

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
January 30, 2022**

“Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs. It is not snobbish, love is never rude, it is not self seeking. It is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice over what is wrong, but rejoices in the truth. There is no limit to love’s forbearance, to its trust, to its hope, its power to endure.”

How often Saint Paul provides a litany to reflect upon. How often couples select this Corinthian passage to be read at their wedding. It sounds wonderful and is really the goal of everyday living.

As Paul teaches, do I realize that he tells me only two things that love is, but the many things that it is not? The couple choosing this passage, and all of us, wish to root out whatever is not love and replace it with the many virtues he writes about elsewhere, as love, joy, patience, kindness, humility, self control.

Why not take one virtue each day this week, and make sure it is found in your life. John tells us ‘God is love...’



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

## STAFF

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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](http://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 29, 2022**

8:30 am Diane Ringo by the Lago Family  
 8:30 am Susan Curley Maher by Peter & Sharon Wilson  
 4:30 pm Walter Bronikowski by his Family  
 4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children  
 4:30 pm Tom Trezza by Theresa Winard

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by his Wife  
 9:30 am Betty, Frank & Alan Ernst by Scott & Cindy Ernst  
 9:30 am Jimmy Gioia by Donald & Yvonne Gioia  
 10:00 am Patricia Walsh by Carol Rizzi  
 10:00 am Manuela Gutierrez Soto by the Schneider Family  
 10:00 am Susan Thompson by the Langan Family

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

7:30 am James M. Crowe by Maryann Crowe  
 7:30 am Noah Ocean Crucillo by the Walzer Family  
 7:30 am David Smith by Claire & Ray Moynihan

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

7:30 am Paul Weeks by Betty Thatch  
 7:30 am Terence & Patrick Sullivan by Tom Rogers & Family  
 7:30 am Rose & Jack Feeny by the Family

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

7:30 am Paul Weeks by the Freeman Family  
 7:30 am Michael Bialas by the Gottardo Family  
 7:30 am Donald Blanchett by Linda Wynd

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

No Mass

**Friday, February 4, 2022**

7:30 am Frederick & Amella Pauly by John & Ellie Fox  
 7:30 am Paul Weeks by Adelaide Avena  
 7:30 am Intentions of the Bialas Family by MCW

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

8:30 am Rosemary, John & Art Smock by sister, June  
 8:30 am Margaret Wright by Mary Ann Manning  
 8:30 am Marie Auriemma by Deacon Gary  
 4:30 pm Carlo Piegari by Carolyn & Carl  
 4:30 pm Daniel Pease  
                   by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family  
 4:30 pm James Lewis by JoAnn Schwarzbeck

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Charles V. Whalen by his Family  
 9:30 am Thomas Tapke by Roger Bien & Family  
 9:30 am Tan Bor "Victor" Yee by Betsy & Jim Rice  
 10:00 am Patricia Walsh by Carol Rizzi  
 10:00 am Angel & Daniela Acevedo by the Langan Family  
 10:00 am Brendan Smith by Eileen & Jim Rochford

**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!

**HOME DEVOTION**—Please visit [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.



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, 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 Giambro, 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 Tomkins, 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, 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, Paul Waltsak, Dennis Fitzgerald, the Stoute Family, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** especially Linda Bilotti, Ralph Meade, and Mary O'Brien.



**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)



**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](http://www.wwpnjshore.com)

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet in the cafeteria of the school building on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at noon. Please bring your lunch and dessert will be provided. We will also meet on Sunday, February 6, 2022 in the church at 9:00 am for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**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



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy E3 Nora N. Honrath, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Major Sean Fessenden, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st 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, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith-Cahill, 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, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Robert Halmi, U.S. Army, Corporal Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC.



