

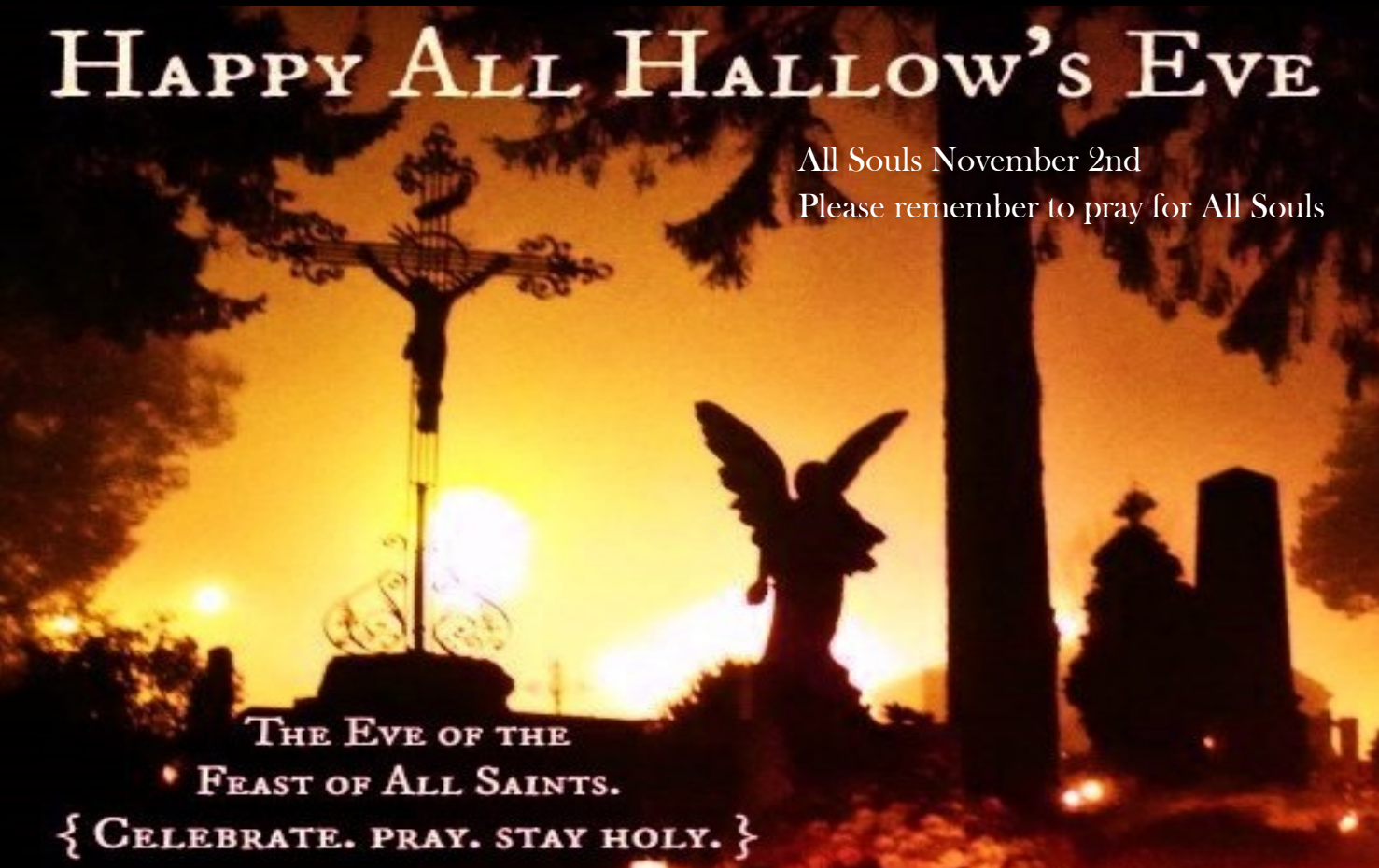
October 28th, 2018 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (941)

# Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

## HAPPY ALL HALLOW'S EVE

All Souls November 2nd  
Please remember to pray for All Souls



THE EVE OF THE  
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.  
{ CELEBRATE. PRAY. STAY HOLY. }

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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](text:84576) Message (StDenis85)



Sat	10/27	4:30pm	<b>Deceased Benefactors of St Denis Parish</b>
Sun	10/28	8:00am	<b>Gordon "Baldie" Balzer</b> <i>By Family</i>
			<b>Robert F. Bouvier</b> <i>By Susan &amp; David Berger</i>
		10:30am	<b>Pray for deceased members of the family Jimenez Tierranegra</b>
Mon	10/29	9:00am	
Tues	10/30	9:00am	
Wed	10/31	9:00am	
Sat	11/3	4:30pm	<b>Gloria Heughins</b> <i>By Family</i>
			<b>Fred Flemming</b> <i>By Glenn Chapmann</i>
Sun	11/4	8:00am	<b>Philip Renda</b> <i>By Fran Balzar</i>
		10:30am	<b>Isabelle Hall</b> <i>By Family</i>

**ALL HALLOW'S EVE**

Everybody knows the secular holiday of Halloween. But not everybody knows it derives from a holy day, All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, which is followed by All Souls' day on Nov. 2.



