

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022**

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service but the same Lord, there are different workings but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit... but one and the same Spirit produces all of them distributing them individually to each person as he wished.”

Perhaps there is still an unopened Christmas gift in your home. Nicely wrapped, a fancy bow are pretty to look at, but still unopened. A kind giver wanted you to have it, yet it still remains untouched.

As St. Paul wrote to the Christians, he speaks to us. Are you filled with curiosity about what is in the box? Is it faith, healing, mighty deeds? What is it? If the Spirit has been given to me, for whose benefit did I accept it? It is mine to use for my benefit and for others.

Spend a moment to recognize the gifts you have and are not using or are underused. Take another moment to encourage someone else about their gifts. One day the Lord will ask us why we failed to let the Spirit to work through us.



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – 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 - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

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

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate 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-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. 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 15, 2022**

8:30 am John Hanselmann by the Rotonda Family
 8:30 am Marie Woodrow by Carol Rizzi
 8:30 am John Banfield by Hank & Cathy Trost
 4:30 pm Carolyn Meehan by her Family
 4:30 pm Carlo Piegari by Sandy DeGrande
 4:30 pm Robert Martin by Tricia Marinaro

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Thomas Tapke by Roger Bien & Family
 9:30 am Robert H. Pearce by Jack & Debbie D'Agostaro
 9:30 am Jacqueline Varygiannes by the Family
 10:00 am Eleanor Hill by Vera Raffetto
 10:00 am John Krauss by Robert & Alice Grunder
 10:00 am Jack Ayvadian by Colleen Carton

Monday, January 17, 2022

7:30 am Joseph Justinic by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am Florence & Jack Fox by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am Jacqueline Varygiannes by the Family

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:30 am Joan Brown by the Zappulla Family
 7:30 am Mary Patricia Fritzen by the Zappulla Family
 7:30 am John Banfield by Ric & Jerri Vinino

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by her Family
 7:30 am Michael Bialas by Carol Rizzi
 7:30 am Richard Faas by Hank & Cathy Trost

Thursday, January 20, 2022

No Mass

Friday, January 21, 2022

7:30 am Michael Bialas by Jackie Lyons
 7:30 am Thomas Calabro by the Tomasuolo Family
 7:30 am Barbara Gilroy by Peter & Sharon Wilson

Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:30 am William V. Kelly by his wife, Eileen Kelly
 8:30 am Marie Woodrow by Saint Denis Parish
 8:30 am Margaret Wright by Gerard Manning
 4:30 pm Brian Subers by the Brickowski Family
 4:30 pm Gerald Werdann by his Family
 4:30 pm Lucy Ross by Susan Schenker

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 am Debra Mahoney by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 8:00 am Tan Bor "Victor" Yee by the Finkenauer Family
 8:00 am Robert Galantucci by Tara & Harold
 9:30 am Gergory Oliver by Christine & Peter Levitan
 9:30 am Andrew Critelli by Rita Badaracco & Family
 9:30 am Joseph Davidson by Evelyn & Dean Tuttle
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially David Smith.



HOME DEVOTION—Please visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tompkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, Donna Morgan, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Elizabeth Clos, Reverend Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, William Pavincich, Patsy Pindar, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermak, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Hank Przybylowski, Werner Ziesmer, Cathy Hodgkiss, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Regina Kiesche, Rob & Katie Spawn, Jack Noble, the Stoute Family, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.



Ladies, Join us! Walking with Purpose (WWP) is more than a women's Bible study. It is a faith community that supports, encourages, and challenges one another. It is a safe place where you

will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions as your heart is transformed by the Word of God. **We gather on (most) Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm and/or (most) Wednesday afternoons, 12:30 pm. St. Denis (School) Parish Center.** To find out more details and register, go to www.wwpnjshore.com

MEN'S GROUP- Pursue the Way, the Truth, the Life is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the school building, from 6-7 pm. For more info contact the St Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.