**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](http://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](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org)

**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](http://www.stleothegreat.com/store).



**January 16, 2022**

Weekly Collection— \$10,466.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



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

CLAIM YOUR LIGHT/FIND YOUR VOICE

Thursday, 2/3/22 9:30 AM – Noon

Ever feel as though you are running on empty? You are not alone! Come join in a mid-morning retreat and fill your spiritual gas tank with the energy hidden in the back-to-back feasts of the Presentation of Jesus and St. Blaise. Renewed by God's presence, go forth and be God's light and God's voice in our world. Donation: \$20.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY IN-PERSON ONLY Wednesday, 2/9/22 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES IN PERSON ONLY Sunday, 2/13/22 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Liturgy at 11:00 AM This year our Valentine celebration takes a different shape. We begin with Mass at 11:00 AM which will include the renewal of marriage vows. We follow with a delicious lunch. Donation: Love Offering.

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for registration, directions and for other offerings.

**ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE,**

400 Rt. 35N in South Mantoloking invites you to:

COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT- Feb. 18-20, 2022 - Come and experience the shore in all its winter beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Massage therapy will be available. Arrival: 6:00-7:00 pm / Departure: 1:00 pm (Presenters: Staff and Visiting Directors) Cost: \$300.

HONORING SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER - March 19, 2022 In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 16. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.** Refreshments and blessed bread will be available after the program. Arrival: 10:30 am - (Mass: 11:00 am) - Departure: 1:00 pm (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Donation Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 10AM – 12 noon

This weeks list of needed items :

Canned fruit, cookies, microwave popcorn, boxed sugar.

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](mailto:eileenziesmer@gmail.com) to let us know you will be joining us!

**THE UPPER ROOM DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE** offers the following programs in person or via Zoom.

WOMEN'S GATHERING- An opportunity for women to pray, share, and support each other. Each program includes prayer on a particular theme and brunch. Facilitators: The Women's Gathering Core Group Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022 Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon Fee: \$25 - \$35

KNITTING & PRAYER- Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion, and create a prayer shawl, for someone in need of prayer. Little or no experience required. Facilitator: Lois Dougherty Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm Fee: Free Will Offering

Registration with full payment is due one week before each program.

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



"I am the good shepherd...

I know mine and mine know me" says

Jesus in the Gospel. The Good Shepherd is concerned about, cares for and protects the sheep, and fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship requires us disciples to "lay down our lives".

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but rather commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us and loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving-in our families and in our service to the poor.

To those served, Vincentians are expected to give the same deep and serious thought that they give to their own families. Sharing does not consist merely in the distribution of material goods; it also implies that our personal resources and potential of mind and heart and time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, and in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness, on the part of the Society's members to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Wednesday, February 16th at 7 pm in the school building.

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



We welcome into our parish family Vance Arthur Alexander who was brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism. May the grace of the sacrament remain with him always.

**THE GRANDPARENTS' GUILD-** We ask the Holy Spirit to work through us to touch the hearts, minds, and souls of our grandchildren as they grow in their Catholic faith. The Grandparents' Guilds requests your prayers and support as we grow in our ministry. We pray for wisdom and guidance as we model a Christian way of life for our grandchildren. We also ask the intercessory prayers of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, the grandparents of our Lord Jesus. May they continue to bless our grandchildren and our vocation as grandparents.

**JOIN THE ST. JOSEPH'S TOTUS TUUS GROUP FOR "A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS"**- All women are invited to explore the scriptural basis for the words, gestures, and rituals of the Mass. This study by Dr. Edward Sri will lead us to discover all the richness, beauty, and sacredness of the Mass. Join us in this exploration of the Mass, and deepen your devotion to the Holy Eucharist. The study will be held on Tuesday evenings @ 7pm on: Feb. 22, Mar. 1, Mar. 22, Mar 29 & Apr. 5 at St. Joseph Church, Toms River. Registration fee: \$10 Reserve your spot for this fascinating study today! If you have any questions, please email: [totustuus.stjoes@gmail.com](mailto:totustuus.stjoes@gmail.com)

**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 [fb-manasquan@juno.com](mailto:fb-manasquan@juno.com) if interested.

