

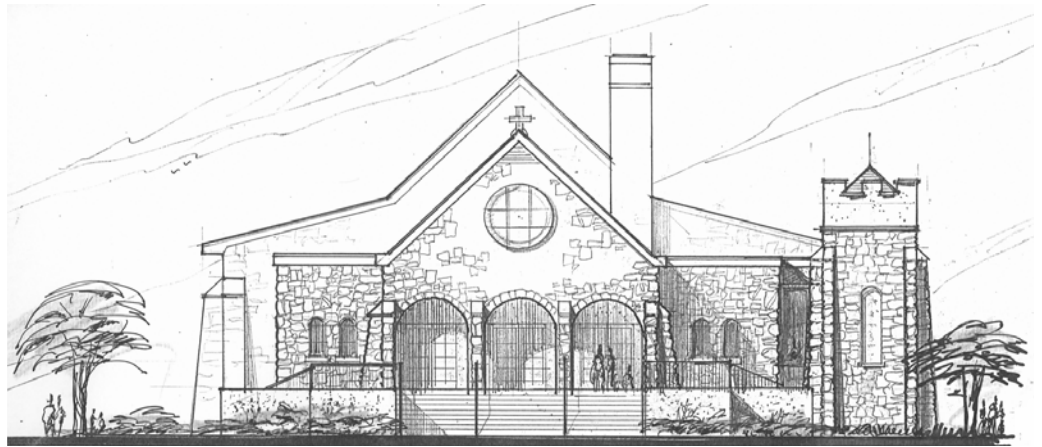
HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018

“John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi..where are you staying?’ He said to them ‘Come, and you will see.’”

The scene from John's gospel is simple and clear. John, the arrow, points out Jesus, with words we hear as we celebrate the Eucharist. It aroused the curiosity of Andrew. The conversation continues, as He asks, ‘what are you looking for?’ The same question is posed for the followers of Jesus today but we can change the what to who. ‘Come and you will see.’

This encounter with Jesus led Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus, and the rest is history. Pope Francis in his beautiful book ‘Walking with Jesus’ points out for us today the way of Jesus. May we look and find Him.



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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.

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

8:30 am Joseph J. Rydzewski
by Claudine, Chris & Sophie Remmey
8:30 am Emily Gonzalez Perez by Marjorie Heuser
8:30 am John Scheirer by Ginger Coester
4:30 pm Deceased of the Petras/Parr Family by Madelyn Parr
4:30 pm Thomas Welch by Shirley & Bill Collis
4:30 pm Ben Danese by Lisa & Lois Danese

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 am Josephine & Julius Bogdziewicz by Their Daughter
8:00 am June Britt by Deacon Gary Pstrak
8:00 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by John & Tina O'Donnell
9:30 am Cristy Mercora by Nancy & Frank Vario
9:30 am Josephine Torrone
by Patrick, Sean, & Kelly Connolly
9:30 am Catherine Ruth Wynkoop by Jill Twaddle
10:00 am Carolyn M. Dispoto by Marianne Rupertus
10:00 am John Kringle by Lisa & Hal Place
10:00 am Patrick Cerami by Irene & John Haran
11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 15, 2018

7:30 am John Gabler by Joan & Mark Clarkin
7:30 am Mary Know by Jackie Lyons
7:30 am John Scheirer by Ginger Coester

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

7:30 am Michael Kenny by Christine & Jim Thorpe
7:30 am Richard H. Wzykowski by MCW
7:30 am Josephine Suczewski

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

7:30 am RoseMary Harding by Jackie Lyons
7:30 am Patrick Cerami by Denis & Lois Campbell
7:30 am Mary Dempsey by Sheila & Tim Kearney & Family

Thursday, January 18, 2018

7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
7:30 am William Moran by Sheila & Tim Kearney & Family
7:30 am Emilie Circus by Ken Kleinlein

Friday, January 19, 2018

7:30 am Peggy Hillig by Ted & Clare Schlich
7:30 am Skip Connolly by Ted & Clare Schlich
7:30 am June Wilson by Ted & Clare Schlich

Saturday, January 20, 2018

8:30 am William Moran by Emily White
8:30 am Elizabeth McCarthy by the Doege Family
8:30 am Nancy Hart by Carolyn & Bill Meehan
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:00 am John Scheirer by Ginger Coester
8:00 am Peter A. Ryan by Ray & Rose Herman & Family
8:00 am Elizabeth McCarthy by Lois & Denis Campbell
9:30 am Dana Updike by Cindy & Scott Ernst
9:30 am Robert W. Rademacher by Leslie & Rob
9:30 am Harvey Meldrum by Victoria Zappulla
10:00 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by Gus & Pat Herrmann
10:00 am James Fosco by Cindy & Scott Ernst
10:00 am Annette Tinacci by the Family
11:00 am Frank Vega by the DeGenova Family
11:00 am Thomas E. Welch III by the Lauten Family
11:00 am Milton L. Funari by His Sister-in-law

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Father John Hamrouge, Kathleen Flannery, Marie Gallagher, Jose Dela Vega.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, 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, Colleen Grady, Richard Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Edna Moore, 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, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, 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, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Ray Misch, 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, Ernie Donnelly, Anita McCudden, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Claire Kessler, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Kathy Perusi, Alan Singer, John Danczuk, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Harold Hoppe, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

Message from Father Bill

January is just a very busy month for the Catholic Church.

