



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*March 26, 2023*

# Lent



Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

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**Readings:** Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

### 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

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



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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Intention
Saturday March 25	3:15 pm 4 pm	Confession † Pat Chiras & Barbara Yacino By: The Family
Sunday March 26	7 am 10:15 am	† George Paine Jr. (8th Ann.) By: The Family † Margaret McNamara (15th Ann.) By: The Descoteaux Family
Monday March 27	8:30 am	† The People of St. Denis
Tuesday March 28	8:30 am	† James Belanger (20th birthday) By: The Family
Wednesday March 29	8:30 am	Vocations to the priesthood
Thursday March 30	8:30 am	No Mass
Friday March 31	8:30 am 6:30pm	No Mass STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday April 1	11 am 3:15 pm 4 pm	Funeral Mass Confession Robert J. Gallagher By: The Family
Sunday April 2	7 am 10:15 am	† John Emerick By: Dave Emerick † John McPherson Jr. (1st Ann.) By: Lorraine & Family



We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray for **MARYELLEN LUTZ**

## Stewardship in our Parish Budget

### Weekend of March 18/19

Envelopes & Cash	\$ 2,473
Online	\$ 755
Weekly electronic	\$ 345
Maintenance	\$ 50
Debt Reduction	\$ 60
Fuel	\$ 35
In memory/Joyce Virostek	\$ 340



## Happening This Week

If you have been away—  
**Welcome Back!**

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

### SATURDAY March 25

3:15 pm Confessions  
4 pm MASS

### SUNDAY March 26

7 am MASS  
8:30 am Grades 1-6  
10:15 am MASS  
2 pm Baptism  
3 pm Passion Play Rehearsal

### MONDAY March 27

8:30 am MASS  
4-6 pm Douglas Food Pantry **OPEN—R**  
5:30 pm Daisy Troop—H

### TUESDAY March 28

8:30 am MASS  
5:30 Girl Scouts  
6:45 pm Troop 316—H  
**WEDNESDAY March 29**

8:30 am MASS  
1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry **OPEN—R**  
5:30 pm AA Meeting—H  
6:30 pm **PARISH LENTEN MISSION—C**  
(Eleanor Olson, St. Mary of the Hills)

### THURSDAY March 30

7 pm Al-Anon—H  
**FRIDAY March 31**

5-6:30 pm **FISH DINNER TONIGHT—H**  
(DINE IN OR TAKEOUT)

6:30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

### SATURDAY April 1

11 am Funeral Mass  
3:15 pm Confessions  
4 pm MASS

### SUNDAY April 2

7 am MASS  
8:30 am Grades 1-6  
10:15 am MASS  
6 pm High School I & II

Plan to  
join us for  
**FISH  
DINNER  
THIS  
FRIDAY  
FOLOWED  
BY  
STATIONS  
AT 6:30  
PM**



**EVERY FRIDAY  
STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS  
6:30 PM AT  
ST. DENIS  
CHURCH**

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis,

commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on His journey to Calvary.

Join us on this journey together.



## HOLY WEEK - Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

**Palm Sunday** - April 1st & 2nd

Vigil - 4:00pm (Facebook Live) Passion Play at 4:00 and 10:15

Sunday - 7:00 & 10:15am

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Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - 9:00am in the church

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00pm - (Facebook Live) **NO 4:00PM MASS THIS DAY**

**Easter Sunday** - Sunday April 9th

Masses - 9:00am & 11:00am

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - April 16th (2nd Sunday of Easter) **Holy Hour** from 2:00 to 3:00pm and

solemn prayer of the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3:00pm (Facebook Live)

### Budget Envelope Company

As you are all aware, our weekly envelopes have not been available for February and March. Due to supply chain issues and the inability to add employees, this has created a slow draw on production and shipping. New envelope packets should arrive for April /May. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

### Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday** (04/09) right after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses for all children up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Please fill out sign-up sheet found in the vestibule of the church.



### ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The Catholic Women's Council will be accepting applications for a Scholarship. SCHOLARSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS IN THE VESTIBULE.

