

February 11, 2018 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (#869)



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



Ash Wednesday

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*



Genesis 3:19

LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday – Wednesday 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Wednesday
8:00am – 6:00pm
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8:00am – 12:00pm

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NOTIFY THE RECTORY

Visitation of the sick & elderly
Weddings, Pastoral Care



Sat	2/10	4:30pm	
Sun	2/11	8:00am	Diane Dufault by Peter and Andrea Michael Tamas (<i>Special Intention</i>) by Peter and Andrea
		10:30am	Jane Burgoyne (27th A.) by family
Mon	2/12	9:00am	
Tue	2/13	9:00am	
Wed	2/14	9:00am	Mass – Ash Wednesday
		4:00pm	Liturgy of the Word – Ashes
		7:00pm	Mass – Ashes
Sat	2/17	4:30pm	
Sun	2/18	8:00am	Frank Goss by family
		10:30am	RCIA – Rite of Sending
		3:00pm	(Rite of Election) – St. Paul's Cathedral

Today is a big step for any Candidate or Catechumen in the Catholic Church. This is the day that they are recommended by their parishes to the Bishop of their diocese.



Marriage Matters

Friday, February 16 7:00-9:00pm
Father Lacey Hall

Strong marriages don't happen by chance. Successful marriages require self-awareness, grace, and forgiveness. What obstacles get in the way of a successful marriage, and what are the principles we need to form a marriage that thrives? Join us on Friday, February 16th as we continue with Beloved and explore these questions. We will gather at 7pm in Fr. Lacey Hall from 7-9pm. (We hope you will also consider praying the Stations of the Cross with us in the church at 6:30.) Please contact Steve and Kim Brown for more information at 508-331-0162 or email stdenisre@comcast.net.

www.saintdenisashburnham.org

Prayer List: Under the 'Ministries' tab, click on the 'Elderly and Homebound,' and you will find our updated prayer list. Due to lack of weekly space in the bulletin, the sick list will only be posted here periodically. You will always find the current list on our website.

Parish History: There is a lot of history behind both Saint Denis, and Saint Anne Parishes. Go to our 'Parish History' tab, and learn all you wanted to know. Complete with photo albums.

Lenten Reflections: Bishop Barron's reflections for Lent are at the bottom of the home page.

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone by contacting the Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, or in writing sent to the Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Pray to end Abortion



"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31) Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

~ Diocese of Worcester

New Office Hours

After prayerful discernment, consultation with pastors in the diocese, in agreement with the finance council and assimilating the current parish financial hardship. I have decided that the current office hours from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm are going to change from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm from Monday to Thursday. The new office hours will take effect on Monday, March 5. This is more in line with the size of the parish and little number of sacraments celebrated at St Denis. I would appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Thank you.

Fr. Memo Ochoa

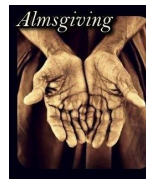


Food Drive

Religious Education Service Project

Month of February

"Feed the Hungry"



Bags are still available. Fill a bag and drop it off. It's that simple. Food will be donated to the Ashburnham Food Pantry.

What is the Meaning of Lent?

The 40-day pilgrimage to Easter is meant to be life-changing!

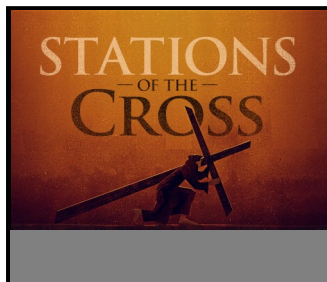
How much are you willing to experience God in this Lenten season? It is a season of forty days of reflecting on what Jesus did to heal us from sin as we prepare for Easter and the benefits of living as an Easter people.

When we sin, it's not because we want to be sinners. It is because our human weakness easily falls into temptation. We understand too little about love and the God who is Love: who he really is, what his divine nature really means for our lives, how much he truly loves us, what he expects from us and why he expects it, how truly loving his commandments are and why they are caring for our eternity.

With this awareness, we can go to God for help in avoiding the sins that tempt us. That's why he has provided the Sacrament of Confession as God's merciful loving compassion in order for us to change what harms our soul. Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." We are "poor in spirit" whenever we realize that we are sinners in need of the saving power of Christ.

What does it mean to be an "Easter people"? We have been resurrected from the destructiveness of our sinfulness. We are alive in the faith as followers of Christ and we will join him in heaven after we die. Lent helps us become more aware of this; it's a season of deepening our Easter character.

