

March 4, 2018 | Third Sunday of Lent (#815)



Saint Denis Parish



85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday – 4:30pm
Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30am

DAILY MASSES

Mon. – Wed. 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00pm
or by appointment

ADMINISTRATOR

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DEACON

Deacon Richard DesJardins

COORD. OF REL. ED.

Kimberly Brown

SECRETARY

Deborah Harding

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Wednesday
8:00am – 6:00pm

Thursday
8:00am – 12:00pm

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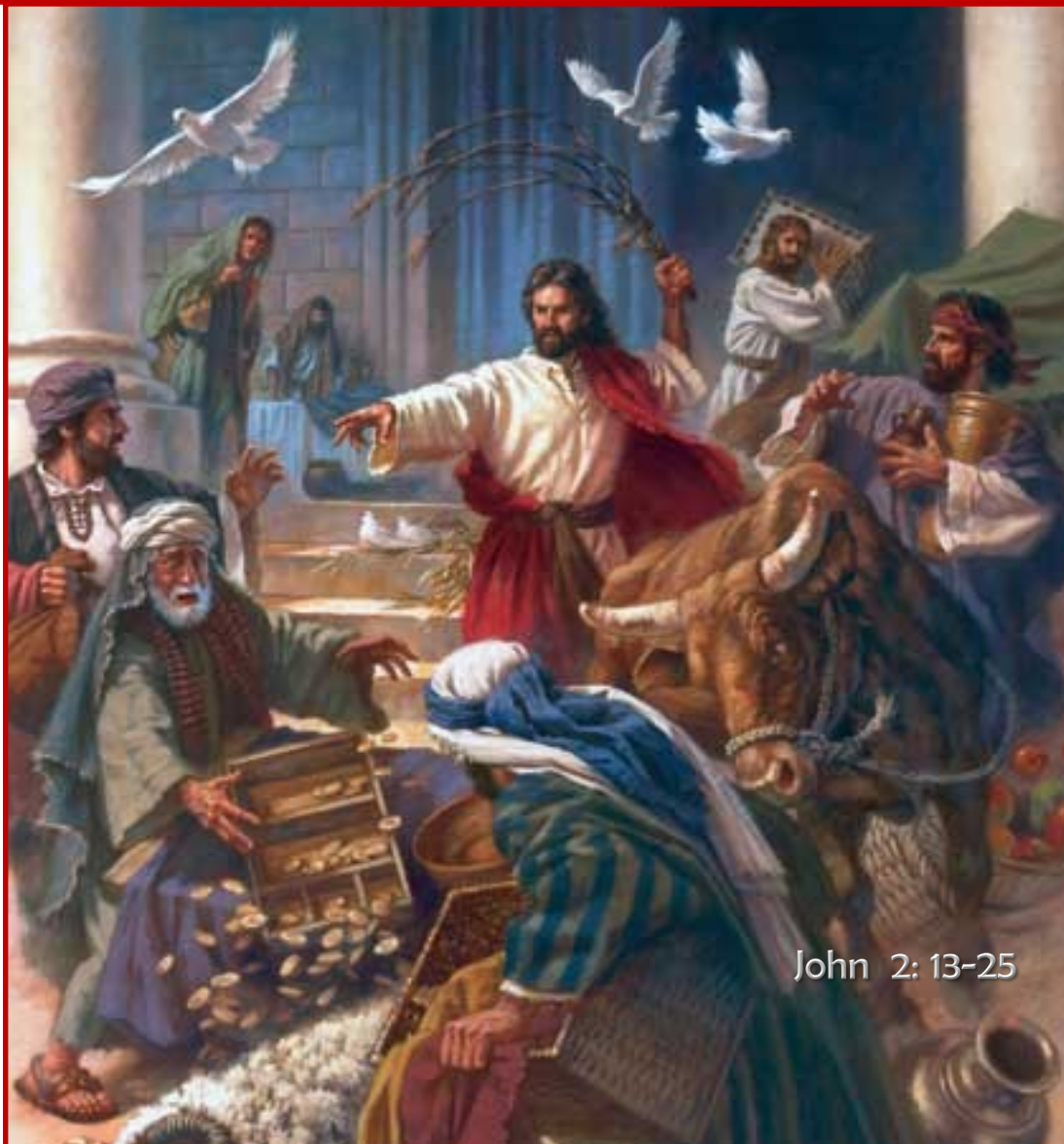
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BAPTISMS

Deacon Richard DesJardins
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NOTIFY THE RECTORY

Visitation of the sick & elderly
Weddings, Pastoral Care



John 2: 13-25

*“He made a whip out of cords
and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and
oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers
and overturned their tables,
and to those who sold doves he said,
“Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.”*



Sat	3/3	4:30pm	John F. Hamm by Debbie
Sun	3/4	8:00am	In honor of St. Jude Diane Dufault by Joe & Sandi
		10:30am	
Mon	3/5	9:00am	Emerenciana & Marcial Yandoc by family
Tue	3/6	9:00am	
Wed	3/7	9:00am	John F. Hamm by Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Sat	3/10	4:30pm	Dianne Fichtel (1st A.) by family
Sun	3/11	8:00am	John F. Hamm by Sandy & John
		10:30am	

[Website](http://www.saintdenisashburnham.org)

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~UNDER MINISTRIES~

Offertory Counting Ministry

The responsible stewardship of parishioners' donations is taken very seriously by St. Denis Parish. As such, the church ensures that offertory collections are properly safeguarded, counted, deposited, and recorded.

Men's Group


It is the purpose of the Men's Group to raise the faith of the men of the parish through activities and service to the parish and community.

