

April 8, 2018 | Sunday of Divine Mercy (#828)



# Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



*Jesus,  
I Trust in You.*



*"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I Trust in You!"*

LORD'S DAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday – Wednesday 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

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

ADMINISTRATOR

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NOTIFY THE RECTORY

Visitation of the sick & elderly  
Weddings, Pastoral Care



Sat	4/7	4:30pm	
Sun	4/8	8:00am	In honor of St. Jude
		10:30am	Matt Martin by Mom & Dad & family
Mon	4/9	9:00am	
Tue	4/10	9:00am	
Wed	4/11	9:00am	
Sat	4/14	4:30pm	Canonization of Audrey Santo by Heather Barber
Sun	4/15	8:00am	
		10:30am	



### Easter Flower Offerings

Thank you for your Easter Flower contributions. Below are the names of the people for whom we pray during this very special season of hope and resurrection.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Matthew Dimacale                  | Robert Cellucci             |
| Gladys Maillet                    | Claire Roger                |
| Joseph Maillet                    | Marie Beaulieu              |
| Adrienne Maillet                  | Lester Whitney              |
| Diana Bellabarba                  | Bernice Whitney             |
| Paul Bellabarba                   | Ralph Walsh                 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Vendette               | Phyllis Walsh               |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lashua                 | Luigi and Nina Pollastri    |
| Norma & Tony Pirro                | Norman and Esther Young     |
| Pearl & Alvin Gallant             | The Boudreau Family         |
| The Aubuchon Family               | The Bastarache Family       |
| The Gallagher Family              | Gerald Cormier              |
| The LeBlanc Family                | David and Jean Arsenault    |
| The Towle Family                  | The Norman Family           |
| The Hawkins Family                | The Gillis Family           |
| Heidi Brackett                    | The Rodier Family           |
| Lindsay Brackett                  | Aquila Williams             |
| Beatrice Moeckel                  | Albert Williams             |
| Charlie Moeckel                   | Arthur Williams             |
| Herb Cowdrey                      | Robert Williams             |
| Virginia and Frank Key            | Jim Evans                   |
| William Herbert Overacre          | Mary Freda                  |
| Jennie B. Overacre                | Albert Freda                |
| The Quarella Family               | Nana Freda                  |
| The Leger Family                  | Pauline Legee               |
| The Richard Family                | Nana D.                     |
| The Ouellette Family              | Matthew J. Lashua           |
| Rev. Leo Cummings                 | Kathleen E. Foley           |
| Tristan Davis                     | K. Bridgett Foley           |
| Ruth and Ken McIntyre             | Daniel P. Foley             |
| Muriel and Ray Fontaine           | Hugh Foley                  |
| Mary and Anne Martin              | Bob Rosbury                 |
| Simmons McIntyre                  | Edward & Florence Mack      |
| Frances and Nick Mercadante       | Col. Margaret Mack (Ret)    |
| James and Mary Duffy              | Sr. Margaret Cropera        |
| John, Frances, & John F. Kokernak | Charleen Sipos              |
| Bruce Smith                       | Conrad Cenerizio            |
| Bob Sr., and Therese Hamelin      | Erma DiMeco                 |
| Shirley and Mike Demski           | Angelo DiMeco               |
| Les LaFleur                       | Anna Cenerizio              |
| John and Mabel Losordo            | Fred & Ilia Cenerizio       |
| Francis and Mary Driscoll         | Edward & Nora Parent        |
| The Sabourin Family               | Carol Parent                |
| The Lawrence Family               | Yuelherne Medeiros          |
| Cindy Sabourin                    | Gilda Medeiros              |
| Rev. Ed Mahan                     | Idalia Costa                |
| Dan Farrell                       | Gilda Padalheiro            |
| Viola Wiley                       | Kim Vielnte                 |
| Vernon Belanger                   | The parents of:             |
| Donat Landry                      | Joe & Sandi Jaillet         |
| Sedia Landry                      | Deceased members of the     |
| Aphonse Belanger                  | Cormier Family              |
| Philip Rouleau, Jr.               | Deceased members of the     |
| Joanne Leclair                    | Arsenault Family            |
| John P. Skehan                    | Deceased members of the     |
| Cecile Skehan                     | LaFosse Family              |
| Mafalda Poirier                   | Deceased members of the     |
| Linda Eck                         | Sears Family                |
| Diane Dufault                     | The parents & grandparents  |
| Brian Cormier                     | of Edith and Roland LeBlanc |
| Claire Bergeron                   | For the family of:          |
| Joseph Bergeron                   | Saint Denis Parish          |

### ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~



### The Doubting Thomas

The famous story of the disciple Thomas is recorded in today's gospel. More than a person is an attitude towards resurrection. All Christians suffer doubt at one time or another, but the example of doubting Thomas provides both instruction and encouragement.

The doubt Thomas experienced in the face of the heartbreaking loss of the One he loved is not unlike our own when facing a massive loss: despair, heartbreak, and exceeding sorrow, all of which Christ sympathizes with ([Hebrews 4:15](#)). But, although Thomas did in fact doubt the Lord's resurrection appearance, once he saw the risen Christ, he proclaimed in faith, "My Lord and my God."

As an extra encouraging note to us, Jesus goes on to say, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed". Also, notice that Jesus appeared to embrace Thomas and all his disciples with understanding and mercy. He did not come back to reproach their dumbness despite of his well announce death and resurrection. Jesus welcomes every single one of us at any stage in our faith and help us in our way to our Heavenly Father.

In a more historical note, although not included in the gospels, Thomas ministered in India after acknowledging the resurrection. He brought Jesus Crist to India generating on his way many churches, schools, hospitals, etc. in honor of Christ.



### Partners in Charity 2018 - Update!

As of March 26, Saint Denis has raised the following:

Amount Raised	Goal	Amount Needed	# of Gifts
<b>\$9,985.00</b>	\$27,000.00	-\$17,015.00	47



On October 5, 1938, a young religious by the name Sister Faustina (Helen Kowalska) died in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. She came from a very poor family that had struggled hard on their little farm during the terrible years of WWI. Sister had had only three years of very simple education. Hers were the humblest of tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or the vegetable garden, or as a porter.

On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. Saint Faustina tells us in her diary under this date:

*"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"*

Some time later, Our Lord again spoke to her: *"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."*



**Sunday April 8, 2018**

Holy Rosary / Gardner

**Exposition and confessions at 2pm.  
Chaplet and Benediction at 3pm.**

*"For the sake of His sorrowful passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

## APRIL EVENTS

Wed 4/11	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
	7:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
Sun 4/15	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Wed 4/18	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Fri 4/20	7:00pm	Marriage Matters
Wed 4/25	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Sun 4/29	8:00am	Men's Bible Study

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun 4/8	10:30-1:30pm	<b>Confirmation</b>
	6:00-9:00pm	Grade 9
Mon 4/9	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 3-5
	6:45-8:00pm	Grades 6-8
Tue 4/10	3:00-4:30pm	Grades 1-2

### School Vacation Week!

This concludes our Religious Education for the year.

Sun 4/22	10:30 Mass	Sending Rite for the Confirmation class
Thu 4/26	5:00-8:00pm	First Eucharist Parent/Child Drop-In Retreat
Fri 4/27	3:00-6:00pm	First Eucharist Parent/Child Drop-In Retreat
	7:00pm	<b>Confirmation</b> Holy Rosary – Gardner
Sat 4/28	9:00-12:00pm	First Eucharist Parent/Child Drop-In Retreat
Sun 4/29	10:30 Mass	Welcoming Rite for the Confirmation class Presentation of Certificates

Website

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

### Weekend Mass Collections

4/1/18	Sunday Offertory:	\$ 2,798.00
	Easter Offering:	\$ 1,512.00
	Fuel / Needs:	\$ 205.00
	Easter Flowers:	\$ 89.00
	Good Friday/Holy Land :	\$ 332.00



*We experienced a beautiful Holy Week. Thank you again for your financial support. Your contributions are important for the growth and vitality of Saint Denis Church.*



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