



Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (809)

"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis



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

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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
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Deacon Rich DesJardins Director
<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/cemetery>

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

978-790-1923

Next Week: FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (812)

Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Fri	2/16	6:30pm	Stations of The Cross in the Church With Adoration at 7:00pm
Sat	2/17	3:30pm	Confessions In the Church
Sat	2/17	4:30pm	+For Alyre Cormier By Family +For Frederick Bergstrom By Family
Sun	2/18	8:00am	For the Parishioners of St. Denis
Sun	2/18	10:00am	+For Paul Collette IV By Family
Mon	2/19	9:00am	Mass
Tues	2/20	9:00am	Mass
Wed	2/21	9:00am	Mass
Sat	2/24	3:30pm	Confessions in the Church
Sat	2/24	4:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Denis
Sun	2/25	8:00 am	+David Rivers By John & Sandy Fontaine
Sun	2/25	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

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." (Mark 1:14)
Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

Feb. 18th to Feb. 24th

In Memory of
ALYRE CORMIER



Lucy Langelier
Irene Parent
Rebecca Harris
Ray Jacobs
Bruce Parent
Kevin Leary
Rod Bourgault
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.
Ashley Johnson
Fr. John Brown
Michelle Nevala
Jack Burgoyne
Fr. Bill Cormier



Short, simple prayers for Lent:

When we're not at Mass, sometimes we just need short, simple prayers to remain close to God during our busy days. Lent is no different. Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year:

"God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."

"God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen."

"May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth."

"Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen."

"God, I lift up (name of the person you'd like to pray for) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen."



Lent for the year 2024 starts on Wednesday, Feb. 14th and ends on Thursday, March 28th with evening mass on Holy Thursday.

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

DAY	TIME	DATE	LECTOR	MINISTER OF THE CUP
Saturday	4:30pm	Feb 17th	Sue Barr	Sue Barr & Jack McCarthy
Sunday	8:00am	Feb 18th	Kim Nolan	Mike Gingras & Sandi Jaillet
	10:00am	Feb 18th	Jane Gingras	James Kelly & Jacob DeMont
Saturday	4:30pm	Feb 24th	Vita Ciccone	Vita Ciccone & Elaine DesJardins
Sunday	8:00am	Feb 25th	Mike Dufault	Peter Tamas & Harry Bellabarba
	10:00am	Feb 25th	Nate Comeau	Steve Brown & Kim 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.

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. We have a lot of single elderly people who need smaller cans of baked beans, meat sauce, soups & small boxes of cereal such as; rice crispies, raisin bran, or cornflakes & single serve canned vegetables. Smaller servings are better for some.



\$18.00 Per Person

2 for \$35.00

Family of 4 \$60.00

Take Out Available

Sunday March 17th from 11:30am-2:30pm

Father Lacey Hall

Meal includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, with veggies and dessert.

**FOOD
FAMILY
AND FUN**

STORMY WEATHER REMINDER:

If School is cancelled or has a 2 hour delay in Ashburnham, there will be no daily Mass on that day. Weekend Masses will continue as scheduled.

Stay safe out there.

**SAINT DENIS PARISH
PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL
SINCE 2/11/2024**

REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$1,103.00
PARISH NEEDS	\$669.00
FUEL & MAINTENANCE	\$80.00
CATHOLIC FREE PRESS	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$1,857.00
ONLINE GIVING	
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$362.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$2,219.00
CEMETERY	
CEMETERY ONLINE	\$25.00
CEMETERY ENVELOPE	\$14.00
TOTAL	\$39.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTION:	
	\$.00

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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.

Events | Notices |

The Squires Corner

February Happenings from your Knights of Columbus
Council 15972 St. Edward's/St. Denis Parishes

Scholarship Applications: Applications will be available in February for this year's Scholarship Awards. Students and families from both St. Denis and St. Edward's are encouraged to apply. The Knights will award two \$1,000 college scholarships, a \$500 Catholic high school and an additional \$500 Catholic middle school award. Stay tuned.

The website(<https://masskofc.org/state-scholarship>)

Haitian Refugee - Update: Our second **Haitian Welcome Dinner** will be served on Monday, Feb. 19th from 6pm to 8:30pm at St. Edward's.

Haitian ESL is another Knights supported effort to teach the Haitians English (ESL) and has also had its second session. Classes are held from 9:30 to 12 Friday mornings.

Where there's a need there's a Knight! Join us at our next meeting **Feb. 20th 7PM @ St. Edward's**. Friends or parishioners wishing to help or donate to support these efforts may contact Jack McCarthy, Financial Secretary Knights of Columbus 978-790-5801 or mail checks payable to: Knights of Columbus, Haitian Relief %55 Murray Rd. Ashburnham. Thank you.

save
the date!

Friday February 23rd 7:05PM

Just a reminder: Faith Night Skate Night!!! Join the Providence Bruins for our annual Skate Night. Enjoy great seats at a discounted rate plus a P-Bruins hat for all kids and afterwards, bring your skates and hit the ice for an hour long family skate! Not a skater? Hang out in the stands and enjoy faith based music and messages from former NHL players. Deadline to order tickets if February 22nd. Questions? Call Matt with the Providence Bruins at 401-680-4753 or email at long@seagency.com

