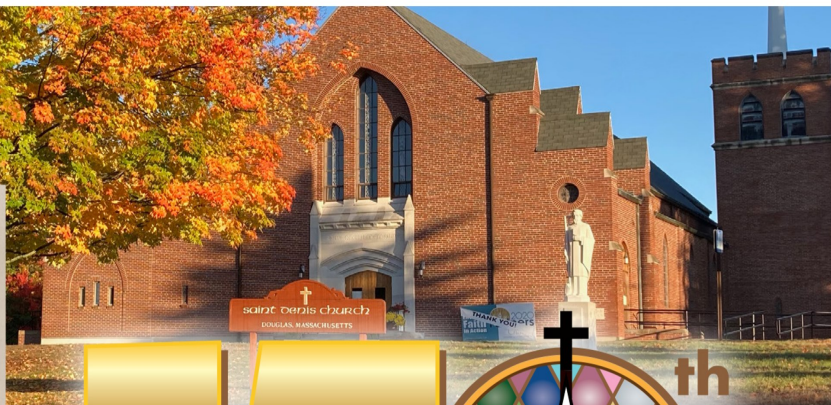


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DO NOT MERELY LISTEN
TO THE WORD,
AND SO DECEIVE
yourselves.
DO WHAT IT SAYS.

— *James 1:22* —



“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” (JAMES 1:22) It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

This week’s readings: Dt. 4:1-2,6-8 - Psalm 15 - Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 - Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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. 3:15-3:45pm or by appointment

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

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Intention
Saturday August 28	4 pm	† Matthew Jackson (3rd Ann.) By: Gail & Ken Langley
Sunday August 29	7 am	† John Emerick (3rd Ann.) By: The Family
	10:15 am	The People of St. Denis.
Monday August 30	8:30 am	† Mrs. Susan Gavlak
Tuesday August 31	8:30 am	† Mr. John Gavlak
Wednesday September 1	8:30 am	† Mrs. Helen Fox
Thursday		No Mass
Friday		No Mass
Saturday September 4	4 pm	† John Brown By: The Family
Sunday September 5	7 am	The People of St. Denis.
	10:15 am	† Mary Saviano By: The Family



We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray
for the special intentions of:
John & Ann Farris

Stewardship in our Parish Budget 2020-2021

Weekend of August 21/22

	<u>Weekly:</u>	<u>YTD:</u>
Amount needed:	\$6,193	\$322,080
Amount Collected:	\$2,319	\$282,805
Budget Surplus: (Deficit)	\$(3,874)	\$(39,275)

Bad weather conditions affected the collection and budget last weekend, if possible, please make up envelopes from last weekend OR consider making your weekly contributions on our ONLINE portal to avoid future weather issues, illness, vacations etc. As always thank you for your support.

Happening This Week

If you have been away—Welcome Back!
If you're here to stay— We're glad you're here.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MISSIONARY FROM KENYA

SATURDAY August 28

3:15-3:45 pm Confession—GR

4 pm MASS

SUNDAY August 29

7 am MASS

9 am Safe Environment Training—NC

10:15 am MASS

11:30 Baptism

MONDAY August 30

8:30 am MASS

4-6 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open— R

TUESDAY August 31

8:30 am MASS

5:30 pm Girl Scouts— H

WEDNESDAY September 1

8:30 am MASS

1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open—R

5:30-6:30 pm AA Meeting—H

6:45 pm Troop 316—H

7 pm **HOLY HOUR—C**

THURSDAY September 2

7 pm Al— Anon—GR

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HAITI

SATURDAY September 4

3:15-3:45 pm Confession—GR

4 pm MASS

SUNDAY September 5

7 am MASS

10:15 am MASS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The adornment of our Church with plants, flowers and other gifts from God's creation is a way for us to remember loved ones and to give thanks to God for people or events in our lives. Altar flower requests are currently being accepted. **Flowers can be brought to church on Friday afternoon or donations accepted in memory of a loved one. Call Nancy with your request and names will be published in the bulletin.**



This week's flowers are in memory of:

Matthew Jackson

NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 4/5 THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TAKEN FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI.

100% OF ALL DONATIONS WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED THE MOST.



Drive Thru Food Drive

Knights of Columbus (Mumford) Hall

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Saturday, September 11th 10am -2pm

All food/items collected will go to Food Pantries
In our community

Nativity

Thank you for the generous donations for our new Nativity. So far we have collected \$1,050 toward this purchase. We are about \$700 short, so all contributions are greatly appreciated.



HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



The World needs our Communal Prayers—Join us **every Wednesday Evening at 7 PM.** Benediction is a great blessing for souls and for the honor of Jesus Christ who is Truly Present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This liturgy began in the 14th century, exposing the Blessed Sacrament for reverence and adoration. By the 16th century, blessing with the Sacred Host was added. We are all invited to share in this beautiful blessing as we join our prayers with one another.



SAVE THE DATE!

2021 Confirmation Class' Community Service Event

Saturday September 18th



Fill-A-Truck

Save your stuff!

