



# 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

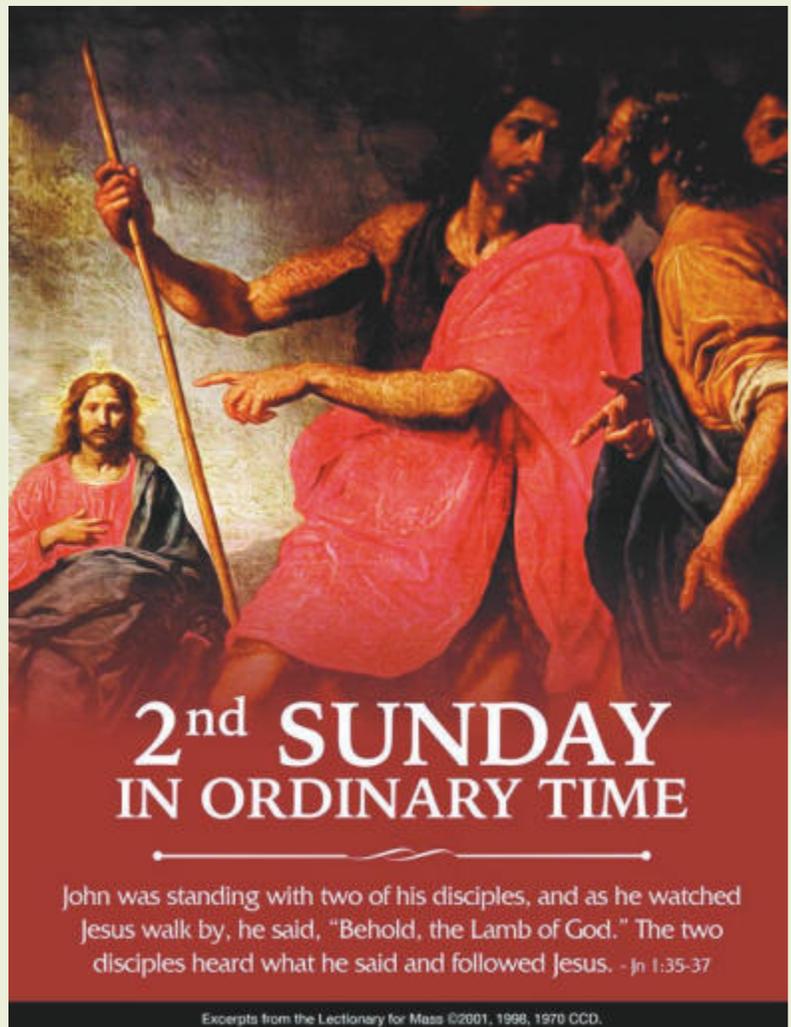
## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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.



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January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

— Jn 1:35-37

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 16	5:00 pm – For the People
Sun., Jan. 17	<b>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9:00 am – †Thomas Goldrick & Thomas MacDonald 11:30 am – †Robert & Ann Hofer
Mon., Jan. 18	Weekday 7:30 am – Special Intention
Tues., Jan. 19	Weekday 7:30 am – †Teresa Barnaby
Wed., Jan. 20	Weekday 7:30 am – Holy Souls
Thurs., Jan. 21	St. Agnes 7:30 am – Karl Kemp
Fri., Jan. 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 7:30 am – Special Intentions
Sat., Jan. 23	Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 am – †Sister Christine Mulcahy, S.S.N.D 5:00 pm – †Burroughs Prince
Sun., Jan. 24	<b>3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9:00 am – For the People 11:30 am – †Arthur & Margaret Mannix

*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).*

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### *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,

**January 17** on the Roman Calendar is the Memorial of **St Anthony, Abbot**, also known as **St Anthony of Egypt**. St Athanasius of Alexandria wrote the *Life of Anthony* in Greek around the year 360 AD, and it was later translated into Latin, becoming one of the best known and read works of Christian literature. The years of St Anthony's life are given as 251 – 356 AD, which means he lived until he was 105. (*The last graveside service I did at Pine Knoll Cemetery was for a woman who died at 105.*) The truly remarkable thing is that there was a thriving Christian civilization in Egypt, up and down the Nile Valley, in the second half of the third century. Even though Christianity was not yet the official religion of the Roman Empire, and there were still persecutions of Christians happening in other parts of the Empire, there were thriving Christian cities, towns and villages all along the northern coast of the African continent, in what is now present-day Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

St Athanasius tells us that Anthony was born into a well-to-do, devout Egyptian Christian family, and from a young age would spend a great deal of time in church. When Anthony's parents died when he was around 18 or 20 years of age, Anthony found himself now the heir to his parents' estate as well as guardian of his younger sister. Here's an excerpt from St Athanasius' *Life of Anthony*:

"Not six months after his parents' death, as he was on his way to church for his usual visit, he began to think of how the apostles had left everything and followed the Savior, and also of those mentioned in the *Book of Acts* who has sold their possessions and brought the apostles the money for distribution to the needy. He reflected, too, on the great hope stored up in heaven for such as these. This was all in his mind when, entering the church just as the Gospel was being read, he heard the Lord's words to the rich man: *If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor – you will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me.*

"It seemed to Anthony that it was God who had brought the saints to his mind and that the words of the Gospel had been spoken directly to him. Immediately, he left the church and gave away to the villagers all the property he had inherited, about 200 acres of very beautiful and fertile land..."

