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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

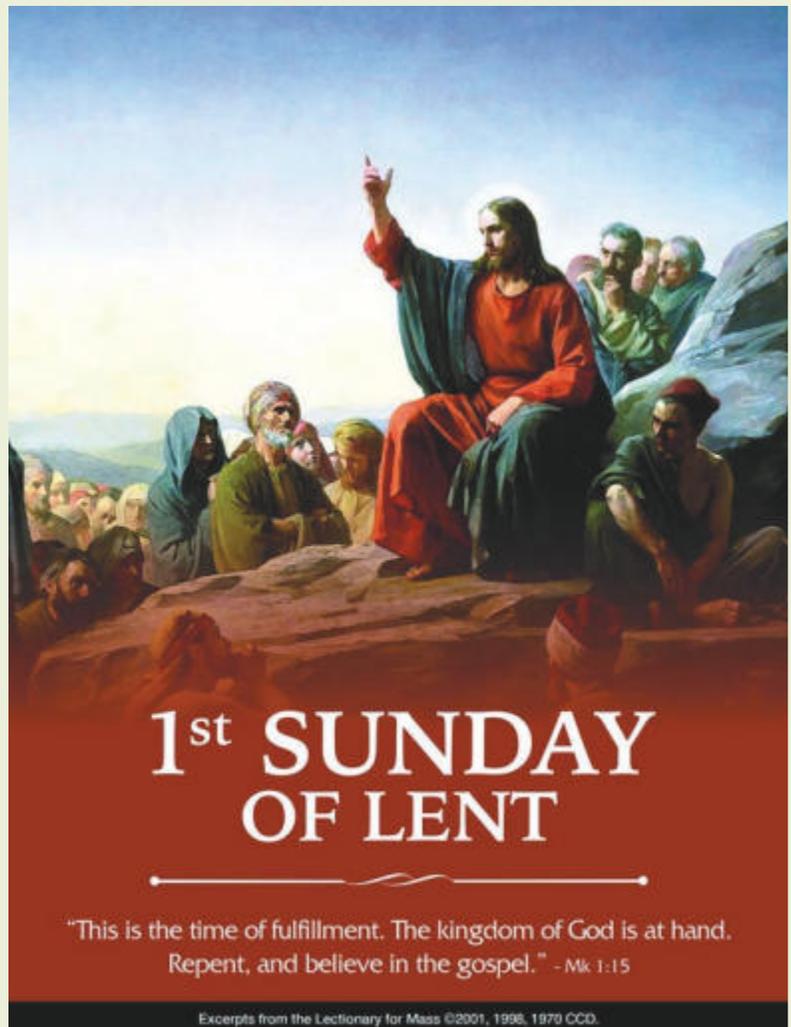
PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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.



February 21st 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass 03261, 1992 1970 CCC

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 20	5:00 pm – †Anne and James Spencer
Sun., Feb. 21	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 am – †Karen Hayes 11:30 am – For the People
Mon., Feb. 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 7:30 am – Holy Souls
Tues., Feb. 23	Lenten Weekday 7:30 am – †Kathleen L. Mulcahy
Wed., Feb. 24	Lenten Weekday 7:30 am – Special Intentions
Thurs., Feb. 25	Lenten Weekday 7:30 am – Special Intentions
Fri., Feb. 26	Lenten Weekday 7:30 am – †Millie Lupien
Sat., Feb. 27	Lenten Weekday 9:00 am – †Otto and Helena Angermaier 5:00 pm – For the People
Sun., Feb. 28	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00 am – †Sophia and John Hayes 11:30 am – †Ben Thompson

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.

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Denis,

02/21/2021 - The First Sunday of Lent this year. Every year, on the First Sunday of Lent, our Gospel at Mass is Our Lord's Temptation in the Desert. Since this year we are reading from the Gospel of Mark, the account is very short and gives none of the details of Our Lord's temptations, nor the back-and-forth with the Devil that the Gospels of Matthew and Luke do.

In the Holy Land, in the Palestinian Territories, one can visit one of the most ancient, continuously-occupied human settlements – the town of Jericho. Jericho today is both an archeological site and a modern town, one of the principal towns of the Palestinian Territories, famous for the decorative glass that is produced there. It is very near two important sites – 1) the most likely spot along the Jordan River where John the Baptist baptized our Lord, and 2) the traditional spot where Our Lord fasted and prayed for forty days after His baptism by John before the start of His public ministry.

In the rugged, rocky hills behind the modern town of Jericho, clinging to the side of the Mount of Temptation, is the Greek Orthodox Monastery of the Temptation. These days, one can get most of the way to the monastery by taking a cable car about halfway up the mountain. But to get to the monastery itself, it's a scramble up some very steep, winding stone steps from where the cable car drops you off.

The first monastery on the site dates all the way back to the Byzantine period, in the 6th century AD, above the cave where our Lord is believed to have fasted and prayed. St Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in the fourth century AD, identified the Mount of Temptation as one of the major sites during her sojourn in the Holy Land. During the Crusader period, the Mount of Temptation was referred to as the *Mons Quarantana*, referring to the forty days Our Lord spent in the desert. The monastery today, dating from the 19th century, is carved out of the rock of the side of the mountain. The monk's cells and the chapels of the monastery are natural caves that have been modified and built up and decorated. In the main chapel of the monastery, pilgrims are able to climb another flight of steps to venerate the rock where Our Lord prayed and fasted. When one looks out from that spot, on a clear day, one can see the Jordan River far below where it empties into the Dead Sea. On the other side of the Jordan River and on the far banks of the Dead Sea is the Kingdom of Jordan.

