

January 7, 2018 | The Epiphany of the Lord (#803)



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday — 4:30pm
Sunday — 8:00 & 10:30am

DAILY MASSES

Mon. — Wed. 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 — 4:00pm
or by appointment

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8:00am — 6:00pm

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8:00am — 12:00pm

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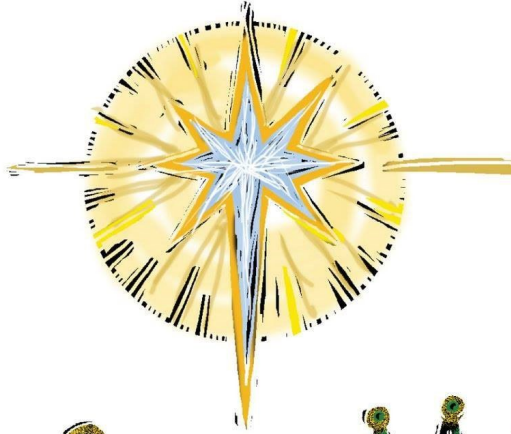
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BAPTISMS

Deacon Richard DesJardins
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NOTIFY THE RECTORY

Visitation of the sick & elderly
Weddings, Pastoral Care



EPIPHANY



*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at
its rising and have come to do him homage."*

Mt 2:16-2



Sat	1/6	4:30pm	
Sun	1/7	8:00am	
		10:30am	Daniel Farrell (35th Birthday) by family
Mon	1/8	9:00am	
Tue	1/9	9:00am	
Wed	1/10	9:00am	
Sat	1/13	4:30pm	
Sun	1/14	8:00am	
		10:30am	Norman DesJardins by family

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Pope Francis' Religious Minorities in Asia
MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS
That Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Marriage Matters

Marriage is a priceless gift, but sometimes the bonds of marriage can be fragile, threadbare, and neglected. What are the pitfalls, distractions, and temptations that can pull us away from each other? How can we protect and preserve the bonds that keep us together? Join us in The Parish Hall on Friday January 19th from 7-9 pm as we answer these questions and continue our way through the Augustine Institute's Beloved Series. There is never any pressure to share and childcare is available. Please contact Kim & Steve Brown for more information at 508-331-0162 or stdenisre@comcast.net

Religious Education's January Service Project

We are having a baby shower!

In honor of Jesus' birth and Pro-Life Month the St. Denis Rel. Ed. students are partnering with Care Net in Fitchburg to bring baby supplies to expecting mothers and families in need. Right now they are specifically in need of diapers, sizes Newborn and 4. They are also accepting clothes, birth to 3 yrs., digital baby thermometers, infant nail clippers, toys, wipes and baby shampoo. We will be collecting throughout the month of January.



Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul conference asks every parishioner to please serve as our "eyes and ears" to advise us of anyone locally such as a neighbor, relative, friend, or acquaintance who might be struggling with economic issues as well as other issues such as loneliness or illness, and might benefit from a confidential helping hand. The members of Saint Vincent de Paul are willing to provide assistance as much as they are able, while maintaining 100% confidentiality. The intent of our St. Vincent de Paul group is to exemplify the loving actions demonstrated by the life of Jesus. Please call the St. Vincent de Paul dedicated phone line at (978) 790-1923 to request assistance for yourself or someone in need. A member of St. Vincent de Paul will be in touch with you.

Pray to end Abortion



"Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card, <https://goo.gl/iF9daj>

The Wise Men and Herod

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

We come to adore Him also in the Eucharist! Imagine ourselves in the presence of baby Jesus, and Mary and Joseph. We are surprised to see men of eastern appearance come. They see baby Jesus and fall on their knees. They offer him homage and give him presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh; gold because Jesus is king, frankincense since Jesus is divine, and myrrh prefiguring his Passion.

