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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, MARCH 6, 2022

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, March 7 – Private Mass**

*St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, March 8 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. John of God, Religious*  
Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak

**Wednesday, March 9 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Frances of Rome, Religious*  
George Woodrow Wilson

**Thursday, March 10 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sp. Int. Michal Biesaga

**Friday, March 11 – 8:00 a.m.**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

*2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Saturday, March 12 – 4:00 p.m.**

Dr. Alice von Hildebrand | Maria Vosner  
Joseph Ramirez | Sp. Int. Agnes Mailloux

**Sunday, March 13 – 8:00 a.m.**

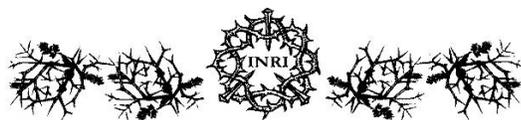
Lucien & Colette Paille | Tilakraj & Renuka Jasser  
Sp. Int. Arthur Bielak | Sp. Int. In Thanksgiving

**Sunday, March 13 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, March 13 – 12:00 p.m.**

Bishop John Aloysius O'Mara



#### COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 27

Offertory	\$ 2,855.00
E-Transfers	\$ 551.50
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,406.50</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

I would like to thank Mr. Marc Moreau, the Central Regional Manager for Catholic Christian Outreach for leading our parish Lenten mission. It has definitely helped us start the Season of Lent off on the right foot. If you are able, please consider supporting the mission of CCO, who do so much good on our university campuses, including Brock! Over the course of our two mission days, we managed to raise \$1,125.00 for CCO and as a thank you to Marc, we sent \$350.00 on behalf of the parish community. I look forward to our continued partnership with CCO. This coming week I will be having coffee with one of the missionaries to discuss an upcoming faith study for the parish.

Still 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.

Still looking to fulfil the 'almsgiving' aspect of Lent? Why not take an hour at the Niagara Falls General Hospital, where you can witness and pray for the sanctity of human life. The vigil runs each day of Lent 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Annette at loeffenlife@gmail.com.

A reminder that if you are interested in participating in the diocesan synod, please call the parish office or email Nancy to register. The deadline for registering will be Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see the ad on the next page.

I am please to say that now we are able to have 100% capacity, we will be starting some new catechical programs. The first program to launch is "The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible." I would highly recommend joining this course, it will definitely help to give you a better understanding of scripture. I plan on taking it myself, which will help me in my ongoing academic formation.

**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 [iruiter@branchesoftheword.org](mailto:iruiter@branchesoftheword.org). If you would like to register for the Thursday sessions, please email [cooj0510@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@go2branches.com)

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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, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing, on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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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## 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

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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 April withdrawal is Monday, March 28<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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