### 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!

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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, AUGUST 1, 2021 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### Monday, August 2 – Private Mass

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Sp. Int. Debbie Bruzzese

Tuesday, August 3 – 8:00 a.m.

Marek Ignasiak

#### Wednesday, August 4 - 8:00 a.m.

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest Sp. Int. Anthony & Violet Vaz

#### Thursday, August 5 - 8:00 a.m.

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Antoneta & Ornellas Vaz & Family

#### Friday, August 6 - 8:00 a.m.

The Transfiguration of the Lord Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 7 – 4:00 p.m.

Paolo & Antonia Marcella

#### Sunday, August 8 - 8:00 a.m.

Stephanie Cosgrove | William Burak Jesus Ramirez Garcia Renato S. Carrillo | Mike Young

**Sunday, August 8 – 10:00 a.m.** 

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, August 8 – 12:00 p.m.
Communion Service with Deacon Frank Berardi



#### **COLLECTION FOR JULY 25**

 Offertory
 \$ 3,320.00

 E-Transfers
 \$ 25.00

 Total Collection
 \$ 3,345.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship! ~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

#### THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ALLEY

This coming week we celebrate two significant feast days in the life of the Church. The first is the feast of St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of priests. He is typically referred to as "Curé of Ars". He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He preached in a very simple manner and had a great love of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Mother. Through his work as a confessor, he brought about a spiritual renewal that touched not only the people of his parish, but all of France. I think it rather providential that on his feast day, I will officially assume the role as pastor here at St. Denis. Please pray for me, that I may always be able to teach, preach, sanctify, and govern with the heart of the Good Shepherd.

The second (and more major) feast we celebrate is *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*. This feast is significant in my life because five years ago (August 6, 2016), I was ordained as a transitional deacon at my home parish, St. Thomas More in Niagara Falls. This was the day I became a cleric and the day I promised a life of celibacy and obedience; as well as the promise to pray the Liturgy of the Hours faithfully, with and for the people of God. The word deacon comes from the Greek word, *diakonia*, which means service. It is a reminder that although I am a priest, I was a deacon first; and that we are called to serve the people of God, "just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This coming Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> the 12:00 p.m., for this week only, Mass has been changed to a Communion Service. I want to welcome Deacon Frank Berardi, from the Cathedral, who will be the celebrant for this Communion Service. Unfortunately, given the current circumstance with vocations and our presbyterate, the number of "fill-in priests" is quite low. I pray that this situation will be different in the coming years. It is a good reminder that we must daily pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Please join me on First Thursday (August 5<sup>th</sup>) and First Friday (August 6<sup>th</sup>) for a Holy Hour following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Our intention for these Holy Hours will be an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of St. Catharines

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

#### SERRA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Serra Club of St. Catharines will be holding it 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cardinal Lakes Golf Club (105 South Pelham Road, Welland). The start time is 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$90.00 per person. What's included: 9 holes of golf with cart (best ball), delicious dinner, and a guaranteed prize. The funds raised from this event will go to support our seminarians and deacons in formation.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole for \$100.00, please make a cheque payable to Serra Club of St. Catharines and mail it to the treasurer, Mrs. Carmelina Passero at 50 Tanera Crescent, St. Catharines. If you have any questions, please phone Deedee Alexandre at 905-732-4782.

Please consider joining me in this awesome event!

#### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

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.



#### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Just a reminder that if you are 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 September withdrawal is Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

As of today, we have 9 parishioners/families registered, which generates \$1,985.00 per month. Please prayerfully consider this method of monthly stewardship.

#### **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

Just a reminder, that if you have been contributing by a visitor envelope throughout these months and you would like a tax receipt, please email Nancy (<a href="mailto:secretary@stdenischurch.ca">secretary@stdenischurch.ca</a>) with your most up-to-date information; so that we can email/mail them out in the next fiscal year.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

The Branches Team, with permission of His Excellency, are pleased to announce their Auto-Eucharistic Procession, Canada Needs God on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The procession will drive throughout our diocese praying for the physical and spiritual protection of both our diocese and our country!

The route will visit the four corners of our diocese; we will stop and pray a full rosary while processing around each of the four pre-selected parishes. Each procession will be led by Father Paul McDonald.

Throughout the procession, those who are participating will be displaying "Canada Needs God" window flags and/or magnetic banners. To help with the cost of these items we are asking participants to donate to Branches of the Word. For those who donate, the item(s) will be gifted to you and may then be reused in future processions as well.

Although this is a procession of vehicles, all traffic rules, and speed limits must be followed. All participants will be given the specific route and church addresses involved.

For more information or to register, please email Janine Hendriks at <a href="mailto:janine@go2branches.com">janine@go2branches.com</a>

#### **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). If you would like to join this virtual prayer group, please email the coordinator at <a href="mailto:cenacle@stdenischurch.ca">cenacle@stdenischurch.ca</a> to be added to the group list. Our next meeting is **Monday**, **August 2**<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 **p.m.** (please log on at 6:55 p.m.). Please consider joining us in praying for our priests and seminarians.

#### CHAPEL VEILS

There are now 40 beautifully crafted chapel veils available for purchase at the parish office. The cost is \$25.00 each. These veils are new designed, of very high quality, with beautiful lace embellishments. All proceeds will support the new Marian grotto.

#### MARIAN GROTTO

As many of you have seen, the preliminary steps have been taken to build the new Marian grotto. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, many of the necessary building supplies are out of stock. We hope to commence the building by the end of August.

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