The root word of Halloween - "hallow" - means "holy." The suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening." It refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before the Christian holy day that honors saintly people. The Church celebrates holy men and women throughout the year on various saints days, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honors every saint: those officially known and honored on the Church calendar, and saints known only to God. This concept is similar to the American holidays of Veterans Day and Presidents Day, on which a group of people are honored. While we have information about many saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been honored specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy individuals, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.


On the other hand, the origins of Halloween are Celtic in tradition and have to do with observing the end of summer sacrifices to gods in Druidic tradition. Most of our Halloween practices can be traced back to these old pagan (dark) rites and superstitions. Unfortunately, in today's Western culture it is nearly impossible to "avoid Halloween" due to so much consumerism and retail spending.

If you have decided to allow your children to dress up, wear more "innocent" costumes of pumpkins, princesses, angels, saints, etc.

Also, know that there is a spiritual world filled with goodness from God and evil from Satan (Ephesians 2:1-10); life with Christ has power over darkness (1 John 4:4).

We are children of light, therefore may every decoration or any costume resembles the Kingdom of Heaven but not a "kingdom of darkness".

Fr. Memo



**St Vincent De Paul Society**


Your St. Denis St. Vincent de Paul Conference works very closely with the Community Church and People's Church in Ashburnham to support the food pantry which is used to assist many people in the area. St. V assists many in the community with emergency medical needs, rent, food, utilities and other means of help. Anyone assisted is treated with respect and confidentiality, as we know how difficult it is to be in a receiving position; our hope is that temporary assistance will help them overcome a difficult period in their lives.

Occasionally someone may need assistance with meals or being driven to a doctor's appointment, and we'd like to compile a list of parishioners who might be willing to occasionally help with those needs. A list will be left in the back of the church for sign-ups. These needs may not occur often, but it is a means of demonstrating the love for one another that Jesus has asked of each of us.

Thank you for your help.

Thank You

We want to thank all who organized and helped with the Ham and Bean Supper. We had a great time of fellowship.



The Parish raised \$746.00. Your financial support enables Saint Denis to provide for the needs of our parish.

**"GOT YOUR BACK" Backpack Drive for Our Father's House**



We delivered 17 full backpacks this week. Our Father's House is thrilled. We have almost 100 backpacks committed. Please share with family and friends and help to get more backpacks out there. More backpacks available this weekend. The included guide sheets are suggestions and you certainly do not have to buy everything. That is the unique experience that you buy and choose what you want to give. Please spread the word to family and friends so we can supply more backpacks. May God bless You for your participation.

Questions call Jeff or Rose Lawrence 978-827-3326

**Do you want to make sure our Church looks beautiful for Christmas?**



Come and join The Decorating Ministry for an Advent and Christmas. Getting ready meeting at the Parish Hall  
 When? On **Tuesday November 6 at 6:30 pm**  
 More info: [CBourgault@msn.com](mailto:CBourgault@msn.com)  
**St. Denis Church Decorating Ministry** help to create a warm and inviting church atmosphere by offering their time, talent, and treasure to beautify the House of the Lord. We strive to make the liturgical seasons and feast days come alive through the visual aids of color and design. Check our ministry on the parish website and bring your ideas.



**On Sunday November 4th at 10:30 AM Mass**

We will be having the Rite of Acceptance for our 3 Catechumens for RCIA. Please welcome them!

- Grace Martineau
- Liz Kelly
- Cameron Rodriguez

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.

**October**

Wed 10/31 9:30am Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group

**November**

Thur 11/1 9:00am **All Saints Day (Holy Day)**  
 7:00pm **All Saints Day (Holy Day)**  
 Fri 11/2 7:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration  
 Sun 11/4 8:00am Men's Group Meeting  
 10:30am RICA Rite of Acceptance Mass  
 Tues 11/5 6:30pm Decorating Ministry Meeting  
 Wed 11/7 9:30am Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group  
 Thur 11/8 6:30pm Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study  
 Sun 11/11 12:00pm Annual Parish Finance Meeting  
 Wed 11/14 9:30am Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group



**Religious Education Events**

Sun 10/28 8:00am Reconciliation Prep  
 6:00pm No CCD Grade 9 Classes  
 Mon 10/29 3:00pm CCD Grades 3-5  
 6:30pm CCD Grades 6-8  
 Tues 10/30 10:00am CGS Classes  
 3:00pm CCD Grades 1 & 2  
 Wed 10/31 3:15pm CGS Classes  
 Mon 11/5 3:00pm NO CCD Grades 3-5  
 6:30pm NO CCD Grades 6-8  
 Tues 11/6 10:00am NO CGS Classes  
 3:00pm NO CCD Grades 1 & 2  
 Wed 11/7 3:15pm CGS Classes

**Pastoral Council Election**

Fr Memo and Deacon Rich is looking for nominations for the Parish Council. Anyone interested can volunteer or suggest someone who would be a good fit for the Parish Council. See Fr Memo or Deacon Rich

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

10/21/18 Sunday Offertory: \$ 2,493.00  
 Parish Needs: \$ 430.00  
 2nd Collection to Diocese: World Mission  
 \$ 424.00



Thank you for your online donations!  
 10/21/18 Online Donations: \$ 70.00



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