



Winter 2022

The Heads Up!



Annual Report & Parish Update

Dear brothers and sisters,

From the beginning of time, God who is Himself a community of love (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), created humanity (Adam and Eve) as a community of love. That is what being created in his image means for us.

The Church is the fulfillment of that call. We as disciples of Jesus share with him the mission of prophecy by preaching the truth of the Gospel; kingship by ruling the world with care and love, promoting justice, and ruling in love; and priesthood by offering our lives as the only sacrifice pleasing to God. It is by the understanding of this transcendent reality that we come to the realization that being members of Saint Denis Church, is to be members of the entire Church. It implies that each one of us must work tirelessly for the common good of all our parishioners, and through them, the good of the entire world.

I want to thank all of you who generously and in a selfless way have been supporting our community with your donations. We all continue to struggle with the consequences of the pandemic, and now also with the burdens of an economy in crisis. But our hope remains intact. We know that like the people before us, we will overcome these problems with new and ingenious ways.

Last year we faced some challenges in our parish, but I have hope that this year by coming together as one family we will improve our finances because of our determination based in our commitment to our Church and with God Himself.

I kindly and respectfully want to suggest that each family member who makes their offering, prayerfully review their finances and if possible, increase their collection donations. If your offering is \$1 dollar, perhaps you can offer \$5 instead. If your offering is \$20 dollars, perhaps you can offer \$25. I also would like to invite those members of our community who are blessed with more to consider increasing their already generous donations by 5 to 10%. These suggestions are not limit; you can always give as much as you can and wish.

Also, please consider helping our community by making a planned gift. How? You can name us in your Trust, Bequest, Wills, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust, Charitable Lead Trust, Unrestricted and Restricted Gifts, Retirement Plans, Bank Accounts, Securities and Certificates of Deposit, Life Insurance Policies, Real Estate, and Personal Property. This planned method will not only guarantee your legacy, but above all, will help us to continue with our mission through time. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating in a seminar where you can learn more about this Planned Gift program.



My dear brothers and sisters, let us work together in rebuilding our community and moving forward towards the future. For that we must welcome changes, new ways to do things, new methods, and new strategies. Let us focus on what truly matters: the strengthening of our community through a committed stewardship by sharing our time, by volunteering in any way we can, and by participating in all of our activities and fundraisers. Sharing our talents is also part of our stewardship; we are always in need of plumbers, electricians, builders, engineers, doctors and nurses, lawyers, teachers, musicians, singers, business professionals, and all kinds of professionals. All God-given gift is always needed here at St. Denis!

May the God of life in his infinite love and mercy bless our efforts, touch your hearts, and bring success to all we have planned for the life of our Saint Denis Family.

With Love,

Rev. Nelson Rivera
Pastor ❖



Our Vibrant Parish Community



1st Communion - May 7th



Baptism - August



Baptism Reunion - September



New Roof - Thank You Legacy of Hope!



St. Denis @ the WooSox - September



Blessing of Pets - October



School Supplies for Families in Need



Confirmation Retreat



Hayride - October



Connor Stickney lights the first fire in the new Prayer Garden fire pit (Connor's Eagle Scout project)



2022 Holiday Fair - November 12th



Mass of Remembrance - Nov. 5th



CWC making Cemetery Baskets

"Honor Yahweh with what goods you have and with the first-fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with corn, your vats overflowing with new wine." **Proverbs 3: 9-10**

Annual Report

INCOME	BUDGET FY 2022	ACTUALS FY 2022	BUDGET FY2023
Parish collection (Offertory)	\$237,260	\$245,643.13	\$262,290
Capital Improvements	\$10,200	\$8,462	\$7,600
Cemetery Fee	\$6,000	\$4,400	\$6,000
Fundraisers	\$24,500	\$16,324.96	\$19,350.51
Donations	\$15,000	\$18,703.40	\$6,000
Bulletin	\$3,000	\$5,375	\$4,500
Other Income	\$6,000	\$7,505	\$6,000
Religious Education	\$6,000	\$6,395	\$5,000
Gifts and Bequests	\$0.00	\$155	\$0.00
Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous income	\$0.00	\$1,570	\$6,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$307,960	\$314,533.49	\$322,741

EXPENSES	BUDGET FY 2022	ACTUALS FY 2022	BUDGET FY2023
Cathedralium	\$20,844	\$16,165	\$20,628
Payroll Service	\$4,020	\$4,050.68	\$4,200
Compensation and Benefits	\$153,855.28	\$152,805.43	\$160,102.12
Water (Church)	\$500	\$458.48	\$1,000
Oil (Church)	\$8,000	\$15,874.54	\$16,000
Utilities (Church)	\$6,600	\$7,662.52	\$7,825
Insurance (Church)	\$12,780	\$13,840	\$15,360
Altar Supplies	\$6,000	\$12,460.78	\$8,400
Repairs and Maintenance Church	\$20,026	\$19,762.98	\$18,606
Pastoral Expenses	\$5,020	\$967.48	\$4,460
Other (Church)	\$16,540	\$11,967.09	\$18,912
Telephone Rectory/Offices	\$3,300	\$1,717.32	\$2,712
Oil Rectory	\$2,000	\$2,641.79	\$2,700
Utilities	\$4,980	\$5,393.73	\$5,870
Household/Cleaning/Food	\$6,000	\$11,430.24	\$12,720
Repairs & Maintenance Rectory	\$2,880	\$4869.58	\$0.00
Religious Education	\$5,465	\$4,994.83	\$3,528.39
Administrative Expenses	\$20,149.72	\$20,461.66	\$19,717
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$298,960	\$307,524	\$322,741
Loan for Rectory		-\$4,184.50	
Loan for Oil Tank		-\$14391.73	

