

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

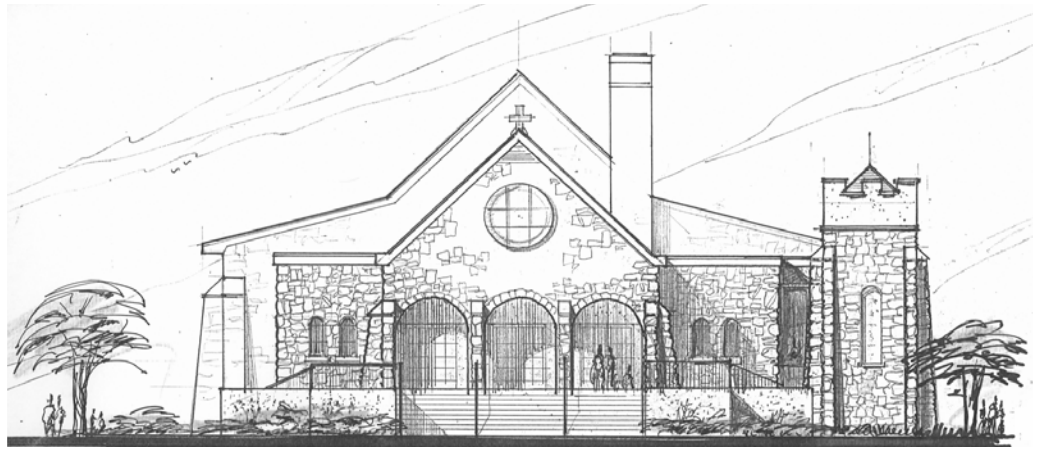
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh."

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: Evening before: 7:00 PM & day of: 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM - St. Denis Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday from 3:30 until 4:15 PM - St. Denis Church. Also by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass - St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm at St. Denis Church. Parents must complete the required preparation with the priest or deacon and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS - Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5, 2019

8:30 am Elizabeth Maiorana by the Herbert & Lamberson Families
 8:30 am Frank Coghill by the Wynd Family
 8:30 am Maureen Meehan by Maureen Caesar
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:00 am Jules & Josephine Bogdziewicz by their Daughter
 8:00 am Lisa Neary by the Blanco Family
 8:00 am Ann Zito by Luann & John Quigley & Family
 9:30 am Benjamin I. Stevens by Denise Yee
 9:30 am Raymond Nakielny by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Gabriele
 9:30 am Hugh A. Boyle by Uncle Bobby
 10:00 am Kyle Janeczek by Barbara Ranaudo
 10:00 am Margaret Hilger by the Coccozza Family
 10:00 am Jack Hill by Gus & Pat Herrmann
 11:00 am Pat Toscano by Barbara & Lou Nieves
 11:00 am Frank Reilly by Joann Schwarzbek
 11:00 am Bernadette Dente by Lucia & Joseph Nitti

Monday, January 7, 2019

7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by John Brennan
 7:30 am Daniel Duffy by Susan Schreck
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:30 am Florence McManus by Irene
 7:30 am Katherine Perusi by Carol Rizzi
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

7:30 am Frankie McGinley (1st Anniversary) by Daughter, Frances
 7:30 am Katherine Perusi by John & Tina O'Donnell
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Thursday, January 10, 2019– No Mass

Friday, January 11, 2019

7:30 am Michael Lynch by Richard Tipaldi
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 7:30 am Intentions of Marcella Blewitt by St. Denis Parish

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30 am Katherine Perusi by Deacon Gary Pstrak
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 4:30 pm Phyllis Firman by Margaret & Mel Price
 4:30 pm Jim Hodgkiss by Cathy Wolfe
 4:30 pm Ann Licata by Arthur Licata

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Patrick Toner by the Beattie Family
 9:30 am William E. Kayal by the Beattie Family
 9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Muti by the Family
 10:00 am James Hourihan by the Family
 10:00 am Kyle Janeczek by the Cluley Family
 10:00 am Alexander Moskov by the Moskov Family
 11:00 am Richard Stroploi by the Ribeira Family
 11:00 am Richard Ramme by Terry & Adam Ginther
 11:00 am Frank & Betty Ernst by Cindy & Scott Ernst



Mass nor Communion Service will no longer be celebrated on Thursdays at our parish. The only exceptions will be holy days of obligation that fall on a Thursday.

