

1870–2020



ANNIVERSARY  
ST. DENIS CHURCH - DOUGLAS, MA

**Making Disciples!**

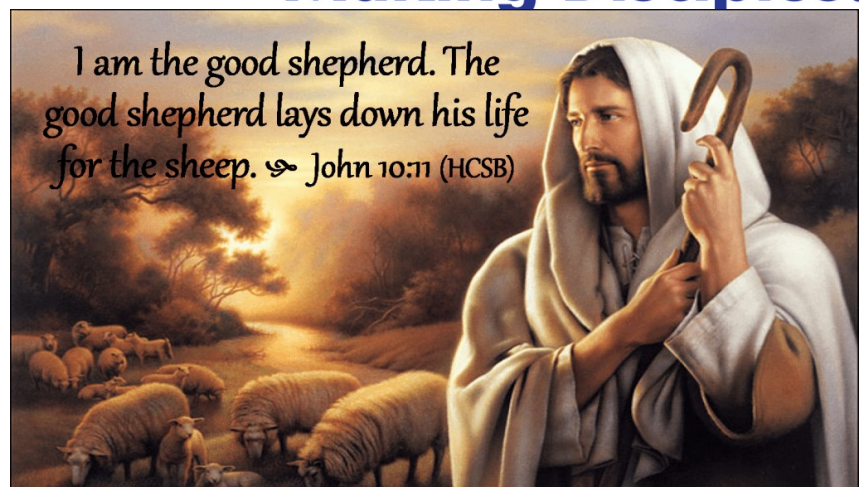
**PASTOR**  
Fr. Juan D. Escudero  
jesudero@  
saintdenischurch.com

**DEACON**  
Patrick Stewart  
pstewart@  
saintdenischurch.com

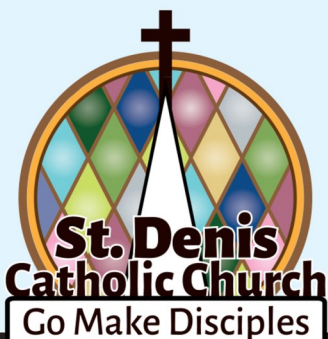
**FAITH FORMATION**  
Kathy Archambault  
karchambault@  
saintdenischurch.com

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Nancy Norberg  
nanorberg@  
saintdenischurch.com

**Diocesan Office for  
Health and Prevention**  
508.929.4311



*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." (JOHN 10:14-16)* When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



### Welcome to Our Parish Community!

**Weekend Masses** Sat. 4pm (Live on Facebook) — Sun. 7 & 10:15am

**Weekday Masses** Mon, Tue and Wed – 8:30am

**Confessions** Sat. 2-2:45pm or by appointment

**Food Pantry Hours** Mon 4-6pm and Wed 1-3pm

**Rectory Office Hours** Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri – 9am to 1pm & 2-5pm

St. Denis Church • 23 Manchaug Street, Douglas MA 01516 • 508-476-2002 [www.SaintDenisChurch.com](http://www.SaintDenisChurch.com)



St. Denis Church



stdenischurchdouglas



## Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday April 24	4 pm	† Ronald Koslak By: BettyAnn McCallum
Sunday April 25	7 am	† Mary Connors By: Elaine & Dennis Kulesza
	10:15 am	† Edward Kurtyka By: The Family
Monday April 26	8:30 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday April 27	8:30 am	The People of St. Denis
Wednesday April 28	8:30 am	† Patricia Waite By: Lorraine Finnegan
	7 pm	HOLY HOUR
Thursday April 29		No Mass
Friday April 30		No Mass
Saturday May 1	4 pm	† Joseph & Antoinette Hebert By: The Family
Sunday May 2	7 am	† Matthew Jackson By: his Mom & Dad
	10:15 am	† Catherine Makowski By: Wm & MaryAnn Manyak



We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray for the special intentions of:  
**Raymond Demers**