January 1st was the 51st World Day of Peace. It is not too late to read the Holy Father's message and reflect on it (copies in the gathering space or visit www.vatican.va). An excerpt: *Let us draw inspiration from the words of Saint John Paul II: "If the 'dream' of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees' and migrants' contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more a universal family and our earth a true 'common home'. Throughout history, many have believed in this "dream", and their achievements are a testament to the fact that it is no mere utopia. Among these, we remember Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in this year that marks the hundredth anniversary of her death. This remarkable woman, who devoted her life to the service of migrants and became their patron saint, taught us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate our brothers and sisters. Through her intercession, may the Lord enable all of us to experience that "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."*

January is Poverty Awareness Month. I invite you to take a copy of the US Bishop's Calendar for Poverty Awareness Month found in the gathering spaces and visit the US Bishop's website www.usccb.org. Consider what we can do together. As Pope Francis wrote: *It is impossible to talk about poverty, about abstract poverty. That does not exist! Poverty is the flesh of the poor Jesus in this hungry child, in the sick person, in these unjust social structures. Go, look over there at the flesh of Jesus.*

January 7-13 is National Migration Week. The theme this year for National Migration Week: "Many Journeys, One Family" As the US Bishops write: *For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017, Many Journeys, One Family, "draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.*

January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In solidarity we pray the following prayer and work for Christian Unity in the best new ways we can (our community garden is eccumenical). *O God, your right hand is glorious in power. Extend your hand to help us discover new ways that unite your people in the Body of Christ, the Church. May the strength of your hand take away all misunderstanding and prejudice that hinder our calling to be one in body and spirit. Draw us together in the bond of peace, of faith and charity that we may be one in Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.*

January 22 is the 45th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court Decision. Please see this bulletin, or contact the office, for information about the March for Respect of Life in Washington, D. C. Also, two Masses are scheduled. Thursday, Jan. 18th, 7:00 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold: Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop O'Connell. And, Monday, Jan. 22nd, 9:30am at St Mary's Cathedral 151 North Warren Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608: Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop O'Connell followed by the Rally for Life at the State House Annex (Outside) 145 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Pro-Life leaders, elected officials and clergy are expected to address the rally. Check the website, www.NJRTL.org, for information regarding weather and last-minute updates.



December 10, 2017

Weekend Collection -	\$12,991.00
Average Envelope Donation -	\$25.41
2nd Collection- (Religious Retirement)-	\$4,801.00
Average Envelope Collection-	\$13.56

December 17, 2017

Weekend Collection-	\$15,745.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$26.22
2nd Collection (Flowers)-	\$6,770.00
Average Envelope Collection-	\$17.73

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

YOUTH GROUP NEWS-Save the date for the Diocesan Youth Conference - #BeFearless February 10th. You have to be at the meeting on January 14th or contact John Ringo to sign up. Email stdenisyg@yahoo.com The 1st meeting of 2018 – **Sunday, January 14th** in the cafeteria from 6:00-7:30 pm. We have lots of plans, so come and be a part of the action. Sign up for the DYC.

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.

ST. DENIS PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR—

All youth from 2nd grade through high school are welcome to join the St. Denis Junior Choir. All music and materials will be provided. Come to a practice and have fun singing with us on Wednesday evenings in St. Denis church, 6:30-7:15 pm. For more information, please contact: Caroline Woodrow at (732) 513-0108 or by email: carolinenj@aol.com New members are always welcome!



Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry



**Get on the Bus
to the
March for Life!!
in Washington D.C.**

Friday Jan. 19, 2018

Leaving St. Catharine Church
7:15 am. Return by 9:30pm

Donation: \$10/student;
\$20/adult.
Includes breakfast

Dress **warm** and be ready for an
AWESOME, INSPIRING day!

