

December 23rd, 2018 | Fourth Sunday of Advent | (794)

# Saint Denis Parish

85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14



Have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas



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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

## ADMINISTRATOR

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## NOTIFY THE RECTORY

Visitation of the sick & elderly  
Weddings, Pastoral Care



Sat	12/22	4:30pm	<b>Alice Leblanc</b> <i>By Edith &amp; Roland Leblanc</i>
Sun	12/23	8:00am	<b>David M. Chapman</b> <i>Glenn Chapman</i>
		10:30am	
Mon	12/24	4:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>
		6:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>
		10:00pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
Tues	12/25	10:00am	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
Wed	12/26	9:00am	
Sat	12/29	4:30pm	
Sun	12/30	8:00am	<b>Arthur R. Marcoux</b> <i>By Bob &amp; Helene</i>
		10:30am	

**Please note the Christmas Mass Schedule this week:**

Mon	12/24	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Children's Liturgy)
		5:30pm	Holy Rosary Recitation led by Peter Tamas
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
		10:00pm	Midnight Mass
Tues	12/25	10:00am	Christmas Day Mass

Please note\* Monday and Tuesday Daily Masses are canceled for the week of Christmas.

**4th Sunday of Advent**



“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44) When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect

We wish to thank all who worked so hard to make the Breakfast w/ Santa a success. Especially the Knights of Columbus and Families who sponsored the event. The people who came and donated their time treasure and resources.



We raised \$965.00 for the Altar Servers Ministry from donations received for the event.

***Christmas Dinner Prayer***

*Dear God, your love brought Jesus to the earth, and love brings us to this Christmas table. Today as we celebrate this special day, may we also share with one another a joyful heart and a warm smile.*

*May our Christmas dinner be filled with your gifts of hope, faith, joy, peace, and love represented by your birth; filling our lives and become part of all that we say and do.*

*In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving, help us to honor your birth by working for one another making a piece of heaven on earth.*

*We ask you to bless our food and us and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In the peace of this season, our spirits are joyful. With all creatures, the angels, the shepherds, the stars, with Mary and Joseph we praise you. And may the memories of today warm our hearts for years to come.*

*Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



The K of C council is hoping to establish a youth group for grade 7 and 8 children in St. Denis Parish. The K of C is also hoping to do the same thing at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Westminster. We will have both youth groups come together for special events. Since the children know each other from Overlook Middle School they would have much in common.

The first step is to have parents volunteer to work with the children from each parish. Please contact Joe Macchia 978 874 6282 or email me at josephmacchia@aol.com



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas!

Savor Christ's presence in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.



We want to thank all who donated to the Parish for Christmas Flowers and those who decked our Halls and made our church beautiful for both "Lessons and Carols" and our Christmas season. Donations so far have reached \$559.00 to help decorate the church.

### 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.



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.

### December

Sun	12/23	10:30am	Christmas Pageant after Mass
Mon	12/24	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
		10:00pm	Midnight Mass
Tues	12/25	10:00am	Christmas Day Mass
Wed	12/26	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	12/27	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Sun	12/30	8:00am	Men's Group/Bible Study
Wed	1/2	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	1/3	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Sun	1/6	8:00am	Men's Group Meeting (Bible Study)
		8:00pm	K of C Officers Installation
Wed	1/9	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	1/10	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study
Wed	1/16	9:30am	Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group
Thur	1/17	6:30pm	Kerygma Prayer/Bible Study

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mon	12/24	3:00pm	NO CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	NO CCD Grades 6-8
Tues	12/25	10:00am	NO CGS Classes
		3:00pm	NO CCD Grades 1 & 2
Wed	12/26	3:15pm	CGS Classes
Mon	12/31	3:00pm	NO CCD Grades 3-5
		6:30pm	NO CCD Grades 6-8
Tues	1/1	10:00am	NO CGS Classes
		3:00pm	NO CCD Grades 1 & 2
Wed	1/2	3:15pm	CGS Classes

### RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Honoring their lives of service



Thank you for donating to the Retirement fund. Many religious continue to serve after retirement and your giving helps those who need it most. We collected \$410.00 so far to help those in need. This does is not part of the Diocesan collection.

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

12/16/18	Sunday Offertory:	\$ 2,495.00
	Parish Needs:	\$ 165.00
	Fuel & Maint.	\$ 65.00

12/16/18 Online Donations: \$ 100.00

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

