

July 9th, 2023 | The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time(892A)



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

Neither the sower
nor the seed
can change the ground.

The ground is what it is.

And if you have been blessed with a good ground
(or heart) which receives the Word and bears fruit,
you have only God to thank for.

www.michaeljeshurun.wordpress.com

Luke 8:5-15

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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Weddings, Funerals,
Pastoral Care, etc.

ST. DENIS CEMETERY

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<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/cemetery>

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Next Week: July 16th, 2023 | THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (895)

Readings: Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-23

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Fri	7/7	7:00pm	First Friday Mass
Sat	7/8	3:30pm	Confessions In the Church
Sat	7/8	4:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Denis
Sun	7/9	8:00 am	+Eileen Bourgault <i>By John & Sandy Fontaine</i>
Sun	7/9	10:00am	For Peace
Mon	7/10	9:00am	Mass & Adoration
Tues	7/11	9:00am	Mass
Wed	7/12	9:00am	Mass
Sat	7/15	3:30pm	Confessions In the Church
Sat	7/15	4:30pm	
Sun	7/16	8:00am	For Mike Olson <i>By Bob & Wendy</i>
Sun	7/16	10:00am	For the Parishioners of St. Denis



THE DIOCESAN DISPATCH

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." -Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.



Sanctuary Lamp

July 2nd to July 8th, 2023
In Remembrance of
RAYMOND BRYANT



Lucy Langelier
Brielle Chaves
Irene Parent
Rebecca Harris
Mark Tisdale
Steve Dame
Ellen Duffy
Bruce Parent
Jeff Shimmel
Robert Cormier
Jason DesJardins
Cheryl C.
Kevin Leary

Eileen C
Deb B.
Ryan Duffy
Jan
Rod Bourgault
Jarrette Birchman
Josephin
Jane Webber
Luigi Bellabarba
Brian Roy
Mitchell Bourque
Slawek Family
Paul Norman Jr.
Nancy Rosbury
Pauline Roger
Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Ray Jacobs

Magdalena Lovejoy
Paula Dolan
Danielle V.
Jean Torrans
Michael G.
Kathleen F.



Annual Calendar Raffle

The annual Knights of Columbus calendar raffle will take place in the month of July. \$10 donation gets you 31 chances to win cash prizes. Chances will be sold for the next 3 weeks after all Masses. The drawing will be held at the end of July. The calendar raffle is the single largest fund raiser for our parish KofC. Through it, we are able to do our many charitable activities throughout the year. Thanks for all your support.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

In the atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we present to the children the Land of Israel as the particular place which God favored and chose. He chose this place out of all the countries in the whole world, to be the homeland of Jesus. For the younger children we introduce a globe, a raised surface map of the Holy Land and Jerusalem, and a puzzle of the Holy Land.

This allows the children to locate the Land of Israel and also orient them to Israel in relation to their own home in the United States. The purpose of offering geography for the three to six year old child is (1) to see Jesus as historical, i.e., real person, (2) to see salvation as realized in time and space, and (3) to nourish the child's sense of order, that there is a place for everything. For more information on our Atrium, contact Kim Brown at StDenisRE@comcast.net or call (508)331-0162.

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BE THE FACE OF CHRIST AND HIS HELPING HANDS

Dear Parishioners of Saint Denis,

As I sat down to write this short text, my heart immediately flooded with gratitude to every one of you. I don't need to remind you how challenging the last three years have been. Despite all the challenges you have been there for our Saint Denis Parish, not only to survive, but to develop and grow.

We are not out of the woods yet with COVID, and we also understand that this is a challenging year financially for many. Saint Denis Parish is also feeling those same challenges. Let me give you some examples. As of this writing,

Partners in Charity Appeal – we need a total of \$11,720 **to reach our parish goal**. I truly believe that we will meet that need, but only through your participation. Partners in Charity helps with different ministries that we have in our diocese, for example, the Vocations Office and House of Studies. In addition to it, I am a fruit of Partners in Charity Appeal and like all seminarians and priests from overseas, the Diocese has helped pay for a portion of the overall costs of my immigration attorneys and fees. Please, I ask you prayerfully to make a gift today to support the Annual Appeal and help us to meet our parish goal.

