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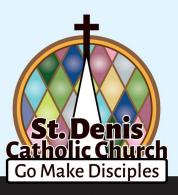
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## May 8, 2022



The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

### **Welcome to Our Parish Community!**

Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm (Live on Facebook) — Sun. 7 & 10:15am Weekday Masses Mon, Tue and Wed – 8:30 am Confessions Sat. 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment Food Pantry Hours Mon 4-6 pm and Wed 1-3 pm

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St. Denis Church



Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	3:15 pm	Confession
May 7	11 am	First Communion Mass
	4 pm	† Joseph & Antoinette Hebert By: The Family
Sunday May 8	7 am	† Peggy & Bill Herlihy By: The Family
	10:15 am	† Helena Kucala By: The Family
Monday	8:30 am	† Susan Gavlak
May 9		By: Pauline Gavlak
Tuesday May 10	8:30 am	† All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	8:30 am	Vocations to the Diocese of Worc.
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Thursday May 12	8:30 am	No Mass
Friday May 13	8:30 am	No Mass
Saturday May 14	3:15 pm	Confession
·	4 pm	† Frank A., Fannie & Barbara Yacino By: The Family
Sunday May 15	7 am	† Edward Saksa By: The Hibbard Family
	10:15 am	† Pauline Richard By: The Family
	4 pm	Mass for High Schools Seniors



We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray in memory of:

Joseph & Antoinette Hebert

Flowers for the Tabernacle can be donated in memory of a loved one. Please call the Rectory for more information. Thank you for all donations.

### **Happening This Week**

If you have been away— Welcome Back!

If you're here to stay— We're glad you're here.

#### **SATURDAY May 7**

11:00 am First Communion 3:15 pm Confessions 4 pm MASS

### SUNDAY May 8

7 am MASS 10:15 am MASS

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

#### **MONDAY May 9**

8:30 am MASS 4-6 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open—R 6 pm Leadership Mtg.—GR

#### **TUESDAY May 10**

8:30 am MASS

#### **WEDNESDAY May 11**

8:30 am MASS

1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry Open—R 5:30-6:30 pm AA Meeting—H 6 pm HOLY HOUR 6:45 pm Troop 316—H

### **THÚRSDAÝ May 12**

7 pm Al-Anon—H

## SATURDAY May 14 9 am CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

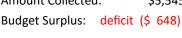
3:15 pm Confessions 4 pm MASS

#### **SUNDAY May 15**

7 am MASS 10:15 am MASS Noon Baptism—C 4 pm H.S. Senior Mass

## Stewardship in our Parish Budget Easter Weekend of April 30 & May 1

Amount needed: \$6,193
Amount Collected: \$5,545





Please consider our online giving portal for your parish contributions. Online giving is easy and can be done in the privacy of your own home. It is a safe and effective way to support your parish and help with yearly budget planning.

### **SAVE THE DATE** MAY 14th

We are planning a clean-up day at our St. Denis Cemetery. If you are able, and have some time to help, please meet us at the cemetery on May 14th at 9 am. Bring your rakes and any yard tools, and join in helping to make our cemetery beautiful.

Our Stewardship Committee will be hosting a cookout for all our volunteers.

Thank you!!

### **CONGRATULATIONS** TO OUR **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

Please pray for our First Communion Students who received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist this weekend.

May the gift of His Body & Blood be the beginning of a life-long relationship with our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Valerie Aguiar, Harper Brien, Liam Brochu, Abigail Butler, Bryce Duclos, Lucy Gamelin, Emma Isidore, Jack Johnson, Collin Lachance, Emersyn Lafond, Jack Paul, Abigail Phillips, Delia Radzik, and Gabriel Slater



### May is the month of **MARY**

The month of May is traditionally considered the month of Mary, a month especially dedicated to devotion to Our Lady, the Mother of God and the Mother of all of us. In May, we celebrate **Mother's Day**, and it is only fitting that we spend a whole month celebrating especially the Mother who is model of all mothers, the Mother God chose for His own Son.



### **Mother's Love Program**



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 during the month of May. 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.

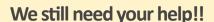
### "Be the Face of Christ"



Pariners Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity DIOCESE of WORCESTER Appeal. St. Denis has collected

\$24,371 towards our goal of \$39,400. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pew. Or visit partnerscharity.net to do it online. Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in

Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!





