

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

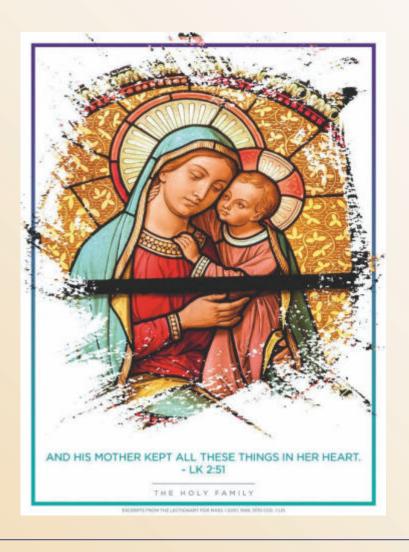
PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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. Summer Parish Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Office is closed on Mondays and Fridays. 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 26th, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Dec. 26	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND		
	Joseph		
	9:00 am – For the People of St. Denis		
	11:30 am – Valerie Little		
Mon., Dec. 27	Saint John		
	7:30 am – †Jim Beliveau		
Tues., Dec. 28	The Holy Innocents		
	7:30 am – †Carl DeSimone		
Wed., Dec. 29	The Fifth Day withing the Octave of the		
	Nativity of the Lord		
	7:30 am – †John Cary Allen		
Thurs., Dec. 30	The Sixth Day withing the Octave of the		
	Nativity of the Lord		
	7:30 am – Susannah Kemp		
Fri., Dec. 31	The Seventh Day withing the Octave of the		
	Nativity of the Lord		
	7:30 am – †Richter Fung		
Sat., Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of		
	God		
	9:00 am – †Mary Prince		
	5:00 pm – For the People of St. Denis		
Sun., Jan. 2	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
	9:00 am – †Carola Sandoe		
	11:30 am – †Trudy Daley		



Please note the office will be closed Monday December, 27th, 2021 through Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

There will be **no Adoration** on Wednesday, December 29^{th} .

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Denis,

I trust that you all had a happy celebration of Christmas! Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

It's hard to believe that this is my last "Pastor's Corner" for 2021! It seems like just yesterday that I was creating the subfolder "2021" in my "Pastor's Corner" folder on my desktop in the office, and now that folder is "fully populated," as they say. Time to create subfolder "2022."

When I was away for my week's rest (thanks to Fr. Timothy!) earlier in the month, I marked my seventh anniversary as your Pastor at St Denis. My first Masses at St. Denis as Pastor were on December 8th, 2014, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. For the Holy Day this year, I attended the 8:00 am Mass for the Solemnity in the local parish in the neighborhood I was staying in in Boston, and I prayed in thanksgiving for all of you. That means that I am now officially in my eighth year as Pastor of St Denis. In my thirty-one (almost thirty-two) years as a priest, this is my longest assignment (1/4 of my priestly ministry), for which I feel very blessed. And I am grateful to my Dominican superiors for allowing me to serve this wonderful community in this beautiful corner of the world for these years!

The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas we celebrate as **Holy Family Sunday**. This year, because Christmas was on a Saturday, it's the day immediately after Christmas, December 26th, which is normally the Feast of St. Stephen the Protomartyr. The Opening Prayer for this Sunday's Mass goes like this: *O God,* who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards... As I know many of our parishioners will be away from the parish this weekend, celebrating Christmas elsewhere with family and friends, just know that I make this prayer my own for all of you on this Holy Family Sunday. May the Lord bless and strengthen your families in the New Year ahead.

And speaking of the New Year...because Christmas fell on a Saturday, that means that January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, also falls on a Saturday. And that means that, while it is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted this year. We will celebrate just one Mass here at St Denis, our regular 9:00 am Saturday Mass, for the Solemnity. There will be no Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 31st, New Year's Eve. And Sunday, January 2nd, 2022 is already the Feast of the Epiphany! While Advent was long this year, our liturgical Season of Christmas gets severely truncated. "Bah, humbug!"

Fr. Brian, OP

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Gordan Gensler, Aren Maltez, Judy Bleakney, Maura Jones, Louis Stimmel, Bill Kmon, Bjarne Skjetne, Sr., Barbara Batt, Eddie Bloom, Cay Volpe, Laura Boyajian, Heather Pedersen, Jeannette Kendall, Daniel Markwood, Jivat Thadani, Susan J. Price, Ada Brown, Max Bryant, Elizabeth Murphy, Jim Horan, Steven Ward, John and Patricia Huss, Annastacia Akiti, Rich Royce, Michael O'Leary, Grace Manna, Fernando Ferraz, Helen Quinn, Sandy Bondis, Carl Fogliano, Patricia Fowler, Jason Aaron, Perry Chase, John Hofmann, Denise Carlin, Stephen Horan, Edward Kory, Jennifer Reed, John & Margaret Mahoney, Allison Carr, Shannon Munnerly.

