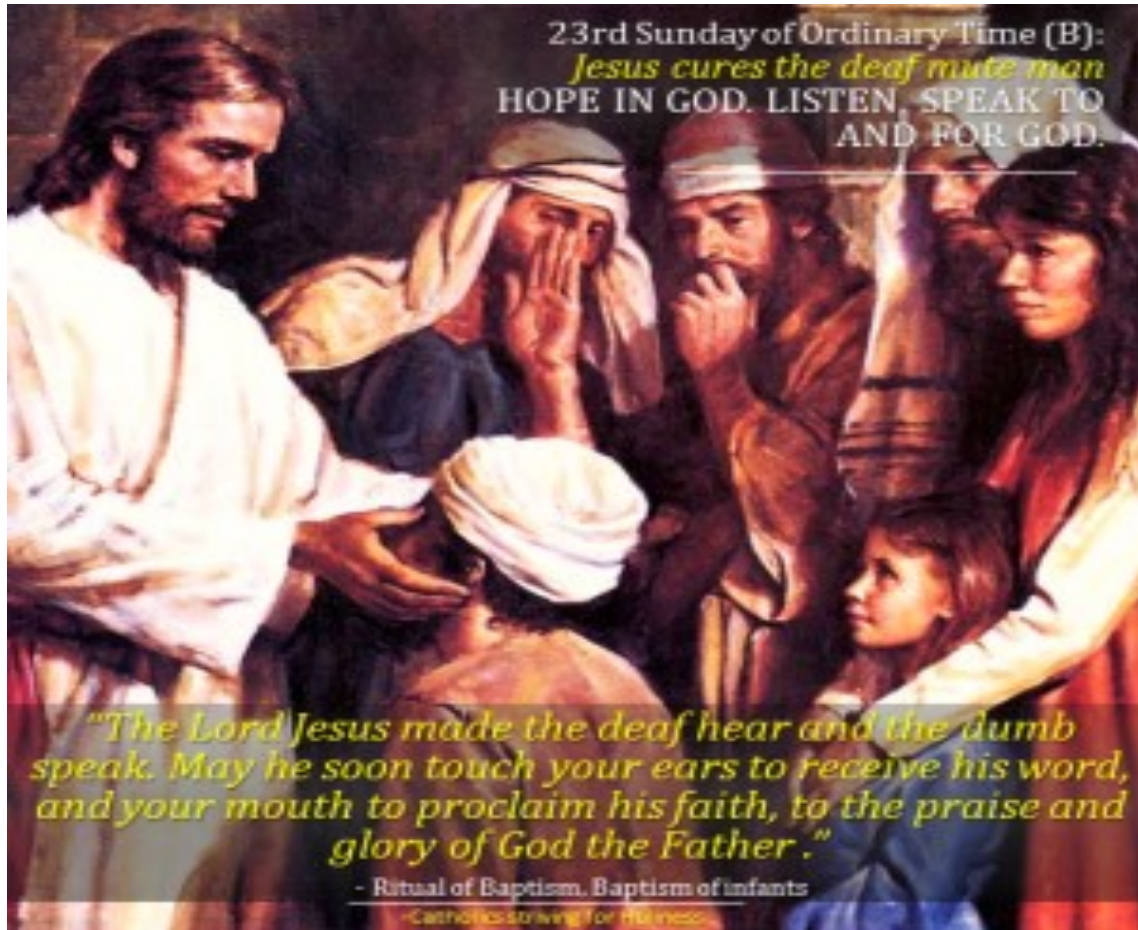


September 9th, 2018 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (920)

# Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



[www.SaintDenisAshburnham.com](http://www.SaintDenisAshburnham.com)

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

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NOTIFY THE RECTORY

Visitation of the sick & elderly  
Weddings, Pastoral Care

Church outreach Media

<https://formed.org/> code 6DF8JG

Flocknotes.com (to send message)

To join or edit your notifications

Text to 84576 Message (StDenis85)

Online Giving (<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/online-giving>)



Sat 9/08 4:30pm

Sun 9/09 8:00am

**Marty Mulroy**

*By Feen & Mulroy Families*

10:30am

Mon 9/10 9:00am

Tues 9/11 9:00am

Wed 9/12 9:00am

Sat 9/15 4:30pm

**Clement Thebault**

*by Heather Barber*

Sun 9/16 8:00am

**Edwilda Rutan 5th Anniversary**

*by Kim Nolan*

10:30am

**If you know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic, Our RICA program will be starting up again in mid-September. Please Contact Deacon Rich for more info: 978-343-6367**



**Bishop's words about the abuse**



Dear friends in Christ,

There have been a number of recent news stories from around the country and around the globe revealing reports of sexual abuse of minors by clergy over many decades and how some bishops did not take decisive action to remove them from ministry. That such stories continue to emerge is deeply troubling, to say the least. The horrors of the abuse which are detailed in many of these reports demonstrate in shocking manner how utterly disgusting is the crime and sin of sexual abuse of minors.

Since arriving in Worcester more than 14 years ago, I have had no more difficult pastoral responsibility as your bishop than to hear first-hand from victims the details of the abuse which took place during their childhood. Yet we cannot turn a deaf ear or a blind eye to the abuses which occurred at the hands of clerics and other church workers who used their position and influence to subject innocent children to their perverted desires. It is for this reason that zero tolerance of clergy who have been credibly accused must remain our standard.