**HOLY HOUR  
EXPOSITION &  
BENEDICTION**

**Every  
Wednesday  
AT 7:00 PM**

**In the  
Church**



**Go make  
disciples**



## Happening This Week

**Weekend Masses resume with strict guidelines, and Masses will also be available for those who still prefer to stay home for health reasons on our Facebook page at: St. Denis Church or on our web-site at: [www.saintdenischurch.com](http://www.saintdenischurch.com)**

### **SATURDAY April 24**

4 pm MASS—or Live on Facebook  
5-6 pm DRIVE THRU TURKEY DINNER

### **SUNDAY April 25**

7 am MASS  
10:15 am MASS  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY—available  
all day on Flocknote or our website  
1-3 pm MEET & GREET YNIA—St. Patrick's  
(Young Neighbors In Action)

### **MONDAY April 26**

8:30 am COMMUNION SERVICE  
4—6 pm Douglas Food Pantry  
6:30 PM LEGACY OF HOPE RECEPTION

### **TUESDAY April 27**

8:30 am MASS  
6:30 pm ADULT FAITH & FELLOWSHIP-Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY April 28**

8:30 am MASS  
1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open—R

### **7 pm HOLY HOUR**

### **THURSDAY April 29**

NOON—LEGACY OF HOPE RECEPTION  
4 pm LEGACY OF HOPE RECEPTION  
7 pm Al—Anon—H

### **SATURDAY May 1**

2 pm Confession—Gr  
4 pm MASS—or Live on Facebook

### **SUNDAY May 2**

7 am MASS  
10:15 am MASS  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY—available  
all day on Flocknote or our website  
3-4 pm PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH IN  
CHARLTON

## Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations

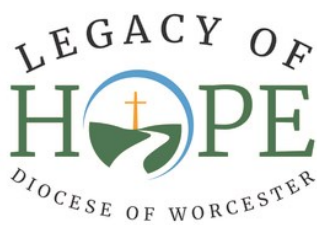
Each month the Office for Vocations hosts an hour of Eucharistic adoration at a different parish to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations here at St. Denis on

**Wednesday, May 5 at 7 pm**

**Please keep them in your prayers!**





# You are Invited

JOIN FR. JUAN AND OUR COMMITTEE FOR AN  
INFORMATIONAL RECEPTION.  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



**OUR LEGACY OF HOPE**  
Honoring the Past, Securing the Future

MONDAY APRIL 26TH AT 6:30 PM, THURSDAY APRIL 29TH AT NOON, OR THURSDAY APRIL 29TH AT 4:00 PM

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY CALLING THE RECTORY, ON OUR WEBSITE OR BY EMAIL AT [saintdenischurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintdenischurch@gmail.com)

## Catholic Women's Council's Mothers Love Program

Donations of Diapers or new clothes infant / toddler sizes will be collected by our Catholic Women's Council on **April 24th and continue through May 16th**. As a Council we know our ability is limited, however, we will try to help those who are in need. This year we are assisting Catholic Charities and Abby's House. Both programs assist single mothers in shelters or in need of our help.



## Faith in Action



We are at 83% of our parish goal for our 2021 Partners in Charity Campaign. Thank you to all who have participated thus far.  
Please consider helping us reach our goal.



## Year of St. Joseph Pilgrimage

**SUNDAY MAY 2ND  
3-4 PM**

**AT ST. JOSEPH  
CHURCH IN CHARLTON**

**Anyone who would like  
to join us, please meet  
us there at 3 pm**

**If you need of a ride,  
please call and we will  
try to make  
arrangements.**



HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

## Faith and Fellowship

Join us on Tuesday evenings via Zoom 6:30-7:30 PM

Info on how to join on ZOOM can be found on our facebook page prior to the session.

What happened next? Where did the apostles go? What did all of Jesus' followers do in the aftermath of the greatest event in human history? Join us as the St. Denis Adult Faith & Fellowship group explores the events after the Glorious Resurrection.

