

September 30th, 2018 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (929)

# 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](https://saintdenisashburnham.org/online-giving))



Sat	9/29	4:30pm	
Sun	9/30	8:00am	<b>Lillian Nolan</b> <i>14th Anniversary</i> <i>By Kim Nolan</i>
		10:30am	
Mon	10/1	9:00am	<b>Emerenciana &amp; Marcial Yandoc</b> <i>By Family</i>
Tues	10/2	9:00am	
Wed	10/3	9:00am	
Sat	10/6	4:30pm	<b>Margret Leblanc</b> <i>5th Anniversary</i> <i>By Jane Erickson</i>
Sun	10/7	8:00am	<b>Philip Renda</b> <i>By Fran Balzar</i>
		10:30am	<b>Audrey Santo</b> <i>By Heather Barber</i>

**By Bishop Robert J. McManus**



“Why am I Catholic?” Sadly, this question is being asked by many Catholics these days as there is no shortage of stories in the news involving various types of abuse by members of the clergy including bishops.

My answer is this: We are Catholic because we recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross and to rise up to offer us the hope of eternal life. We are still Catholic because within the community of the Catholic faith, which is the Church, we have come to know God in our lives and the lives of our fellow believers. As a result, we want to continue to experience that sense of love and hope deepened and strengthened through the reception of the sacraments of the Church, in particular the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Lastly, we are still Catholic because we want to share God’s love in service to others in imitation of Christ, the Head of the Church.

Today we are practically overwhelmed by anger, disgust and frustration because certain clergy, whether bishops, priests or deacons, have turned away from God’s love for them. They have abandoned their ordained duty to share God’s love with a heart conformed to that of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and have used other people for their own, perverted self-satisfaction. We are angered because, in doing so, these men have victimized children and young people in such a way that they often have stolen away the children’s sense of hope, and have deeply violated the dignity that belongs to them as children of God. Moreover, their relationship with God and the Church is often tragically shattered for a lifetime.

While I share in this anger, I plead with Catholics to not lose faith in Christ’s Church.

Lastly, I ask for prayers for me so that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may continue to guide me as I serve the faithful of the Diocese of Worcester who have been entrusted to my pastoral care, as well as all those who are assisted daily by our pastoral, charitable and educational agencies and ministries.

*Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester, was installed as the Fifth Bishop of Worcester in May, 2004. The Diocese of Worcester is contiguous with Worcester County and has 96 parishes and 4 missions along with schools and various institutions serving over 275,000 Catholics.*

**Visit our web site:**

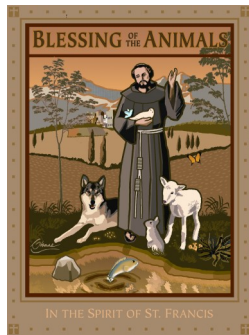
- Everything is on the calendar
  - Request mass intentions online
  - Request letters confirming sacraments online
  - Online Giving (Instead of envelopes)
  - Pay for Events (Ham & Bean Supper)
- [www.saintdenisashburnham.com](http://www.saintdenisashburnham.com)



**PET BLESSING IN HONOR OF ST FRANCIS**

On Sunday, October 7 at 12:00 noon on the Church lawn

St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, was born in Italy around 1181 or 1182.



Each day our pets bless us with unconditional love and joy. Every year on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, many people of faith around the world host events where animals are blessed. This year our Church will sponsor a blessing of pets on Sunday after masses.

Why a pet blessing? It’s an opportunity to celebrate God’s compassion and concern for all creatures...It’s an occasion to meet neighbors and enjoy easy conversation about a common interest – pets we love.

Any pet that is safe to bring is welcome. Please get the word around and invite friends and neighbors to bring their pets along.

# 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/Person \$30/Family

Tickets on Sale Now! After Mass and on our web site

<https://saintdenisashburnham.org/parish-events>



We would like to **thank you** all again for your time, talent and donations that made the bazaar a success!



We have the basic results of the Bazaar:

Gross Income was \$11,328.96

Expense \$4,466.40

Net Income This Year \$ 6,862.56

If you want to know more in detail about the Church bazaar, numbers, concerns or ways to do better, come and join a meeting on Sunday October 14 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. This meeting is crucial on future events.

## 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.



## 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.



## 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
Sun	10/14	12:00pm	<b>Planning Meeting on bazaar</b>
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
Sun	10/21	8:00am	Men's Group Meeting
Tues	10/23	7:00pm	K of C Meeting
Wed	10/24	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	10/25	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study

## Religious Education Events

Sun	9/30	6:00pm	Grade 9 Classes
		8:00pm	Reconciliation Prep
Mon	10/1	3:00pm	CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	CCD Grades 6-8
Tues	10/2	10:00am	CGS Classes
		3:00pm	CCD Grades 1 & 2
Wed	10/3	3:15pm	CGS Classes
Tues	10/9	10:00am	CGS Classes
Sun	10/14	6:00pm	Grade 10 Classes
Mon	10/15	3:00pm	CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	CCD Grades 6-8
Tues	10/16	10:00am	CGS Classes
		3:00pm	CCD Grades 1 & 2

Help your parish! Use online giving. You can do it from the web site or ask the secretary to help you set it up! Get rid of the need for envelopes!



Online Givers will have Special cards in the front of the church if you wish to put into the basket! Look on the table with Living Faith books are

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

9/23/18 Sunday Offertory: \$ 2,380.00  
Parish Needs: \$ 35.00



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.**