THE CHOSEN –THE DISCUSSION CONTINUES -We will once again partner with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to continue our discussion of the second half of Season One of the blockbuster series “The Chosen”. Participants are asked to watch the episode first (on The Chosen App or on YouTube). Meetings will take place on Wednesdays: from 11am -12 noon at Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall and in the St. Denis School Building Cafeteria from 7-8 pm.
Feb. 2: episode 5
Feb. 9: episode 6
Feb. 16: episode 7
Feb. 23: episode 8

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place First Fridays, from noon to 1:00 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.



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.

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD...PRAISE AND SING-Come, praise our Lord with contemporary Christian music. 30 minutes of prerecorded music with lyric sheets provided, every First Friday at 7:00 pm in St. Denis Church. For more information call the rectory office.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the deacon (if present at Mass) or the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the minister's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER– Why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A 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 February 4–6, 2022. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. For more information visit online at: www.wwme.org.

RETROUVAILLE- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. Upcoming weekend: February 23-25, 2022. To register email 3024@helpourmarriage.org

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA- For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

Weekly Collection

December 26, 2021

Weekly Collection— \$7,388.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road in Allentown, NJ:

MORE THAN WORDS 5 Mondays

7- 8:30 PM January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 What better New Year's

resolution could you make than the one which roots you more deeply in God's Spirit? Join us as we use Joyce Rupp's guide, *Return to the Root* and become more, "rooted and grounded in love,..." Eph. 3: 17. Each session will include a Lectio Divina experience. Donation: \$75.

THE CERTAINTY OF BEING LOVED 5 Wednesdays 1:00-2:30 PM January 19, February 16, March 16, April 13, May 11 Blessed Pierre Claverie, once bishop of Oran, Algeria, was my brother. Assassinated during the civil war which engulfed that country during the 1990's, he was beatified in 2018 in Oran, along with 18 other religious who lost their lives. They are the first Catholics to be honored in this way in an overwhelmingly Muslim country. Martin McGee's *The Certainty of Being Loved* retraces the life and thought of Pierre, who has become a source of inspiration to many as they wrestle with questions of how to share experiences and ideas with others, especially Muslims, who are different from us. Is dialogue truly possible among peoples of different cultures and religions? Can we acknowledge our differences and find them enriching rather than alienating? We will use Father McGee's book as a guide as we listen to Pierre's answers to these questions and many more. Led by Anne-Marie Gustavson-Claverie. Donation: \$100, includes \$25 book.

FAMILY OF ORIGIN - A SERIES OF RETREAT DAYS

5 Tuesdays 1-4 PM January 18, February 15, March 15, April 12, May 17 Each of the five sessions provides a time to reflect on an aspect of family of origin. Each session will provide time for ritual, input, reflection and prayer. Jan: My Beginnings; Feb: Cultivating Self-Compassion; March: Cultivating Empathy; April: Embracing the Family Tree; May: Celebrating & Choosing Life. Donation: \$125. Please check www.FHOP.org for registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

HELP WANTED- The First Baptist Church in Manasquan is looking for a Food Pantry Manager, 4 days a week, 3.5 hours each day. Computer knowledge is a must, as is the ability to lift cases of food. Please call 732-223-4649 or email fbc-manasquan@juno.com if interested.



St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Denis Church Phone: 732-223-1383

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

There is curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with social distancing.

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM - 3PM and 3rd and 4th Saturdays from 10AM - 12 noon

This weeks list of needed items :

Pasta sauce, chili, boxed milk, canned chicken, deodorant-male/female & tissues.

Thank you.



St. Denis Bereavement Support Group

The St. Denis Bereavement Group will be gathering for winter sessions. If you would like to join us and share insights and challenges of mourning a loved one, you are very welcome!

Thursday mornings 10:00 am- 11:00 am St. Denis School building

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

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES- A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE- (DYC) is a yearly gathering for ALL teens 8-12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton. It is an opportunity to connect with other young Catholics beyond your parish or school and to encounter Jesus through dynamic presentations, music, workshops and more! The day will conclude with the celebration of Sunday Mass! Don't miss it!! DYC 2022 will be IN PERSON on January 29th, 10 am - 6pm at St. Aloysius Church in Jackson!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our Society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis-in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teachings were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God.

