

August 13th, 2023 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (907)



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



JESUS CALMS THE STORM

MATTHEW 8:23-27

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
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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

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<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/cemetery>

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Next Week: August 20th, 2023 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (910)

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8 / Romans 11:13-15,29-32 / Mathew 15:21-28

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat	8/12	3:30pm	Confessions In the Church
Sat	8/12	4:30pm	For the Parishioners of St. Denis
Sun	8/13	8:00am	For Kate for Healing By Mom & Dad
Sun	8/13	10:00am	For the Parishioners of St. Denis
Mon	8/14	9:00am	Mass & Adoration
Tues	8/15	9:00am	Mass of Obligation
Wed	8/16	9:00am	+ For Paul Ciccone Jr. By Vita Ciccone
Sat	8/19	3:30pm	Confessions In the Church
Sat	8/19	4:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Denis
Sun	8/20	8:00 am	+ For Diana Bellabarba By Family
Sun	8/20	10:00am	For the Parishioners of St. Denis



THE DIOCESAN DISPATCH

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29) When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.



Sanctuary Lamp

August 13th to August 19th, 2023
In Remembrance of
DIANE BELLABARBA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the atrium, we introduce the children to the liturgical year firstly by looking at the colors of the liturgical seasons. Children are introduced to the colors of the year—Purple for Preparation, getting ready for a feast; The time of celebration is white, focusing on the feasts of Christmas and Easter; green is the color of Ordinary time, introduced as the growing time, a time to allow the "food of the feast" to nurture our growing relationship with God; the color red is for the Holy Spirit and the feast of Pentecost.

As children progress through the atrium we look at a circular liturgical calendar. This highlights the cyclical nature of the liturgical year. Essentially this work is a puzzle that the children pull apart and reconstruct, providing time for the children to reflect and notice different elements of our liturgical cycle. Gathering a deeper understanding of our Liturgical Year help the children more deeply participate in Mass and a liturgical life. Please contact Kim Brown in the religious Education office for more information at StDenisRE@comcast.net or 978/827/4892.



Lucy Langelier
Brielle Chaves
Irene Parent
Rebecca Harris
Mark Tisdale
Steve Dame
Ellen Duffy
Bruce Parent
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Cheryl C.
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Ryan Duffy
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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
Michael Goss

Magdalena Lovejoy
Paula Dolan
Danielle V.
Jean Torrans
Michael G.
Kathleen F.
Gina McCullin
Carol Hamel
Clair Richard
Betty Ann



Please join us for our monthly gatherings where couples come together to enrich their marriages and grow in faith and friendship with other couples.

Meetings typically are on the 3rd Friday of the month from 7:00-9:00. For more information please contact Steve and Kim Brown at 508-331-0162 or email us at steveandkim33@yahoo.com

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Tuesday, August 15 in 2023. On this holy day of obligation, we commemorate when Mary's body and soul were assumed into heaven and she passed into eternal life.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. "The Immaculate Virgin . . . when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death" (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

DAY	TIME	DATE	LECTOR	MINISTER OF THE CUP
Saturday	4:30pm	August 5th	Wes Snow	Wes Snow and Jean Torrans
Sunday	8:00am	August 6th	Mike Gingras	Sandy Jaillet & Jane Gingras
	10:00am	August 6th	Sheila Donofrio	Steven & Kim Brown
Saturday	4:30pm	August 12th	Susan Barr	Ann Murphy & Susan Barr
Sunday	8am	August 13th	Kim Nolan	Harry Bellabarba & Peter Tamas
	10am	August 13th	Sean Kelly	Jacob Demont & James Kelly
Saturday	4:30pm	August 19th	Wes Snow	Jean Torrans & Wes Snow
Sunday	8am	August 20th	Mike Dufault	Sandy Jaillet & Mike Dufault
	10am	August 20th	Sean Kelly	Nate Comeau & James Kelly
Saturday	4:30pm	August 26th	Vita Ciccone	Wes Snow and Jack McCarthy
Sunday	8am	August 27th	Jane Gingras	Kim Nolan & Harry Bellabarba
	10am	August 27th	Jonah Kateau	Jacob Demont & Susan Barr

Events | Notices |

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass

The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. At the end of time and Jesus'



second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

On August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us on this Holy Day of Obligation for Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Saint Denis Church.

SAINT DENIS PARISH PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL SINCE 8/6/2023

REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$1,941.00
PARISH NEEDS	\$111.00
FUEL & MAINTENANCE	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$2,077.00
ONLINE GIVING	
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$725.00
REL. EDUCATION	\$150.00
PARISH NEEDS	\$70.00
Fuel & MAINTENANCE	\$70.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,015.00
CEMETERY	
CEMETERY ONLINE	\$25.00
CEMETERY ENVELOPE	\$42.00
TOTAL	\$67.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTION:	
VINCENTIAN MISSION APPEAL 07/30/2023	\$60.00
HOME MISSIONS	\$618.00
CHURCH OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE	\$110.00
TOTAL	\$788.00

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.



We are almost there!!! Thank you to all parishioners who already donated to the Partners in Charity Appeal. We ask if you have not already donated, to prayerfully consider doing so. We are aware of the difficult economic conditions and any gift, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

Our parish goal is: \$27,000

Total gifts to our parish goal: \$18,685

(As of 8-10-23)

Amount needed to reach our parish goal: \$8,315

Please make your check out to Partners in Charity or place your donation on an envelope and put it inside the collection basket.

Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!



We Need your Help!

Our yearly Fundraiser Fair is scheduled for September 30th and coincides with the Ashburnham Downtown Days at the same time.

We are looking for help in all facets of this endeavor, such as time, donations, crafts, attic treasures, baked goods and also dear gardeners, you are welcome to share your bounty for the Harvest Booth and donations for Raffles are needed.

All are welcome! This is our biggest fundraiser and helps St. Denis Parish.

Please contact Melissa Gilligan #978-230-1114.