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"Prepare the way of the Lord..." (MARK 1:3)

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

READINGS:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Welcome to Our Parish Community!

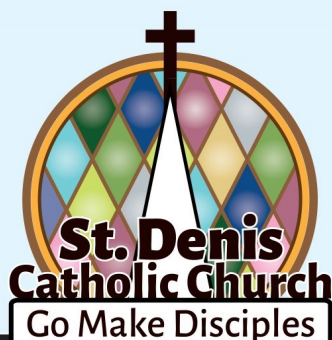
Weekend Masses Sat. 4pm (Live on Facebook) — Sun. 7 & 10:15am

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 Monday—Thursday – 9 am to 1 pm & 2-5 pm



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Intention
Saturday December 9	3:15 pm 4 pm	Confession † Connie & Gus Crosby By: Bev Flansburg
Sunday December 10	7 am 10:15 am	† Tim Guertin By: Kim Guertin † Francis, Raymond & Kathleen Neslusan By: The Family
Monday December 11	8:30 am	† Mo Berube (29th Ann.) & Marshall Potter (21st Ann.) By: Louise Berube-Potter
Tuesday December 12	8:30 am	† The People of St. Denis
Wednesday December 13	8:30 am	Vocations to the priesthood
Thursday December 14		NO MASS
Friday December 15		NO MASS
Saturday December 16	3:15 pm 4 pm	Confession † Marie Hadge By: The Phelps & Claflin Families
Sunday December 17	7 am 10:15 am	† Mary McCarthy By: Helen Anderson † Raymond Bessette By: The Family



We light this week's Tabernacle Candle to pray for ANN E. FARRIS

Happening This Week

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

SATURDAY December 9

3:15 pm Confession

4:00 pm MASS

LIVE NATIVITY FOLLOWING MASS

SUNDAY December 10

7: 00 am MASS

10:15 am MASS

6 pm Class for Grades High School I & II

MONDAY December 11

8:30 am MASS

4-6 pm Douglas Food Pantry **OPEN**

5 pm Pastoral Council—GR

6 pm Girl Scouts—H

6:30 pm Leadership—GR

7 pm Den 316 —H

TUESDAY December 12

8:30 am MASS

6:30 pm Stewardship—NC

WEDNESDAY December 13

8:30 am MASS

1-3 pm Douglas Food Pantry **OPEN**

6:30 pm **BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS**

5:30 pm AA Meeting—H

THURSDAY December 14

5:30 pm RCIA—R

7 pm Al-Anon—GR

SATURDAY December 16

3:15 pm Confession

4:00 pm MASS

LIVE NATIVITY FOLLOWING MASS

SUNDAY December 17

7: 00 am MASS

8:30 am Classes for Grades K-6

10:15 am MASS

6 pm Class for Grades 7 & 8

Weekly Offerings

Weekend of December 2/3

Envelopes & Cash	\$ 2,092
Online	\$ 1,075
Weekly direct deposit	\$ 330
Monthly direct deposit	\$ 840
Debt Reduction	\$ 120
Maintenance	\$ 240
Fuel	\$ 47
Flower Donations	\$ 655
CWC RAFFLE/fair deposit	\$ 4,390.25
Food Pantry	\$ 200



CREDIT CARD / ONLINE GIVING

In an effort to make payments easier for our parishioners and visitors who participate in our activities, now we can offer payment with credit/debit, and gift cards (Ex. Visa), contactless payments like Google pay, Apple pay, Samsung pay, and cash App.



Thank you to all who help support our parish!! Your donations are much appreciated and help to maintain the ministries that are our mission of evangelization.



A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Eucharistic Revival Series at St. Denis)

Join us for a series of discussions of the importance and meaning of the Holy Eucharist and the heart of it all, which is Holy Communion. This is a program from Ascension Press conducted by Dr. Edward Sri (Doctor in Theology). Discussions afterwards in questions and answers format will be led by Father Pagan. **Gatherings will be December 13 & 20, January 10 & 17.** As we prepare through Advent for the glorious Nativity of our Savior, these reflections will help us prepare to leave a space in our souls and hearts for him as we receive him in the Eucharist.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Advent is the perfect time to receive God's mercy and forgiveness through this healing sacrament, offering us the opportunity for a clean slate prior to celebrating the joy of Christmas.



Join us for a penance service, **December 19th** where we will participate in a communal penance service. Following the service, priests will be available to hear confessions.

God wants to extend His love to you – all you need to do is accept the call. Whether it's been a few days or a few years, you're invited to join us!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT— THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The season is upon us now, the time for gifts and giving. As this year draws to a close, we think about those who are less fortunate than us. Our Giving Tree Program assists families with help at Christmas. (Included in the tags are requests for gift cards for our seminarians studying for priesthood in our Diocese.)