Reservations: Sheila Kenny (201) 637-7618 smohk@me.com



**MASS FOR LIFE/RALLY FOR LIFE IN
TRENTON, Monday, January 22, 2018–
45th Anniversary of Roe v Wade-** Join hundreds of people from all over New Jersey who

oppose the killing of the innocent unborn through abortion as we *PRAY* and *RALLY* for *LIFE*! This day will be Pro-Life, Pro-Woman and Pro-Family! **Join Bishop O'Connell for a Mass for Life** at 9:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren St., Trenton. Find directions to the Cathedral at: saintmaryscathedral-trenton.org/directions/. Parking on street may be metered. There is a reasonable public parking garage on Warren St. just down the street and across from the Cathedral. After Mass, we will process to the Statehouse Annex, 131 W. State St. (next to the State House) for the **Rally for Life** which will begin at 11:00 am and end at about 1:00 pm. Signs will be provided by NJ Right to Life. Come to hear Pro-Life leaders, elected officials and clergy address the current abortion related issues. Be a Voice for the Voiceless and join us in Trenton!



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

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

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM &
3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:
10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed at this time: Coffee, hot chocolate, spaghetti sauce, canned beef stew and chili, crackers, cookies, canned fruit, all fruit juice (bottles and individual juice boxes), oatmeal, microwave popcorn, ketchup, dish liquid, baked beans and instant rice. Parishioners are asked to place their 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 be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations. Thank you.



**WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOSEPHINE & JULIUS BOGDZIEWICZ
REQUESTED BY CAROL BOGDZIEWICZ**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3231 FREE THROW– It's time for the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest. This year's date is Saturday, January 20th, 10:30 am-1:30 pm at the gymnasium in the St. Denis school building. It is open to all girls and boys, ages 9 to 14. Participants must bring proof of age, so please make a copy to give to the Knights. For further information please contact Larry Cunningham at 732-280-5615 after 8 pm.

The St. Denis Bereavement Group will gather for winter sessions. If you would like to join us and share insights and challenges of mourning you are very welcome.



**Wednesday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
St. Denis Rectory Office**

Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287/
eileenziesmer@gmail.com
to let us know you will be joining us!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION– Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less fortunate in our area. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

**ST. DENIS CHURCH
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Denis Parish is one of over 4,000 conferences in the U.S. with almost 100,000 members. The Society was founded in France in April of 1833 and spread through western Europe as well as the U.S. by 1845. Inspired by Gospel values, the Society is a Catholic lay organization leading men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Those values include "faithfulness" and "thankfulness" for the extravagance of what God has given us. When we write a check to SVdP or donate furniture, clothing, or household items through "Vincent's Legacy" we are sharing God's extravagant love.

Our conference meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Our next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. New members are always welcome to join.



**ST. DENIS RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 8:30 AM.**

GET "FORMED" IN JANUARY-Visit FORMED on our parish website and be inspired by our Catholic Faith. Highlights include: movies about saints we celebrate in January (like St. John Bosco), ebooks written by saints we celebrate in January (like St. Francis DeSales), and studies about events we celebrate (Epiphany, Baptism, Conversion of St. Paul).

DOVES VITAMIN DRIVE- The DOVES will hold its sixth annual Vitamin Drive the weekends of January 20-21 and January 27-28. Donations of adult and children's vitamins (no gummies, please) will benefit the Henry B. King Medical Brigade's 25th annual mission to care for the sick poor of Santa Barbara, Honduras. The local brigade is a team of medical professionals, translators and student aides that provide free medical care. 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.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION-The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2018 Weekend Retreats- February 16-18 and August 24-26.



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, Navy HM3 Kevin John Kircher, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Army Captain Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 3rd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard FN Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Navy Chief Petty Officer James DeLuise, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Army, Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman and Matthew Van Pelt, Army.

Recovery Corner

Are You in AA or NA? If so, you may like our one-hour meeting at St. Denis where we study a 12-step Recovery Bible. It's the best-selling Recovery Bible out there and people in recovery LOVE IT because we know our higher power is Christ and we can grow closer to Him by reading His Word! Meetings are at 10:00 am in the school building AND 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (St. Denis basement) on Thursdays. Call 848-333-7085 for more info.



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

FREE AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM- The volunteer counselors of the AARP Tax Aide Program will prepare and electronically file your federal and New Jersey income tax returns at no cost. While special attention is paid to those over the age of 60, all taxpayers with low to moderate incomes are welcome. Returns will be prepared, by appointment only, on Tuesdays between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, beginning February 6th, at St. Martha Church, 3800 Herbertsville Road in Point Pleasant. To schedule an appointment please call the Senior Beehive office at 732-810-5890. Please bring photo ID, your 2016 tax returns and all 2017 documents.

**New Year/New You
Daniel Plan Retreat
@ St. Denis**



What is the Daniel Plan?

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. Each essential supports and influences the others, offering a practical step-by-step approach for anyone to follow.

When?

Saturday, January 20th 1:00-4:00, then we'll have the opportunity to attend 4:30 Mass together. Hope to see you there!

What will we do at the retreat?

We will study, discuss and apply the 5 Daniel Plan Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends to our everyday lives. Setting goals and providing support and encouragement to others will be emphasized. The goal of the retreat is to help you develop a health and fitness plan for 2018.

