

DECEMBER 10th, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT(787)



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



Peace

LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday—Wednesday
9:00 am
First Friday Mass @ 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm
Website:
www.saintdenisashburnham.com
Bulletin requests, Prayer requests
Mass Intentions, Event Tickets
Calendar requests, Join Parish

PASTOR

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978-827-5806

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BAPTISMS

Contact Parish Office
978-827-5806

NOTIFY THE RECTORY

978-827-5806
Visitation of the sick & elderly
Weddings, Funerals,
Pastoral Care, etc.

ST. DENIS CEMETERY

91 Kelton Rd
Ashburnham, MA 01430
978-343-6367
Deacon Rich DesJardins Administrator
<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/cemetery>

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

978-790-1923

Next Week: December 17th, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (790B)

Readings:

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Thurs	12/7	7:00pm	Vigil Mass of The Immaculate Conception
Fri	12/8	9:00am	Holy Day Mass of The Immaculate Conception
Sat	12/9	3:30pm	<i>Confessions in the Church</i>
Sat	12/9	4:30 pm	+For Thomas Alfieri <i>By Patricia K-Bryant</i>
Sun	12/10	8:00 am	+Anita Mathieu <i>By Deacon & Elaine</i>
Sun	12/10	10:00am	For The Parishioners of St. Denis
Mon	12/11	9:00am	Mass & Adoration
Tues	12/12	9:00am	Mass
Wed	12/13	9:00am	Mass
Sat	12/16	3:30pm	Confessions In the Church
Sat	12/16	4:30pm	+For Alice LeBlanc <i>By Roland & Edith</i>
			+For Deacon Mike Connor <i>By Alice Lashua</i>
Sun	12/17	8:00am	+For Evalda Babineau <i>By Deacon Rich & Elaine</i>
			+For Gerald & Marguerite Cormier <i>By Ralph & Linda</i>
Sun	12/17	10:00am	+For Jeannette & Ted Pitkiewicz <i>By family</i>



THE DIOCESAN DISPATCH

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

Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." (MARK 1:3) We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



Sanctuary Lamp

Dec 10th to Dec. 16th, 2023

FOR THE HEALING OF
MARIE LEVANTI

Please welcome our new priest to St. Denis.

His name is Father David Cotter. More information will be forthcoming in a future bulletin. Just in time for Christmas!

He has been a priest for more than 30 years.

Welcome Father!!



Lucy Langelier
Irene Parent
Rebecca Harris
Ray Jacobs
Bruce Parent
Kevin Leary
Rod Bourgault
Jane Webber
Luigi Bellabarba
Brian Roy
Mitchell Bourque
Paul Norman Jr.
Pauline Roger

Magdalena Lovejoy
Danielle V.
Kathleen F.
Clair Richard
Betty Ann
Ed Hermann
Neal Smith
Andrea
Baby Calvin
Kelly
William Parrish
Angela Dart
Cheryl Kelly
Joe Montalto
Jeff Shimmel
Jean K.
Marie L.



Sacrament of Confession

Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents! If you haven't been to confession in a couple of months or years, have no fear. God is waiting for you. Reconciliation helps us grasp that we are responsible for our lives, for how we think and act. If anyone is in need of an anointing, please see priest after Mass or call office to schedule a visit.

No Coffee in Fr. Lacy Hall on
following dates:

January 7th, 2024

February 4th, 2024

March 3rd, 2024

COFFEE
NEWS
BREAK

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone by contacting the Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, or in writing sent to the Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

MASS INTENTIONS BOOK We have 2023-2024 Mass Intentions Book available. Please call the office to have a Mass said for your loved ones to honor anniversaries, birthdays, and for health and sickness requests. All requests will be honored.

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LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

DAY	TIME	DATE	LECTOR	MINISTER OF THE CUP
Saturday	4:30pm	Dec. 2nd	Sue Barr	Sue Barr & Ann Murphy
Sunday	8:00am	Dec. 3rd	Joel Quinones	Mike Dufault & Mike Gingras
	10:00am	Dec. 3rd	Kim Brown	James Kelly & Nate Comeau
Saturday	4:30pm	Dec. 9th	Vita Ciccone	Elaine DesJardins & Vita Ciccone
	8:00 am	Dec. 10th	Jane Gingras	Kim Nolan & Mike Gingras
Sunday	10:00am	Dec. 10th	Nate Comeau	Kim Brown & Steve Brown
Saturday	4:30pm	Dec. 16th	Sharisa Sterling	Ann Murphy & Wes Snow
Sunday	8:00am	Dec. 17th	Mike Gingras	Harry Bellabarba & Peter Tamas
	10:00am	Dec. 17th	Sean Kelly	Nate Comeau & James Kelly
Saturday	4:30pm	Dec. 23rd	Wes Snow	Wes Snow & Jack McCarthy
Sunday	8:00 am	Dec. 24th	Sandy Jaillet	Kim Nolan & Mike dufault
	10:00am	Dec. 24th	Sean Kelly	James Kelly & Jacob Demont
Saturday	4:30pm	Dec. 30th	Wes Snow	Vita Ciccone & Wes Snow
Sunday	8:00 am	Dec. 31st	Jane Gingras	Peter Tamas & Mike Dufault
	10:00am	Dec. 31st	Kim Brown	Kim Brown & Steve Brown