Week #1: The Immediate Aftermath

Week #2: Pentecost

Week#3: The expansion of the early church



# Year of St. Joseph Pilgrimage



**Sunday, May 2nd - 3:00 to 4:00pm**  
**St. Joseph's Church, Charlton**

As we continue celebrating the Year of St. Joseph, join us on a pilgrimage to honor him, the protector of the church, and receive a plenary indulgence for yourself or your loved one. Watch for more pilgrimages... there are 9 other churches in our Diocese dedicated to St. Joseph! We hope to visit more throughout the rest of this year. Learn more about plenary indulgences on the reverse side.

**We will meet at 3:00pm at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton (drive in your own car – approximately a 30 minute drive from Douglas) for a one hour program including prayer and pastoral reflections from Fr. Robert Grattorati and Fr. Charles Omolo.**

Please pre-register so that we know approximately how many people will be attending.

Register at [SaintDenisChurch.com/pilgrimage](http://SaintDenisChurch.com/pilgrimage)

**St. Joseph's Church**  
 10 H Putnam Rd Extension, Charlton, MA 01507





## WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage is no ordinary journey. It's a kind of "holy traveling" undertaken with resolve for a particular spiritual purpose. Throughout Church history the faithful have traveled to holy sites—whether it's a place where a saint lived, where a miracle occurred, or where a saint is especially honored—to obtain a special favor and to do penance for one's sins.

When a church is named for a saint, it means that particular saint is its special guardian and intercessor in heaven. When you travel to parishes named for St. Joseph and leave your prayer intentions at his altars, it shows him special honor and will increase the blessings and graces you'll receive through his intercession.

## HOW TO HAVE A FRUITFUL PILGRIMAGE

To have a fruitful pilgrimage, simply carry a special prayer intention in your mind and heart. You can have a single intention, or a different one for each destination. Upon arrival kneel near St. Joseph's altar or statue and pray fervently, asking him to intercede with Jesus Christ for your request. Conclude by offering prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. This act of faith, made during the Year of St. Joseph, will gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. Continue reading below for more information.

## PLENARY INDULGENCES EXPLAINED

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the *Code of Canon Law* (can. 992) and in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."
2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed *conditions* (below, nn. 3, 4), and the performance of certain prescribed works.
3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the *state of grace* at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
4. A *plenary indulgence* can be gained only *once a day*. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:
  - **have the interior disposition of *complete detachment from sin, even venial sin*;**
  - ***have sacramentally confessed* their sins;**
  - ***receive the Holy Eucharist* (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);**
  - ***pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.***
5. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.
6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, *confessors* can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).
7. Indulgences *can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased*, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Source: Apostolic Penitentiary, *The Gift of the Indulgence*

**Manchaug Mills, Inc.**  
**508-476-1928**  
[www.manchaugmills.com](http://www.manchaugmills.com)  
 • Heated Inside Storage Units  
 • Retail Space  
 • Commercial/Office Space  
 Call for more information!  
[www.facebook.com/manchaugmills](https://www.facebook.com/manchaugmills)

**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CLUB**  
 A Fraternal Organization Promoting Athletics  
 Roger Manyak - 476-2668  
**NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**  
 Hall Rental information call **476-7489**

**Pynes**  
 SAND & STONE  
 Sand & Stone Co., Inc.  
 1 Lackey Dam Road ~ Douglas, MA  
 Phone 508-234-6400 ~ Fax 508-234-1967  
[www.pynesand.com](http://www.pynesand.com)

**Jackman Funeral Home**  
 7 Mechanic St, Douglas, MA  
 12 Spring St, Whitinsville, MA  
*Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home*  
 35 Snowling Rd, Uxbridge, MA  
**(508) 278-2200**  
[JackmanFuneralHome@yahoo.com](mailto:JackmanFuneralHome@yahoo.com)  
[www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com](http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com)

**VIROSTEK & VIROSTEK, P.C.**  
 Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
  
**DON J. VIROSTEK**  
 Brookside Professional Building  
 15 West St. #4, Douglas, MA 01516  
 Tel: 508-476-7469 • Cell: 508-849-7066