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



Upcoming Schedule:

- **PreK4, K, and 1st grade** meets again Sunday, January 9th, at 10:15 am in the parish hall. Parents meet in the rectory.
- 2nd grade (Reconciliation Prep) meets again the weekend of January 8th/9th.
- **3rd grade** (Confirmation and Communion Prep) meets again the weekend of January 8th/9th.
- 4th/5th/6th graders meets again Sunday, January 9th, via Zoom.
- 7th grade and older meets again Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 pm in the parish hall.

Faith at Home emails continue to go out each week.

Moms' Ministry

Moms' Ministry is a group of moms of all ages who meet informally each Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 am at Frassati House. We meet again January 4^{th} , If you would like more information or would like to be added to our email list, please contact Jessica at <u>faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com</u>.

CREED STUDY GROUP

Want to learn more about our faith? We will be beginning a small 7 week study group utilizing Bishop Barron's new series on the Creed. We will meet Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 8:15 pm via Zoom from January 13th through February 24th. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jessica Cole at faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com.

ROSARY GROUP



Please join our Women's **Rosary Group** on Friday 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. We usually have six or so on Zoom for the scriptural rosary and are always happy to welcome newcomers!

To sign up, please contact Mitsu Chobanian at mitsu.chobanian@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 <u>eabrine@gmail.com</u>.



A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Gaudete Sunday Party a huge success! Thank you to all who joined us! It was a joyful gift to be together as a parish community.

Thank you to our bakers, Mary Durand, Linda Ely, and Ralph Hammock for the delicious homemade cookies; Sean Healey for keeping us warm with a fire; members of the Parish Relations committee who helped serve food; the many youth and adult volunteers who helped set-up, clean-up, run games, and everything in between. A special word of thanks to Kari Cramer for the countless hours of time and love she put in to help make this event a success.



Replacing the Parish Hall Tables

Have you ever helped set up for a parish event? Have you helped move the old laminate tables we currently have? If so, you know first hand the condition of the current tables (not to mention their weight!). They have served us well over the years, but they are long past their prime.

We are hoping to replace the old tables with new, lighter, durable plastic folding tables. We can't do this without your help and so are gratefully accepting donations to make this happen.

We are hoping to purchase fourteen (14) 8' rectangular tables, at \$220/each, as well as fourteen (14) 5' rounds at \$300/each. Whether you can give the amount for one table or more, or even a small fraction of the cost, your donation will help our parish community enjoy many years of future events.

Please note that as we replace them, the old tables are available to anyone who may want them or be able to use them. If you know of an organization, school, etc., that could use them, please let us know.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica at <u>faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com</u>.



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 <u>flocknote.com/login</u>
- 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 <u>faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com</u>.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS and NEWS

The 36th Annual Vita Nova Men's Retreat January 7th - 9th, 2022

Out of the woods - Into the water Living our Baptism daily!

Once again the annual Men's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Barbara C. Harris Center in Greenfield, NH. All of the lodging is designed to provide guests with a beautiful natural setting that encourages a sense of community, a feeling of relaxation and opportunities for reflection and renewal.

Friday. January 7th, registration 6:00 - 7:00 pm Retreat starts promptly at 7:15 pm Ends with Lunch on Sunday, January 9th at 12:30 pm and check out is by 2:00 pm. Meals start with Breakfast on Saturday. Please eat dinner before arriving on Friday.

For more information or to register visit <u>https://vitanova.org/</u> <u>catholic-mens-retreat</u>.

Register to Receive Catholic Citizenship News: Are you looking for an easy way to stay informed about public issues in New Hampshire? The Diocese of Manchester offers an e-mail newsletter with updates on important public policy matters facing our elected officials. Register at <u>catholicnh.org/ccn.</u>



Congratulations to the following child who has received the Gift of New Life in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism: **December 11th, 2021:** Tobias Gomes, son of Luis and Karol Gomes.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;Lk 2:41 -52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Wednesdays 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Benediction at 4:50 pm

All are invited to stop into church for quiet prayer and adoration

We are often in need of people willing to sit and pray at designated times for a half hour window throughout the day on Wednesdays. If you would be interested in being added to the regular schedule or even just the sub list, please contact Martina at <u>admin.stdenis@gmail.com</u>.

Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is the bond of perfection."

Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-14



Mary, Mother of our Savior, pray for us. St Joseph, pray for us St. Dominic, pray for us.

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Rosary together following daily Mass. Daily Mass Schedule: Mon. – Fri. at 7:30 am and Sat. at 9:00 am. We gather in pews facing the Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. New members are always welcome.