Food Pantry Income	\$16,371.69
Food Pantry Expenses	\$11,009.54

Legacy of Hope Update



Check #1 January 2022	\$64,599.59
Check #2 April 2022	\$5,819.08
Check #3 July 2022	\$11,023.32
TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$81,441.99
Projects:	
Church's Roof (Applied)	\$ 68,653.00
Work done in March 2022.	
Deposited at WFCU St Denis Parish (Restricted for LOH projects only):	\$12,788.99

We have a new roof!! After a weather setback last fall, this March we were able to move forward on the repairs to the roof. We are continuing to pursue the best possible options for the next projects on our priorities list.

Tower Repairs (not from Legacy of Hope funds)

Applied Bill \$12,975 (\$5000 from an Unrestricted Donation. Parish's share \$7975). Installation of new roof hatch, high density fiberboard insulation, EPDM roofing system, EDM flashings and terminations on the hatch, surrounding walls, and steeple. Installed a new positive seal drain insert.

Budget Shortfalls Organist and Youth Minister

Please note that we didn't budget an organist or a Youth Ministry Coordinator. Both are extremely important for our community. Music in the liturgy is not entertaining is what the Church in heaven does in the presence of God and what the earthly church must do in unison with her. Music is a sublime prayer ordered to glorify and to sing of his goodness. Ephesians 5:19-21 *"Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give way to one another in obedience to Christ."*

Revelation 7: 9-12: *"After that I saw that there was a huge number, impossible for anyone to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted in a loud voice, Salvation to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four living creatures, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen."*

If we want our youth to come to Mass, we need to present a program that suits their needs in these modern times, to be able to bring the Gospel of Christ to their complex reality.

Organist Part time: (Weekend Masses and Holydays)
Approximately \$18,000 Year

Youth Minister Part Time: (Weekends and Special Activities, YES Coordination) Approximately \$25,000Year

Online Giving Make one time or recurring payments, donate to the food pantry and support other ministries and fundraisers. **Make your regular Offertory donation, especially if you will be away!** Use the **QR code**, text the word **give** to **508-850-0128**, or visit **SaintDenisChurch.com/offertory-regular**





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Support the Parish with Amazon Smile!



Did you know that you can contribute towards our parish finances just by shopping as you usually do on Amazon? If you set your Amazon Smile charity to St. Denis Church (Douglas), a percentage of your qualifying purchases will come to our parish as a charitable donation. As of this newsletter's printing, **we've received a total of \$313 from 48 users** since our account was set up in mid-2020. Please take a moment to sign on and help support our parish! Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2106725> or use the QR code to the right. Once you've set your account with St. Denis Church (Douglas) as your charity, be sure to bookmark the special Amazon Smile link. ❖



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St. Denis Church

Advent and Christmas at St. Denis

Nov. 26/27 **First Sunday of Advent**

Dec. 3 **Breakfast with Santa** 8:30-11:30am

Dec. 3/4 **Second Sunday of Advent**

Dec. 4 **Confirmations** at St Paul Cathedral 3:00pm

Dec. 7 **Adoration Day** 9:00am to 6:45pm, Benediction 6:45pm

Dec. 8 **Holy Day: Immaculate Conception** Mass 8:30am & 6:00pm

Dec. 10/11 **Third Sunday of Advent** (Gaudete Sunday)

Anointing of the Sick after all Masses, last day for Giving Tree

Dec. 12 **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas**—Mass 8:30am

Dec. 14 to 23 **Novena to Baby Jesus** (Family Novena)
6:30pm at Church

Dec. 17/18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** last day for Hat, etc. donations

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve** Masses: 4:00pm & 7:00pm

Dec. 25 **Christmas Day** Masses: 7:00am & 10:15am

Dec. 26 to 30 **Office Closed and no daily Masses**

Dec. 31 **(Mary Mother of God)** Mass in Thanksgiving for the End of the Year—4:00pm

Jan. 1 **(Mary Mother of God)** Mass in Thanksgiving for the New Year—7:00am & 10:15am

Jan. 4 **Adoration Day** 9:00am to 6:45pm, Benediction 6:45pm

Jan. 7/8 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Jan. 9 **The Baptism of the Lord** (End of the Christmas Season)

January 14/15 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**