### 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2021 contributions, please complete and return this form to the rectory by way of the collection basket or by mail (attention: Betsy). You may also email your request to [st.denis@verizon.net](mailto:st.denis@verizon.net) or call 732-223-0287.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

(if you would like to receive your statement via email)

Do you also need a statement from our St. Vincent de Paul Society? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Message from Father Bill:

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation, always celebrated 40 days after Christmas. This Feast of the Lord recalls the historical event of Mary and Joseph bringing our Lord to the Temple. "In fact, according to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the Temple on the same day, and both are remembered during Mass on Feb. 2. Also, in several countries, Candlemas is simultaneously celebrated on this day and involves a candlelight procession that was popularized in the Middle Ages. Until the Second Vatican Council the feasts on Feb. 2 ended the Christmas season. Today, the season ends in January on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. As early as the fourth century Christians commemorated the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, but, at the time, there was no feast name attached. In seventh-century Rome, the Church named the celebration the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mother Mary, and it remained that way for nearly 1,300 years. In the reforms after Vatican II, the feast was given a stronger focus on Jesus (by stressing the Presentation of Jesus), but clearly the events of purification and presentation that took place when Jesus was 40 days old (see Lk 2:22-39) are tied together and thus commemorated together." (simplycatholic.com)

We will bless the candles for church use on this day, but all are invited to bring candles from home to Masses next weekend and they will be blessed for home use as well.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate the Feast of St. Blasé. This year, as it falls on a Thursday, there will be no morning Mass for the feast. We will have the traditional St. Blasé Blessing of Throats at all Masses next weekend. We will have a general blessing at the end of Mass and then people are invited to stay after for individual blessings with the holy candles blessed on the Feast of the Presentation.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE-** Join the Diocese of Trenton on a 10-day Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague, June 5-14, 2022. We will visit Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Prague and much more! Pilgrimage price is \$4,330 double occupancy, single supplement +\$1,050. Space is limited so register today at: [www.The-Catholic-Journey.com/0622Trenton](http://www.The-Catholic-Journey.com/0622Trenton). For more information call 609-406-7446 or email [Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org](mailto:Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org)

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD?** Text the word "freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit [www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom) for info on religious liberty.



WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
EDWARD F. LYONS  
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE

#### WORD OF LIFE

“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).” NABRE © 2010 CCD.

**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.

**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.

**ABORTION REVERSAL** – After having taken the first abortion pill (of two), many women wish they had a second chance to save the life of their baby. **THEY DO!** To find out more, visit [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com)

**ACTION CENTER** -- Please continue to pray for the Supreme Court to thoughtfully reach a favorable decision in the Dobbs Case 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. **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.”**

Go to [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com) Tell Congress they must not force Americans to subsidize the taking of innocent life. We Oppose any bill, including any appropriations bill, that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. The Hyde Amendment has saved nearly 2.5 million babies and mothers in difficult circumstances from the tragedy of abortion. We urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to ensure that the Hyde Amendment and all similar life-saving appropriations riders remain in place during the 117th Congress and beyond.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITES** [dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

#### GIVING TREE THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Father William Lago & St. Denis Parishioners,  
Thank you for your generous donation of toys which allowed us to help those in need.

God bless,  
Nicholas Koumarios  
Catholic Charities

**CRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**—A Christmas flower donation was made in memory of the Kobes Family. Other names of loved ones honored or remembered with Christmas flower donations appeared in three previous bulletins. Thank you to all who donated to this collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**NODA “NO ONE DIES ALONE”**- Be part of a rewarding ministry. Assist patients at Jersey Shore University Medical Center at the end of their life. Volunteers are needed as dispatchers, compassionate companions and Eucharistic Ministers. For more information please call the community liaison at 732-245-1740.

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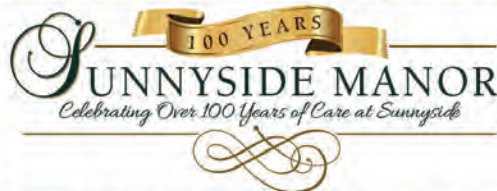
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