



# SAINT DENIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## WORSHIP AT SAINT DENIS

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:30 AM

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM;

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confessions: Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM,  
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM (and by  
appointment).

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM;

First Fridays of the month 8:00 AM - Noon

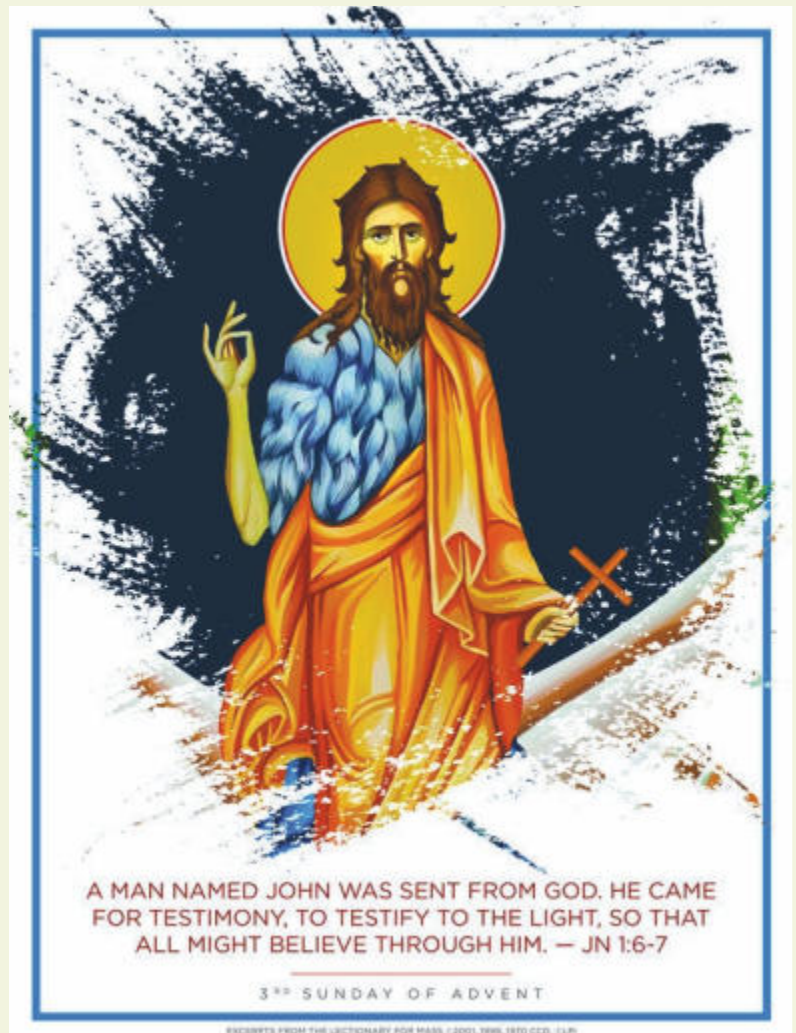
## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Saint Denis Parish! We are grateful for your worshipping with us. If you regularly attend Mass here at St. Denis, you are encouraged to register in the parish at the office during the week. Parish Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please note that a family must be registered at St. Denis in order for their children to be enrolled in our religious education program.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Takes place normally following the 11:30 AM Mass on Sundays. Families have the option of scheduling a baptism during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays. First-time parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal session; please call the parish office to schedule.

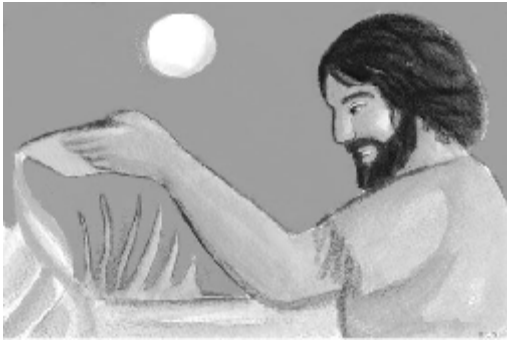
**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples must contact the parish office at least six months in advance of scheduling a wedding.

**VISITING THE SICK:** Please call the parish office to arrange for Communion or for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.