Baby Jesus, even while he was only a little baby, experienced both acceptance from the wise men and rejection from Herod. The wise men and Herod had two opposing attitudes; searching for God, and being closed to God. We want to be blessed like the wise men were blessed in their search for God. We want to come ever closer to Him.

The magi were given the guidance of a star. In the darkness of this world, we have all been given help on our journey to God; the beauty of nature, the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, Spirit-filled witnessing, and preaching, the faith of others and our own faith. For a moment, let us be grateful for having stars to lead us to Him.....

The wise men and Herod not only had different attitudes towards Baby Jesus, but also had different attitudes towards life. The wise men were generous, while Herod was selfish, wanting to hold onto his throne. The magi gave Him gifts; Herod killed all boys under two years of age. The wise men were willing to put energy and goodness into life, while Herod wanted to get all he could from life. The magi who sacrificed to put into life, were happy. Herod who took all he could from life, was unhappy. Baby Jesus, help us to foster a healthy attitude towards life, giving and caring, instead of grasping, and being selfish and possessive. Let us pray now, asking Jesus to help us to develop an ever more wholesome attitude towards life.....

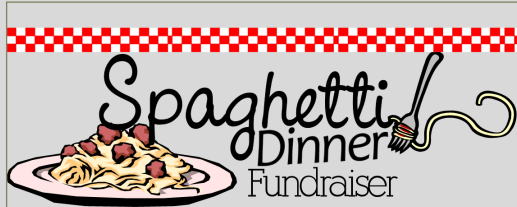
What is your attitude towards the life of your parish community?

Fr. Memo Ochoa

Special Highlights | Offertory Update | Upcoming Events

Baptism OF THE Lord Jan. 8

First St. Denis Social of the 2018 New Year!



**Saturday, February 3rd at 5:30pm
Parish Hall**

Raffle Donations or Lottery Tickets
would be greatly appreciated !

For more information please call Deb Mercier @
978-827-5393

**Tickets : \$7.00 per person
\$25.00 per family**

**Tickets will be sold after the 8am Mass on
Sunday January 14th
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

St. Denis Women's Spiritual Enrichment Group
We meet in the Parish Hall every Wednesday after
Mass from 9:30-11:30.
We are currently reading Four Signs of a Dynamic
Catholic by Matthew Kelly.
All are welcome to join us!

Weekend Mass Collections

12/24/17	Sunday Offertory:	\$2,108.77
	Fuel & Parish Needs:	\$279.00
	Christmas:	\$235.00
12/25/17	Christmas Masses:	\$2,886.74
	Fuel & Other:	\$70.00
12/31/17	Sunday Offertory:	\$3,293.00
	Fuel & Other:	\$322.00
1/1/18	Solemnity of Mary:	\$417.25



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

After concerns that arose by the diocesan
building inspector on the property in Ash-
burnham, MA we would like to create a
parish committee for the building and
beautification of the Church. Are you will-

ing to donate your time, talent, and treasure?
Please contact Joe Olivari at jaolivari@comcast.net or the
parish office to be part of this parish community transfor-
mation.

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE

January

Sun 1/7	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed 1/10	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
	6:30pm	Finance Committee
Wed 1/17	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
	7:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri 1/19	7:00pm	Marriage Matters
Sun 1/21	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed 1/24	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Wed 1/31	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun 1/7	6:00-9:00pm	Grade 10
	8:00-9:00pm	Grade 10 (Parent's meeting / prayer service inside the church)
Mon 1/8	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
	6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue 1/9	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2
Mon 1/15	No School - (No Classes)
Tue 1/16	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2
Sun 1/21	10:30-5:30pm	Grade 9 Retreat
Mon 1/22	Half day ...	Grades 3-5 (No Class)
	6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8 (Do have class)
Tue 1/23	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2
Sun 1/28	8:30-11:30am	First Eucharist Preparation
	10:30-1:30pm	Confirmation (Begins with 10:30am Mass)
Mon 1/29	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
	6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue 1/30	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2



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