The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who may strive to serve the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to "have ears to hear the cry of the poor", to "have eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived", and to "have hearts that bring God's love to the poor" through generosity and love. The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others-especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on January 19, 2022 at 7 pm in the school building.

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



WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL BIALAS
REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY

WONDERFULLY MADE MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA that was scheduled to take place at our parish on Sunday, January 23, 2022 has been postponed until May. Please watch future bulletins for more information.

WORD OF LIFE

There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the **choice** (emphasis added) of certain ways of acting (against life) is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB.

* ***THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD MINISTRY*** is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

* ***ACTION CENTER*** – Please continue to **pray for the Supreme Court** to thoughtfully reach a decision in support of God's gift of life. Science has confirmed what God has always taught us. The baby in the womb is fully human and fully alive. ***“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.” Mathew 18:5***

* ***BUS TRIPS TO WASHINGTON, DC.*** Check Diocesan website for possible bus trips to DC on January 21st for annual March for Life at this critical time when the Supreme Court is deliberating the Dobbs Case.

* ***9 DAYS FOR LIFE*** is a novena for the protection of human life being held nationally January 19 – 27. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com. Help build a culture of life in our country with a short reflection and prayer each day.

* ***FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?*** Need Help Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732 747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.

* ***VISIT OUR WEBSITES:*** dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: respectlife.org

Message from Father Bill:

As we move into the second half of January, many of us may have made a New Year's resolution or two and may have confronted an obstacle or two regarding those resolutions. Perhaps the obstacle is the origin of the resolution itself. I share with you the insights/reflection of Miranda Hart (previous positive thoughts were shared a month or so ago) for a fresh insight, not just for a New Year's resolution, but also God's call to each person to “wholeness” and “holiness”.

“...I'm not a fan of New Year Resolutions, particularly the whole “New Year New Me” culture. I shall tell you for why. Experience tells me that these kinds of resolutions usually come from a place of self-criticism, self-judgement, comparison, and a general disappointment for who and how we are. We bully ourselves to change from a place of fear (that's no way to treat yourself), and studies are clear that making a change from that place means new habits are highly unlikely to be stuck to. I like to say that you are already the New You. That is, any changes you want to see in and for yourself, are about uncovering and discovering the already lovely you that has always been there, hiding below the self-doubt. Don't pressure yourself to change... Instead of criticizing yourself, see yourself from a place of compassion. Think of all your unique qualities and decide which you're going to uncover and allow to grow this year, not letting fear of failure or judgement get in your way. The healthy way to New Year's Resolutions is to trust you don't need to change to fit societal expectation, but instead to kindly set free and allow the unique aspects and desires of your already loved one-in-a-lifetime self.”

I would just add to Miranda's reflection that we are called by God into relationship with God, so also see yourself from a place of God's compassion and mercy just for you! That really needs to sink in very, very deep, then we can be truly free (from “self-criticism, self-judgement, comparison, and a general disappointment”) and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us and guide us to uncover what good virtues/qualities/talents should grow this year in our “already loved (by God) one-in-a-lifetime self”!

SAINT LEO THE GREAT RELIGIOUS STORE– Experience the peacefulness of our store while picking out devotionals that will help you along your faith journey. The store carries a diverse variety of gifts for friends, family and clergy. There are rosaries from Italy, statuary, Miraculous Medals, wall plaques, holy cards and many books to help you grow in prayer and faith. The store is located at the lower level of the parish center, 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. A chair lift is accessible. For more info visit on the web: www.stleothegreat.com/store.

To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Trenton

At the request of His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, the Apostolic Signatura of the Holy See imparts a plenary indulgence:

1. To those who physically take part in sacred celebrations connected with the annual "March for Life" in Washington, DC on January 20 and 21 2022;
2. To the aged, sick and those who cannot be physically present for a grave reason but who are able to spiritually participate from home through any/all media presentations.

