

March 6th, 2022 | The 1st Sunday of Lent | 810 (C)

Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



“Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.”

Luke 4: 1-2

Jesus in the Wilderness



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

DAILY MASSES

Monday–Wednesday
9:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 pm
or by appointment
Meet in church

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Next Week: March 13th, 2022 | Second Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 9:28b-36



Sat	3/5	4:30 pm	
Sun	3/6	8:00 am	For the Parishioners of St Denis
		10:00 am	
Mon	3/7	9:00 am	
Tues	3/8	9:00 am	
Wed	3/9	9:00 am	
Sat	3/12	4:30 pm	
Sun	3/13	8:00 am	For the Parishioners of St Denis
		10:00 am	



THE DIOCESAN DISPATCH

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

The First Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10) This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



Every Friday during Lent

All parishioners are invited to join us for the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm and Adoration from 7:00—7:30 PM. What better way to give back to our Lord!



Parish Council Meeting Wednesday
March 9th, at 7 PM in Fr Lacy Hall. All
new Members are Welcome.



St. Denis' Annual St. Paddy's Day Dinner

March 19, 2022
Pick up 5-5:30
Take Out Only

Looking for Irish Soda Bread muffins.

Advance sales only:

80-dinner tickets available;

\$16.00 per person, 2 for \$30.00, Family meal \$60.00 Feeds 5

Call Beth Wojnas with questions 978-827-6579

Church Secretary



Help Wanted!

We are looking for a new secretary for our parish. Do you know anyone interested in a part-time position? Monday-Wednesday, 10 am -3 PM

Skills in Quickbooks, Excel, Word, Publisher for the bulletin would be helpful. Basic web skills would also be a plus! Will train the right person.

Contact: St. Denis Parish, 85 Main St., Ashburnham, MA 01430 or Phone 978-827-5806.

E-mail stdenis@comcast.net



St. Denis Women's Group will be holding a rosary rally for families and traditional marriage in honor of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. We are supporting America Needs Fatima and approximately 2,000 other rosary groups. We will gather in front of St. Denis Church at 12:00 noon. Please join us in praying for families and marriages.

Events | Notices | Calendars | Offertory Update

Lenten Deanery Pilgrimage

Confessions will begin at 6:30 and Lenten Service will begin at 7 pm

Lent Begins!

Place: Holy Cross / East Templeton
March 9th Opening Mass

Place: St Denis / Ashburnham
March 16th

Place: Our Lady Immaculate / Athol
March 23rd

Place: St. Edwards/ Westminster
March 30th

Place: Immaculate Heart / Winchendon
April 6th

April 13th NO Service

Place: Annunciation (Holy Rosary) /Gardner
April 24th, Divine Mercy Sunday

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A Biblical Walk through the Mass

a 5 part series from Ascension Press and Dr. Edward Sri will be offered On Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 during lent at Annunciation Parish, in the hall at Holy Rosary Church 135 Nichols St. Gardner. This series explores the biblical foundations of the liturgy. The suggested donation of \$27 per person includes Dr. Sri's book, a workbook and access to the videos online.

*"The important thing is not to think much
but to love much
and to do that which stirs us to love."
- Teresa of Avila*

Simone Blanche	Eugene Jon	Jake Thibeault
Henna Motwani	Russell Jordan	Lauren Reinmann
Veena Gobudhun	Mark Tisdale	Thomas Reinmann
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For Our Sick ...

February

Sat 3/5	4:30 pm	Saturday Mass
Sun 3/6	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
	10:00 am	Sunday Mass
Mon 3/7	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Tue 3/8	9:00 am	Daily Mass
Wed 3/9	9:00 am	Daily Mass
	9:30 am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group (In Home call 978-827-4892)
	7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 3/11	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00 – 7:30 pm	Adoration
Sat 3/12	3:30 pm	Reconciliation (In Church)
	4:30 pm	Saturday Mass
Sun 3/13	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
	10:00 am	Sunday Mass

Schedule for February – March

Sunday Mar 13th First Communion 8:00 -11:30 AM
Monday Mar 14th Grade 4th & 5th 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Monday Mar 14th Grade 6-8th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday Mar 15th Pre-K Atrium 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Tuesday Mar 15th Grade 2 & 3 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday Mar 16th Grades K & 1 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
Sunday Mar 20th Grade 9 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Monday Mar 21st Grade 4th & 5th 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Monday Mar 21st Grade 6-8th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday Mar 22nd Pre-K Atrium 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Tuesday Mar 22nd Grade 2 & 3 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday Mar 23rd Grades K &1 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Parish Weekly Financials

Since 2/27/22		
Regular Envelopes	\$	1,756.00
Parish Needs	\$	150.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$	333.00
Catholic Free Press	\$	0.00
Other	\$	0.00
Total	\$	2,239.00

Online Giving:		
Sunday Offertory	\$	397.00
Fuel & Maint.	\$	0.00
Parish Project	\$	0.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$	0.00
Mass Intentions	\$	0.00
Online Giving Total	\$	397.00
Parish Total	\$	2,636.00

Cemetery Donation:		
Cemetery Online	\$	25.00
Cemetery Env.	\$	25.00
Total	\$	50.00

Diocese Collection:		
Home Missions	\$	0.00
Latin America	\$	0.00

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Lent 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With ashes on our foreheads, we have begun Lent's forty days of deeper prayer, more frequent penance and greater almsgiving. We do so because we are sinners in need of repentance. Those practices are an external manifestation of contrition - a sorrow for sin, a rejection of it and a resolution not to sin again. Contrition, along with confession of our sins and the performance of the penance we receive in the sacrament of confession, brings us forgiveness and reconciliation with God. That reconciliation should give us a deep sense of peace, relief and joy.

Lent is not only about the forgiveness of our sins. It is also about our preparation for Easter. On Good Friday, all seemed lost and beyond hope. On Easter, Christ's Resurrection transformed death and defeat into life and victory. That victory is not only for God's Son who was perfectly obedient to the Father but for all the baptized who, though sinners, believe in Christ, repent of sin and live in His love.

During Lent's six-week journey to Easter we strive not only to turn from sin but to turn to Christ. We do this by growing in faith, holiness and virtue. The practices of prayer, penance and almsgiving help order our lives by detaching us from earthly things that, even if not sinful, can dull our love for Christ and diminish our awareness of His love for us. Please consider weekday Masses, praying the Rosary, attending the Stations of the Cross and reading the Scriptures. Sacrificing some legitimate temporal pleasures can sharpen our spiritual appetites. Giving to those in need is giving to Christ. Going to Confession is receiving God's mercy.

On Easter Sunday Saint Paul's Epistle will exhort us to "seek that which is above" (Colossians 3:1). May our Lenten preparation free us from sins of the past and attachments to the world, that with joy in our hearts, we may not only celebrate Christ's victory at Easter but live that victory in peace and joy throughout life and for all eternity.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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