

March 28, 2021 • Palm Sunday

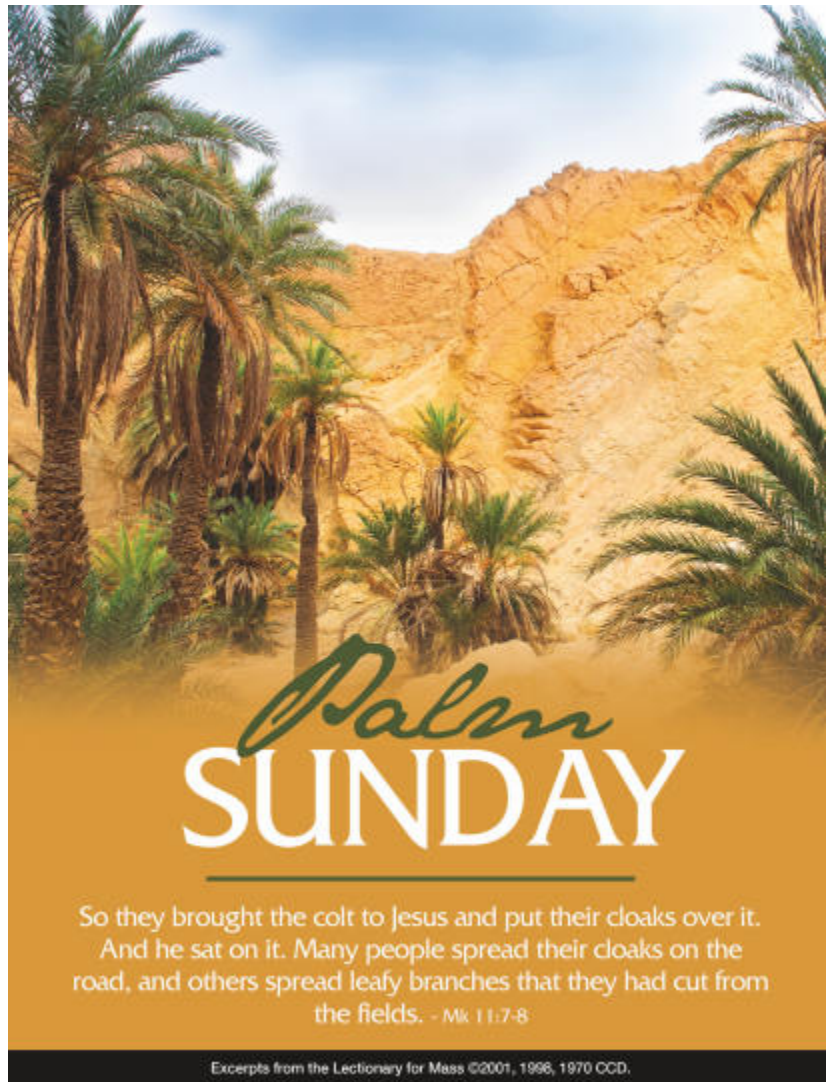
Welcome to

THE COMMUNITY OF *Saint Denis*

*Celebrating God's Love
for All People*

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Our St. Denis Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

Declaración de Misión de San Denis

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

THIS AND THAT

Jeff Naber has been part of our St. Denis family since 2007. He has served as our Director of Music; present at our Sunday liturgies, funerals, and weddings, over those many years. His ministry has always been part time. Until recently, Jeff's full time job was as a funeral director. As such, he has served as a resource to many in our parish community when a loved one died.

Jeff was part time but he gave freely of his time and expertise. He became the lead person for our church environment. The art, flowers, greenery, candles, that we have enjoyed at worship all bear his touch. At the same time, it was not unusual to find him cleaning the floors or polishing the metal vessels.

A request for a Sunday off from Jeff was about as rare as one of our Chicago baseball teams winning the World Series. In other words, it just never happened. Dependable and dedicated describe him well.

The plans were for him to retire from ministry and move from the area in the spring of 2020. With the coronavirus pandemic and the ensuing lockdown, those plans were postponed. Jeff jumped in to become an integral part of our Reopening Team when we reopened for Mass in June.

Jeff will be here for Holy Week/Easter. Then he will retire and move away from the area as he had planned to do a year ago. St. Denis is his "favorite place" among the churches he has served since 1973. He hopes to see us occasionally in the future and we hope to see him.

Thanks, Jeff for your faith, willingness to serve, and your sense of humor. You will be missed. It's been great having you here at St. Denis. You have become a good friend to me, and to many folks at St. Denis. May God bless you with health, joy, and peace.

Fr. Ted



Those who are ill...

Elida Diaz, Al Dilger, Karen Evans,
Mary Frazzini, Renee Pletsch

Those who serve our country...

Patrick Brice, Ryan Danielian,
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 27, 2021 Rita Brice
Sunday	March 28, 2021 Int. of Renee Pletsch
Monday	March 29, 2021 Rita Brice
Tuesday	March 30, 2021 Karen Reidy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	March 31, 2021 Doug Heimberg
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	April 1, 2021 Rev. Paul Burak
Friday 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	April 2, 2021 Way of the Cross The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other attentively, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good, to hand on your gifts to future generations.

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

To our VALUED volunteers,

Due to the many changes and protocols that have been implemented with the onset of the current pandemic, most of our volunteers have been unable to, unfortunately, serve at this current time. However, we look forward to welcoming back our volunteers when it is safe to do so and restrictions have been lifted, and, at that time, all of the great volunteers at St. Denis will be back in action!

The Safe Environment Office has been working diligently throughout this pandemic to make sure that all Archdiocesan employees and volunteers, who are currently active, are in compliance with the policies and procedures that create and maintain a culture of safety. Each year an audit of each parish is conducted, and the information is compiled and sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The information in the audit reflects an accurate account of the compliance of all ACTIVE volunteers and employees at each parish. If you are currently unable to volunteer due to the restrictions of the pandemic, your account will be temporarily inactivated. **This is not a reflection of your importance.** It is necessary to accurately reflect those who are currently serving during this time. While your account is inactive, you will not have access to your VIRTUS account. Once you return to volunteer your valued service again, your account will be activated. You will be able to update any compliance requirements that may need attention. While your account is in the “inactive” status, you will not be assigned the monthly bulletin, if your ministry required you to be a bulletin reader. Bulletins begin when your service begins again. Please know that Fr Ted and the staff pray for you and your families as we navigate this pandemic. We look forward to welcoming you back into your role of service to your parish family! Thank you for all you continue to do to make this a great parish.



Holy Thursday April 1, 2021
7:00 pm—Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, April 2, 2021
12:00 pm—The Way of the Cross
3:00 pm—Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021
7:00 pm—Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021
10:00 am— Mass of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Liturgical Environmental fund which helps adorn our church for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord..

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord **March 28, 2021**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; (Phil 2:7)

Gospel:

They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.

They began to salute him with, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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