

# 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

### ADMINISTRATOR

Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese  
administrator@stdenischurch.ca

### SECRETARY & BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Nancy Chmay  
secretary@stdenischurch.ca

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mrs. Susan Lewczynski  
music@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: Mr. Kevin Lamb

175 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, ON L2R 1S1  
905-682-4156

### ST. JAMES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

Principal: Mrs. Jacqueline Watson

615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3  
905-934-3112

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SECONDARY

Principal: Mr. Jim Whittard

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: 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:15 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 7:30 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 the parish office and/or fill out a census card.

**Thank you for your continued generosity towards our parish!**

# SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### **Monday, May 17 – Private Mass**

Fr. Stephen saying the 12:10 p.m. at the Cathedral

##### **Tuesday, May 18 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. John I, Pope & Martyr*

Sp. Int. Tammy Willis

##### **Wednesday, May 19 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sp. Int. Jolanta P.

##### **Thursday, May 20 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

Sp. Int. Anthony & Violet Vaz

##### **Friday, May 21 – 8:00 a.m.**

*St. Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop*

Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

##### *PENTECOST SUNDAY*

##### **Saturday, May 22 – 4:00 p.m.**

Florante Martires & Holy Souls in Purgatory

##### **Sunday, May 23 – 8:00 a.m.**

Henry Schmidt

Marek Ignasiak

Stephanie Cosgrove

Sp. Int. Klara Lach Milijasevic

Sp. Int. Brina Mahoney

##### **Sunday, May 23 – 10:00 a.m.**

Pro Populo – For the People

##### **Sunday, May 23 – 12:00 p.m.**

Sp. Int. Fr. Stuart MacDonald



#### COLLECTION FOR MAY 9

Offertory	\$ 6,715.00
E-Transfers	\$ 1,065.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,790.00</b>

**Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

### THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ALLEY

It is fitting that today, as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, the last words Our Lord spoke to his disciples were, *"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation...and they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere."*

As Catholics, we are all called to preach the Gospel, both by our words and by our actions.

It is with absolute great joy, that this week (May 20<sup>th</sup>) that I will be celebrating my 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary my Priestly Ordination. I can't believe how quickly it has gone and how much my life has changed, even since last year. I am often asked what I enjoy most about being a priest, the most obvious answer is celebrating Holy Mass and the other sacraments. Apart from that, I truly enjoy preaching and teaching; bringing the truth of Jesus Christ to a world which is so desperately in need of it! Thank you to God for calling me to this awesome vocation, to my parents for always supporting and praying for me, to all the priests who have aided in my formation, and to all the parishioners who always prayed for me throughout the years. Let us continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send more labourers into his harvest!

By the Grace of God and appointment of His Excellency Bishop Bergie, I am excited to share I will be the next pastor of St. Denis; effective Wednesday, August 4, 2021. This is a fitting date as it is the Feast of St. John Vianney, who is the patron saint of parish priests. There is a statue outside of the town of Ars of the famous meeting between St. John Vianney trying to find his way to his parish and a young child who showed him the way. At foot of this statue is inscribed the famous words of the Cure of Ars, *"Show me the way to Ars and I will show you the way to heaven."* I pray that like St. John Vianney, because you have welcomed me here so generously, I might in turn be able to show each of you the way to heaven. St. John Paul II often spoke of a *"new springtime in the Church"*. I am absolutely confident that there will be a new springtime here at St. Denis! Thank you for all your prayers and support over these past 4 months, during my time as administrator; I am looking forward to many more years here at St. Denis.

**Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese**

## CASSOCKS & SURPLICES

As many of you know, the cassock & surplice is the standard dress for clergy, who assist at Holy Mass in what is traditionally known as “in choir” (*in choro*). This dress is mirrored by the those who serve at Holy Mass; these are typically boys between the ages of eight and eighteen.

Here at St. Denis, it is my goal to have a whole host of altar boys, who regularly assist at Holy Mass each weekend. For this to take place, it is necessary to purchase some new cassocks and surplices; as the old ones are torn, tattered, and stained. Since altar boys range in age and size, it is necessary to have approximate 15-20 sets on hand. **The cost for a cassock and surplice pairing is approximately \$150.00 each. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a pairing (cassock & surplice), your generosity would be greatly appreciated.**

A special word of thanks to the following who have already sponsored:

1. Jeremy & Lila Bannon
2. Marie Brophy
3. Brian & Nancy Chmay
4. William Darton (2 sets)
5. Roberto & Wendy Freire (2 sets)
6. Ed & Patricia Hallet (2 sets)
7. Nancy Hamilton
8. Keith & Yolanda Hermack
9. Jim & Linda Kretz
10. Yass & Stephanie Leheta
11. Jan & Anne Lenkiewicz
12. Marcello & Dolora Multari
13. Mark & Kyla Olszewski
14. Ralph & Ana Piller (2 sets)
15. Luisa Wilson
16. Lib & Annina Zappitelli

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## EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Easter Memorial Candles will be lit on the Vigil of Pentecost (Saturday, May 22) and will burn throughout the Octave of Pentecost. Fr. Stephen is planning to have a livestreamed event on Facebook (@StDenisSTC), while the candles are being lit.

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## BOOKS FOR SALE

We have 75 copies of the *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway on order, soon to be for sale at the parish office for \$20.00 a copy. 15 copies are already reserved when they arrive. If you would like to pre-order your copy, please email or call the parish office.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

I would like to give you another brief financial update (a more comprehensive update to come in July). In the last update, I let you know that our total debt as of January 20 was \$171,508.08. As of April 18, we were able to pay off \$54,965.97 towards our outstanding debt, leaving us with a balance of \$116,542.11.

As of today, with your great generosity, smart savings, and God's grace we have managed to pay another \$8,800.53 towards our debt (for a total of \$63,766.50 over four months); leaving us with a balance of \$107,741.58, which I am confident we will be able to eliminate in the coming months/year.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish. We are truly blessed to have many parishioners (and visitors) who have given of their time, their talents, and their treasures in building up our parish community. We must always remember these four principles with regards to stewardship and ministry: **Cheerfulness, Generosity, Gratitude, and Intentionality**. Again, thank you for your commitment to parish life here at St. Denis.

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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); especially those in the Diocese of St. Catharines. If you would like to join this virtual prayer group, please email the coordinator at [cenacle@stdenischurch.ca](mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca) to be added to the group list – the link will be emailed to you weekly. Our next meeting is **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** (please log on at 6:55 p.m.). Please do consider joining us in to pray for our priests!

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## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

*Here is the prayer to St. Joseph we say after Mass:*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

For the most up-to-date information, please visit [www.stdenischurch.ca](http://www.stdenischurch.ca) or call the parish office at 905-685-5911.

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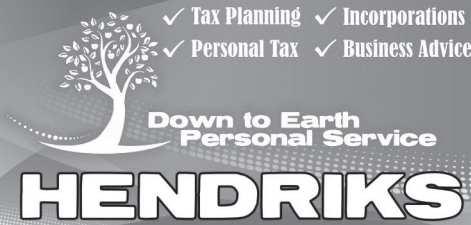
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