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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  
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#### PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

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#### SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

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#### DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

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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

Principal: Mrs. Victoria Wegelin  
175 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 1S1  
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#### 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!*

#### 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

(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, APRIL 17, 2022

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, April 18 – Private Mass**

Stephanie Cosgrove

**Tuesday, April 19 – 8:00 a.m.**

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**Wednesday, April 20 – 8:00 a.m.**

Ralph & Nick Monteleone

**Thursday, April 21 – 8:00 a.m.**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, April 22 – 8:00 a.m.**

Charlene Mailloux

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

##### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Saturday, April 23 – 4:00 p.m.**

Russ Kozachenko | Michael Pangan | William Abbott

Stewart Hamilton | Maria De Meo

**Sunday, April 24 – 8:00 a.m.**

Deceased of the Perry Family | Maria De Meo

Carmina Cipriano | Teuta Lukaj

Sp. Int. Fr. Andy Goodwin

**Sunday, April 24 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, April 24 – 12:00 p.m.**

Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of St. Catharines



#### COLLECTION FOR APRIL 10

Offertory	\$ 3,015.00
Easter Memorial Candles	\$ 1,745.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,760.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we can finally say those words, “*Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! Alleluia!*” After the long journey of Lent, Holy Week, and the Triduum we finally can celebrate the *Mystery of the Resurrection*. There are numerous tombs throughout the world, but only one is empty, and that is why we rejoice abundantly today!

The Collect of the Easter Mass reads, “*O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*” It was so good to see so many new faces joining us for the Triduum, I am glad to welcome you back home to St. Denis; as we continue to bask in the light of the Risen Christ!

I want to thank everyone who has worked so diligently in making Holy Week and Triduum a success. For me, it has been a great joy to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and the Triduum. I pray that this will be the first of many spent here at St. Denis. On behalf of myself and Nancy, I would like to wish you all a very Blessed & Happy Easter (*Joyeuses Pâques, Frohe Ostern, Buona Pasqua, Felices Pascuas, Szczęśliwej Wielkanocy, Feliz Páscoa, Vrolijk Pasen, Maligayang Pasko*) to each of you. But let us not forget that Easter is not just one day, but rather a whole liturgical season that lasts 50 days, which culminates in the Solemnity of Pentecost!

Also, I would like to invite each of you to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Myself, Fr. Ben, and His Excellency, Bishop Bergie, will be hearing confessions in the presence of the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. “*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*”

**Note: The Friday in the Octave of Easter (April 22) is a Solemnity and therefore is not a day of abstinence, so enjoy a delicious steak or pork chops!**

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The mission of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy. It was founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam to help the poor in Paris, France. The first Canadian Conference was established in Quebec in 1846. Now there are conferences across Canada, as well as internationally in 130 countries.

Our conference of Vincentians is small but very dedicated and hardworking, doing tremendous work supporting those who come to us in need. The society gives out food vouchers every Wednesday to those who are in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael at 905-325-7820.

### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Served 26 families (40 adults and 31 children). An average of 5.2 families per week.
- Donations received: \$1,410.00
- Vouchers given out: \$2,655.00
- Bank balance as of March 31: \$16,112.00

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## 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, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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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 May withdrawal is Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!***

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## MASS INTENTIONS

With Easter coming, 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: Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. ***Reminder: you are welcome to book up to 1 year in advance, please get your dates soon, as to not be disappointed.***

## CHOOSE LIFE NIAGARA

Interested in going to March for Life in Ottawa? There has been a bus arranged for youth and chaperones for May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$90.00 and includes bus, accommodations, youth conference, and candlelight vigil. Consider joining thousands of Canadians as we witness to the sanctity of life. Sign up by Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your spot.

Also, there will be a Life Dinner held on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Coppola's Banquet Hall (203 Carlton Street, St. Catharines) with speaker Lia Mills. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for students. To book your tickets for these events, please visit [www.chooselife.ca/events](http://www.chooselife.ca/events) or call 905-684-7505.

Additionally, there will be a Mother's Day Diaper Drive to help moms in difficult circumstances who have chosen life. Donations for diapers, wipes, or money for baby essentials can be made until May 20<sup>th</sup>. For drop-off locations and more information, please visit [www.chooselifeniagara.com/diaper-drive-2022](http://www.chooselifeniagara.com/diaper-drive-2022)

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## NIAGARA FOUNDATION GALA

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is holding its annual Benefit Gala on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Club Roma (125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines), doors open at 6:00 p.m. This year's honour guest is Bishop Bergie. The funds of this gala are used to help students in need and to provide scholarships to deserving students. There will be a cash bar, followed by dinner. Tickets are \$100.00 per person (with an eligible \$30.00 tax receipt upon request). For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.nfce.org](http://www.nfce.org) or call 905-735-0240 Ext. 214.

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## 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.

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