December 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**A** man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. — Jn 1:6-8

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2011, IRL, 1988 CCC.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 12	5:00 pm – †John Girard, Sr.
Sun., Dec. 13	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9:00 am – For the People 11:30 am – †James & Antoinette Flynn
Mon., Dec. 14	St John of the Cross 7:30 am – Deceased Dominicans
Tues., Dec. 15	Weekday 7:30 am – Special Intentions
Wed., Dec. 16	Weekday 7:30 am – K.T. Kemp
Thurs., Dec. 17	Late Advent Weekday 7:30 am – †Thomas Goldrick and †Thomas MacDonald
Fri., Dec. 18	Late Advent Weekday 7:30 am – †Crawford L. Elder, Jr.
Sat., Dec. 19	Late Advent Weekday 9:00 am – †Colin McCollester 5:00 pm – For the People
Sun., Dec. 20	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 9:00 am – †Mary Ellen Flanagan 11:30 am – †John Moorehouse

*The Mass intention book for 2021 is open. If you would like to have Masses offered for your personal intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for special occasions, please contact Mary Durand at [admin.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:admin.stdenis@gmail.com).*

### *An Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Denis,

Continuing the theme of last week's "Pastor's Corner," in which I wrote about the Feast of St Nicholas, which coincided with the Second Sunday of Advent, so this weekend, we'll discover something about the **Feast of St Lucy**, December 13, which happens to be the Third Sunday of Advent this year. Both St Nicholas' Day and St Lucy's Day have lots of Advent themes, as well as popular devotions surrounding them.

In the Scandinavian countries, in the centuries when they were Catholic, there arose a lot of folk traditions associated with the Feast of St Lucy, which, interestingly enough, perdured even after the Scandinavian countries became officially Lutheran. The Feast of St Lucy is a *festival of light*, as well as a *festival of young women of marriageable age*. The association with light is, of course, from the Latin roots of St Lucy's name from *lux, lucis*, the Latin word for light. But also, December 13, in northern climes, is smack in the midst of the shortest days of the year – the longest nights of the year – and so light is a longed-for commodity. And because St Lucy was a young girl of about thirteen years old when she was martyred because she would not accept a human spouse, but remained faithful to her Divine Spouse, Christ – the Feast of St Lucy was a day for young women to wear a wreath of candles on their heads (don't try this at home!) and to dream of their husbands-to-be.

In Italy, especially on the island of Sicily where St Lucy lived (early 4<sup>th</sup> cent. AD), she is honored as the Patron Saint of eyes, and those with eye afflictions seek her intercession. In iconography, St Lucy is often shown holding her eyes on a plate, because her torturers gouged out her eyes before murdering her. There was a fire, a light that filled the young St Lucy, and her persecutors tried to extinguish that light by attacking her eyes. But the light of St Lucy was the Light of the World; it was Christ our Lord Himself, her divine Spouse, and nothing that men could do to her could extinguish that Light. As it says in the opening verses of the Prologue of St John's Gospel: *What came to be through Him was life, and this life was light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* (Jn 1:4).



**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Barbara Batt, Thomas Surprenant, Eddie Bloom, Cay Volpe, Trey Logue, Laura Boyajian, Heather Pedersen, Grace Carney, Jeannette Kendall, Daniel Markwood, Jivat Thadani, Susan J. Price, Ada Brown, Edward Christiano, Max Bryant, Elizabeth Murphy, Jim Horan, Paul E. Madden, Steven Ward, John and Patricia Huss., Annastacia Akiti, Rich Royce, Michael O'Leary, Grace Manna, Fernando Ferraz, Pat Sellers, Helen Quinn, Sandy Bondis, Carl Fogliano, Patricia Fowler, Jason Aaron, Perry Chase, John Hofmann, Annemarie Kleiber, Denise Carlin, Stephen Horan, Edward Kory, Thomas A. Madden, and Jennifer Reed., Marie Willis, Dennis & Marcella Logue.

*Anyone wishing to receive Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish office.*

# FAITH FORMATION

Faith at Home emails continue to go out each week.

**2nd and 3rd Grade Sacramental Preparation Classes** will meet via Zoom again January 9 & 10 (please note this is a change from the regularly scheduled 1st weekend of the month). Catechists will send out access information as the date approaches. 3rd grade families will also meet again on Jan. 23 & 24.

**Ignite, for 7th and 8th graders and high schoolers,** will meet on Dec. 20th at 10:30am via Zoom. January meeting dates will be Jan. 10th and 24th.

**Do you have a 4th, 5th or 6th grader?** We are hoping to add a bi-monthly Zoom meeting for these grades in the new year. Stay tuned for more information!

For more information on any of these programs, contact Jessica at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com).

## MOMS' MINISTRY

Moms' Ministry continues to meet for prayer and fellowship via Zoom each Tuesday from 9:30-10:00am. For Advent we are reading and reflecting together on Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family published through Ascension Press.

If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Jessica at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com).

## FAITH AND LITERATURE GROUP

Our next regularly scheduled zoom Faith and Lit will be on Tuesday, Dec 15th at 7:00 PM. We will be reading and discussing Charles Dicken's "A CHRISTMAS CAROL." To get a PDF of the book, or if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Sharon Weaver at [sharon.ramey.weaver@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.ramey.weaver@gmail.com).