As Thou with Satan didst contend / and didst the vict'ry win / O give us strength in Thee to fight / In Thee to conquer sin!

Fr Brian, OP

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.



Faith at Home emails continue to go out each week. The next packet for **Faith for Little Ones** was mailed this pack week. This month we are focusing on the love of the Good Shepherd.

Youth Faith Formation Zooms this weekend include:
 3rd grade Sacramental Prep: Saturday at 9am & Sunday at 10:30am
 4th/5th/6th Graders: Sunday at 10:30am
 Ignite - 7th grade and older: Sunday at 10:30
 For more information on any of these programs, contact Jessica at faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com.

MOMS' MINISTRY

Moms' Ministry continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:00am via Zoom for prayer and fellowship.

Beginning in Lent we will be using Bishop Barron's Lenten Reflection Books to guide our discussion.

If you are interested in joining us, email Jessica at faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com.

ROSARY GROUP



Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday February 21st—First Sunday in LENT 2021

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Mt 4:4

As we consider Patron Saints for St Denis Chapter of the Confraternity: View Video of Parish Presentation of February 10: "The

Rosary and 4 Saints/Blesseds with great devotion to the Rosary"

Presented by: Fr Peter Martyr Yungwirth O.P. and Sr Anne Frances Klein O.P – both of Providence College. Link available on request to Diane Palac or Jessica Cole.

Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

All are invited to join us as we pray the Rosary directly following daily Mass (8 am on M-F; 9:30 am Sat). We meet in the pews directly facing the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

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.

Women's Rosary Group

Please join us on Monday mornings at 9:00 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



Lenten Crafts and Prayer Resources for Families

Help your kids live the season of Lent

Pick some up for your kids or grandkids: Craft kits for sacrifice beads & paper chains, Stations of the Cross booklets (for children and adults), reflection booklets, sticker sheets, and other materials

Available to be picked up in the vestibule of the Church (by the steps going down to the basement)

FAITH AND LITERATURE GROUP

The March meeting for Faith and Lit will be on **Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM** via zoom.

We will be reading and discussing a beautiful essay by the Catholic author W. Paul Jones. The essay should be helpful in our preparation for Lent and Easter. For a PDF of the essay, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Sharon Weaver at sharon.ramey.weaver@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 February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Lenten "Fireside Chats" with Fr. Brian

Mark your calendars!

In place of our annual Lenten Soup Suppers we will be having a series of 3 Lenten "Fireside Chats" with Fr. Brian via Zoom.

Join Fr. Brian and fellow parishioners for our first in a series of three, THIS Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom.

Other dates are March 10th and March 24th.

Access info will be sent via the weekly Flocknotes.

Journey to the Cross Lenten Faith Sharing

Join fellow parishioners for a 3 part series of Lenten faith sharing. Utilizing art, video, discussion, and prayer, we will reflect on our Lenten journey to the cross.

**Mondays - Feb. 22, March 15, March 29
7:00-8:00pm via Zoom**

To sign up email Jessica at faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities NH to Host Online Bereavement Support Group

Catholic Charities NH will be hosting its next online support group for parishioners across the Diocese who are dealing with grief and loss. "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding your Way Again" is a (free) six-session program allowing participants to learn about the dynamics of grief, discover new ways to cope while healing and gain the opportunity to be supported and support others also sharing a painful journey. **Sessions will be held on Thursdays (January 28 – March 4) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"! To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

The next virtual Experiences are Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

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 you 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. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org.

OUTREACH

HOW

St. Denis's Outreach to Kenya: Hearts Open to the World

Many of you know that for eight years our parish, working through the "Hearts Open to the World" (HOW) committee, has been actively involved in fruitful development efforts in the impoverished Kisumu region of western Kenya. With your prayers and invaluable financial assistance, we have partnered with four different groups in Kenya, each headed by people we know and trust, some of whom have visited us here in Hanover. Together we have helped advance health care (by working closely with the Nyakach County Hospital), education (supporting both St. Denis Konditi Elementary School and Our Lady of Grace School), self-sufficiency (working with IKODI Women's Group), and faith (supporting the work of Christ the King Katito Church).

St. Denis' introduction to the people of Kenya began about 10 years ago when parishioners raised funds for a new altar for a very poor rural parish in Katito, a cross-roads settlement in western Kenya. From this first act of charity came HOW, a group of parishioners who work together to contribute their "time, talent, and treasure" on behalf of all St. Denis parishioners to help the needy and vulnerable children, families, and community organizations in Katito and Kisumu Kenya. Most of us on the Committee have been to western Kenya and seen the efforts up close. We steward efforts here with particular care. The past year has been a challenging one. The pandemic lockdown in Kenya resulted in a food crisis for all of our partners. So, in addition to our usual projects, HOW assisted in much needed emergency food supply and distribution, made possible by your gifts.

For our annual Lenten appeal, we'll use the bulletin to introduce you (or re-acquaint you) with our efforts. Each week for the next four Sundays, members of HOW will describe one of our partners and our ongoing work with them. You'll learn what the fruits of those efforts are and have been. St. Denis parishioners have been extraordinarily generous with HOW and the people of western Kenya over the years, particularly during this season of alms-giving. This year we are attempting to raise \$30,000 to support our ongoing programs. We ask for your prayers and if possible, financial assistance. Help us keep our hearts open to the needs of the world. Thank you for all you've done and will do.



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 February 13 & 14	\$3,960.50 (online only)
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$120.00
Helping Hands	\$50.00
Hearts Open to the World	\$170.00

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