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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
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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

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

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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
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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., 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 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, May 16 – Private Mass

Sp. Int. Deacon Daniel Corso

Tuesday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Fr. Stuart MacDonald

Wednesday, May 18 – 8:00 a.m.

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 19 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Elessia Martin & Family

Friday, May 20 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 21 – 4:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. The Benoit Family | Sp. Int. Fr. Luc Payette

Sp. Int. Evin Resmini & Family

Sp. Int. Anthony & Violet Vaz

Sp. Int. Samantha & Unborn Baby

Sunday, May 22 – 8:00 a.m.

Rita Maingot | Henri Schmidt | Stephanie Cosgrove

Michael Severino | Sp. Int. Lee Bastings

Sunday, May 22 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, May 22 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Fr. Daniel Corso



COLLECTION FOR MAY 8

Offertory	\$ 3,168.00
E-Transfers	\$ 265.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 96.50
Total Collection	\$ 3,529.50

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the month of May. With that the Easter Season is passing quickly, as it is already more than half over as we progress toward the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. I am sure you, like me, want the Easter Season to slow down so that we may savour the joy and consolation which come from the readings we hear throughout this time, but as the old saying goes "*tempus fugit*" (*time flies*). The readings this week describe the kingdom of God, which is manifested on earth as the Church. The first two readings and the psalm are tied together with kingdom images, and the Gospel reminds us that this kingdom is characterized by God's love.

This coming week we celebrate with great joy several occasions in the life of the Church. On Tuesday, May 17th, Fr. Stuart MacDonald will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. We continue to thank God for his fidelity to Holy Mother Church and for inspiring many young men (including me) to discern a vocation to the priesthood. Also, on Friday, May 20th, I will be celebrating my own anniversary of Priestly Ordination. I can't believe how quickly five years has gone and how much my life has changed, even since last year. In addition to these anniversaries, we as a diocese will rejoice in the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Daniel Corso on Saturday, May 21st at the Cathedral Church. Let us continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send more labourers into his harvest!

As I mentioned last week in the bulletin, one of the projects I would like to work on is getting a new parish sign. In order for that to happen, the old sign needed to be removed. This past week, myself and one of the parishioners were successful in removing the old sign (we still need to remove the concrete footings). I want to thank Roger Leduc for all his efforts with this project. Now we will begin looking at designs and pricing for the new sign.

Also, we had a great consultation with Cotton Construction regarding the grotto. After several design changes, we have settled on something safe and accessible, which is very important. I look forward to moving ahead with this project very soon.

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

PENTECOST PARISH DINNER

Don't miss out on 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 (100 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 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

We are almost there! All high schoolers, whether going into grade 9 in the fall or just graduating from grade 12 this year, are invited to join us this Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. for our first social. This week we will be doing real-life Mario Kart -- best part: pizza will be included! Please contact Ryan, at evangelization@stdenischurch.ca to register your teen(s) and ask any questions you may have!

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Thank you to everyone who bought a rose on Mother's Day. The Knights of Columbus fundraiser selling roses at the Cathedral, St. Denis, and Star of the Sea churches on Mother's Day weekend earned \$1850.00 for Choose Life Niagara. A cheque will be presented at the Celebrate Life Dinner on June 4. Let us always continue to support life!

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.**

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.



KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Fr. Stephen is still looking for some young men who feel called to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.). If you are interested, let me know by email or after Mass.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Are you interested in spending an hour a week with Jesus in our Adoration Chapel? Perhaps you could consider signing up to become a permanent adoror. For more information, please email the coordinator, Emilia Witek at emilia.witek1@gmail.com. If you would like to simply visit without commitment and you require the access code, please call the parish office or email Fr. Stephen.

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