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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

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615 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2J3
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Principal: Mr. Jim Whittard

541 Lake Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 4H7
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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

(1ST THURSDAY & 1ST 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 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, May 3 – Private Mass

St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

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

Tuesday, May 4 – 8:00 a.m.

Sp. Int. Nick Petrucci

Wednesday, May 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 6 – 8:00 a.m.

St. Francois de Laval, Bishop

Marek Ignasiak

Friday, May 7 – 8:00 a.m.

Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine, Virgin

Peggy Savage

MASSES OF THE LORD'S DAY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 8 – 4:00 p.m.

Celina Vaz

Sunday, May 9 – 8:00 a.m.

Stephanie Cosgrove

Daniel Urbanik

Marta Jobe

Sp. Int. To End Human Trafficking

Sp. Int. Josephine Clement

Sunday, May 9 – 10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo – For the People

Sunday, May 9 – 12:00 p.m.

Sp. Int. Tammy Willis



COLLECTION FOR APRIL 18

Offertory	\$ 5,082.00
Building Fund	\$ 270.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,352.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

~ Please remember the parish in your will ~

THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ALLEY

I would like to begin my *Administrator's Alley* this week with thanks! After Mass last week (Good Shepherd's Sunday), I arrived back to the rectory to find my phone exploded with many text messages, Facebook messages, emails, phone messages, and Instagram messages (@thehungrymonk89) all with kind words and much love. I was profoundly moved by your kindness, care, and love, especially during these challenging days. I am so truly blessed to be the shepherd of this wonderful parish of St. Denis.

Secondly, I would like to thank Rene & Tessie Aoanan who so generously responded to request to sponsor to the Holy Oil Stocks for \$250.00; this is in thanksgiving for the blessings they received in 2019. I pray that every time these oil stocks are used during the sacraments, your kindness and generosity will be felt by the recipients of these sacraments.

Thirdly, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 9222 (Cathedral) for their kind donation of \$500.00; also, to Council 1652 (Niagara Falls) for their kind donation of \$200; also, to Council 14162 (Smithville) for their donation of \$300.00. All these donations are to go towards the St. Joseph Sanctuary. As of today, sanctuary is completely paid off and no money is owing to building expenses – this is due to the grace of God and the intercession to St. Joseph.

Fourthly, I would like to thank Nancy, our parish secretary, for all of her hard work in helping to make our Sunday Masses go so smoothly. Since arriving, I can say that one of Nancy's greatest qualities is loyalty and dedication to our parish; we are incredibly lucky and blessed to have her with us. I look forward to many more years ahead working together, making our parish "*A Catholic Centre of Excellence*".

Just a reminder that if you want to stay in Our Lady's good book, do not forget that next Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. While for many, this holiday can be a difficult one (due to circumstances), please know that we always have a 2nd (or in my case 3rd) mother, our Heavenly Mother, who is always watching over us. So, don't forget to pick up your rosary and call your Blessed Mother; I guarantee she would love to hear from you this Mother's Day :)

Fr. Stephen Joseph Bruzzese

BOOKS FOR SALE

I now have 8 copies of the *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway for sale at the parish office for \$20.00 a copy. I would HIGHLY recommend this book, especially during this year dedicated to St. Joseph. I learned more about St. Joseph in 33 days, then I did in my whole time in the seminary. I also hope to have some copies in the near future of *The Interior Castle* by St. Theresa of Avila.

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.

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.**

COVID-19 UPDATE

We continue in the “Stay-at-Home Order”. **All Weekday Masses (Tuesday to Friday) and all Masses of the Lord’s Day (Saturday & Sunday) will be in the parking lot.**

Parents who have scheduled their child and/or children’s First Holy Communion, are still welcome to attend in the parking lot. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.stdenischurch.ca or call the parish office at 905-685-5911.

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. The hour-long meeting will consist of a few parts: Welcome & Introductions, Prayer for Priests & Priestly Vocations, Gospel Reading & Reflection, The Rosary, The Litany for Priests, Closing Prayers, and Q & A with Fr. Stephen (or the guest priest). If you would like to join this virtual prayer group, please email the coordinator at 2021.jmj@gmail.com to be added to the group list – the link will be emailed to you weekly. Our next meeting is **Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** (please log on at 6:55 p.m.). Please do consider joining us in to pray for our priests!



EASTER MEMORIAL CANDLES

Just a reminder that the Easter Memorial Candles have not been lit but the goal is to light them now on the Vigil of Pentecost (Saturday, May 22) and have them burning throughout the Octave of Pentecost.

These candles are a visual reminder to each of us 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). This year they will also represent the tongues of fire which descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost.

If you happen to miss the deadline for the Easter Candles, then you are in luck, as we can still add some additional candles for Pentecost. 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, May 17th. This will allow enough time to prepare the candles for the Vigil of Pentecost.

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