Entrance of Fr. Lacey Hall - The company responsible for the renovation will start the work this month of July 2023. Our project will cost us around \$14,000, and \$4,450 was donated for it. The remaining amount we need to cover this entire project will be taken from our DEF account (Legacy of Hope Campaign). Thank you for your support in assisting with this project.

Two future projects – it is with a broken heart that I inform you that the bathrooms inside of Fr. Lacey Hall and the ramp attached to the building, and one of the two ramps we have attached to our church were condemned by the city after rigorous inspection. The Town Hall requested that all these renovations be done according to the Massachusetts State *Building Code* and this project will cost us about \$60,000.

Dear parishioners, I am giving you all these updates not to discourage you, but to give you an idea of how many things we need to do to keep our parish developing and growing. I came to St Denis Church in January of this 2023 year, and as you may remember, we have done a lot for our parish, such as, a new parish office with all its furniture for free. We are so thankful to Fr Thiago Ibiapina, from Annunciation Parish, who got all the furniture from a Office that got closed in Gardner. Fr. Ibiapina saved us about \$4,000 that includes chairs, desks and cabinets.

Another beautiful response from our parishioners was with the campaign for tables that we use to rent for our festival. Every year, for our festival, we rent tables but from now on, because of your generosity, we don't need to rent tables. Through our *"Tables Campaign"* we got all that we need.

In addition to these updates, another wonderful work done in our parish hall is the shelves that my cousins built in one rooms for our CCD program, and one of the rooms that Knights of Columbus will use to put all the stuff we use for our annual fundraisings dinners and festival. My cousins gave us the labor for free and saved us about \$450.

God is working tremendously in our Parish. Sometimes, people are only paying their attention into small things, but please start paying attention into how big are the problems I need to fix in the next few years with your cooperation. Please don't feel discouraged and don't let small things keep you away from where you were supposed to be. Remember always that WE ARE HERE for this parish.

Love always,

Fr Thiago

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Saturday	4:30pm	July 8th	Jan Peterson	Ann Murphy & Jan Peterson
Sunday	8am	July 9th	Kim Nolan	Harry Bellabarba & Peter Tamas
	10am	July 9th	Sheila Donofrio	Steve & Kim Brown



Chicken Barbecue

\$16 PER PERSON

2 for \$30

FAMILY of 4 - \$55

Take-out Available

Saturday July 22, 2023 5:30- 8:30PM

Meal includes BBQ Chicken, Potato salad, corn on the cob, Cole slaw and watermelon

Tickets on sale after all masses 7/1, 7/8 and 7/15

Want a chance to win \$30,000?

How about more?

The tickets are only \$25 each and can be purchased at the parish office.

You can email Debra Levanti with questions – stdenis@comcast.net or call (978)827-5806.

SAINT DENIS PARISH

PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL

SINCE 7/2/2023

REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$2,940.75
PARISH NEEDS	\$207.00
FUEL & MAINTENANCE	\$25.00
Other(Fr. Lacey Donation)	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$3,272.75
ONLINE GIVING	
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$602.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$3,874.75
CEMETERY	
CEMETERY ONLINE	\$131.00
CEMETERY ENVELOPE	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$156.00
DIOCESAN DONATIONS	
PETER'S PENCE for the HOLY LAND	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$5.00

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

Relocation of a memorial



Dear parishioners,

Some of you may have noticed that the monument dedicated to babies, victims of abortion, which was in front of our Church is no longer there. I would say that kind of memorial is extremely emotive and need to be handled sensitively. After an evaluation of that memorial placed in front of our church, it was decided that the best place for that type of memorial would be in a beautiful spot in our parochial cemetery. The decision was made and the memorial was relocated to a garden in our cemetery and it is still in our property.

If you have any questions, please call our parish office at (978)827-5806 and schedule an appointment with me and I will try to answer your questions. I would like to make it very clear that I will not respond to any letters sent to me from parishioners, especially those who are not directly involved with that memorial. Please, do not stop me before mass or after mass looking for answers. Church is a place of prayer. I would be very happy if we could talk in person in my office.

I'm sorry for any bad feelings caused to you by moving the monument to the cemetery. But I would like you to consider that our Church is a place where all people are welcome, especially those who, one day in a moment of weakness, fall into the temptation of having an abortion. Remember that God is mercy and compassion, and Saint Denis Parish will always be a merciful and compassionate place for people who come here in searching of healing.

Love always,

Fr Thiago