



Saint Denis Parish

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening:
4:30 PM

Sunday:
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Daily Mass:

Monday and Tuesday:
8:00 AM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30 – 4:00 PM

Baptisms:

1:00 PM Sunday as needed

Baptism

God our Father, giver of life,
your Son immersed himself in the human condition.
By becoming one with us he made it possible for us to
become one with you.

By Baptism you free us from sin, recreate us, and
empower us with your Spirit.

As we strive to live as members of Christ's Body, lead us
steadily along the path of holiness.

Cleanse us from the sins that still stain us.

Enliven the flame of faith within us.

Keep us attentive to your Word.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus calls us to a life of faith and service. Saint Denis Parish embraces the Gospel message and strives to live its meaning each day through liturgy, outreach, and support for all. We invite you to join us in this mission.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

LENT 2020

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Meetings will begin on **Monday, February 24, 2020 from 7:00-8:30pm** and continue every Monday until April 6, 2020. Meetings will focus on material from the book *Faith for the Heart* by Thomas Groome. Participation is limited to 12 persons. More information to follow

SOUP AND STATIONS

We will be having Stations of the Cross on **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:00pm.** There will soup & bread served in the rectory from 5:45pm-6:45pm.

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH

Sunday, March 22, 2020
at 10:30am.
Hospitality will follow Mass.

2019 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Campaign Statistics as of 12/27/2019

- Total # of Households: 1,195
- Total # Pledged: 228
- Total Amount Pledged \$87,677.00
- % of Participation: 19.08%
- Total Amount Paid: \$86,027.00
- Average Pledge: \$384.55
- % of Pledges Collected: 98.12%

Many thanks for your generous contributions to the 2019 Grand Annual Collection. Your financial contribution strengthens the witness of our parish community. If you have yet to give, we'd appreciate your help. You may give online on our website at <https://stdeniswestwood.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/GrandAnnualCollection>.

TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a print-out of your 2019 contributions for tax purposes, please contact the parish office at 781-326-5858 or sarahkeough@verizon.net. We will gladly mail it to you as soon as it is available (sometime in January 2020). Statements will only be sent upon request.

OFFICES CLOSED

Both the Parish and Faith formation offices will be closed on **Monday, January 20th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society helps so many people who are in need throughout the year. And they can really use YOUR help right now. You can make a donation anytime simply by placing it in the SVdP boxes at the back of the church. It can go a long way in helping a family with necessities. Thank you.



ONLINE GIVING

Now is the time to sign up for online giving. **WE SHARE™** is a form of **on-line giving**. This helps our parish by creating a steady income and helping with budgeting. You have many options in setting up your donation schedule and it is easily changed if necessary.

For more visit www.stdeniswestwood.weshareonline.org.

CALENDAR

Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD							2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FF CLASSES	FF CLASSES	FF CLASSES					

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE
JANUARY 18/19, 2020**

Saturday, January 18 | 4:30 p.m.

Lector: J. LAHIFF
Eucharistic Ministers: P. AARON
 J. LAHIFF
 W. SEBET

Sunday, January 19 | 8:00 a.m.

Lector: P. GALLAGHER
Eucharistic Ministers: S. DIMASCIO
 E. MICHAUD
 M. O'SULLIVAN

Sunday, January 19 | 10:30 a.m.

Lector: D. SULLIVAN
Eucharistic Ministers: C. FAY
 J. KOVALCIK

If you cannot be at your assigned Mass, please get a replacement or call the Rectory (781-326-5858)

CORI FORMS**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS AND
EMPLOYEES**

Please be aware that you will be receiving a letter and the 2020 CORI form in the mail in the coming weeks .

All volunteers and employees are asked to return their completed forms right away. The diocesan deadline is coming up soon.

Also, all volunteers and employees must complete a one time VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" training. For more information about VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children":

http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm

FEBRUARY MASSES

Please note that there will be

NO WEEKDAY MASSES on

Monday, **February 3rd**,
 Tuesday, **February 4th**, &
 Wednesday, **February 5th.**

**There will be weekend Masses.
 Please plan accordingly**

Important Notice

MASS INTENTIONS

No Intentions for this week or next

COLLECTIONS

December 21/22, 2019 - \$5,637.00
 12/25/19, Clergy Collection - \$10,883.00
 December 28/29, 2019 - \$3,353.00
 January 4/5, 2020 - \$8,030.00

We Share Online Contributions -
 12/16/19 - 1/5/20 - \$2,168.50

Attendance
 January 4/5, 2020 - 322

SUNDAY CONNECTION

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission. *Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*



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