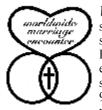
For questions, contact Diane Palac by emailing the parish office at <u>admin.stdenis@gmail.com</u> or leaving a message at 603-643-2166.



Please join Fr. Brian virtually in prayer

We will continue to live stream all three weekend Masses, as well as our weekday Masses, for anyone who chooses to or who must remain at home at this time. Simply visit <u>saintdenisparish.org</u> and click on the box entitled "Live Streaming" to access St Denis Masses from home.

We are now able to record the Masses, and post them on YouTube. When you have clicked on "Live Streaming", listed underneath is: "Watch Mass, or past Masses, on Youtube" Click on that and you will be routed to our YouTube link for the Masses available.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. 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 <u>https://wwmema.org/</u>.

Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Natural Family Planning: The Creighton FertilityCare System is a highly effective and morally acceptable natural method of family planning. It is healthy and strengthens pre. It is used to achieve a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy and can be useful in the diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disease. Online introductory classes will be held on the first Wednesday and third Thursday at 7:00 pm of each month. For more information contact Mary Menendez, CFCP, St. Gerard Majella FertilityCare Services, at <u>CreightonFertility@yahoo.com</u> or (603) 642-8050. You can also visit the website at <u>https://fertilityisnotadisease.com/.</u>

The word *Retrouvaille***TM** is a French word meaning rediscovery. The Program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6 - 12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other. For more info, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.com</u>.

Support for Separated & Divorced: Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit <u>www.catholicnh.org/support</u> for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

The *Women's Wellness and Fertility Center of New England at CMC* is the first and only practice in New England wholly dedicated to providing OB/GYN care and restorative reproductive medicine consistent with the Religious and Ethical Directives of Catholic Healthcare Standards. Women and couples finally have a local resource for reproductive care that honors their practice of the faith. At the Women's Wellness & Fertility Center of New England, *you* are the most important member of your care team! Here, you'll find family-centered, holistic obstetric and gynecologic care grounded in alternative, evidencebased medical practices including NaProTECHNOLOGY. Go to *www.catholicmedicalcenter.org/womens-wellness/* for more information or call 603.314.7595 today!

Vocation Corner: "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org.

OUTREACH



By the Numbers: 2020

Over the past year, you provided a better life for **more than 130,700** New Hampshire residents. This includes:

Creating Pathways Out of Poverty

• 2,836 individuals on paths to long-term success through support services and emergency assistance. (Community Services)

Finding Emotional Healing

• **305 individuals** gaining the skills to better cope with life's difficult situations, find a greater sense of peace and improve their overall quality of life. (<u>Mental Health Counseling Services</u>)

Supporting Homeless & At-Risk Veterans

• **144 struggling and homeless veterans** are healing, gaining meaningful employment and getting their lives back on track because of substance-free transitional housing, a supportive environment and other assistance. (Liberty House)

Helping Seniors Live Independent & Fulfilling Lives

- 995 seniors living their live to the fullest everyday through compassionate care in a faith-based environment. (Healthcare Services)
- **586 homebound and disabled seniors** with preserved wishes to remain living independently and knowing they aren't alone through delivery, rides to medical appointments and emotional support. (<u>The CareGivers</u>)
- **81 seniors** living independently and thriving within their own communities because of volunteer-driven transportation, social opportunities and assistance with everyday home needs. (Monadnock at Home)

Giving Children the Resources to Heal

• 23 children better connecting with others and beginning through specialized services and a unique learning environment. (St. Charles School)

Building Loving & Stable Families

- **105 young mothers and parents**, creating a nurturing and safe environment for their children and be the parents they aspire to be. (<u>Our Place</u>)
- **61 individuals** provided with a wide range of placement and post-adoption services that build, strengthen and unify families. (Adoption & Maternity Services)

Welcoming Newcomers

• **486 newcomers** achieve their goal of being proud and productive United States citizens through advocacy and high-quality, affordable legal services. (<u>Immigration Legal Services</u>)

Feeding the Hungry

• **17.2 million pounds of food** distributed to more than 425 agencies statewide to help food-insecure families and communities. (New Hampshire Food Bank)

Our Parish Goal is \$48,300.00. So far we have raised \$41,346.00.

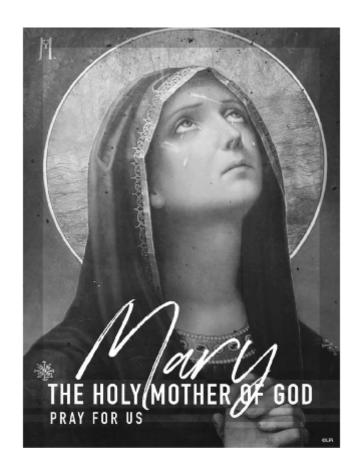


Did you know the Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley operates a managed residence for young women who are trying to improve their lives?