### LaSalette Shrine of Enfield Christmas Light Display... Bringing Hope

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Sunday, Sunday 12PM-4PM

#### Masses:

Wednesday thru Saturday at 6:00PM  
Sunday – 11:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:15PM before Mass

## ROSARY GROUP



**Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary:** As we approach the 'Holy Night when Christ was born,' the words of the Virgin Mary in the Angelus draw us into the enormity of both Mary's profound trust in God and God's great gift of his Son, the "Word made flesh who dwelt among us."

As we pray the Mysteries of the Rosary may our hearts be inflamed with Love and gratitude.

Christmas Blessings to All,  
Diane Palac for the St Denis Chapter of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

### Women's Rosary Group

Please join us on Friday mornings at 8:30 am for fellowship and to pray the rosary together for all our intentions. We join on Zoom whenever we are able. To sign up, please contact Mitsu Chobanian at [mitsu.chobanian@gmail.com](mailto:mitsu.chobanian@gmail.com)



*Access to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire—Our parish has a subscription to Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ENGAGE. All of Bishop Barron's Word on Fire content is available to you in short video segments through St. Denis's Flocknote page. Take a few minutes to check it out and see the wealth of*

*resources at your fingertips!*

If you are part of our Flocknote email list you have access to Word on Fire (WoF), but may not have known that. It is easy to access once you know how. You must first create a Flocknote login.

1. Go to [flocknote.com/login](https://flocknote.com/login)
2. Enter your email address (the address that already received Flocknote emails)
3. Click "Reset or create a password" below the big blue" Sign In" button.
4. After that, click the yellow "Rest my password" button, and follow the prompts from there. Flocknote will send you a link to create a password.

Once you have your Flocknote login and password, log in to Flocknote. Once in Flocknote on the St. Denis dashboard you will see a large picture block of Bishop Barron that says, "You've got Word on Fire ENGAGE." Click on the orange button that says "Visit WoFDigital.org" and you have arrived!

If you would like to be added to Flocknote to receive emails and/or to have access to Word on Fire, please contact Jessica at the office or at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com).

If you encounter any difficulties, please call the office and we are happy to help you.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

**Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### ADVENT



Join fellow parishioners for one hour as we discuss a work of art in light of Scripture. Our final meeting is Monday, Dec. 14th. Even if you missed the previous weeks you are welcome to join us.

Contact Jessica at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com) to sign up and to receive access information.

**Are your Advent candles running low? Do you need an extra set?** Sets of 12" Advent candles (3 purple, 1 pink) are for sale for \$5/set (check or exact change). Available in the Parish Office or by contacting Jessica at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com).

### The St. Denis Pastoral Council met November 30th via Zoom.

Faith formation continues, with weekly emails, monthly sacramental preparation via Zoom for our second and third graders, and Ignite for middle schoolers. Advent craft kits were very popular - thank you to those who took some home! Our Advent Reflection series is also proving a welcome addition for our community. We continue to work to improve the parish's web site and mass live streaming. A new sign for in front of the church is being considered. **Pastoral council generally meets on the fourth Monday of the month**, and parishioners are always welcome to attend. Please email Anna Mlodzik at [pastoralcouncil.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralcouncil.stdenis@gmail.com) if you have any questions, or would like to receive the Zoom link.



**Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley** is a free home visitor program that provides assistance to ANY family with a new baby, regardless of income or circumstance. Each week, a Good Beginnings volunteer goes to the family's home for a few hours and provides respite child care, performs light chores, links families to community resources, or simply shares adult conversation. Some families served are financially stressed, and your generous gifts of books, baby items, gift cards, etc., are very much appreciated! For gift suggestions, please feel free to take a tag from the Giving Tree in the vestibule or simply bring a baby item. Please bring your gifts throughout Advent starting Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> until Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and place them in the box provided. Thank you!

### Please join Fr. Brian virtually in prayer

Now that we are allowed to celebrate Mass in public, with precautions, we will continue to live stream all three weekend Mass, as well as our weekday Masses, for anyone who chooses to or who must remain at home at this time. Simply visit [saintdenisparish.org](http://saintdenisparish.org) and click on the box entitled "Live Streaming" to access St Denis Masses from home. Until we can figure out if it's possible to record the Masses through the digital camera installed in church, the recording of one Mass and uploading to YouTube will not continue. We will keep you posted.

**The Church is open daily for private prayer from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.** Please use the side entrance and practice social distancing from others who may be praying.

