January 31st, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

Mark 1: 22-26

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Next Week: February 7th, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 , Mk 1:29-39

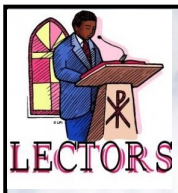
Mass Intentions

Sat	1/30	4:30 pm	
Sun	1/31	8:00 am	Marie Jurgelonis *By Bob & Wendy Feen*
		10:30 am	Alyre & Anne Cormier *By Alice & family*
Mon	2/1	9:00 am	
Tue	2/2	9:00 am	
Wed	2/3	9:00 am	
Sat	2/6	4:30 pm	
Sun	2/7	8:00 am	
		10:30 am	Jane Burgoyne 30th Anniversary By Family

Spaghetti dinner will be on February 20th starting at 5 pm for takeout. Tickets will be on sale online and after Masses. Only $10/person. Advanced sales only.

St Denis Online Auction Begins February 10th!

St Denis will be holding an online auction starting February 10th, 2021. It will be found on the parish website and our Facebook site. The event will end February 19th at 6 PM. Highest bids will be the winner! We will have crafts and other household gems to bid on. This is the link to the Facebook event page for the Winter Fair: Bidding begins February 10th!
https://www.facebook.com/events/147193746994199/



Lector Schedule for February Updated

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

Saturday	February	6th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
Sunday	February	7th	8:00 am	Joel Quinones
Sunday	February	7th	10:30 am	Gene Farrell
Saturday	February	13th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
Sunday	February	14th	8:00 am	Denis Driscoll
Sunday	February	14th	10:30 am	Sean Kelly
Saturday	February	20th	4:30 pm	Jan Peterson
Sunday	February	21st	8:00 am	Sandy Jaillet
Sunday	February	21st	10:30 am	Shannon Demont
Saturday	February	27th	4:30 pm	Jean Torrans
Sunday	February	28th	8:00 am	Joel Quinones
Sunday	February	28th	10:30 am	Kim Brown

The Diocesan Dispatch

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." (1 Corinthians 7:32) How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them

Fr Hartford's Reflection

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the gospel we have the "Cure of the Demoniac." By this miracle, the people who witnessed it, were spellbound and amazed by Jesus' teaching and power over unclean spirits. In this passage we don't here what Jesus is teaching, but we do learn how he teaches: with "authority." We also learn what effect his powerful teaching has: people are "astonished" and "amazed," the unclean spirit is overwhelmed. This being the first teaching and powerful action of Jesus in Mark's gospel, it shows that he also acts with power.

Unclean spirits and other demons represented evil, they were mysterious powers that were hostile to God, health and goodness. They were thought to be very perceptive and in this passage the "unclean spirit" reveals that Jesus is "the Holy One of God." The "unclean spirit" is trying to derail Jesus' mission of goodness. Jesus's word effects what it says and he commands authoritively: "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit leaves the man by convulsing him and with a loud cry comes out of him: defeated by Jesus. The people who see this are amazed but are mystified by it as well: "What is this? A new teaching with authority."

Jesus shows us he is both teacher and healer. The same authority Jesus showed in his teaching is now shown in actions. His will is his command. The words and actions of Jesus have divine power. That divine power continues in his church to this day. Teaching and healing us on our journey to eternal life.

Events | Notices | Calendar | Offertory Update

Collection for Priest Retirement

This year on Ash Wednesday, the parishes of our diocese will begin an annual collection to support the retirement needs of our diocesan priests. In 2019, a committee appointed by Bishop McManus examined the suitability and sustainability of retirement benefits for our retired diocesan priests. The annual health insurance and housing costs along with monthly stipends for our retired priests have recently been running from $2.2 - $2.6 million. Even with revenue from Celebrate Priesthood, Partners in Charity, the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign, the endowments from the Forward in Faith Capital Campaign, parish assessments, and other restricted funds and donations, the costs of caring for our 50 retired priests exceeds our revenue, in 2020 by $266,810. After reviewing the committee's report and receiving input from the priests of our diocese, Bishop McManus is instituting an annual Ash Wednesday Collection for Priest Retirement as one part of the diocese's renewed efforts to care for our retired priests. Please consider a donation to the Ash Wednesday Collection to support those who have given their lives in service to the people of the Diocese of Worcester. Review the Retirement Report Summary found at worcesterdiocese.org to learn more. Thank you.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring 2021 40 Days for Life campaign kicks off in 4 weeks, running from February 17th (Ash Wednesday) through March 28th (Palm Sunday). See More at: 40daysforlife.com/worcester

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a $100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at

https://wwmema.org/.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next virtual Experiences are Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

January

Sat	1/30	3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation *(in Fr Lacy Hall)*
		4:30 pm	Saturday Mass
Sun	1/31	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
		10:30 am	Sunday Mass

February

Mon	2/1	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Tue	2/2	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Wed	2/3	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Thur	2/4	7:00 pm	Kerygma Bible Study (Zoom)
		Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/8306296449	
Fri	2/5	7:00 pm	Adoration
Sat	2/6	3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation *(in Fr Lacy Hall)*
		4:30 pm	Saturday Mass
Sun	2/7	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
		10:30 am	Sunday Mass

Adoration Friday at 7:00 PM

Please come to Adoration the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm. Spend some time in quiet prayer and contemplation with our Lord and Savior. Next Adoration is Friday, December 4th at 7:00 PM.

Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers

Since 1/24/21		
Regular Envelopes	$	854.00
Parish Needs	$	20.00
Fuel & Maint	$	95.00
Lantern Raffle	$	120.00
Spaghetti Supper	$	70.00
Total	$	1,159.00

Online Giving:		
Sunday Offertory	$	380.00
Parish Needs	$	5.00
Fuel & Maint	$	10.00
Mass Intentions	$	0.00
Word Among Us	$	1.00
Catholic Free Press	$	1.00
Spaghetti Supper	$	20.00
Total	$	417.00
Parish Total	$	1,576.00

Cemetery Donations:		
Cemetery Online	$	33.00
Cemetery Env.	$	25.00
Total	$	58.00

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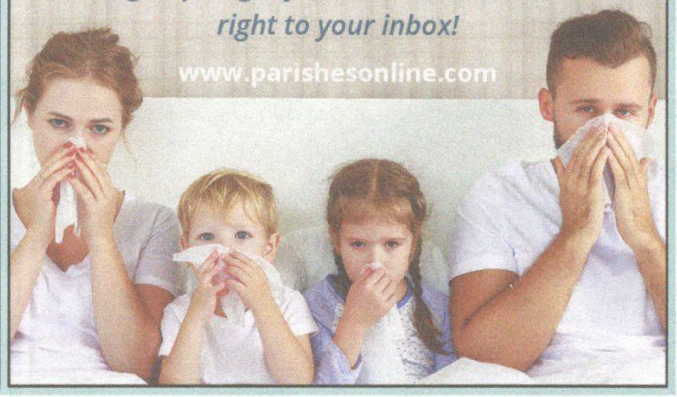

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