The usual conditions apply:

1. A disposition of detachment from any kind of sin;
2. Sacramental confession (on January 20-21, 2022 or within 20 days)
3. Reception of Eucharistic Communion (on January 20-21, 2022 or within 20 days)
4. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (on January 20-21, 2022 or within 20 days).

The plenary indulgence may be applied to the person seeking it or for the holy souls in purgatory. It is valid for this event only: January 20-21, 2022 "March for Life" sacred ceremonies.

Respectfully yours in the Lord,
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.,
J.C.D., Bishop of Trenton

CRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Today's bulletin contains only some of the names of those loved ones who were remembered or honored with Christmas flower donations. Names appeared in last week's bulletin and more will be included in next week's bulletin. Thank you to all who made donations to this collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Christmas Flowers Were Donated in Honor/Memory of:

Alexsandra Dytko
William E. Covey
Frank Arena
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Brian W. Subers
Rosemarie Cafone
Florence Mertzal
Mary Cirillo
Jack Enerson
Francis Reddington
Chris D'Andrea
Joan Tighe
Vincent Intintola
Joseph Moore
Clifford Hoff
Nick

Dennis Michael Moynihan
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Helen & George Thibeault
Bernie & Shirley Kircher
Walter & Cecelia Shumlas
Allen Bessemer, Sr.
Irene & Edmund Zinser
Mary Bessemer
Tee & Fred Bick
Jane & Jim Lacey
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HEALING MASS, FOLLOWED BY HEALING PRAYERS, AT EPIPHANY PARISH IN BRICK-

All are welcome to join us every third Friday of the month (from September to May) for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:45 pm in the worship area with Prayer and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration. The next Healing Mass will be on 1/21/22.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CENTER IN ASBURY PARK!

As we enter this new year we also enter a year to celebrate our 30th anniversary at The Center in Asbury Park. We began this journey in 1992 with a dream to be able to be of support to our sisters and brothers living with HIV disease, living separated from family and friends, living in fear. Our ability to live this Mission has been due to the wonderful support from so many: people who have come to give their time to do so much that has been essential to caring for the folks we serve; people who have so generously supported The Center financially; people who have encouraged us to continue the Mission. Join us in 2022 as we look to find new ways to make sure that the people we serve are loved, are treasured, are not alone.

Happy 2022!
The Staff of The Center, The Board of Directors,
The Volunteers who help make it all happen.

ARE YOU A WOMAN RETURNING TO COLLEGE?

Scholarships are available from the Woman's Club of Spring Lake. Eligibility for scholarship consideration by The Woman's Club of Spring Lake is open to female residents of Monmouth County who have had an interruption in their education; who are now seeking an associate's or a bachelor's degree and who are currently enrolled or newly registered at an accredited two or four year institution. Applications are due April 1, 2022. Information and applications are available online at: www.womansclubofspringlake.org

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH IN POINT PLEASANT BEACH welcomes all to the Medjugorje Prayer Group on Wednesday January 19th at 9:30 am in Upper Kolbe Hall. We will pick a saint! Meet your saint, your heavenly friend who is waiting for you! He or she will keep you company throughout the year! In these troubled times, how could we find a better friend to help us follow Jesus? Remember we do not choose our Saint; they choose us! Get to know your saint and ask them for help – you will not be disappointed! We will also have personal testimony of faith in action, prayer, faith sharing, and light refreshments. Come and see, for further info contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

Come Home Again

Register now for the January semester!

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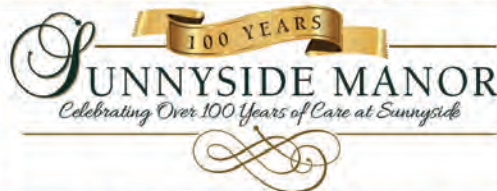
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