

# ST. DENIS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.  
pastor@stdenischurch.ca

### PRIEST-IN-RESIDENCE

Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese  
ajivargheseoic@gmail.com

### SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Nancy Chmay  
secretary@stdenischurch.ca

### CATECHISTS

Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate  
lourdes@solisisters.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

Principal: Mr. Ken Lococo  
615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3  
905-934-3112

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SECONDARY

Principal: Mrs. Krista Moscato  
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.

### 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 22, 2023

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, October 23 – Private Mass**

*St. John of Capistrano, Priest*  
Anna Rocco

**Tuesday, October 24 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, October 25 – 8:00 a.m.**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, October 26 – 8:00 a.m.**

Anna Rocco

**Friday, October 27 – 8:00 a.m.**

Thomas DeMontbrun

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

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

**Saturday, October 28 – 4:00 p.m.**

Margaret Hage | Paul Arsenault  
Teresina Rancio Provenzano  
Sp. Int. Dick & Joyce Simoes

**Sunday, October 29 – 8:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, October 29 – 10:00 a.m.**

Mary Niva McKee | George & Rose Arsenault



### COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 8 & 15

Offertory	\$ 4,195.00
Sacramental Donation	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,695.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

I want to begin by thanking everyone for their prayers and well wishes for the Marian Shrines Pilgrimage. It was truly an amazing experience and we made it home in one piece this past Friday evening. While not everything went according to plan, we opened our hearts and our minds to God, and prayed that the Holy Spirit would enkindle in us the fire of his love. Our Lady wrapped us in her mantle and gently guided us on our way. Not only was the pilgrimage spiritually enriching but also culturally enriching as well (art, food, music, etc.). When asked what my favourite part was, I would have to say, being the principal celebrant at the Grotto of Our Lady in Lourdes. My second favourite part was concelebrating Mass, with over 500,000 people, on the feast of the Apparition of the Sun in Fatima. I look forward to going back and visiting many of these places again.

With All Souls' Day coming, please make sure you submit your envelopes for the book of remembrance by Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. As previously mentioned, every Holy Mass celebrated in the month of November will be for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory; especially those listed in our book of remembrance. ***Note: There will only be a 8:00 a.m. Mass here on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, as there will be a Solemn Mass at the Cathedral in the evening, for those wishing to attending.***

Also, please mark your calendar for our upcoming parish karaoke night! Come 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/community perform while you munch on snacks, this event is for you. This will be on Saturday, 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.

To celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diocese, you are all invited to mark your calendar. Please note that the Mass will be celebrated the day before on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. This Mass will take place at the Cathedral Church. To encourage you to attend, there will be no morning Mass here that day. St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us!

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## THIS WEEK OF FORMED

### 1. *Pope John Paul II*

- This epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

### 2. *Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret*

- Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Claret: Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain. The story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### 3. *Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism*

- This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

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

Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone!



## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Our next available single Mass intention is: Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our next available multiple Mass intention is: Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</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.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Our deadline for the November withdrawal is Wednesday, October 25<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.

## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing, on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</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.

## AQUINAS MEN'S GROUP

Gentlemen, consider joining our weekly men's discussion group which takes place every Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the small meeting room. Each session is approximately 1 hour, with a 20-minute video presented by world leading Aquinas scholars and then a 30-minute open discussion on the topic. Everyone is welcome to bring their own coffee. If you are interested in joining the mailing list, please contact Alex McKee at [alex@alexmckee.com](mailto:alex@alexmckee.com).

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

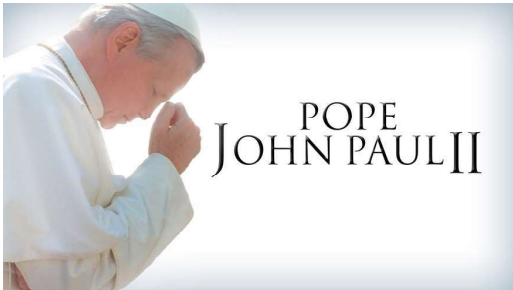
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael at 905-325-7820.

### SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Served 39 families (64 adults & 37 children)
- Donations received: \$705.00
- Vouchers given out: \$2,430.00
- Bank balance as of September 30: \$3,244.00

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 22, 2023



## Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



## Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret (English Audio)

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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# Healing *after* Abortion

*Immerse yourself in the ocean of God's mercy.*



**Hope again. We are here for you.**

**SISTERS OF LIFE**  
**416.463.2722**

**Day of Prayer & Healing  
for Women**

October 28, 2023

February 10, 2024

April 20, 2024

July 20, 2024

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OR TO REGISTER:**

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