Many translations of St Athanasius' *Life of Anthony* are available online or in print. If you want to know more, I'd encourage you to read it. When was the last time you read a biography written in the fourth century?

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, Steven Ward, John and Patricia Huss., Anastacia Akiti, Rich Royce, Michael O'Leary, Grace Manna, Fernando Ferraz., Helen Quinn, Sandy Bondis, Carl Fogliano, Patricia Fowler, Jason Aaron, Perry Chase, John Hofmann, Annemarie Kleiber, Denise Carlin, Stephen Horan, Edward Kory, Jennifer Reed, Marie Willis, Dennis & Marcella Logue, Rebecca Logue, John & Margaret Mahoney, Allison Carr.

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



**Faith for Little Ones** January Packets were mailed this past week. Parents of PreK, K, and 1st grade should be receiving those soon. This month we focus on the beautiful parable of the Mustard Seed.

**2nd Grade Reconciliation Prep** will meet again on February 7th.

**3rd Grade Sacramental Prep** will meet again via Zoom the weekend of Jan. 23rd/24th.

**4th, 5th, 6th graders** will meet again on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 10:30am via Zoom.

**Ignite for 7th, 8th, 9th, and older** will meet again on Sunday, Jan. 24th at 10:30am via Zoom.

Faith at Home emails continue to go out each week.

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 weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:00am via Zoom.

If you would like to join us for prayer and fellowship, please contact Jessica at [faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sharon.ramey.weaver@gmail.com).

## ROSARY GROUP



**Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (1/17/2021)**

Dear Friends,

Ordinary Time in the liturgical year is the time between the seasons of the major feasts of Christmas and Easter which then cycles back to Christmas. The color of the priest's vestments is green, reflecting "the growing time" as we explain to the children in catechesis. Spiritually we are "walking with the Lord" and growing in faith. In today's Gospel (John 1:35-42), John the Baptist identifies Jesus as "the Lamb of God." On hearing this, two of John's disciples immediately left to follow Jesus. And so they entered into a season of extraordinary spiritual growth.

As we pray the Rosary and meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary, we, too, are invited to enter into a new season of spiritual growth. I will pray that all of us will receive the grace to grow in our love of neighbor and contribute to bringing peace to our country.

New members are always welcome to join the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. Please contact Diane Palac for information by leaving a message with the St Denis Administrative Office at 603-643-2166 or email [admin.stdenis@gmail.com](mailto:admin.stdenis@gmail.com)

### 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

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a; Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3; Ps 47; Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

## *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.

### **Coping with COVID – Online Support Group**

For those still struggling to manage daily life with the COVID-19 crisis, Catholic Charities NH is hosting another "Coping with COVID" online support group for parishioners across the Diocese. The (free) five-session program, held on Zoom, provides key information and coping strategies to help you navigate these challenging and uncertain times. You'll connect with members of the medical and mental health communities and gain valuable relaxation techniques, among other forms of support. Sessions will be held Wednesdays (2-3 p.m.) starting February 3 through March 3. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/coping](http://www.cc-nh.org/coping). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

**US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking:** Child trafficking happens in all 50 states and the internet is a major avenue for predators to attract children. Traffickers work year round, even during vacation time for children. For more information visit [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org)

### **January 24, 2020 Respect for Life Afternoon of Prayer:**

There will be an **Afternoon of Prayer for Respect for Life on Sunday, January 24** at Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine in Enfield, NH. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm followed by a Holy Hour with the Rosary.

**Find St. Denis on Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/saintdenisparish/> We hope this can be another means by which we can stay connected virtually as a community. Please share with other parishioners and friends so that we can begin to grow this online community.

 **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 [eabrine@gmail.com](mailto:eabrine@gmail.com).

## OUTREACH



The title for the weekend offertory for the last two weekends of the month of January is set aside for the **Diocesan Seminarian Fund**. Where

Does Your Support Go? Education and formation. As one generation of priests is preparing to retire, our diocese is helping to educate the next generation. The diocese spends approximately \$500,000 annually on tuition, room and board for our seminarians. The annual Seminarian Collection raises about \$200,000 of that total and 100% of every dollar you give goes toward supporting the education and formation of our young men studying for the priesthood. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are interested in learning more about priestly vocations, contact Fr. Matthew Mason at (603) 669-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org) or go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/worship-and-sacraments/vocations/priesthood/support/>



Congratulations to the following child who has received the Gift of New Life in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** Madeline Jane Ratel, daughter of Keith & Laura Ratel and granddaughter of Robert & Maureen Brentrup.



### Messy Family Project

Catholic couples are invited to join a **three-part, interactive webinar series**, "Family & Faith in the Home". Each session will focus on introducing basic concepts of fostering strong marriage and family life, with the following three talks **beginning on January 13th**.

Information and Registration available at:  
<https://www.catholicnh.org/>



**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 January 9 & 10	\$16,573.51
Christmas	\$250.00
Diocesan Seminarian Fund	\$1,100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$510.00
Helping Hands	\$75.00
Hearts Open to the World	\$1,240.00

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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