- **Clothing** – (infant to senior)
- **Accessories** – pocketbooks, shoes, boots, belts
- **Small Kitchen Appliances** – microwaves, toaster ovens, coffee makers, air fryers, juicers, blenders, etc.)
- **Kitchen & Home Decor Items** – lamps, small furniture items, holiday decor, small rugs (3x5, 4x6, 5x7)
- **Flat Screen TVs** – must be fully functioning
- **DME** - Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc.

NEW or GENTLY USED items only, please!

(clean, still has plenty of life, are free of smells, rips, and stains)



Electronic Recycling



Bottle & Can Drive

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY

On the first Wednesday of each month, members of Mumford Council Knights of Columbus will be visiting one of the four parishes served by the Council to pray the rosary. On **Wednesday, September 1st** members of the knights will be joining the weekly rosary at Saint Patrick's Church. Everyone is welcome to come and pray the rosary; please consider attending and joining us in prayer. The time will be 5:30 PM.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Now Meeting at St. Denis

The Alzheimer's Support Group sponsored by the Alzheimer's Support Network of South Central MA will meet the second Monday of the month at **St. Denis Church in Douglas, at 23 Manchaug Road, from 6:00-8:00 PM** (Formerly held at Webster Manor). Caregivers and family members can not only obtain information about Alzheimer's Disease, but also to learn many helpful techniques in caring for a person with dementia at all stages. New caregivers can learn from experienced caregivers and support group leaders, so they leave each meeting feeling more supported. We welcome you to join! **Our first meeting will be held on September 13th.**

Please visit <https://www.alzsupportnet.org/> for more information.



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN
SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 6:30 PM**

Tickets are \$21 each and includes a \$2 discount at the concession stand. **ALSO**

Friday night games include **FIREWORKS !!** Altar servers and youth volunteers will be **FREE** of charge. Family members please let us know ASAP if you would like tickets or more information.

(Reserved seats are in section 7 behind home plate!)



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Passionist Fathers—Kenya
PO Box 15122-05009
Nairobi, Kenya



Dear Christians, greetings from Kenya. I am Fr. Gilbert Omolo, CP, a Passionist priest from Kenya. I am addressing this letter to you today through the kindness of Bishop Robert Joseph McManus, Rev. Dennis J. O'Brien Mission Director and of your Pastor Rev. Nelson Rivera. I am writing to share with you my mission story from Kenya and to offer you the opportunity to join me in solidarity with the suffering people of that land.

Passionist Fathers—Kenya was founded in 1970 by Passionist missionaries from Italy. These missionaries have retired and gone back to Italy, and a majority of them have gone back to God. The Passionist Missionaries' goal is to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus Christ by witnessing and preaching to the sufferings of our time (the neglected ones, orphans and widows). Through our projects in Kenya, we are able to evangelize and promote integral human development. Our projects involve programs and activities that alleviate poverty and foster social justice and economic empowerment of the communities we serve.

We have 40 seminarians to educate and prepare for mission. We run two orphanages with 70 orphans, we support poor widows in our missions, and we run a tailoring and carpentry school for orphans and children from poor families. We organize and preach retreats for both religious and lay Faithful.

We no longer receive any financial help from our brothers in Italy. The support we can get from you will continue our mission that brings a positive change in people's daily lives and the hope for a better tomorrow.

As a young boy, I met the Passionist missionaries in my village that brought us the message of the Passion of Jesus Christ. They reached the remotest part of Kenya. With their work, they attracted many. As a young boy, I said I want to be a priest. I was told that, to be a missionary, I must go to school. This part was not easy. It wasn't easy because I did not have what it takes to go to school: school uniform, notebooks and pencil. One day, I missed class because I didn't have a pencil. It was the day for the exam that would allow me to proceed to the next grade. This happened some 33 years ago. To your surprise, this is still happening to many young children in Kenya today; they can't go to school because they lack pencils or school uniforms, let alone shoes to wear to school. As a missionary group in Kenya, we respond to such needs.

When I was in charge of the running of our two orphanages, I witnessed something that I would love to share with you. I brought a young boy of five years, named Paul, into our orphanage. He was living with his poor and old grandmother after his parents died. I bought Paul a pair of shoes; when he wore his shoes, he was so excited that he refused to take them off when going to bed. We had to wait until he fell completely asleep to remove his shoes.

You can be my partner for fifty dollars. I invite you to be part of the Passionist mission in Kenya. Even twenty dollars will buy Paul pencils and shoes. With your twenty dollars, you will keep a Passionist seminarian in the seminary for a week. So, dig right down and find twenty dollars! It is a big project. It costs \$20,000 US dollars a year to feed and send 70 orphans to school. Above all else, give what Jesus himself will enable you to do for the orphans and seminarians in Kenya.

With that donation you are going to drop in the basket during the second collection, you can change the world. Just do it! We are partners, here. Jesus wants to bring life to others through you and me. We must accept the invitation.

Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Gilbert Omolo, CP

If you find time, please visit our orphans, Seminarians, people and Passionists at www.passionistskenya.org

Due to covid restrictions, Fr. Gilbert is not able to be with us this year for the Mission Appeal. Please visit their website and make your contributions through our collection this weekend , August 28 & 29.

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