

February 26th, 2023 | First Sunday of Lent (808) A



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday 9am to 2pm
Website:

www.saintdenisashburnham.com

*Bulletin requests, Prayer requests
Mass Intentions, Event Tickets
Calendar requests, Join Parish*

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NOTIFY THE RECTORY

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Visitation of the sick & elderly
Weddings, Funerals,
Pastoral Care, etc.

ST. DENIS CEMETERY

91 Kelton Rd
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978-827-5806
Deacon Rich DesJardins Director
<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/cemetery>

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

978-790-1923

Next Week: March 5th, 2023 | The Second Sunday of Lent (808) A

Readings: Gn 12:1-4a, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Fri	2/24	6:00pm	Stations of The Cross-Prayer <i>In the Church</i>
Sat	2/25	4:30pm	For Annette Boucher <i>By Shirley Bastarache</i>
Sun	2/26	8:00am	
Sun	2/26	10:00am	
Mon	2/27	9:00am	
Tues	2/28	9:00am	
Wed	3/1	9:00am	
Sat	3/4	3:30 pm	Reconciliation (In the Church)
Sat	3/4	4:30 pm	
Sun	3/5	8:00 am	For Carmella Royal <i>By Friends</i>
Sun	3/6	10:00am	For The Parishioners of St. Denis



THE DIOCESAN DISPATCH

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

First Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" (Matthew 4:10) Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



Sanctuary Lamp

February 26th to March 4th
For a Life Taken in Vietnam



Michelle Nevala
Robert Cormier
Jason DesJardins
Cheryl C.
Kevin Leary

Deacon Rich
Wes Snow
Jane Webber
Kenna LaFleur
Luigi Bellabarba

Lucy Langelier
Brielle Chaves
Irene Parent
Rebecca Harris
Mark Tisdale
Steve Dame
Ellen Duffy
Bruce Parent

Kathleen Fissette
Eileen C
Deb B.
Ryan Duffy
Jan
Alicia Levanti
Jarrette Birchman
Josephin



TABERNACLE CANDLE

To the Parishioners of St. Denis:

Did you know that we have a candle burning constantly next to the tabernacle? We do have a light that indicates Jesus is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. A sanctuary lamp is a light that shines before the altar and now, if you would like to, a donation of \$10.00 can have the Sanctuary Lamp burning for one week in memory of a deceased loved one. The cost of the candles will be offset by this donation. Please call the parish office to arrange for the name of person to be remembered- 978-827-5806

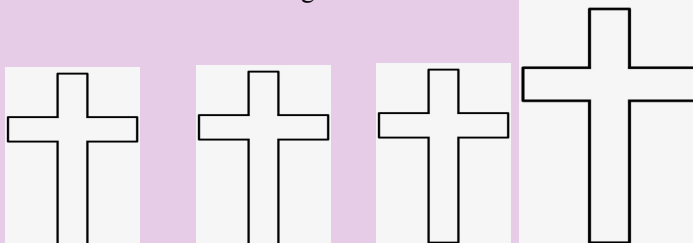
Our Parish Community.....

Offers prayers and condolences to the family of
HELENE LEHTINEN who has been born into eternal life.

Question???

What are you giving up for Lent?

During Lent, in the vestibule of our church, there will be paper crosses for Mass intentions to be written on. These will then be placed on the altar and prayed for during Lent in every Mass. These will be burned at the Easter Vigil Mass



Welcome!

First Communion Class on March 5th to our 8am Mass. We are so happy and proud to have you! Your attendance is very important to help you to grow in faith in our community. Father Thiago is excited to meet all of you!



What's Happening

Lector Schedule for March

Sat	Mar 4th	4:30pm	Jan Peterson
Sun	Mar 5th	8:00am	TBA
Sun	Mar 5th	10:00am	Sean Kelly
Sat	Mar 11th	4:30pm	Wes Snow
Sun	Mar 12th	8:00am	Jane Gingras
Sun	Mar 12th	10:00am	Shannon DeMont
Sat	Mar 18th	4:30pm	Jean Torrans
Sun	Mar 19th	8:00am	Sandi Jaillet
Sun	Mar 19th	10:00am	Nate Comeau
Sat	Feb 18th	4:30pm	Jan Peterson
Sun	Feb 19th	8:00am	Mike Dufault
Sun	Feb 19th	10:00am	Nate Comeau
Sat	Mar 25th	4:30pm	Susan Barr
Sun	Mar 26th	8:00am	Mike Gingras
Sun	Mar 26th	10:00am	Kim Brown



St. Denis is in need of acolytes/altar servers for the Mass. All past and new servers will be needed. Please contact our office at [978-827-5806](tel:978-827-5806) or take application form in the vestibule of the Church. All are welcome to serve and be part of the Mass.

