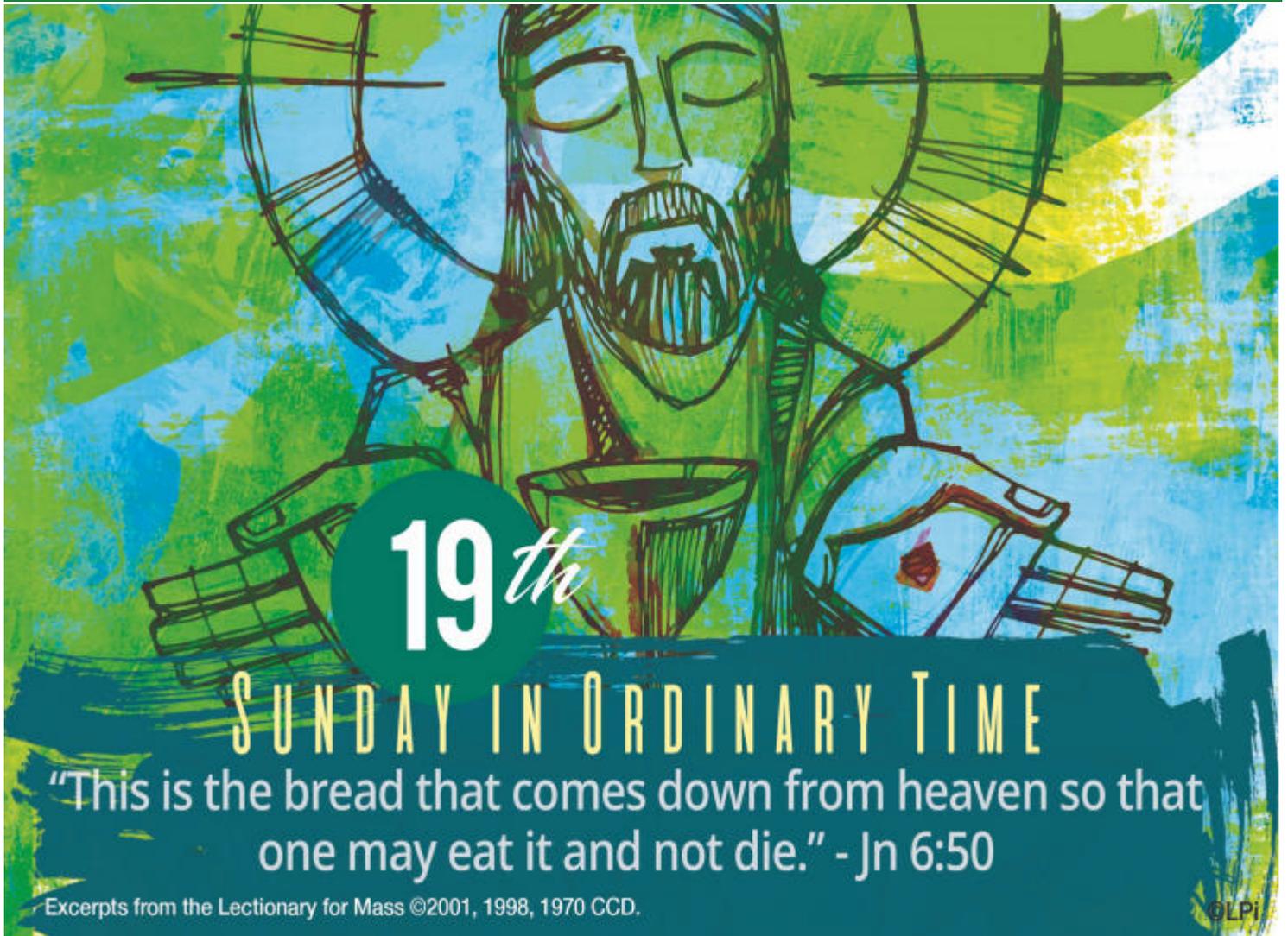




# Saint Denis Parish

157 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090



19<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50

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**August 8, 2021**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Evening - 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
(10:30am Mass live streamed)

**Daily Mass:**

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday - 9:00 AM

Baptisms: 1:00 PM Sunday as needed

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**From the Desk of Father Bob**

We are excited to be here at St. Denis Parish!

