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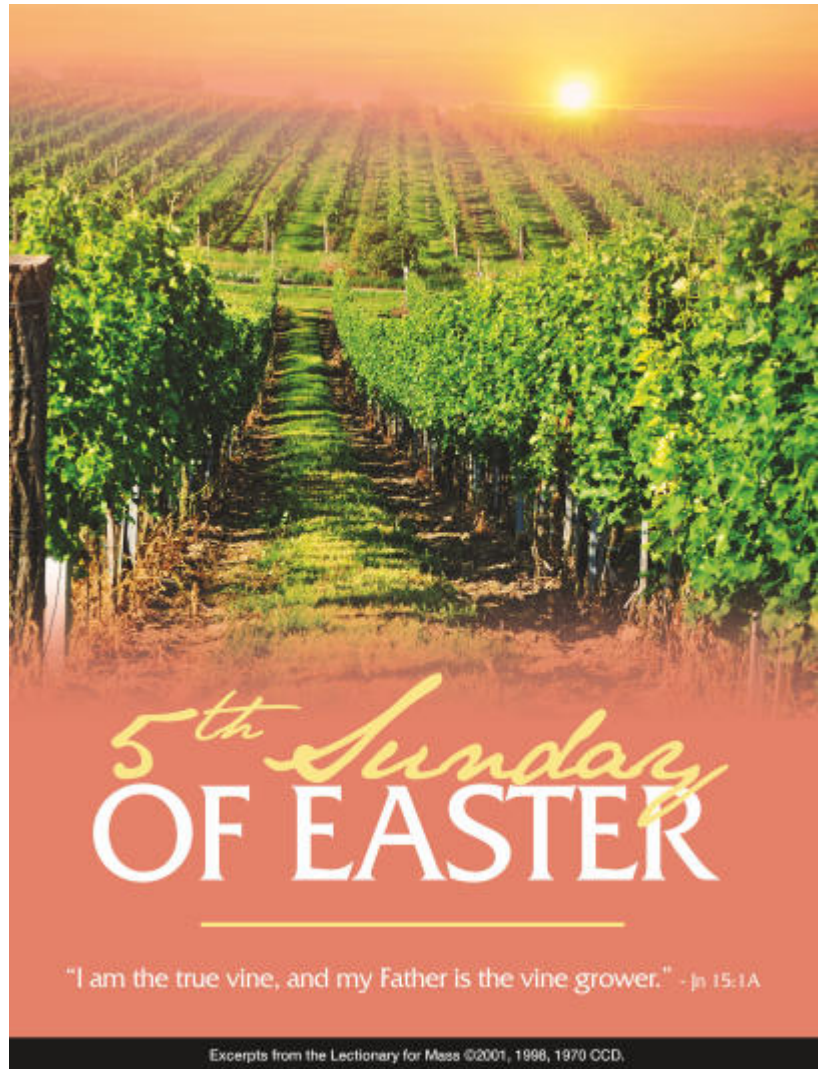
# THE COMMUNITY OF

# *Saint Denis*

*Celebrating God's Love  
for All People*

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## **Our St. Denis Mission Statement**

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

## **Declaración de Misión de San Denis**

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

## THIS AND THAT

The announcement of Cardinal Cupich's decision for our Ashburn grouping of parishes was originally scheduled for March. As you remember, at that time the Cardinal postponed this Renew My Church decision until early May. The announcement has now been scheduled for Monday, May 10 @ 8:00 PM. It will be a live Teams event. Information and the registration link can be found at [renewmychurch.org/decisions/parish-announcements](https://renewmychurch.org/decisions/parish-announcements). You need to register to participate.

It is important to pray in these days leading up to the announcement as well as all the days after the announcement. Perhaps you have been praying the Renew My Church prayer that we have been including in this bulletin. We first started praying it at Mass several years ago. Remember?

Today, I would like to share a favorite prayer of mine. It's by Thomas Merton and comes from his *Thoughts in Solitude*. If you simply replace the word "I" with the word "we", it's a good prayer for us right now. It is often titled "A Prayer of Unknowing."

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen."

May God bless us with health, peace, and joy,  
Fr. Ted

## *A Prayer for "Renew My Church"*

*Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other attentively, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good, to hand on your gifts to future generations.*

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*



### **Those who are ill...**

Elida Diaz, Al Dilger,  
Mary Frazzini, Renee Pletsch

### **Those who serve our country...**

Ryan Danielian,  
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 1, 2021</b> Natalie Wittmacher
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>May 2, 2021</b> Marlem Romano
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 3, 2021</b> Jesus Paz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 4, 2021</b> Int. of Sr. Elizabeth Lynch
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 5, 2021</b> Bernie McAleenan
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 6, 2021</b> Thomas Kendra



*Thank you to our Reopening Team members for their continued commitment of time and energy which allows Mass to take place.*

**MAY**

May 5



National Day of  
**PRAYER**

May 6

Employees and those working with children and vulnerable adults need to complete their May Virtus bulletin this week!

Thank you.

May 9



**Give to Change Lives**

Please join Catholic Charities, next Sunday, May 9, 2021 in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to mothers and children who make up the largest group of people we serve at Catholic Charities.

Your gift to the 2021 Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection means that they don't have to walk alone. Your support will provide food, shelter, housing, counseling, maternity assistance, childcare, domestic-violence support and other life-changing programs



May 15

May 16



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

May 23

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal  
Our 2021 goal is \$11,004

Thank you to those who have been able to make a pledge to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make a pledge for this year and would like to do so at this time it would be greatly appreciated.

May 30



May 31

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