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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

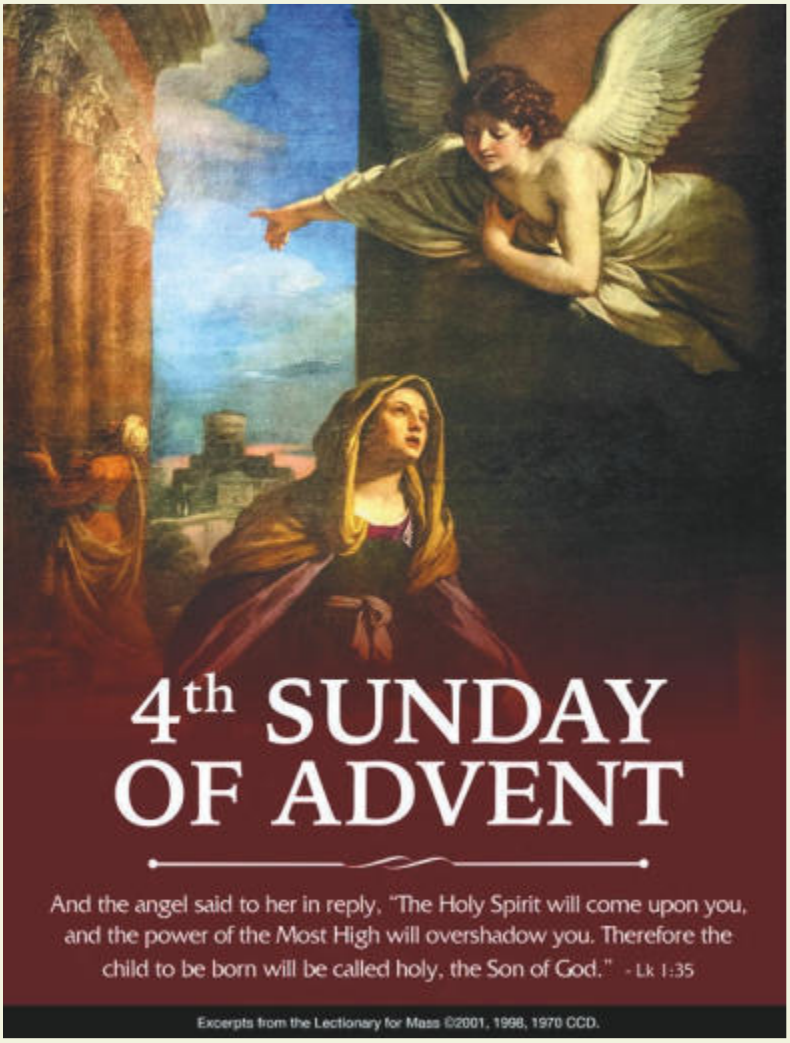
Parish Membership

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 20th 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." — Lk 1:30-32

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 19	5:00 pm – For the People
Sun., Dec. 20	**4th Sunday of Advent**
	9:00 am – †Mary Ellen Flanagan
	11:30 am – †John Moorehouse
Mon., Dec. 21	Late Advent Weekday
	7:30 am – †Mary Ellen Flanagan
Tues., Dec. 22	Late Advent Weekday
	7:30 am – †Estella Tucnik
Wed., Dec. 23	Late Advent Weekday
	7:30 am – †Horace Snyder
Thurs., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
	7:30 am – †Lucille & George Durand
	4:00 pm – †Carl A. DeSimone, Jr.
Fri., Dec. 25	**The Nativity of the Lord**
	12:00 am – For the People
	9:00 am – †Horace Snyder
	11:30 am – †James & Merilyn Holleran
Sat., Dec. 26	**Saint Stephen**
	9:00 am – Special Intentions
	5:00 pm – †Mary Prince
Sun., Dec. 27	**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
	9:00 am – †For the People
	11:30 am – †Gerry Madden

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.

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,

My penultimate "Pastor's Corner" for this *annus horribilis* ("year of misfortune") of 2020! On the computer in my parish office, under Documents, I have a "Pastor's Corner" file, and subfiles for every year between 2015 and 2020, with every one of my weekly Pastor's Corners that I've written in my time as your pastor. Pretty soon, I will have to create and start filling the 2021 subfile.