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified. Thank you!



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Joseph Siple, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, John Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein,

Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Kathy Kleinlein, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Thomas J. Mahoney, Victoria Margadonna, Christopher Pindar, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Catherine Ziesmer, Matthew DeGenova, Kathy Larkin, Daniel Meehan, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Daniel Duffy, Dorothy Goerke, Mary Cappiello, and Elsie Carey.



MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website. The bulletin is posted on the website on Friday mornings. For list of intentions visit www.churchofstdenis.org.



**WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JULES & JOSEPHINE BOGDZIEWICZ
REQUESTED BY THEIR DAUGHTER**

YOUTH GROUP-We are reaching out to everyone about this year's Diocesan Youth Conference to be held at Holy Cross Prep in Delran, N.J. on February 9th. We will be going as a youth group to the conference. All volunteers will be driving and parents can attend too, if they wish. The Diocesan Youth Conference is the yearly gathering for the youth of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an opportunity for teens in grades 8-12 to encounter Jesus through the joyful celebration of our Catholic Faith. The day will be filled with fun activities and it will end with Mass with Bishop O'Connell. We are asking everyone to please RSVP ahead of time by emailing the Youth Group (stdenisyg@yahoo.com) with your names and number of kids/parents attending and T-shirt size. Once you RSVP you will be sent a permission slip. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by January 13th which will be our first youth group meeting of the New Year (6-7:30 pm in the cafeteria).

DOVES VITAMIN DRIVE- The DOVES will hold its seventh annual Vitamin Drive the weekend of January 12-13. Donations of adult and children's multi-vitamins (no gummies, please) will benefit the Henry B. King Medical Brigade's 28th annual mission to care for the sick and poor of Santa Barbara, Honduras. The local brigade is a team of forty medical professionals, translators and student aides that provide free medical care to over 2,000 adults and children. Each team member pays his/her own expenses and all supplies are donated. Please place all vitamin donations in the designated boxes in the church and chapel those weekends. The DOVES and the medical brigade thank you in advance for your support. To arrange an alternate drop-off, call Ellen Easton at 732-278-0954.



our military, especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. Honrath, Navy MIDN Nora N. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Captain David Smith, Senior Airman John J. Kosequat, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Army 2nd Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Army Major Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith, Navy MIDN Michael Zimmerman U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Allison M. Ingraham at West Point Academy, Lt. Col. Ivan Ingraham USMC, and Airman Andrew Halmi.

Recovery Corner

Addiction is not a moral failing. There is help. Anyone affected by addiction is welcome each Thursday at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm as we support one another by applying what scripture says about recovery. Call 848-333-7085 for information.



FAMILY EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ADDICTION SERIES- Available Mondays, 7:00 pm, at 67 Atlantic Ave. in Manasquan Recreation Annex. **RAFTS**- "Recovery Advocates For The Shore" located in Manasquan, is a non-clinical, non-profit, peer-based community organization serving the recovery needs of individuals and their families struggling with behavioral or substance addiction. It is free of charge. 1-833-2BSOBER www.raftsnj.org

Please note-There will be a special Mass at the end of January for those affected by addiction. Date to be announced. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS- Today's bulletin contains only some of the names of those loved ones who were remembered or honored with Christmas flower donations. Other names will appear in future bulletins. Thank you to all who made donations to this collection.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. New members are always welcome to join!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- All children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children will proceed to the church basement before the first reading and return during the offertory. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. If interested, call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 25-27. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. Visit: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION- Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will help to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

MONITOR SUBSCRIPTIONS- Envelopes have been provided in your monthly packets enabling you to order a new subscription or renew an existing subscription to the Monitor, the newspaper of the Diocese of Trenton. The paper contains columns and stories about happenings in our diocese as well as up-to-date information on Catholic news. To subscribe, please fill out the yellow Monitor envelope dated January 13th and place it in the basket with the regular collection next weekend. **PLEASE NOTE: CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SAINT DENIS CHURCH.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm Come join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in the church on Fridays.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE-Ladies, You can join WWP at any time! *Opening Your Heart*, the foundational study of *Walking with Purpose (WWP)*, is designed for you to join our table at any time as we discuss our Catholic faith with fun, sincere, respectful conversation. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience—we welcome you to learn how the scriptures and sacraments apply to our everyday lives. Study groups meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm, St. Denis School Building. **To learn more visit www.wwpnjshore.com.**

