Saint Denis Parish

157 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Waiting

God of wisdom and strength,
we await you.
Like David, we await your prophetic guidance
and the peace you promise.
Like Mary, we await the liberation
of all people
and the fullness of your kingdom.
Do not keep us waiting.

Deliver us from hatred, ignorance,
and apathy.
Bring us your justice and your healing.
Give us your wisdom, compassion,
and courage.
Show us your light.
We await you, for you alone can save us.
Come quickly, Lord! Do not delay.
We await you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Evening - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30 AM
(10:30am Mass will also be online)

Daily Mass:
Wednesday - 9:00 AM

Baptisms: 1:00 PM Sunday as needed

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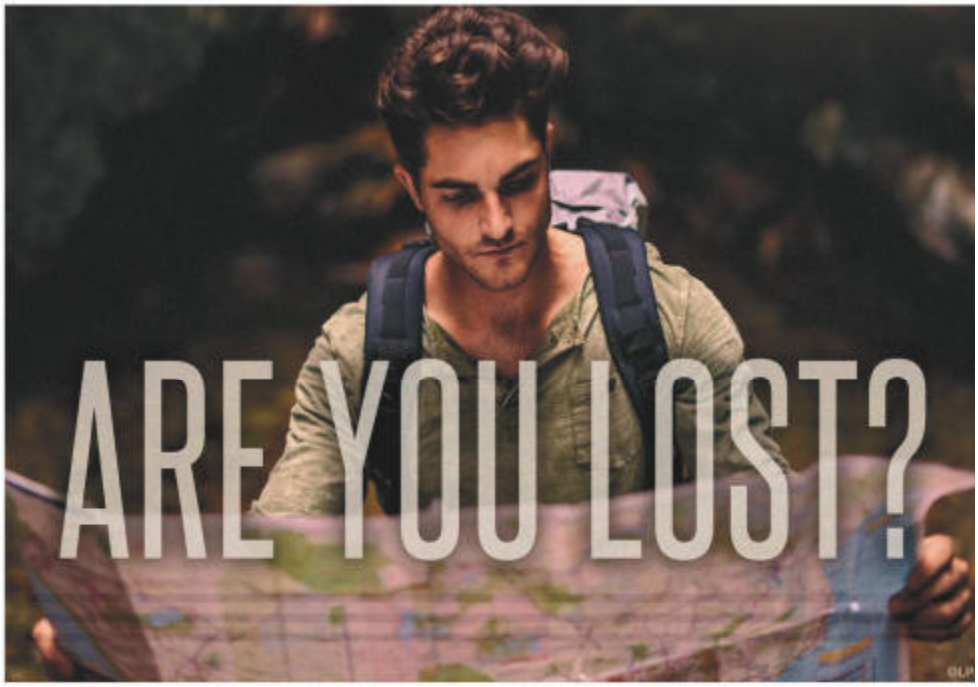
GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In Blaise Pascal's work, Pensees, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."



We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

CALENDAR

Sunday 20	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26	Sunday 27
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM MASS			9:00 AM MASS	MASS @ 3:00 PM 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM	MASS @ 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM	4:30 PM MASS	THE HOLY FAMILY 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM MASS

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 26/27, 2020

Saturday, December 26 | 4:30 p.m.
Lector: **J. O'SULLIVAN**
Sunday, December 27 | 8:00 a.m.
Lector: **R. SCAFATI**
Sunday, December 27 | 10:30 a.m.
Lector: **P. GALLAGHER**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20 Anniversary
8:00am *Michael Kelly*

Sunday, December 20 Anniversary
10:30am *James Kitterick*

Saturday, December 26 Remembrance
4:30pm *Robert Rose & Gregory Donahue*

All who have died from COVID-19

CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCES

Donations were made for the beautiful flowers on the altar honoring the loved ones of parishioners. We offer special prayers for them and extend our gratitude to their families.

Charles S. Bean II
Mr. & Mrs. Leon A. Bean
Carolyn Bowers
Steve Bowers
Mr. & Mrs. James Brennan
Annette & Denise Brodsky
Alice C. Brooks
William T. Brooks
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John Callanan Jr
Richard Callanan
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Ernie Casini
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Costello
Henry & Mitzie Crede
Maureen J. Curran
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio DalZovo
Julie Devereaux
Gregory Donahue

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Kathleen Crede Fetorolto
Claire Finn
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Joan & Cathal Melinn

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Patrick Murray
Winnie Murray
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Josephine Priore
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F. Alvin Ricci
Stella Ricci
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Joseph Ryan
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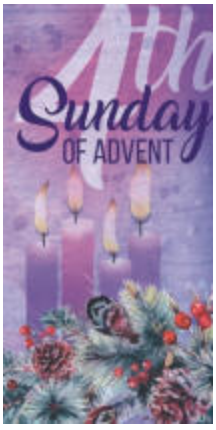
Bart Warner

Ralph Warner
Elsie & Joseph White
The Cooney Family
The Cronin Family
The D'Agostino Family
The Denahy Family
The Fernands Family
The Finn Family
The Flaherty Family
The Grokulsky Family
The Kearns Family
The Malone Family
The McDonald Family
The Nixon Family
The Sousa Family
The Health Care workers & Scientists who developed the COVID-19 vaccine

PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES



Week 4 - Let us pray.
We praise you, O Lord our God, for giving us every spiritual blessing through your beloved Son. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may shine as lights in this dark world, to the praise of your glorious grace; through your Son, Jesus **Christ** our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
May the wisdom of the Wonderful Counselor direct us,
the strength of the Mighty God protect us,
the love of the Everlasting Father embrace us,
the peace of the Prince of Peace surround us.
Amen.

SIGNUP GENIUS LINK FOR WEEKEND'S MASSES

Below is the link to sign up for weekend Masses. You must sign up on Sign Up Genius before you come. Click on the link below to sign up.

Saint Denis Parish: December 19/20, Fourth Sunday of Advent Liturgy (signupgenius.com)

CHRISTMAS MASS INFORMATION

Social distancing requires limited seating, therefore we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins for our Christmas Masses.
Check our website to sign up to participate in Christmas Mass.
If you are still unable to come to Mass in person, you may also watch Christmas Mass on Westwood TV and YouTube. Please check your local listings to view Mass on TV and check our website on December 24th, to watch it on YouTube.

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