

September 23rd, 2018 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (926)

Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430



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	9/22	4:30pm	Brian J. Cormier 5th Anniversary <i>By Mom, Dad, and Joan</i>
Sun	9/23	8:00am	Mike Murphy <i>By Family</i>
		10:30am	
Mon	9/24	9:00am	
Tues	9/25	9:00am	
Wed	9/26	9:00am	
Sat	9/29	4:30pm	
Sun	9/30	8:00am	Lillian Nolan <i>By Kim Nolan</i>
		10:30am	

Partners in Charity final total exceeds 101%

September 14, 2018



"We are grateful to God that thousands of people responded with great generosity to this year's appeal," said Bishop Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester. The Development Office for the Diocese of Worcester release its final report today, showing that it had received 16,454 gifts and pledges totaling \$5,076,252, thereby exceeding the \$5 million goal for the third consecutive year.

Who Is The Greater In The Kingdom Of God?



After a long journey, Jesus asked his disciples: "What were you arguing over on the road?" The embarrassed disciples remained silent, for they had argued among themselves about which one of them could be the greatest in the "Kingdom" that Jesus constantly talks about.

It may seem surprising that after being with Jesus for nearly three years, the disciples would argue about position or rank. However, they had been raised in the Jewish religion/ political organization, which placed great importance on such matters. Evidently, this religious background, coupled with human imperfection, influenced the disciples' thinking leading them to misunderstandings on the Kingdom of Heaven like a kingdom of power, militaries, control, bureaucracy, etc.

Jesus called the disciples and said: "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and minister of all." (Mark 9:35) These words likely dumbfounded them. Jesus' reasoning directly contradicted Jewish notions of greatness! Jesus then called a little child to his side. Warmly embracing the child, he drove home his point: "Truly I say to you, Unless you turn around and become as young children, you will by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens. Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this young child is the one that is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens." Matthew 18:3,4

What a profound object lesson in humility! Let us cultivate childlike humility if we are to inherit God's Kingdom. Let us be teachable and trusting in the arms of "my Heavenly Father". Let us be pure in heart and mind. Let us be like children who possess a remarkable capacity to forgive and soon again continue playing happily. Children are full of Joy. Indeed, the Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of celebration.

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference



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Join us for the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 10th 2018 to rediscover and renew your faith. There will be wonderful talks by great national speakers and opportunities to meet them and make new friends. There will be time for fellowship, to go to confession, celebrate the Eucharist, and altogether strengthen your Catholic identity! Join us for this conference to Know Him, to Love Him, and to Serve Him.

When: November 10, 2018 (Registration Begins at 7:30 AM)
Where: Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street Worcester, MA 01609 (Tsotis Building)
Theme: "To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him."
All are welcome!

More info:
www.worcestercatholicwomensconference.com

Knights of Columbus Council 15972

The Knights of Columbus Council 15972 will conduct a Winter Coat Drive from October 13 to November 11, 2018. Clean coats for all ages, male and female, new and clean, lightly used are needed. Winter hats and gloves are also needed. Bins will be placed at the main entrance to the church. Your help is appreciated.



Special Highlights | Offertory Update | Upcoming Events

Ham & Bean Supper

Saturday October 20th
at 5:30 PM

Come and share in the
company and great food!

Tickets \$8

Begin to go on sale 23rd after Mass



Knights of Columbus Council 15972

The Knights of Columbus Council 15972 is collecting new coats for children in the Ash-West school district, grades 1 through 5. Coats donated will be sent to the nurse coordinator for the school district for distribution to needy students on an as needed basis.

Beginning September 15th and running through October 7th, 2018, coupons with coat sizes will be hung at main entrance to the church. Please take a coupon which will have the needed coat size. Please deliver the coats to the bins placed at the church entrance between the above dates. Winter mittens and hats for grade school children will also be appreciated.



We want to thank all of you who participated and contributed to the bazaar! We could not have made it happen without your help. We realize your time is valuable. We will provide a note on how we did next week as all the numbers are not in yet!

Raffle winners:

1st Prize: \$1000 went to: Antonette Comeau

2nd Prize \$500 went to: Paula Pitkiewicz

3rd Prize \$300 went to: Leslie Gould

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.

September

Tues	9/25	7:00pm	K of C Meeting
Wed	9/26	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	9/27	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Sun	9/30	9:00am	Men's Group 5th Sunday Meeting

October

Wed	10/3	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	10/4	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Sun	10/7	8:00am	Men's Group Sunday Meeting
Wed	10/10	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	10/11	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Wed	10/17	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	10/18	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Fri	10/19	7:00pm	Marriage Matters

Religious Education Events

Sun	9/23	6:00pm	Grade 10 Classes
Mon	9/24	3:00pm	CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	CCD Grades 6-8
Tues	9/25	3:00pm	CCD Grades 1 & 2
Wed	9/26	6:00pm	New to Program (Parents)
Sun	9/30	6:00pm	Grade 9 Classes
Mon	10/1	3:00pm	CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	CCD Grades 6-8

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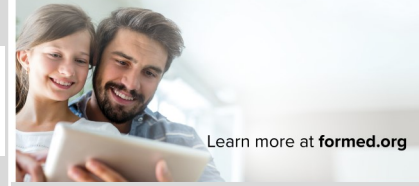
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Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.

9/16/18 Sunday Offertory: \$ 1,933.00
Parish Needs: \$ 75.00



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