### Some notes regarding Mass attendance

- **Attendance is limited to 80 people per Mass** to allow for appropriate distancing. **Please know we have not reached that limit for any one Mass yet.** Also, the basement is available for overflow seating should we need it.
- **The sound on the Smart TV in the basement is fixed and so overflow seating, or for those who would feel more comfortable for your or your children's sake, is available down in the Parish Hall.**
- The 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass has had very small attendance these past weekends and would provide an assured opportunity for a seat.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

At weekday Masses at St Denis, the distribution of Holy Communion begins as soon as Father Brian has gone into the sacristy to wash his hands and put on his protective gear, and Father will be in the sanctuary until 8:00 am.

For Sunday Masses, since the distribution of Holy Communion begins the same way and lasts about 10 minutes, the distribution of Holy Communion outside of that time frame usually will not be available.

### Important things to note

- **One restroom is available for each Mass. Please be sure to use the restroom that has the time for the Mass you are attending on the door.** That way we can thoroughly disinfect afterwards and keep the other restroom clean for the next Mass.
- The obligation we have as Catholics to attend Sunday Mass still remains suspended in the Diocese of Manchester.
- If you choose to come to Mass, a face covering is required.
- Please enter through the front/main doors of the Church.
- Holy Communion will be distributed once Mass has ended. You are asked to exit via the side door after receiving Communion.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** The parish is gratefully accepting donations of disposable, non-surgical **masks**, disposable **gloves**, and **disinfectant wipes**, if parishioners know how and where to procure a supply of these items. You can even submit the receipts for such items to the parish office to receive credit as a donation to St Denis.



## OUTREACH

A title of the second and third weekend of December goes to support **Retirement Fund for Religious**, in addition, any contributions received in special envelopes will be transmitted in their entity. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.




Contributions to help defray the cost of **Christmas Flowers** and decorations can be made in special envelopes available at the entrances. The names of those in whose memory contributions are made will be published in the bulletin after Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

### Family Service Project! Christmas Cards for the Elderly

Each year, the children of our parish, during Faith Formation classes, spend time making Christmas cards for elderly and shut-ins that are delivered as part of our Helping Hands program. The children's cards are so appreciated and a much loved part of the program. This year we need your help! Many folks are more isolated than ever and a handmade card from a child can bring a welcomed surprise or smile to someone in need. Since we are unable to have the children make cards in class, we hope your family can make cards at home and drop them off at church to be used in the gift bags. Please take a little time to spread holiday cheer! You can simply use copy paper folded in half, decorated with a drawing or two. Inside the card could say, "Dear Friend," include a little note, and sign from "Your friend at St. Denis" or first name. No envelopes needed. Cards can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office by Dec. 14th or a basket will be at the side entrance of the Church through the weekend of Dec. 13th. Any questions, please contact Jessica at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com).



 **The St. Denis Knights of Columbus** is a fraternal organization dedicated to supporting Catholic charitable activities in the Parish and Diocese. In the last year K of C Council 16697 has raised significant funds to support scholarships for seminarians and local charities as well as assist in physical plant repairs to Parish Properties. Catholic gentlemen who are interested in joining this worthwhile endeavor should contact the Knights at [tjflynn3@comcast.net](mailto:tjflynn3@comcast.net).



**Welcome to all new families/individuals.** We invite you to introduce yourself, register, and become a part of our parish community. Since registration is our only means of certifying parish membership, all parishioners are urged to register.

There are several options:

- Come by the office during business hours .
- Pick up a registration card from the tables in the church entrances and mail it in.
- On-line by logging onto our website ([www.saintdenisparish.org](http://www.saintdenisparish.org)), scroll down and click on, "On-line Registration," follow the instructions.

If you registered online and need offertory envelopes please call or e-mail the office at 603-643-2166 or [admin.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:admin.stdenis@gmail.com).

We hope you will favor our parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents, and your financial assistance according to your means.

**Parishioners who are changing addresses or phone numbers, etc.** within the parish, please notify the parish office or log on to our website ([www.saintdenisparish.org](http://www.saintdenisparish.org)), scroll down and click on, "On-line Registration," follow the instructions to create an account. If you are **moving** from the area please contact the parish office.

## STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE

### Supporting Our Parish Through Electronic Giving

Now you can use your credit card or electronic check to support the mission of Saint Denis. Using electronic giving is easy to do. Go to our website [www.saintdenisparish.org](http://www.saintdenisparish.org) and click on the Online Giving button. In a few minutes you can be sure that your gift will work every day of the year to help our parish.

**You can now contribute to Saint Denis with a quick text message!** Simply send a text to **603-931-3467** with the amount you wish to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

Offertory Nov 28 & 29	\$3,859.00
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