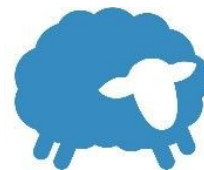
I do not know what tomorrow will bring as more stories of past abuse from around the world come to light, but there is one thing that I can assure you, my dear people of the Diocese of Worcester. We have been and continue to be committed to responding to victims of past abuse and to the protection of children in our midst today as well as to the reporting of any cases brought to our attention to law enforcement, no matter how many years ago they occurred. The professionals on the Diocesan Review Committee, whose expertise include social work, medicine and law enforcement, have been an invaluable asset to me and our diocesan family as they assist us in vigilantly implementing the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

I ask you to continue to help us to not let any fatigue enter into the Charter's continued implementation. We will continue to insist on background screening of all ordained and lay staff and volunteers, which we have been doing for more than 15 years. We will continue training employees and volunteers in identifying the symptoms of abuse and how to report suspected abuse. We will continue reporting any past or current allegations to law enforcement and cooperate with annual independent audits of our compliance with the Charter. We will continue our commitment to zero tolerance by not returning accused clergy to any ministry and continue to require letters of good standing for any clergy who serve, even temporarily, in our diocese. We will continue to offer therapeutic assistance to victims as recommended by our Victim Assistance Coordinator with the support of our Diocesan Review Committee.

Above all, let us always keep the victims of abuse wherever they may be in our prayers as we lift their needs to Jesus, the Divine Physician and Healer of Souls. May God offer them peace in their struggles against the memories and harm which they have endured.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



**Learn New Worship Songs**

Are you willing to learn new religious songs as well as to sing along in Mass?

**Join** our mailing list on Flock-note by

**Texting "StDenis85" to 84576**

Receive the weekly 10:30 am Mass music settings. Then you can listen to hundreds of worship songs on YouTube and get more out of the Sunday liturgy.

Silent Auction-Chinese Auction-Kids Games

# The Fall Bazaar

Saint Denis Parish

Saturday, September 15, 2018

**Raffle Tickets Available Now!**

Tickets are in the vestibule of the church,  
and at the Rectory.

\$1,000.00 Raffle-Food Booth-& lots more

The Harvest Booth-The Jewelry Booth-Books Above

Now Accepting New Item Donations for:

Drop-offs Sunday & Monday 6-7pm

**Silent Auction:** Brand new kitchen gadgets, tools or anything new that you might find unique to donate, for example event tickets to the Bruins, Patriots, Red Sox, Boston Pops etc., are welcomed. Drop off items at the Rectory, or for more information call:

Ann Murphy @ 978-407-6451 or 978-833-4173

**Chinese Auction:** Items such as gift certificates to restaurants, or to the movies are wonderful donations. Theme Baskets and children's toys are always a big hit. Use your imagination. Any new or different item is always an eye catching draw. Need more info?

Call Jeane @ 978-874-0263



**Theme Baskets:**

Looking for theme basket donations. Sports, cooking, holiday, etc. If you have any questions call: Janeen @978-252-5281

**Lottery Tree:** Accepting scratch tickets of any value.

**Craft Booth:** We need a chairperson to run the craft booth as well as (*More Donations*). Any questions contact

Melissa at: 978-230-1114

**Pie Baking Night!**



Any Questions Contact:

Paula Keuhl 978-827-4559 or 978-400-6731

Thursday Sept 13th @ J. R. Briggs Elementary School

Pie crust donations needed, Call Paula for time.

September

Tues	9/11	7:00pm	K of C Meeting Officers
Wed	9/12	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thurs	9/13	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Church Bazaar *****</b>
Sun	9/16	8:00am	Men's Group Meeting
Wed	9/19	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	9/20	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Fri	9/21	7:00pm	Marriage Matters
Tues	9/25	7:00pm	K of C Meeting
Wed	9/19	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	9/20	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Sun	9/30	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Men's Group 5th Sunday Meeting</b>

Religious Education Events

Tues	9/11	6:00pm	Catechist Meeting
Mon	9/17	3:00pm	CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	CCD Grades 6-8
Tues	9/18	3:00pm	CCD Grades 1 & 2



**Do you know we have a new Parish Ministry Scheduler?**

- It will allow volunteers to submit availability online or through the mobile app.
  - Accommodate volunteers with busy schedules, keep families together and avoid double bookings.
  - Reduce no shows with auto reminders and let volunteers find their own subs online or through the mobile app.
- If you need assistance or would like to know more about it please do not hesitate to contact the parish offices or email directly Father Memo [fatherochoa@gmail.com](mailto:fatherochoa@gmail.com) (If for any reason you have no internet, ask for a schedule hard copy in the sacristy) Also notice you can see the schedule on the parish website under ministries.

**Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.**

8/19/18 Sunday Offertory: \$ 2,809.40  
Parish Needs: \$ 324.00



Thank you for your online donations!

**Thank you for your generous support of the parish. Your weekly financial support enables Saint Denis to provide for the needs of our parish.**