In preparing this "Pastor's Corner," out of curiosity I went back and read the first one I wrote for 2020, dated **01/05/2020**, which was for the Feast of the Epiphany, and it was given over to explaining how to mark the lintel of one's house with the blessed chalk for the traditional Epiphany blessing. Little did we know then what was in store for all of us in the months ahead!

I marked the rectory doorway this year in a way that one only sees it when leaving the rectory, but not when entering, and I used all Roman numerals, so it reads (in peach-colored chalk) **MM+C+M+B+XX.** In normal years, there is a lot of traffic in and out of the door of the rectory just about every day of the week, but this year, it's been mostly myself going in and going out, especially during the months of March-June, when I was celebrating Mass in an empty church behind locked doors. I was thinking to myself the other day – how glad I will be on the Feast of the Epiphany 2021, in just a few weeks' time, to erase the 2020 markings and put up the ones for 2021, making a fervent prayer that the new year will turn out to be different.

This Pastor's Corner is also, of course, the one right before we celebrate Christmas. And although our liturgical celebration of Christmas will be very subdued this year, and many of you will be participating in our parish Christmas celebrations only virtually, nevertheless, celebrate Christmas we shall! But I have a suggestion to make in light of the fact that our obligation to attend Mass is still suspended: **Remember that Christmas has an Octave, stretching from December 25 through January 1, and each day, liturgically, is celebrated as Christmas Day. As all of us should be avoiding crowded gatherings during the present surge, why not bring yourself and your family to Christmas Mass on one of the days of the Christmas octave and make that your Christmas Mass?**

I wish each and everyone of you every grace and blessing from our Newborn King this Christmas and always!

Fr Brian, OP

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.

MOMS' MINISTRY

Moms' Ministry continues to meet for prayer and fellowship via Zoom each Tuesday from 9:30-10:00am. On Tuesday, Decembert 22nd, we will pray the rosary.

If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Jessica at faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com.

FAITH AND LITERATURE GROUP

The next regularly scheduled zoom meeting for Faith and Lit will be on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 PM. We will be reading and discussing selections from Kathleen Norris's NYT bestselling book THE CLOISTER WALK.
For more information or to get a PDF of the readings, please contact Sharon Weaver at sharon.ramey.weaver@gmail.com.

LaSalette Shrine of Enfield Christmas Light Display…
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Thanksgiving Day to January 3, 2021
Wednesday thru Sunday, 5-9PM

International Manger Display featuring Mangers from around the world

Gift Shop Hours of Operation:
Wednesday thru Saturday 12:00PM-6PM
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

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
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.

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 20, 2020
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17; Mt 1:1-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14.
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20.
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE AT ST DENIS, HANOVER, NH

Thursday, December 24th:
4:00 pm

Friday, December 25th:
Christmas Midnight Mass: 12:00 am
Mass of Christmas Day: 9:00 & 11:30 am

Thursday, December 31st:
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1st:
9:00 & 11:30 am Mass

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.

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 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.

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 1st until Sunday, December 20th and place them in the box provided in the front alcove of the Church. Thank you!

OUTREACH

A tithe 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.

Catholic Charities NH: Supporting Our Neighbors in Crisis 75 Years: Whether isolated seniors, homeless and struggling veterans, families facing chronic hardship or individuals searching for ways to cope in the "new norm" of life, Catholic Charities NH remains steadfast in our commitment to be there for those who need us most – especially in times of crisis like these. Our programs remain fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We prayerfully ask for your support to continue to help your neighbors facing difficulties, we encourage you to make a gift today: cc-nh.org/everything. You may also mail your gift to CCNH, PO Box 9510, Manchester, NH 03108-9510.

UPPER VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

We are a group of young adults in our 20s or 30s who meet once a week in Hanover, NH for a Bible study or other fun activities. For more information and to be added to the e-mail list for upcoming meetings/events, please email uvcatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

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.

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), 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.

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), 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 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 December 5 & 6	$11,525.50
Campaign for Human Development	$30.00
Retired Fund for Religious	$250.00
Christmas	$100.00
Helping Hands	$545.00
Hearts Open to the World	$70.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Denis! In order for donation records to be complete, make sure that you are registered and that your donation is in an envelope with your full name and the amount on it.

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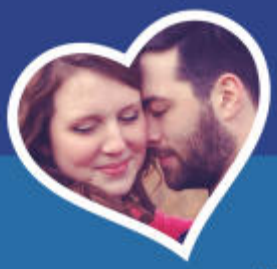

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