THE THEOLOGY OF POPE FRANCIS

Fr. Thiago Ibiapina, the Associate Pastor of Annunciation Parish, has contributed to a collection of essays on the theology of Pope Francis, recently published in Brazil. On Monday, March 13th, the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' election, Fr. Ibiapina will share with us reflections, based on his article. This presentation will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary 135 Nichols St. in the church hall.

Parish Weekly Financials

When we serve Christ, we help each

Since 2/19/2023

Regular Envelopes	\$	1,346.75
Fuel & Maintenance	\$	160.00
Catholic Free Press	\$	78.00
Parish Needs	\$	85.00
Total	\$	1,669.75

Online Giving:		
Sunday Offertory	\$	465.00
Fuel & Maintenance	\$	25.00
Parish Needs	\$	25.00
Parish Total	\$	2,184.75

Cemetery Donation:		
Cemetery Online	\$	25.00
Cemetery Env.	\$	35.00
Total	\$	60.00

Diocesan Collections:		
Catholic Relief Services	\$	.00
Home Missions	\$	25.00
Total:	\$	25.00

To live your true calling is a life of joy, but you will only hear His voice if you take the time to listen.



PRIESTLY VOCATION RETREAT



MOST REV. ROBERT J. MCMANUS
Fifth Bishop of Worcester
Retreat Director



FR. DONATO INFANTE
Director of Vocations

**MARCH 31
6PM-APRIL 1,
2023 6PM**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
RETREAT CENTER
600 LIBERTY HIGHWAY
PUTNAM, CT**

Retreat is for men
high school age and
up,
and is FREE!



To Register Visit
<https://worcestervocations.com/retreats>
or Scan the QR code

Thank you for your generous support of the parish. Your weekly financial support enables Saint Denis to provide for the community.

What's Happening

Dear Parish Family,

I would like to express my gratitude to all people who bought tickets for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Please remember that your support to our Parish has been invaluable. Many thanks to all members of the Knights of Columbus responsible for making this event so successful. I also wish to thank the following Oakmont National Honor Society volunteers: John Losordo and Joe Barrows. Lastly, thank you to Wes Snow, our chef, who prepared a delicious dinner!

May God bless you all,

Fr Thiago.



Another wonderful dinner is planned for March 18th which is the St. Paddy's Day Celebration!

More Information will be in next bulletin!





A Project for the Entrance of Fr. Lacey Hall

Dear Parish Family,

In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul says – *“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”* (Ephesians 3:20-21)

In saying that, thank you so much for your incredible support and generosity toward our parish needs. It is because of your generosity that we are happy to introduce our Project for the Entrance of Fr. Lacey Hall.

I would like to give a brief description of this coming-up Project to be done during the summer of this year and why the Project is needed. *

It is already known by some of our parishioners that the porch of Fr. Lacey Hall is collapsing and condemned by the building inspector after rigorous inspection. The building inspector requires that the porch must be repaired according to the State Building Code. The contractor will remove and replace the existing front entry to Parish Hall. It is important to mention that the porch will be demolished and rebuilt with the same design. New stairs, roofs, windows, and banisters will be done. Our Parish Building Committee will make sure that everything is in accordance with the State Building Code.

The estimated Project Costs, including construction, design, and permits, will be around \$15,000. Our option for payment of this project is the money we got from the Legacy of Hope Campaign. This is why it is important to give, share, and do charity whenever possible because you never know how many people in our parish you will touch with your sharing.

It is important to know that the Project was reviewed and approved by our Parish Building Committee, our Finance and Parish Council. However, according to the Diocesan Policies, any constructions, or renovations over \$10,000 must-have Bishop's approval.

I cannot wait to see what God is going to do this year through each one of us and our church in Ashburnham. It is an absolute honor to serve you and Saint Denis Parish as priest, and I believe the best is yet to come.

With a sincere heart, I thank you for allowing God to use you through your prayer, serving, and giving so that we can fulfill the mission God has given us. Many blessings to you and your family.

Your servant and brother in Christ,

Fr. Thiago DaSilva