Grace House helps motivated women of child-bearing years to change course in their lives. Women who apply to live at Grace House are offered free room and board in exchange for showing steady progress in learning about faith, meaningful relationships, and skills like household management.

Grace House has openings, so if you know anyone who might benefit herself or might refer a friend for this opportunity, please share the website with her.

https://pregnancycenteruppervalley.com/residential-program/



STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE

Offertory December 11 th & 12 th	\$11,079.44(total)
Retired Religious	\$1,260.00
Christmas	\$500.00
Hearts Open to the World	\$150.00
Helping Hands	\$230.00

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.

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 <u>www.saintdenisparish.org</u> 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 <u>603-931-3467</u> 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!



If you are using personalized **offertory envelopes** kindly remember to pick your box for 2022 in the church vestibule.

LITURGY and WORSHIP

Ministry Schedule		
Sat	Communion Minister: Steve Lee	
JAN. 2	Lector: Joyce Hinsley, Allyson Lee	
5:00 pm	Sacristan:	
Sun	Communion Minister: Robert Cramer	
Jan. 3	Lector: Peter Mlodzik, Christopher Chor	
9:00 am	Sacristan: Catherine Girard	
Sun	Communion Minister: Nancy Silliman	
Jan. 3	Lector: Daniel Markwood, Carol Torbeck	
11:30 am	Sacristan: Kris Flynn	





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.

Would you like to be added to the parish email list? Consider being added to the parish email list if you are not already? This will be used to send email updates about parish happenings, notes from Fr. Brian, and other resources. To be added to the list email Jessica Cole at <u>faithformation.stdenis@gmail.com</u>.

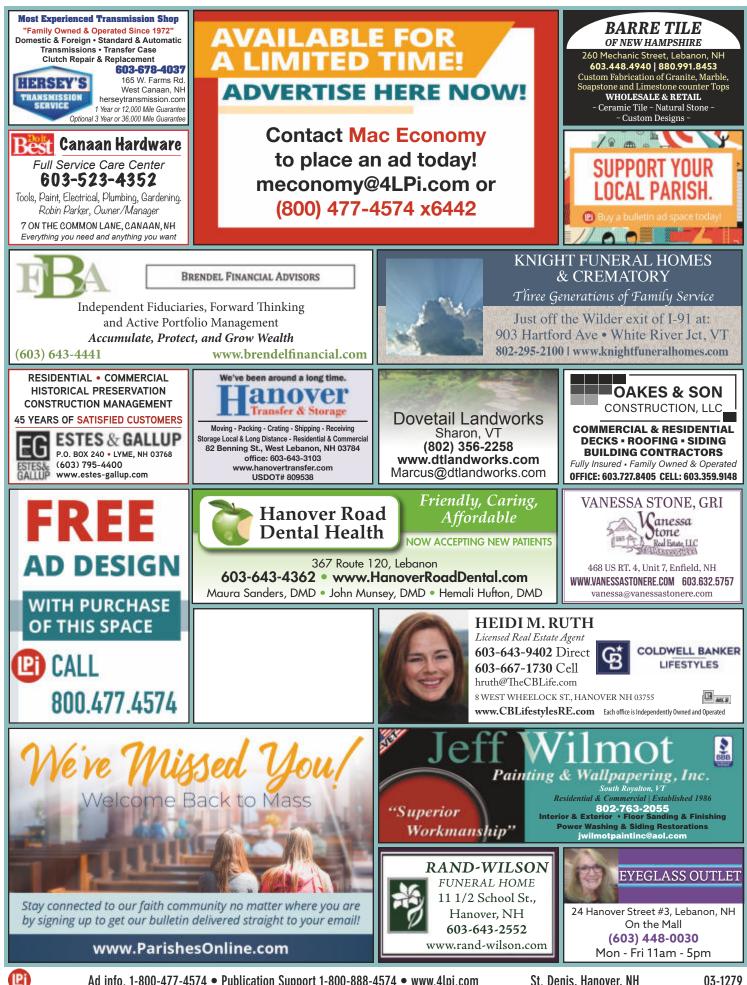
Looking for some daily routines to grow in faith? How about a mini meditation on a saint of the day? Check out Franciscan Media's resource at: <u>https://www.franciscanmedia.org/sod-calendar/</u>



Children's Resources: We have returned the children's reading materials and weekly bulletin/worksheets to the vestibule of the church. Your children are welcome to help themselves if you think it would be helpful for them during Mass.

Find St. Denis on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>saintdenisparish/</u> 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.

Please feel free to take a small book located by the doors of the church **Catholic Prayers for Catholic Families**. It is a beautiful little book with simple ideas of ways to add prayer to your family life, as well as a compilation of many traditional Catholic prayers. We hope you find this resource helpful.



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