Who should participate?

The program is open to anyone who is looking to improve his/her health using bible based principles.

Where?

St. Denis school building cafeteria

Leader/Facilitator:

Monica Butler, Daniel Plan volunteer

Please RSVP to Eileen at 732-223-0287 by January 16th to ensure we have enough supplies. There is no cost for this program.

Christmas Flowers Were Donated in Memory/Honor of:

Richard Bagley
Angelo Bellia
Georgina Bellia
Daniel Mahoney
Enrico Ciampi, M.D.
Lita Fidrita
Mary Langieri

Joseph Cassata
Eileen F. Fell
William E. Covey
Terry Schroeder
Carmella Ferraro
Jean Miller
Elizabeth McCarthy

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Zachary J. Herman
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James Rennick
McKeever Family
Rose & John Cafone, Sr.
Cinelli Family

Bernadette & Frank Saveriano
Ann & Dick Hoblitzell
Len & Connie Larcara
Fourett/Kalemba Families
Badaracco/McKeon Families
Pstrak/Stankunas Families
Franzetti/DelSignore Families

Giving Tree Thank You Notes:

Dear Father Bill, Sister Josephine and the Saint Denis Community,

Once again the Giving Tree gifts were most welcome. We received 200 pairs of white cotton socks and many, many baseball caps. The people of Honduras appreciate these very useful gifts. Thank you!

*Sincerely, Cathy Abercrombie for the
Henry B. King Medical Brigade*

Dear Saint Denis Parish and Church Members,

I just wanted to take the time and thank you all.

Throughout the year it is always a struggle to stay afloat and worry about finances; then comes the holiday, another worry. With all of your kindness and support you have managed to make Christmas less stressful. You all have made me realize that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Once again, I would like to let you know how thankful I am to each and every one of you. I hope you had a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely, A Grateful Mom

Dearest Sister Josephine and St. Denis Parish,

Many challenging obstacles have hit my family these past few years and I have been trying my best to reach higher ground and overcome. Not only for my 3 year old son, but for my elderly and disabled parents as well. As a single mother with an uncompleted formal education, limited resources and opportunities, it has been extremely hard to give my family the quality of life they deserve, let alone a Christmas. My circumstances had left me hopeless and hardened. I struggle to keep the bills maintained and food on the table. I continued to hit dead ends until I met a beautiful soul who reminded me that there are kind, loving, and caring people left in this world and that my circumstances don't define me and there is hope. "Things can change" Sister said. Through our recent hardships, the thoughtfulness and generosity of this parish is what has kept us afloat. Words cannot express the overwhelming gratitude and appreciation I hold in my heart for all of you. You are true examples of Christ and I pray that you are blessed, not only for restoring my family and faith, but those of countless others in our community. I personally will be endlessly blessed by the precious smiles on my family's faces on Christmas morning. Thank you for that.

With tear-filled eyes I thank you all and don't know how I will ever return the charity you have given. I am truly humbled and honored. I cannot thank you enough. May God bless you!

*With love, appreciation and admiration,
A Very Thankful Mom*

Dear Father Bill and Friends,

Blessings! With sincere and heartfelt gratitude we thank you for your support to the Missionaries of the Poor over the years. Your help has been a great assistance to us. We look forward to your ongoing support. Be assured of our prayers for all of you, and please continue praying for us. God bless you.

In Christ, Bro. Raphael, MOP (Superior)

Dear Saint Denis Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you so much for the gifts for my children this holiday season. I am truly thankful to each and everyone who helped to make this Christmas special. This year has been very hard for my children and me, and every little bit counts! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for thinking of us this year.

Love, A Thankful Parent

Dear Saint Denis Parish,

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. In our time of need, you helped us and we will never forget it. God bless you and keep you always.

With Love and Gratitude, A Blessed Family

To Saint Denis Parish,

This year has been financially difficult for myself and my two daughters. We do have a roof over our head, clothes on our backs, and God in our hearts, but we live paycheck to paycheck. I am very grateful for any and all gifts that were given to us. Thank you to all who have helped us through this holiday season. Bless you all.

Sincerely, An Appreciative Mother

To All at Saint Denis Parish,

I just wanted to take a moment and thank everyone-all the parishioners, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and everyone that makes donations throughout the year. From food pantry items, to assistance with utilities, I am forever grateful. I am a single mom trying to make ends meet, and with all your help, it becomes possible. My son and I are extremely grateful for all the assistance and prayers we receive throughout the year! We are blessed to be part of the St. Denis community and are always grateful for everyone's hard work and donations.

Much love and blessings to all! A Family of Two

Dear Christmas Angels,

May you be especially blessed for your kindness and generosity!

Very Truly Yours, A Friend

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