BLAZE is the Walking With Purpose ministry developed for middle school aged girls. Our mission with *Blaze* is to use scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty. Our *Blaze* ministry offers resources to help you reach the hearts of middle school girls with the love of Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith. Two years of curriculum, a kit full of take home gifts and ice breakers, a mother/daughter devotional, retreat guides, Bible studies, and prayer journals give you all you need to communicate with middle school girls as they navigate truth and lies in their everyday life. Meetings are on Fridays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the library of the school building and will continue 2-3 times per month until May. Registration forms can be found on the information table in the gathering space of the church. They may also be picked up at the rectory office during regular business hours. If you have any questions email Jennifer at jenniferfmahoney@gmail.com.

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY INTERFAITH COALITION helping older members of our community and congregation. There are many older people living in our parish...in our neighborhood...who are in need of a little help to continue living with dignity and independence at home. **If you can spare just a few hours a week, you can be involved in this ministry. For information contact the Caregiver Office at www.caregivervolunteers.org or 732-876-3900.**



**SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTY
732-223-1383**

Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)
HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3RD & 4TH SATURDAY: 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed: Canned chili, canned chicken, large apple juice, canned chicken noodle soup, sugar, vinegar, flour, mustard, microwave popcorn, chips, pretzels, regular coffee, regular instant coffee, cookies, male and female deodorant, dish liquid, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry detergent. *Items in bold are depleted. New reusable shopping bags and heavy duty brown bags with handles are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the shopping cart that is located in the gathering space near the stairwell to Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Non-perishable food may also be brought to the Beach Chapel. Please check expiration dates. Thank you!

Save The Date! Save the Date!

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**New Year, New You Retreat
Saturday, January 26, 2019
1:00-4:00 pm at St. Denis School
Share in 4:30 pm Mass
with fellow retreat attendees
No cost**

Give those resolutions a fighting chance.
Let your faith lead you to getting healthy.
Learn about The Daniel Plan.

**Contact Eileen at (732) 223-0287 or
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For information or to let us know you are coming!

THE DANIEL PLAN- LIVE YOUR LIFE ABUNDANTLY!-

Join us for the Daniel Plan Ministry. The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on *the Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends*. The program offers an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people get better together by optimizing their health in each of these life areas. The program is open to anyone who is looking to improve his/her health using bible-based principles. Newcomers are welcome! **Contact Eileen Ziesmer with questions (732) 223-0287 When? Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm** Where? St. Denis school building Leader/Facilitator: Monica Butler

ST. DENIS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

GROUP-If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance this series will offer support, prayer and work on answering questions about loss, grief, coping and potential for renewal of self and hope. Join us on: Thursdays, **11 am-12 pm at the St Denis Parish Office. Contact Eileen Ziesmer at eileenziezmer@gmail.com or 732-223-0287 to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!**



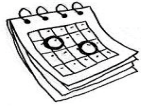
**THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



A continued Merry Christmas season and many blessings in the New Year. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to extend our most sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of our parish family for your generous and thoughtful support to our ministry through your financial and food donations. Without your faithful help, we would not be able to assist so many needy families in our area. We are truly blessed. God bless you and your families.

If you would like to find out more about our ministry, please come to one of our general meetings. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Our next meeting will be January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church).

If you need assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 732-223-1383.



Upcoming Events

THE EMMAUS GROUP-MEN'S SPIRITUALITY- Join with about 3 dozen men (from their 30's to 70's) from both St. Denis and Epiphany Parishes for a great conversation following the 9:00 am Mass on Saturday, January 12th at Epiphany Parish (615 Theile Rd., Brick, on the corner of Herbertsville Rd. just 10 min. away). It's about practical matters of the faith from a male perspective. Great for brainstorming new ways to live our Catholic discipleship. New grooms and dads can gain a great perspective. Make it your New Year's Resolution to take the time, once a month, and attend.

GRANDPARENTS GUILD MEETING- New Year means new topics and new experiences to share!!! Make it your New Year's Resolution to join us for our first meeting on January 13th after the 11am Mass, downstairs. We will have refreshments and be discussing a new topic and sharing ideas for grand parenting joy and success in 2019.