Special Highlights | Offertory Update | Upcoming Events



SAINT DENIS PARISH

Every Friday during Lent

Stations of the Cross

6:30pm

February 16th, 23rd

March 2, 9, 16, 23



Tremendous Success!

A big hearty thank you to the Mercier Family for making our 'First Social Event of 2018' a sensational hit! Also, this feat could not have been achieved without the hard work of those who volunteered that night by giving their time and unlimited energy. Thank you to all who donated food, contributed to the raffle table, and to the Music Ministry for providing the wonderful entertainment. We are pleased to announce the profit was over \$2,000.00!!! Our kitchen renovations in the Hall can now begin.

Tim and Deb would like to extend their personal thank you to all who attended and helped. The turnout was fantastic and your generosity and support was very much appreciated. Giving of our time, talent and treasure, proven by the overwhelming fruits from this Spaghetti Supper, demonstrates that great things can happen even in the smallest of parishes.



Lenten Deanery Pilgrimage

Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm and service at 7:00 pm

Feb. 21 - St. Vincent de Paul
Baldwinville - Fr. Fran Roberge

Feb. 28 - Holy Cross - Templeton
Fr. Stephen Lundrigan

March 7 - St. Edward's - Westminster
Fr. Patrick Ssekoyole

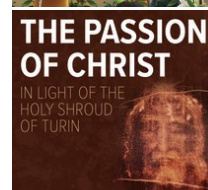
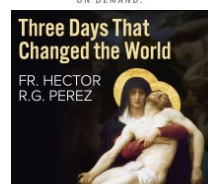
March 14 - St. Denis - Ashburnham
Fr. Joe Jurgelonis

March 21 - St. Francis - Athol
Fr. Memo Ochoa

April 8 - Divine Mercy Sunday
Holy Rosary / Gardner
Exposition and confessions at 2pm.
Chaplet and Benediction at 3pm.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, ON DEMAND.



Weekend Mass Collections

2/4/18 Sunday Offertory: \$ 3,104.16
Fuel / Needs/ Other: \$ 329.00
Diocesan Collection: \$ 30.00



The Diocesan collection received was for the Catholic Home Missions and Catholic University.

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE

February

Wed 2/14	9:00am	Mass: Ash Wednesday
	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
	4:00pm	Liturgy of the Word Distribution of Ashes
	7:00pm	Mass: Distribution of Ashes
Fri 2/16	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	Marriage Matters

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun 2/11	10:30-1:30pm	Confirmation (Begins with Mass)
	6:00-9:00pm	Grade 9
Mon 2/12	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
	6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue 2/13	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2
Wed 2/14		Ash Wednesday
	February Vacation
Sun 2/25	8:30-11:30am	First Eucharist Prep.



BEST LENTEN PRACTICES

- The entire season of Lent is a penitential season. The liturgical color for Lent is purple to show that it is a special time of penance. Taking up additional practices, such as self-imposed fasting outside of the obligatory times, Lenten devotions and spiritual reading, Stations of the Cross, a daily rosary, serving the poor, etc., all enhance the penitential and spiritual aspect of Lent.
- Make the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) an important part of your Lenten penitential practice. Participate in our deanery Lenten pilgrimage.
- Attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. While it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all are encouraged to attend to receive ashes on the forehead.
- Attend Mass on Holy Thursday to commemorate the institution of the Eucharist, called the "Mass of the Lord's Supper."
- At 3 o'clock on Good Friday, pause and make a special effort to keep this hour sacred. This is the hour of Christ's death on the cross, after which redemption for mankind was completed. Praying the Divine Mercy chaplet is ideal at this time or check our parish for your local parish for Good Friday service.
- Participate in the traditional Veneration of the Cross service on Good Friday.
- Continue your Good Friday fast up to the start of the Easter Vigil to correspond to the entire time from Christ's death on the cross until his resurrection on Easter Sunday.
- Attend the Easter Vigil at sundown on Holy Saturday to welcome the Easter Sunday feast. Pray for those being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at this Mass, that they will remain faithful to Christ and his Church, grow in holiness, and become saints.
- On Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season, fully celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection and the conquering of sin and death he merited for us. Greet one another with the Paschal Greeting/Easter Acclamation, "Christ is risen!" and the response, "He is risen indeed!"