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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

#### DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

Mrs. Ryan Hermack  
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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  
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#### 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, MARCH 27, 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, March 28 – Private Mass**

Thomas Stockwell

**Tuesday, March 29 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sp. Int. Anna & Benedict Biesaga

**Wednesday, March 30 – 8:00 a.m.**

Thomas DeMontbrun

**Thursday, March 31 – 8:00 a.m.**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, April 1 – 8:00 a.m.**

Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

##### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday, April 2 – 4:00 p.m.**

Brian Cunningham | Bill Burak | Wojciech Nowak

Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, April 3 – 8:00 a.m.**

Reinhold Zawatski | Douglas James Brewer

Sp. Int. Fr. Andy Goodwin

**Sunday, April 3 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

**Sunday, April 3 – 12:00 p.m.**

Matteo King



#### COLLECTION FOR MARCH 20

Offertory	\$ 2,848.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 697.00
E-Transfers	\$ 525.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,070.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent traditional known as *Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday)*, when the Church takes a bit of breather from Lenten practice and opens Mass with the Entrance Antiphon, "*Rejoice, Jerusalem...Be joyful, all who were in mourning!*" – cf. Isaiah 66.

On both *Laetare Sunday* and *Gaudete Sunday*, a priest may wear rose vestments. The color rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterizes these two Sundays. The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

It is good to mark this mid-way point of Lent with a celebration. Perhaps a Sunday brunch with some roses on the table...or perhaps maybe even planting a rose bush; for you greener thumbs. A traditional practice is visiting your "mother church", the place where you were baptized. Whatever it is you are doing to celebrate, make sure you do it with much rejoicing!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the historic Act of Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this past Friday at the Cathedral with His Excellency, Bishop Bergie. Also, thank you to all those who participated in the 40 Days for Life at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, witnessing, and praying for the sanctity of human life. Also, thank you to those who were able to attend the Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral.

Have you heard that we will be adding a new member to the Pastoral Team? The position that has been created is titled, *Director of Evangelization*. After prayer and discernment, I am pleased to say that Mr. Ryan Hermack has been hired for this position. If you'd like to learn a little bit more about Ryan, please visit the website for his biography. Ryan will work directly with me, in helping to coordinate all catechetical programs, as well as youth programs that we will be providing in the future. As an act of good faith and charity towards the parish, Ryan will be volunteering in this position until September, at which point he will then be on the payroll. I am looking forward to working together and making St. Denis that "*Catholic Centre of Excellence!*"

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzese**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his entrance into Jerusalem.

### **Saturday, April 9**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
4:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 10**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

### **Monday, April 11**

Monday of Holy Week – Private Mass

### **Tuesday, April 12**

*No parish Mass as Fr. Stephen will be at the Cathedral for the Mass of Chrism with Bishop Bergie*  
Mass of Chrism – 7:30 p.m. (Cathedral)

### **Wednesday, April 13**

Wednesday of Holy Week – 8:00 a.m.

## TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

### **Thursday, April 14**

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, April 15**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, April 16**

Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection – 8:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 17**

The Resurrection of the Lord  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

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

## EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Are you interested in offering an Easter Candle for your deceased loved one? These candles for Easter will be lit on Holy Saturday after the Easter Vigil and continue to burn throughout the Octave.

These candles will be a visual reminder to each of what Jesus meant when he said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12).

The cost is \$5.00 per candle – which will include one name (or couple, if married); or simply the family name (i.e.: Deceased of the Bruzzese Family).

Please PRINT names clearly and legibly. Please return your envelope either in the collection basket or through the mail slot at the parish office. The deadline to submit your requests will be Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This will allow enough time to prepare the candles for the Easter Vigil.

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## 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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## 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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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

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