#### **C.W.C NEXT MEETING**

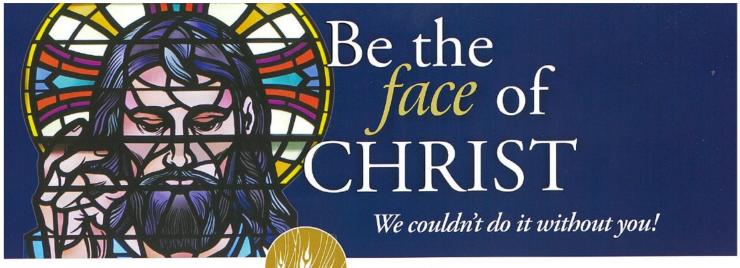


The next meeting of our Catholic Women's Council will be held on Thursday May 12 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Room.

### St. Denis Prayer Garden

**Connor Stickney** a member of Troop 316 here at St. Denis will be embarking on his Eagle Scout project to create a rosary path around the Mary Grotto that is across the street from the Rectory. His plan includes benches and stepping stones around Mary that creates the rosary.

Connor will be at all Masses this weekend to explain his project. It is our hope that this will become a prayerful place for anyone to come pray quietly or gather together to share the gift of prayer with each other.



"Lord, you give the great commission, heal the sick and preach the word; lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard..."

This wonderful hymn sums up so well why the Diocese of Worcester invites all parishioners to participate in the annual Partners in Charity appeal.



"The Church exists to bring the message of Christ to the world," says Bishop McManus. "If we believe Christ cared for the poor and those who were on the periphery, as Pope Francis often puts it, then the Church must do that, too. That is what we are doing through the agencies and ministries of Partners in Charity by offering compassion to those less fortunate than ourselves."

People are struggling in so many ways beyond dealing with the ongoing COVID pandemic, experiencing a hunger of the body, a hunger of the mind and a hunger of the soul.



Together with our parishes and schools, our agencies and ministries are witnessing to the love of God made known to us through the Gospels. Making the face of Christ real to tens of thousands of people each year, we are assuring that our Catholic faith is alive and tangible in the world today, for it is a faith in action!

"As with the virtues of faith and hope, charity is only possible when we are infused with the grace of God," Bishop McManus said. "When we recognize the grace of God that is given to us, we can respond to those around us in need."

### Hunger of the Body

Charitable agencies are offering the face of Christ each day to those who are hungry, struggling with the risk of homelessness, or in need of clothing and other necessities for their families.

Miurka Torres, of Catholic Charities said, "Our clients have always been grateful that Catholic Charities helps them find hope, not just a quick solution for that day. We work with them to help them on





a road that keeps families together and leads to independence in the future."

Lateasha, a client of Catholic Charities, said, "I am so grateful that when I came to Catholic Charities for help, they wanted to know me and my family. They are even helping deal with how this pandemic has made life so hard."

### Hunger of the Mind

Catholic education is about presenting the face of Christ to those who are hungry to know how to prepare for life.

Michael Hoogasian, teacher at Saint Paul Diocesan Junior/Senior

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High School, said, "Catholic schools provide many opportunities for students to connect with God and to discover what God has planned for them and to make the world a better place, as Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Romans. We recognize that our students are the Church of today, not just for the future."

"I am grateful for receiving a Catholic education since the seventh grade, because I was treated as a whole person, not just a number," said Daniel Mara. "It truly is a blessing that people donate to financially support families who want their children to get a Catholic education and to experience the great things I have experienced here at Saint Paul."

### Hunger of the Soul

"I was a college graduate with a good career path as a medical technician," says Jonathan Amidon, seminarian for the Diocese of Worcester. "But I kept feeling that I was being called to serve people as a priest. God's love has been so present and powerful in my life that I need to share that love with others whether in times of joy, or sorrow, or despair. The diocesan seminary program is making it possible for me to pursue studies for the priesthood without the distraction of how to support myself and figure out how to pay for another college degree."



"It is very difficult today for a young man to hear God calling him to a vocation to the priesthood," said Father Donato Infante, director of vocations. "We are grateful that Partners in Charity offers the financial means to provide the environment for young people to discern through prayer, reflection and spiritual direction."

# Consider Making a Pledge or Gift today



Whether you make a monthly or quarterly pledge, or a one-time gift, your support of Partners in Charity is making a difference for tens of thousands of people in need.



Check out the options for ways to donate on this brochure. Your response is a response to someone who is hungry for hope in their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

As Bishop McManus expressed, "My fervent hope and prayer is that people will respond as missionary disciples to those in need, making the Good News of the Gospel real in people's lives through the work of the agencies and ministries of Partners in Charity."

### List of agencies

### Charity

- Catholic Charities
- McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys
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