Lectors: We are in need of lectors for all the Masses but especially for the Saturday 4:30 Mass. Scheduling is usually only once a month. We will train you. Please take an application form at the vestibule of the Church.



A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

A Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart. AMEN

Women meet at Fr. Lacey Hall every Wednesday from 10am to noon for the enhancement of their spiritual lives.

To join call: Kim at: 978-827-4892

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Middle School CCD program is planning an ongoing food drive for our local food pantries. We will be collecting non-perishable food throughout the year. We are asking for different types of food each month. We have a collection box in the back of the church and in the parish hall. We will be regularly gathering the food and delivering to our local food pantries. We appreciate your support with this project.

In December, we are asking for soups & stews, crackers, rice & oatmeal.



Marriage matters



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

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Christmas Donation Envelopes 2023:

The **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** is continuing the Christmas program of gift card donations rather than actual gifts to allow families the dignity of purchasing groceries and choosing their own gifts. This seems to be appreciated by our recipient families, so we have decided to continue the practice. Each family receives grocery and gift cards based on their needs thanks to your generosity.

We appreciate the trust you have given St. Vincent de Paul for so many years; you have given us the privilege of providing confidential assistance to many, many families in our community to allow them to get back on their feet.

The envelopes are available in a basket in the entryway of the church. We would appreciate the returns to be made by Sunday, December 13. Filled envelopes may be put in the collection basket, or returned to the church office.



SAINT DENIS PARISH PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL SINCE 10/22/2023

REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$876.00
PARISH NEEDS	\$247.00
FUEL AND MAINTENANCE	\$105.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$135.00
TOTAL	\$1,363.00
ONLINE GIVING	
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$647.00
	\$0.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$2,010.00
CEMETERY	
CEMETERY ONLINE	\$25.00
CEMETERY ENVELOPE	\$29.00
TOTAL	\$54.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTION:	
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00
	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

and makes a difference

The Squires Corner

December Happenings from your Knights of Columbus

Advent is Here, prepare for the Joy.

Council 15972



Scholarship Drive Raffle - Only 2 weeks left to get your tickets. We'll be drawing 5 lucky names at the Santa Breakfast on the 17th. On sale after each Mass at both parishes. \$5/ea or 5 for \$20. Win 100 gallons of oil, a ton of wood pellets, or a cord of firewood. 5 prizes, proceeds benefit our 3rd Annual Scholarship Fund. Help us support Catholic education and our parishes students. Ticket sales are down this year, please consider helping this worthy cause and win a great prize!

Christmas Dinner @ St. Edward's Dec.9th , 2023 which will be spaghetti and meatballs, with salad, garlic bread and dessert. Price will be \$15.00 per person with 2 for \$25.00 and 4 for \$50.00. Children less than 7 are free. We will have a 50/50 raffle continue to sell our Scholarship Raffle tickets. Also, a food drive of non-perishables will be accepted.

Breakfast with Santa and Food Drive @ St. Denis Dec. 17th.

Bring the whole family for our traditional Santa breakfast starting at 9am after the Mass. Free will offering for Breakfast. This year Santa has asked us to do a food drive with him. Please bring 2 or 3 non-perishable food items we can use to help our neighbors.

News: Many of you may already know that there are over 85 Haitian refugees being sheltered at the former Rodeway Inn in Westminster. Our Council has started working on a program to welcome these men, women and children into our communities.

We'll be asking our parishes for volunteers to work and help prepare an evening meal and social event to be held at St. Edward's Church Hall. We plan on a start up in January, after the holidays

We hope to have more news to share in the next couple of weeks.

Other upcoming events be announced

Where there's a need there's a Knight!

Join us at our next meeting Dec. 12th 7PM @ St. Edward's.

Membership Drive at both Parishes

St. Denis "Got Your Back" 2023 Backpack Drive for Homeless Through Our Father's House and Monadnock Family Services. A HUGE Thank You for your generosity and kindness! When all signed out packs have been delivered, we will be very close to 260. If you have not returned your bag, please return as soon as possible. We still have a few bags available for a quick fill. Questions or for more backpacks call us at: 978-407-2312.