**Breezy**  
 PICNIC GROUNDS WATERSLIDES  
 Phone: (508) 476-2664  
[breezy.summer@icloud.com](mailto:breezy.summer@icloud.com) [www.BreezySummer.com](http://www.BreezySummer.com)  
**Swimming \* Waterslides \* Picnicking**  
**\* Snack Bar \* Group Outings**

**ATTORNEY BRENDA M. RIVARD**  
 LEGAL PLANNING AND ASSET PROTECTION FOR ALL AGES  
**O'CONNOR & RIVARD ATTORNEYS PC**  
 668 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA  
**(508) 756-9229**  
 Wills, Trusts, Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, Estates and Nursing Home Medicaid Planning  
**www.RivardLegal.com**




**WEBSTER FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**  
 282 Main Street  
 Douglas, MA  
 508-476-7432  
**www.WebsterFirst.com**

**Picnic Tables**  
 Custom Quality  
 Taking Orders for  
 April and May  
 Call Dan 508-561-2955

*"Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families..."*  
**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**  
*...Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice."*

**MILFORD FEDERAL**  
 Established 1887  
 Your Family Financial Center  
**MilfordFederal.com**  
 800-357-2265 • Member FDIC

 **Remember in Prayer**  
**Lori (Manyak) Cyr**

Paul Lamontagne	Jacqueline Boucher	Robert Lamontagne
Francis Gavlak	Helen Fox	Julius Gavlak
Susan Gavlak	John Gavlak	Joseph Gavlak
Joseph Gavlak	Tim Guertin	Gerard & Mary Picard
H. Edward Phelps	Norma Baker	Mary M. Emerick
Dennis Halley	Debbie Carey	Marilyn Halley
Doug Halley		

*In memory of the family members of Joseph Brown & Mary Paciga*  
 Catherine & Stephen Gressak      Wanda & Edward Therrien  
 Sister Mary Denis      Joan & Joseph Virostek      Joseph & Maryellen Friend  
 The Sughrue & Kellett Families      Viola & Felix Vecchione & Family

*For a \$50.00 donation, we will publish the names of your loved one in our bulletin for 1 year.*  
 Please call 508-476-2002 for more information.

**BUMA**  
 FUNERAL HOMES  
 Uxbridge & Whitinsville  
 508-278-2755  
[www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

**Douglas Family Dental**  
 Keep the Sparkle in Your Smile  
  
**Brookside Professional Building**  
 East Douglas  
**476-2828**

**K P R**  
 APARTMENT SERIES LLC  
**Marjory Hutnak**  
 phone  
**508-234-7396**

**SUNDEEN Furniture**  
 Quality Furniture and Bedding for Less  
**Rte. 122 Northbridge**  
**(508) 234-8777**

 **Knights of Columbus INSURANCE**  
 YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE  
**Robert Lafond**  
 Field Agent  
 Cell: 401-480-8291  
 PO Box 643, Douglas MA 01516  
[Robert.lafond@kofc.org](mailto:Robert.lafond@kofc.org)  
**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance**  
**Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance**  
*Protecting Catholic families since 1882.*

 **Lydia Taft House**  
 A Rehabilitation And Skilled Nursing Community  
 60 Quaker Highway  
 Uxbridge, MA 01569  
[www.rehabassociates.com](http://www.rehabassociates.com)  
 (508) 278-9500

Joseph Bomba (508) 476-8935  
**J. Bomba Electric**  
 Licensed \* Insured  
 Residential \* Commercial  
 Landscape Lighting  
 Lic # A18061 Douglas, MA

**TAX TIME AGAIN!**  
 Department of the Treasury - letter  
**1040 U.S. Individual Inc**  
 For the year Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2005, e  
 Let me help you get through all the new tax changes  
**BLATCHFORD PUBLIC ACCOUNTING**  
**508-341-6348**

 **TOM BERKOWITZ TRUCKING, INC.**  
 RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL  
 Joanne Stanley, Office Manager  
 MAILING ADDRESS: OFFICE & GARAGE:  
 PO BOX 905 279 DOUGLAS RD.  
 NORTHBRIDGE, MA 01534 WHITINSVILLE, MA