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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
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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
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615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3
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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

(1ST THURSDAY & 1ST 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 8, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF ST. DENIS & COMPANIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, October 9 – Private Mass

St. John Leonardi, Priest
Stephanie Cosgrove

Tuesday, October 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. David Miketic

Wednesday, October 11 – 8:00 a.m.

St. John XXIII, Pope
Anna Rocco

Thursday, October 12 – 8:00 a.m.

Milan Brank

Friday, October 13 – 8:00 a.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 14 – 4:00 p.m.

Margaret Hage | Milan Brank | Eric & Loretta Gould
Sp. Int. Baby Pereira

Sunday, October 15 – 8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, October 15 – 10:00 a.m.

Maryanne Desroches | Leo Loeffen
Sp. Int. Anthony & Violet Vaz
Sp. Int. Alisa Litosh



COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 1

Pre-Authorized Debit [October 1]	\$ 3,175.00
Offertory	\$ 2,375.00
Building Fund	\$ 395.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,945.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE PASTOR'S PORTICO

Today we celebrate our Patronal Feast of St. Denis and his companions. St. Denis is considered the first bishop of Paris and was beheaded in the persecution under Emperor Valerius in 258. According to an ancient legend, from his hagiography, after being beheaded on Montmartre (*Mountain of Martyrs*), St. Denis picked up his head and walked several miles while preaching a sermon on repentance. St. Denis is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers and praying him is believed...to cure headaches; believe it or not!

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. This is often a time spent with family and friends, enjoying delicious food and conversation. Here is a short prayer you can say before you celebrate, "*Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Amen.*"

Thank you to everyone who attended the Life Chain last weekend. The weather was perfect, and we had a great turnout, approximately 150 people. While there were a small number of pro-death activists, everything remained calm and peaceful. Thank you to the marshals and the organizing committee from Niagara Right to Life who hosted the event. Let us continue to pray for the sanctity of all human life (born and unborn) in our country of Canada.

As many of you already know, I will be leaving Monday to lead the Marian Shrines Pilgrimage for 12 days through Portugal [Fatima], Spain, and France [Lourdes]; there will be 39 pilgrims coming along. I have been looking forward to this for a long time and it is certainly an exciting way to spend my 34th birthday! I would ask that you pray for us while we are away, and that Our Lady will transform our hearts to become even more on fire with the divine love of her Son. If you are interested in travelling vicariously through social media, please feel free to follow @thehungrymonk89 on Instagram. If you are sad you missed out, mark your calendars for next pilgrimage: Holy Land, February of 2025 [more information to follow upon my return].

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, October 16 – Private Mass

St. Marguerite D'Youville, Religious
Diane Clevenger

Tuesday, October 17 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Sp. Int. David Miketic

Wednesday, October 18 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Luke, Evangelist
Sp. Int. Eric & Annette Vedder

Thursday, October 19 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Americo & Jose Coelho

Friday, October 20 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Holy Souls in Purgatory

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 21 – 4:00 p.m.

Deceased of the Middleton & Durocher Families
Margery Royer
Sp. Int. Aligi & Daughter | Sp. Int. Laura Martin

Sunday, October 22 – 8:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, October 22 – 10:00 a.m.

Frank Arsenault | Aquilino Lazo | Louisa Lai Siu
Sp. Int. Annabelle Orejana



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Are you interested in using our monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Program? Our deadline for the November withdrawal is Wednesday, October 25th. 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. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

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. If you are interested in joining the mailing list, please contact Alex McKee at alex@alexcmckee.com.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Are you interested in offering Holy Mass each day during the month of November for your deceased loved ones? 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.

While there is no "fee" to offer a Mass intention, the suggested offering is \$10.00. A Mass intention is typically one name (or couple, if married); or the family name (i.e.: Deceased of the Bruzzese Family). Please be kind and conscientious of this as you submit your requests and remember the immeasurable gift you are offering for your loved ones.

Please PRINT names clearly and legibly. Please return your envelope either in the collection basket or at the parish office. The deadline to submit your requests will be Friday, October 27th.

OUTDOOR PUBLIC ROSARY

Each Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. there will be an outdoor public rosary here at St. Denis. This is an international movement which originated in Austria. Why are we doing this? To consecrate our countries to the Mother of God asking her for help for all citizens to obtain unity and peace. Rain or shine we need to pray for Canada. For more information, visit www.public-rosary.org

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. This group meets via GoogleMeet every Monday at 7:00 p.m.

St. Denis Youth Group

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Grades 6-8



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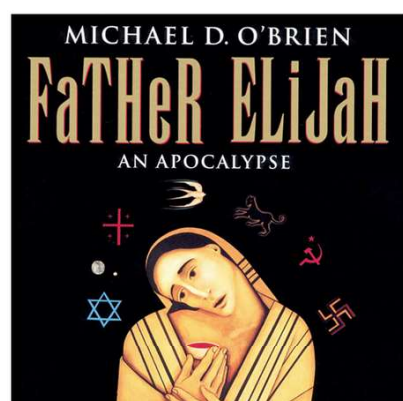
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 08, 2023



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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Week of October 15, 2023



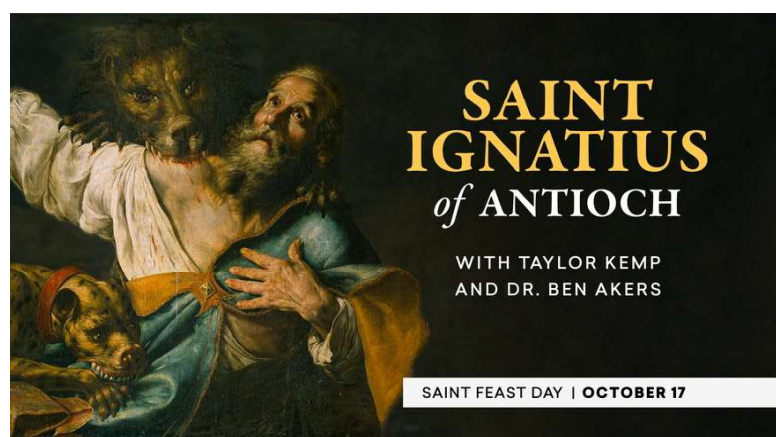
St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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