Saint Denis Parish
85 Main Street / Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

Saint Francis: The Patron of Animals and Ecology

“All Creatures Of The Lord Praise The Lord” (Psalm 148)

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LORD’S DAY MASSES
Saturday – 4:30 pm
Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30 am

DAILY MASSES
Monday – Wednesday 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday
10:00 - 3:00 pm.
Office 24/7 available
on website:
www.saintdenisasburnham.com
Bulletin requests, Prayer requests
Mass Intentions, Event Tickets
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NOTIFY THE RECTORY
978-827-5806
Visitation of the sick & elderly
Weddings, Funerals,
Pastoral Care, Etc.

St Denis Cemetery
Kelton Rd
Ashburnham, MA 01430
978-827-5806
https://saintdenisasburnham.org/cemetery
Mass Intentions

Sat 10/5 4:30 pm  Margaret Leblanc 6th Anniversary
By Jane Erickson

Sun 10/6 8:00 am  10:30 am  Paul H. Collette 100th Birthday
By Richard & Sue Rexford
Jerry Racette
By Gerry & Carol

Sat 10/12 4:30 pm
Sun 10/13 8:00 am  10:30 am  Patricia Cavanaugh
By Deacon Rich & Elaine

Ham and Bean Supper
October 19th, 5:30 PM
Tickets on sale now Online!
Click Above or Go on our Website!
Tickets will also be on sale after Masses as well.
Tickets are $12.00/ Person, $40.00/Family
Funds from the dinner will benefit our parish “Formed” subscription. Which benefits Religious Education, Local Parish ministries and each of you individually as we all have the right to use it to better our faith.

PET BLESSING IN HONOR OF ST FRANCIS

On Sunday, October 6th 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.

This gospel about the mustard seed is familiar to so many of us, and I think we all understand the larger point Jesus is trying to make – that even a little bit of faith can work wonders. That it can grow, and strengthen, and make possible miracles.

But there is something else here that is easy to overlook, another message worth remembering.

It is a reminder to us of how much God treasures those things that are small.

After all, He came to us as one who was small Himself – a helpless baby, without a home, in a forgotten corner of an occupied country.

He feels a special affinity for those things in this world that are weak. Overlooked. Neglected. Dismissed. Little.

I think of St. Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day we celebrated this week – a young woman, barely more than a girl, who hid herself in a Carmelite convent and vowed to find her path to God through what she called her “Little Way.” She died at just 24 – and is hailed today not only as one of the most beloved saints but as one of the greatest doctors of the Church.

Or consider the woman who took her name, Mother Teresa — now Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who dared to embrace and love those nobody else would even touch. She once said that while we may not all be able to do great things, we can all do small things with great love. That message has moved millions of all faiths – and even those of no faith – all over the world.

Kerygma — What is it anyway?
It is a Prayer /Bible Study and much more! We share our faith stories and experiences It is a place to ask questions, get answers Every Thursday’s @ 7 PM Fr Lacy Hall
Please contact Carol Hamel at mcarolkenai@icloud.com if you want to get involved and do more to help the unborn babies in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save the lives of subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in our area. We will be working with St Edward the Confessor Parish. By supporting the office of healing and prevention, we can make a difference and provide for the needs of our parish.

Anyone interested in receiving the bulletin via email and is not comfortable setting it up can call Andy @ 978-827-5806 or E-mail me at stdenis@comcast.net and I will set it up for you on Flocknote.

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

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