Marriage Matters

Highlights the importance of strong marriages and families in building up the Catholic Church. Couples gather monthly to focus on their Sacrament, learn more about their faith and build relationships with others couples who share the values of the Catholic Church.

Prayer List: Under the 'Ministries' tab, click on the 'Elderly and Homebound,' and you will find our updated prayer list. Due to lack of weekly space in the bulletin, the sick list will only be posted here periodically. You will always find the current list on our website.

Lenten Reflections: Bishop Barron's reflections for Lent are at the bottom of the home page



Our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul conference asks every parishioner to please serve as our "eyes and ears" to advise us of anyone locally such as a neighbor, relative, friend, or acquaintance who might be struggling with economic issues as well as other issues such as loneliness or illness, and might benefit from a confidential helping hand. The members of Saint Vincent de Paul are willing to provide assistance as much as they are able, while maintaining 100% confidentiality. The intent of our St. Vincent de Paul group is to exemplify the loving actions demonstrated by the life of Jesus. Please call the St. Vincent de Paul dedicated phone line at (978) 790-1923 to request assistance for yourself or someone in need. A member of St. Vincent de Paul will be in touch with you.

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone by contacting the Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, or in writing sent to the Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.



"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4) How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.
~ Diocese of Worcester

How Do Adults Become Catholic?

Through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is a process of Christian formation offered to those adults who seek to become Catholic.

The RCIA is the process designed for adults who freely seek the living God, and desire to enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts.

This weekend we happily celebrate the first scrutiny (10:30 am Mass) for those adults who are looking to be in full communion with the Church. Also, notice that we are going to use the Cycle A in the lectionary.

For more info or you know anyone who would like to receive the sacraments, look into the parish website under Sacraments for Adults (RCIA).

Living Water Prayer

In the dry wildernesses of our lives,
in the days of heat and thirst
where the human well does not satisfy,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
or can't see you in my life,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy.

When we feel like the lone Samaritan woman,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others,
have left us alone and wounded,
you offer us living water,
Thank you, gracious and generous God.

We thank you and praise you, O God, although we
may thirst, whatever we may need to satisfy our souls,
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ
We thank you, like the woman at the well
you love us in spite of our bankrupt lives.
Help us to experience a beautiful personal
encounter with you and rejoice in our worship.

**We drink deep of the living water
and, as we draw from your wells,
we seek to pass the cup to others
who, like us, are thirsty for your grace. Amen**

Pray to end Abortion

Special Highlights | Offertory Update | Upcoming Events



Lenten Mini Retreat

St. Denis Parish

Saturday, March 10th
9:00am—Noon

Mass and spiritual reflections
by Fr. Memo

You will have the opportunity to go to confession as well as enjoy a brunch afterward at Fr. Lacey Hall. A video will be presented followed by a discussion. Come and take part in this mini-retreat as we reflect on the wonders of Lent.

Sponsored by the St. Denis Men's Group

CHURCH EVENT SCHEDULE



Month of March

Sun	3/4	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed	3/7	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Fri	3/9	6:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat	3/10	9:00am	<i>Lenten Mini Retreat</i>
Wed	3/14	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Fri	3/16	6:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat	3/17	5:30pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Sun	3/18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed	3/21	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Fri	3/23	6:30pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun	3/4	10:30-1:30pm	Confirmation (<i>Begins with Mass</i>)
		6:00-9:00pm	Grade 9
Mon	3/5	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
		6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue	3/6	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2
Sun	3/11	8:30-11:30am	First Eucharist Prep.
Mon	3/12	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
		6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue	3/13	(<i>Half Day – No Rel. Ed Class</i>)
Sun	3/18	11:30-6:45pm	<i>Confirmation Retreat – St. Edward's</i>
Mon	3/19	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
		6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue	3/20	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2



St. Denis' Annual

St. Paddy's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 17th
5:30pm

Proceeds to benefit the **Parish Hall Renovations.**

Advance sales preferred:

90-dinner tickets available: \$10.00 per person

\$35.00 per family

20-take out tickets available: \$10 per meal.

Call Beth Wojnas @ 978-827-6579

Hope to see you there!



Lenten Deanery Pilgrimage

Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm
and service at 7:00 pm

March 7 -St. Edward's-Westminster
Fr. Patrick Ssekoyole

March 14 - St. Denis-Ashburnham
Fr. Joe Jurgelonis

March 21 - St. Francis - Athol
Fr. Memo Ochoa

April 8 - Divine Mercy Sunday
Holy Rosary / Gardner
Exposition and confessions at 2pm.
Chaplet and Benediction at 3pm.

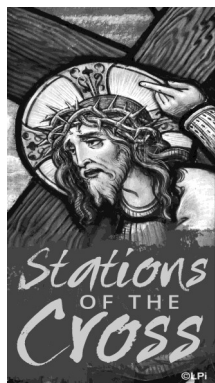
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SAINT DENIS PARISH

Every Friday during Lent

Stations of the Cross

6:30pm

Next : March 9

March 16, March 23

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise
You, because by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world.

Weekend Mass Collections

2/25/18 Sunday Offertory: \$ 2,033.47
Fuel / Needs: \$ 378.00



'24 HOURS'

Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation

Annunciation Parish, Gardner
Friday, March 9th, 9:00am



Four churches in our Diocese have been selected to host a Lenten "24 Hours for the Lord," which was recommended by Pope Francis. Holy Spirit Chapel was selected to be the site for the whole of the North County. You are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to pray with our Eucharistic Lord anytime during the 24-hour period beginning Friday, March 9th following the celebration of a special morning Mass at 9:00am until Saturday, March 10, at 9:00am. The church building will remain open for 24 consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic Adoration and Sacramental confession. Don't miss out on this Lenten Opportunity!