

June 28th, 2020 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

Jesus said to his apostles:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;”

# Follow

“and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”



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## LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

## DAILY MASSES

Monday–Wednesday  
9:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 pm  
or by appointment  
Meet in Fr Lacy Hall

## OFFICE HOURS

Closed due to COVID-19  
Office 24/7 available  
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*Bulletin requests, Prayer requests  
Mass Intentions, Event Tickets  
Calendar requests, Join Parish*

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## Mass Intentions

Please pray for the intentions of these people at home and go on our website to watch Saturday's Mass Online.

<https://www.stdenisashburnham.com/parish-video>

To have mass said on video, please ask for a Saturday Mass.

Sat	6/27	4:30 pm	
Sun	6/28	8:00 am	<b>Rachel Foss</b> By Peter Tamas
		10:30 am	
Mon	6/29	9:00 am	
Tue	6/30	9:00 am	
Wed	7/1	9:00 am	
Sat	7/4	4:30 pm	
Sun	7/5	8:00 am	<b>Rachel Foss</b> By Peter Tamas
		10:30 am	

Note \* Masses videotaped on Saturday can be joined by family across the country when Mass Intentions are done for a family member.

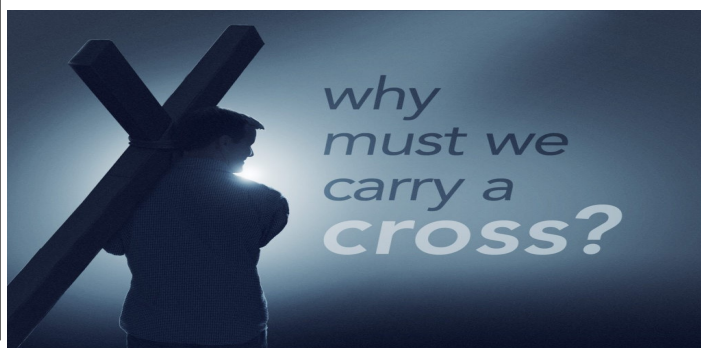


THE DIOCESAN DISPATCH

A weekly bulletin to keep parishes informed of news and events.

### 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38) Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended



Reflection from Fr Hartford

Jesus speaks to us this weekend about the conditions of discipleship. Saying, "whomever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." He means that nothing should ever come between him and his disciple. To follow Christ is to do what he asks of us. It means risking present life gains for eternal ones. Our Christian lives are based on self-denial and that involves the cross.

Many times in our lives we may be willing to accept any cross into our lives, except the one that has been given to us. Jesus goes on to say, "whomever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." To seek one's own life in escaping the cross leads to losing it. But to set aside one's own interests or life for the cause of Christ is a life that is found. Jesus showed us by his own example of accepting the cross literally and now we are linked by the same spirit of dedication to God's will.

It is when we attempt to escape the cross that it has the power to crush us. But by the acceptance of the crosses in our lives start to bear fruit in ways that we could never have imagined. In surrendering our lives to Christ we truly become strong, in and through our weakness. Through our weakness, the power of Christ's cross works through us and touches the lives of others. We gain our own lives and enrich the world with Christ's resurrected life.



The last Sunday of the month, June 28th, at the 10:30 Am Mass, **Mass will be held outside in the parking lot.** Weather permitting. Please bring your own chairs.

### Knights of Columbus Food Drive (for COVID-19)

**Saturday, June 27th, 9 AM to 3:00 PM**

The Knights of Columbus and many local churches are combining efforts to provide food for people who have been affected by the closures due to COVID-19. Many have lost their jobs and need assistance with food for their families. Please come and donate food between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at Vincent's Market in Westminster, and Ashburnham Market in Ashburnham.

Non-perishables are the best donation, as we will have time to distribute the food to the local food banks and charitable organizations.



### RELAY FOR LIFE

Our "One In The Spirit" team has raised \$2121.73 as of now for the American Cancer Society. We offer a huge thank you to all the members of our parish who have supported us. If you would still like to contribute, please call Joan Webber. 978-297-5112

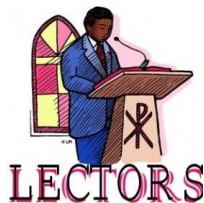




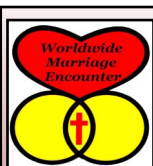
## Lector Schedule for July

Notice\* Lectors needed for all Masses please notify Deacon  
Rich rcd222@comcast.net or call 978-827-5806

June 27th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
June 28th	8:00 am	Sandy Jaillet
June 28th	10:30 am	Gene Farrell
July 4th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
July 5th	8:00 am	Joel Quinones
July 5th	10:30 am	Kim Brown
July 11th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
July 12th	8:00 am	Sandy Jaillet
July 12th	10:30 am	Shannon Demount
July 18th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
July 19th	8:00 am	Denis Driscoll
July 19th	10:30 am	Gene Farrell
July 25th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
July 26th	8:00 am	Sandy Jaillet
July 26th	10:30 am	Shannon Demont



Fri	6/26	7:00 pm	Confirmation (Private Event)
Sat	6/27	1:00 pm	Confirmation (Private Event)
		3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Lacy Hall)
		4:30 pm	Saturday Mass
Sun	6/28	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
		10:30 am	Sunday Mass
Mon	6/29	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Tue	6/30	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Wed	7/1	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Thur	7/2	7:00 pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
		Online : <a href="https://zoom.us/j/8306296449">https://zoom.us/j/8306296449</a>	
Fri	7/3	7:00 pm	Adoration
Sat	7/4	3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr Lacy Hall)
		4:30 pm	Saturday Mass
Sun	7/5	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
		10:30 am	Sunday Mass



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." The Lord's goodness dwells in our marriage. Open up the secret of His goodness by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Sep 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA and Oct 16-18, 2020 in TBD, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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Remember our commitments to Partner's in Charity. The need is greatest in times of struggle. Please consider pledging the same amount you pledged last year or greater. This would provide stability to all our diocese programs.

Church	Goal	Donated	% Goal	Left to Goal
St. Denis	\$27,000.00	\$10,150.00	38 %	\$16,850.00

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Regular Envelopes	\$	1310.00
Parish Needs	\$	165.00
Fuel & Maint	\$	0.00
Mass Intentions	\$	0.00
Funeral	\$	300.00
Cemetery	\$	45.00
Online Giving	\$	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,120.00</b>

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