day*

- In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

**Note: Parents don't forget to check out the "kids" section under "family"!**

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## KNITTING CLUB

Are you interested in joining the knitting club? The intention will be to learn basic knit stitch and pattern following and eventually go on to socks. Gregorian chant will be played while you knit, to give that contemplative atmosphere. This will be every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the small meeting room (near the Adoration Chapel). Please bring your own supplies with you.

## DEO GRATIAS COLLECTION

The retirement years can be difficult for senior priests. No longer assigned to parishes, or supported by the communities they served with such dedication, these men rely on minimal CPP benefits, Old Age Security, and their monthly income from the Clergy Aid Society of St. Catharines. In two weeks, we will again take up the annual collection, *Deo Gratias*, to support our priests' retirement. Thank you in advance for your prayerful generosity.

## PARISH KARAOKE NIGHT

Join us for a night of music, laughter, and community as we all perform our favorite songs! Whether you're a karaoke veteran, a first timer, or you simply want to watch your friends perform while you munch on snacks, this event is for you. This will be on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own to share.

## WHISKEY & CIGAR NIGHT

Held in the courtyard at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. gentlemen are welcome to attend a casual evening around the fire with friends, fine whisky, and your own cigar to enjoy, if you wish. Featuring a charcuterie board & a guided tasting. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and there are only 15 left. To purchase, please contact Gregg at 289-438-5788.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Our deadline for the December withdrawal is November, November 29<sup>th</sup>. As of today, we have 25 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$3,175.00 per month. This truly is the easiest way to give to the parish.

## 2023 PARISH ENVELOPES

We now have the 2024 parish envelopes available for pick up at the parish office. We will also have them available after Mass on the weekends of November 18/19 and 25/26. If you know someone who is unable to pick up their envelopes and you would like to deliver them, that would be of great help to us. Thank you again for your commitment to parish life here at St. Denis.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their requests for our book of remembrance. This book will sit on the small table in front of the ambo during the month of November. As mentioned, each Mass will be offered for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory; especially those listed in our book of remembrance.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Our next available single Mass intention is: Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember, you are welcome to book up to 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon as to not be disappointed!

## 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](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca). This group meets via GoogleMeet every Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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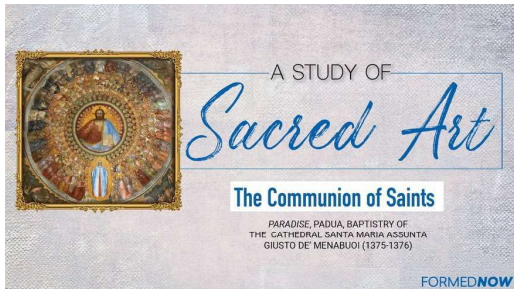
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of October 29, 2023



### Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.



### The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

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Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Seasonal Whisky & Cigar Night Fundraiser

“A casual evening around the fire with friends & fine whisky – Ladies welcome!”

Saturday, November 4, at 7 pm

**Location:** The outdoor courtyard @ the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria  
3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines, ON

### **What's included:**

Charcuterie & cheese boards to snack on

### **Guided Tasting – 1 oz pour of each:**

- The Dalmore Cigar Malt Reserve Scotch
- Rabbit Hole Dareranger Bourbon
- Nikka from the Barrel Whisky

1 ticket for door prize!

**Cost: \$40 per adult**

**To Bring:** Your own favourite beverage + cigar, pipe or other tobacco to enjoy.  
Dress warmly for outdoor weather. Rain date TBA if needed.

Exclusive event limited to ~50 tickets

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# Annual Collection to Support our Priests' Retirement



## Deo Gratias

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for their service in Christ

### Why Contribute?

- + Currently 18 priests receiving monthly benefit
- + 2022 Annual payout \$427,400
- + 2022 Deo Gratias Collection \$39,827
- + Priests do not build equity, such as in a home

**Thank you for your generous "thank you"  
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