PRE-MARCH FOR LIFE WITH BISHOP O'CONNELL- THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH 7:00 PM, FREEHOLD- Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, Bishop of Trenton, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine and is open to all-especially those who cannot make it to the March for Life in Washington D.C. the next day. Life is precious from conception to natural death. For more information call Tom Panettiere at 908-338-7128 or email him at: tpanettiere@victorypackaging.com.

MARY'S CHILD PRO-LIFE MINISTRY WANTS YOU TO GET ON THE BUS!! Join a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the 2019 March for Life on Friday, January 18th, 2018. *Leaving St. Catharine Church after 6:45 am Mass, and returning at 9:30 pm. The suggested donation: \$10/student \$20/adult includes transportation & breakfast! For reservation contact Sheila Kenny 201-637-7618 or smohk@me.com *Leaving St. Rose High School at 7:30 am, returning 9:30 pm. For reservations contact Aileen Crean 732-272-8108 ajcrean9@gmail.com. Join us for song, prayer, and fellowship as we celebrate LIFE!

MASS FOR LIFE/RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019—46TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE v WADE- Join hundreds of people from all over New Jersey in opposition to the killing of the innocent unborn through abortion as we pray and rally for LIFE! **Join Msgr. Roldan, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton as he celebrates a Mass for Life at 9:30 am.** (151 N. Warren St., Trenton). Find directions to the Cathedral at: <https://www.saintmaryscathedral-trenton.org/directions/>. After Mass, you may wish to walk to the Statehouse Annex, 145 W. State St. (next to the State House) for the **New Jersey Right to Life's Rally for Life** which will begin at 11:00 am and end at about 1:00 pm. Signs will be provided by NJRTL. Come to hear pro-life leaders, elected officials and clergy address current abortion related issues. Be a voice for the voiceless and join us in Trenton on January 22, 2019! For more information, contact Rachel Hendricks at (609)403-7192 or rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org.

A Message from Fr. Bill:

"A minute, once it has passed, will never return. A miracle will not bring it back. As we have used it up, so will it remain for all eternity. Only the truth helps us to take advantage of time, of every little moment in our lives." St. Maximus

As we enter into this New Year, with all its time, we have our pick of "New Year's Resolutions." The bulletin is filled with opportunities to choose from. How about the "Daniel Plan" – now in its second year, allowing men and women to refocus themselves, the total person in all the facets of life (food, fellowship, faith and more). Give it a go. Or, not connected with actual walking, but still a great resolution for the women of the parish, there is "Walking with Purpose" - about 80 ladies are already a part of this faith sharing group. January 15th will be the Kick-off meeting for the new session, so feel at ease about joining and beginning the journey with so many other women of the parish. (This meeting will take place in the church starting at 6:30pm.) For the men, there is the "Emmaus Group" – a combo with Epiphany parish. And you grandparents and teens, make it your "New Year's Resolution" to join the Grandparents Guild or the Youth Group (both have their 1st meetings on Jan. 13th – see this bulletin for important details). No matter what, make this New Year great and make the parish great by your participation in some of the many things we have occurring in 2019.

I also wish to share the following Pro-Life message from the USCCB:

C. S. Lewis provides another source of reflection on the sanctity of all human life in *The Weight of Glory*: The dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship. ... There are no *ordinary* people. ... Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses."

With these thoughts in mind, I cannot imagine a better way to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a humble stable in Bethlehem, and to celebrate the gift of every human life, than to support a local pregnancy help center or maternity home. These centers do extraordinary work and truly represent the heart of the pro-life movement's goal of making abortion unthinkable.

Another way to make a difference is through our prayers and sacrifices. Taking place January 14-22, 2019, 9 Days for Life (www.9daysforlife.com) is an annual period of prayer and action for life. Each day of the novena provides a different intercession, reflection, information item and suggested action. The novena is available in English and Spanish, and can be received in four ways: a free mobile app, text message, email, or social media.

May the good news of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ bring great joy to all-comforting the afflicted, deepening respect for all human life, and strengthening us to share the Gospel of Life.

SAINT DENIS PRAYER GROUP - The Prayer Group meets at 12:00 noon each Monday in St. Denis Church. There are no meetings on holidays. All are welcome.



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