SOME TAGS AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND. Please consider helping a family in need. Gifts should be returned by December 17th.

Peace is a central theme of the Advent season but the main focus of the second week of Advent. One of the prophecies about Jesus calls him "the Prince of Peace" ([Isaiah 9:6-7](#)). When the angels appeared to the shepherds, they ended their message by saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" ([Luke 2:14](#)). When Simeon saw baby Jesus in the temple, he thanked God that he could now die in peace for he had seen the Messiah ([Luke 2:29-33](#)). On a broader level, the Bible talks in various places about a spiritual war going on between goodness and evil (or "powers and principalities" [[Ephesians 6:12](#)]). The combination of Satan fighting against goodness and humans fighting against God has made the earth a battleground in an ongoing fight.



WEATHER ALERT

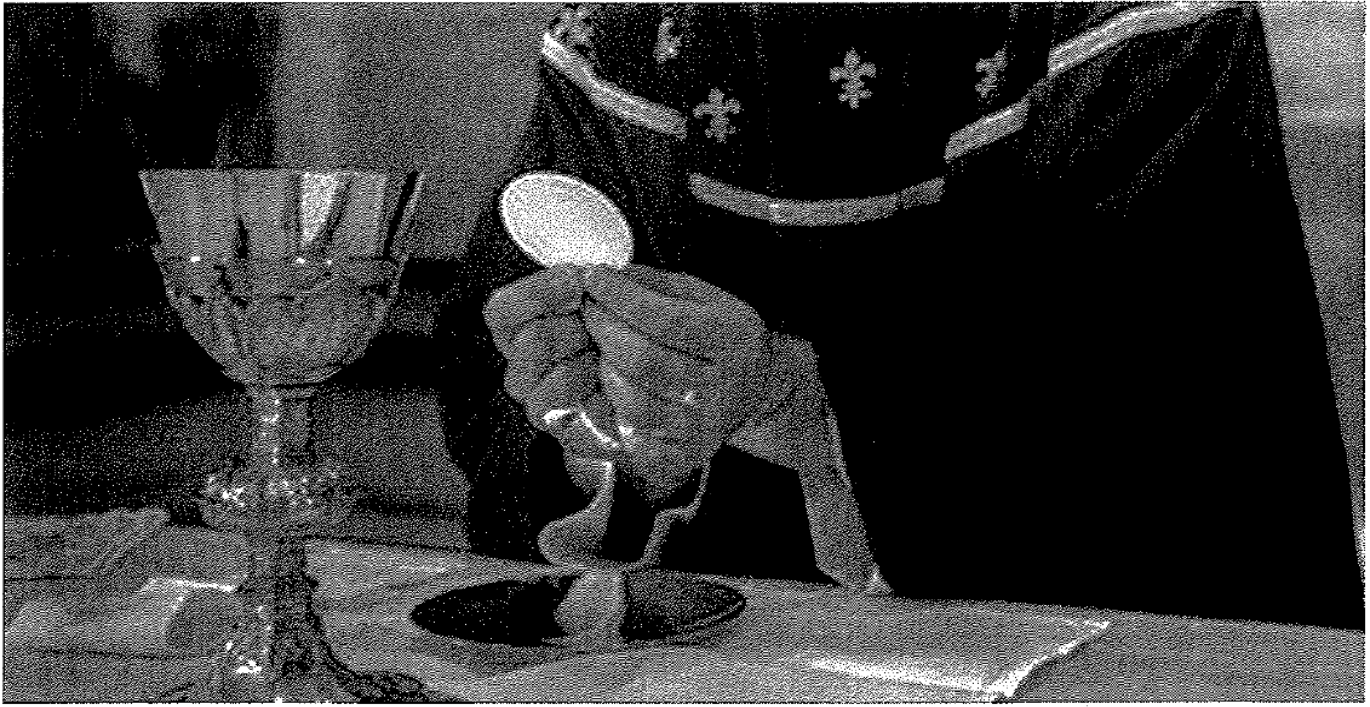
In the event the public schools are delayed or closed due to inclement weather, morning **Mass will NOT be held.**
Stay safe everyone!

NOW RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers at St. Denis actively assist at our liturgical celebrations and provide a prayerful presence to our faith community. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to serve the parish and enrich their faith experience. This is open to all youth of our parish who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please contact Deacon Pat or Nancy at 508-476-2002





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Discover the Beauty and Riches of the Mass

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. ***A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters.** This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

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—Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput OFM Cap.
Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

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 John Gavlak
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 Andrew Ursch
 The McPherson Family
 The Pechie & Neslusan Families
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