**Applications are due by April 30, 2023**

### CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

March 18—Diane Ackley

March 19—Gina Richard

March 20—Linda Boucher

March 21—Barbara Vaillancourt

March 22—Chris Dodge

March 23—Barbara Trychon

One more week to go!! Thank you to all participants

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN



### November 5-18

Join us on a LIFE-CHANGING pilgrimage journey to the Holy Land and Jordan. Under the Spiritual direction of Rev. Nelson Rivera, Rev. Javier Julio, Rev. Juan Herrera and Deacon Patrick Stewart.

**Call the Rectory to find out more.**

### PASSION PLAY— REHEARSAL THIS SUNDAY AT 3 PM

All who will be participating in this year's Passion Play on Palm Sunday weekend, please join us for our NEXT rehearsal this Sunday at 3 PM. We will meet in the church.. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact **Kris Blatchford at 508-476-2919 or [jblatchford@charter.net](mailto:jblatchford@charter.net)**



Our next **Day of Prayer & Adoration** will be on Wednesday **APRIL 5TH** we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 9 am—6:45 pm with Benediction at 6:45 pm. **What better way to spend Holy Week.**

THERE IS a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for anyone who can come and spend some time in the church for Adoration.

**Come spend some quiet time in prayer this LENT.**



## 2023 Lenten Schedule

### Ash Wednesday - Feb. 22nd

Mass and distribution of ashes at 8:30am and 6:00pm (Facebook Live)  
Liturgy of the Word & ashes - Noon & 4:00pm

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

**Confessions** - Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm, or by appt

**Stations of the Cross** - Fridays during Lent 6:30pm

Children's Stations (4th & 5th Grade Readers) - Mar. 3rd - 6:30pm

Living Stations (HS Year II students) - Mar. 24th - 7:00pm

Stations at the Cemetery - Good Friday 10:00am

Everyone is welcome to attend any/all of these Stations; these special ones above are not to be missed!

**Holy Day of Adoration** - Wed Mar. 1st & Apr. 5th - 9:00am to 7:00pm, with benediction and blessing at 6:45pm

**Lenten Mission** - Mar. 15th, 22nd & 29th - 6:30pm  
(watch for more information)

**Fish Dinners** - most Fridays during Lent (Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 17, 24, 31) - 5:00-6:30pm  
Dine In or Take Out - see website for more info or to order in advance. Help is always welcome; contact the Rectory if you would like to share your time.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** - Saturday Mar. 11th - 5:00pm - see website for more info or to reserve tickets. Consider volunteering for this fun evening!

**Mass with Healing Service & Anointing of the Sick** - Sunday Mar. 5th - 2:00pm

St. Denis Parish is invited to St. Mark's in Sutton for this special Mass. Anyone who is in need of healing, either physically, mentally and/or spiritually is welcome.

**Youth Adoration Night at Our Lady of Hope (St. James in Grafton)** - Friday Mar. 10th - 6:00pm  
Teens and youth of the Parish are encouraged to come spend some time in prayer and adoration.

**St. Monica Circle** - Tuesdays - Mar. 7th, Apr. 4th - 6:30pm  
Join us in prayer and discussion as we pray for our loved ones to return to the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome - no commitment required! Join us on Wed. Mar. 1st at Noon for a special hour of Adoration in the church focused on St. Monica and praying for those who've left the faith.

**Catholic Women's Council (CWC) Meeting** - Thursday, Mar. 9th - 6:30pm  
All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**Registration for Faith Formation for the 2023-2024 Program** - Prek through High School - Kicks off on Palm Sunday weekend. Registration information will be sent via Flocknote to families registered in our current year's program. If you are new to the parish and would like to register for classes starting in the fall, please contact Kathy Archambault at 508-476-2002 x2 or by email at karchambault@saintdenischurch.com.

**Rice Bowls** - Throughout Lent Rice bowls are available for pickup on the table in the entryway of the church. Money collected goes to Catholic Relief Services to help feed those in need. Donations should be returned by Palm Sunday Weekend.

## LENT 2023

See the other side for all of the services  
and events going on during Lent.

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*In memory of the family members of Joseph Brown & Mary Paciga*  
*Sister Mary Denis*  
*Joan & Joseph Virostek*

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