Fr. Paul and I are grateful for the warm welcome we have received this week. As you know, when it was announced that Fr. Burke would be moving to the parishes in Lexington, Cardinal Sean asked Fr. Paul and myself to take responsibility for St. Denis Parish in addition to St. Margaret Mary Parish. With this new appointment, the two parishes begin working together as a collaborative as outlined in the Cardinal's pastoral plan for the archdiocese called Disciples in Mission. Essentially, this means that each parish remains as an independent parish; however, share resources, programs, etc. The first of the resources to be shared is the clergy. By way of introduction, let me just offer a word about who we are.

Fr. Paul Soper is a native of Weymouth, is a graduate of Harvard College and St. John's Seminary in Brighton. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1990 and served in a number of parishes as well as in campus ministry. He currently serves the Archdiocese as Secretary for Faith Formation and Evangelization overseeing the various programs that serve our parishes in planning and faith formation.

Deacon Stephen May and his wife Karen live in Mansfield. Deacon Stephen went to high school here in Westwood at XBHS and grew up in Medfield. He is a graduate of Lehigh University and Northeastern. He earned an MBA as well as a Master in Theology. He was ordained a deacon last October and was assigned to St. Margaret Mary Parish. In May of this year, he began as the parish manager, overseeing the day-to-day operation of the parish. He recently completed a certificate program in Church management at Villanova University. Given Fr. Paul's and my responsibilities for the Archdiocese, Deacon Stephen's service provides for all the business and operational needs of the parishes.

Deacon Nate Sanders is in his final year at St. John's Seminary. He was ordained a deacon in June and will be ordained to the priesthood in May 2022. Originally from San Antonio, TX, he grew up in Erie, PA and Rochester, NY. He is a graduate of Boston College and was a school teacher in France.

I, Fr. Bob, grew up in Quincy and went to St. John's Seminary after high school. I was ordained to the priesthood in 1992 and served in parishes in Peabody, Dracut and Weymouth. I also served in the Vocation Office for five years assisting candidates for the seminary. Currently, I work for the Archdiocese as Secretary for Ministerial Personnel overseeing the assignments of priests and deacons, as well as the ongoing formation of recently ordained priests.

We are very fortunate to have with us Fr. Michael Bova Conti who is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. He was ordained in 1971 and has served in many parishes and various ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston. As he says, it would be easier to list the few places he has not worked as a priest! He has graciously offered to help Fr. Paul and me in this time of transition by celebrating Masses, funerals, etc.

Fr. Paul and I have our offices for the diocesan positions at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. He has been there for 9 years and I for 8. We have worked very closely together in this time and came to Westwood in March 2020, just in time for the pandemic shutdown. Despite the restrictions of the pandemic, we have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the community in Westwood and feel richly blessed to be part of St. Denis and St. Margaret Mary Parishes.

Saturday 7  
4:30 PM MASS

Sunday 8  
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:00 AM MASS  
10:30 AM MASS

Monday 9  
9:00 AM MASS —  
**John Burke Jr.**

Tuesday 10  
9:00 AM MASS

Wednesday 11  
9:00 AM MASS

Thursday 12

Friday 13

Saturday 14  
4:30 PM MASS

Sunday 15  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 AM MASS  
10:30 AM MASS

**COLLECTIONS**

July 31/August 1 - \$3,983

Online July 26/August 1 - \$622.44

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**August 7/8, 2021

Saturday, August 7 | 4:30 PM Fred O'Brien  
 Sunday, August 8 | 8:00 AM Jack Patterson  
 Sunday, August 8 | 10:30 AM Karen Vernacchio

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Weekday Masses will be on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** at **9 AM**.

**LINK FOR LIVE STREAM MASS**

You may go to the following link to watch the Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass:

<https://vimeo.com/event/693318/5fd168d1dc>

**BINGO IS BACK!**

Norwood Knights of Columbus Council #252 is thrilled to announce that the pandemic is over, and we are able to **resume** our weekly bingo on **Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 PM**.

The Council hosts weekly Bingo at our Council Building, **572 Nichols Street, Norwood every Thursday beginning at 6:30**.

Profits are donated to organizations serving disabled children. Come out for an enjoyable evening with fun people while benefiting children who need help.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION****ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable. But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special. The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



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