

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

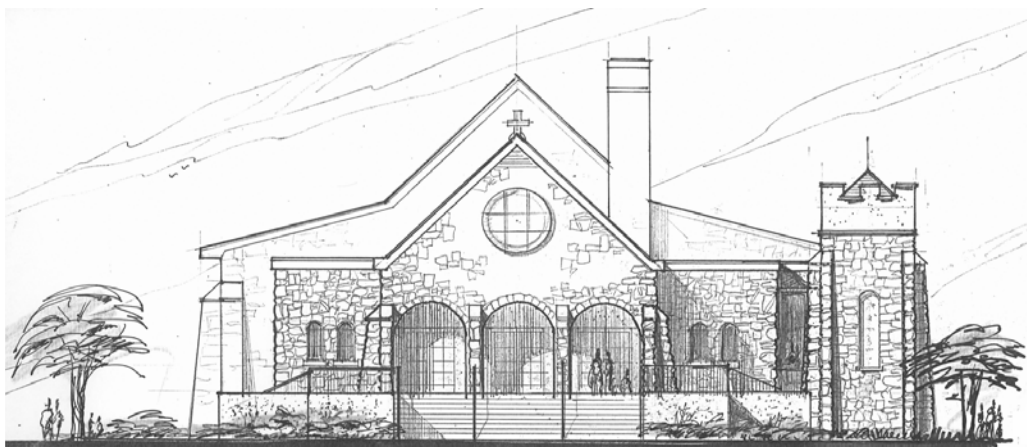
Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said: ‘Everyone is looking for you.’ He said to them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come’. So he went into their synagogues preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.”

Jesus the healer, Jesus the pray-er, Jesus the preacher and teacher. A few verses capture His ministry and message that He offers. Fast forward and the need is the same: ‘everyone is looking for you.’

Many are looking for fame, comfort, riches, but not for what Jesus has brought. We are called to help them find the Lord who means so much to us. Who is it that has fallen away from the church? They are still loved by the Lord. Who do I know caught in a bad habit, a vice, or depression? They are still loved by the Lord.

What they need is someone who looked for the Lord, has found Him and wishes to share that same positive experience with them. As I live my conviction and faith, I bring Him to them, and they to 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, February 3, 2018**

8:30 am Maeve Behan by Maureen & Thomas Hughes & Family
 8:30 am Diane Orlando by the Tomasuolo Family
 8:30 am Peter Ferrante by Virginia Coester
 4:30 pm Jim O'Donnell by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
 4:30 pm Jimmy La by Susan Schenker
 4:30 pm Rosemary Tango by Susan Warnick

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by Antoinette Baker
 8:00 am Patrick Cerami by the Conway Family
 8:00 am Richard Walker by Lucia & Joseph Nitti
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am John Young by his Family
 10:00 am Michael G. Helliwell by the Burke Family
 10:00 am Mary Posch by the Flannery Family
 11:00 am Nancy Charlesworth by Catherine Campen
 11:00 am Leo Quigley by Terry & Ron DePasquale
 11:00 am Joan Stoddard by Gary Pstrak

Monday, February 5, 2018

7:30 am Peter Ferrante by Virginia Coester
 7:30 am Mark Strucich by Charlotte Peterson
 7:30 am William Coleman by Amy Campbell

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

7:30 am Kathryn Begley by Liz Callahan
 7:30 am Bridget Hynes by Joan & Tony McGuinness
 7:30 am Irene Puzyr by the Moskov & Oehme Families

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7:30 am Jessica Alamsha by Cheryl Scheideler
 7:30 am Peter Nelson McEneaney, Sr.
 by Denise McDonald & Robert Drury
 7:30 am Teresa O'Connell by Dawn & Rich Bonelli

Thursday, February 8, 2018

7:30 am Bernice Kile by her Family
 7:30 am Victor Salvo by the Terzano Family
 7:30 am Michael Stokes by Joan & Mark Clarkin

Friday, February 9, 2018

7:30 am Macee Katherine Freeman by Sandi & Jim Freeman
 7:30 am John F. Papetti, Sr. by Sandi & Jim Freeman
 7:30 am Michael Stokes by Kate Geiger

Saturday, February 10, 2018

8:30 am Carlton "Bud" Borden
 by Jerry & Jackie Herbert "The Race Place"
 8:30 am AnnaMae Hearn by Elise Hemmer
 8:30 am Barbara Leddy by the Burns Family
 4:30 pm Wayne Wells by Marilyn & Gene Bialas
 4:30 pm John Kringle by Patricia Healey
 4:30 pm Allen Bessemer, Sr. by John & Denise Burke

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:00 am Theresa Baldino by her Family
 8:00 am Kathryn Begley by Sally Schuren
 8:00 am Dolores Quinn by Eric Beck
 9:30 am Dominick & Morris by Richard Kohrmann
 9:30 am George A. Kohrmann by his Brother
 9:30 am William C. McNichol by Joyce McNichol
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Josephine & Jimmy Quilter by Cindy & Scott Ernst
 11:00 am Leo Quigley by Betsy Rice
 11:00 am Bonnie McManus by Terry & Ron DePasquale

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 and Claire Knaus and Walter Bronikowski.



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, 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, 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 Giambone, 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.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2017 contributions, please complete and return this form to the rectory by way of the collection basket or mail to: St. Denis Church 90 Union Ave. Manasquan, NJ 08736 (attention: Betsy). You may also email your request to: st.denis@verizon.net.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

SAINT DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 12:00 noon in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Please bring your lunch, and dessert will be provided. Please note that we, with the Catholic Daughters, Ct. St. Denis, will be responsible for supplying the soup for the Soup and Scripture Series on February 21, 2018. If you are available to make soup for that day, please call the rectory at 732-223-0287 or call 732-528-9265.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS members will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. New members are always welcome!

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.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE will be our second collection next week. This collection supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/

Weekly Collection 

January 14, 2018

Weekend Collection- \$15,611.00

Average Envelope Donation- \$30.21

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Message from Father Bill

In two weeks we will have the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our theme this year is "This is what Love Looks Like." Why is the Annual Catholic Appeal important? As members of our diocesan family, we are called upon to love and serve all of our brothers and sisters – both within our Catholic community and beyond. Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows our diocese to continue to serve as a resource to the parishes and other organizations in their efforts to provide service, evangelization and outreach to people. The Annual Catholic Appeal is integral to the mission and services of the Diocese of Trenton. Providing day to day assistance to those among us with the greatest needs, training for seminarians, for youth in Catholic schools and religious education programs, the Annual Appeal ensures the funding necessary so that these programs may continue to serve so many people throughout our Diocese. As in the past, this year's efforts will create new opportunities and hopefully expand services for those living and working within the counties of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean.

Last year almost \$6 million was raised and St. Denis parishioners helped in a most generous way to meet the goal for our parish. This year we have the same goal, but I ask that people who have never participated in the appeal to help in some way this year. Honestly speaking, only about 20% of parishioners participated in the annual appeal last year. It is important for the sake of our cooperative effort, that we all see the call to contribute something to the diocesan appeal for the good of the work of the diocese to show forth what love looks like. We will have pledge cards in pews for any type of gift and any manner of making your contribution. I will be putting information in pews and the bulletin to let you know about what the diocese will do with your money. And I ask over the next two weeks that you think of your contribution.

When we work together, so much can happen. As an example, I received a thank you letter for hosting the Dove's good work of collecting vitamins for the Henry B. King Medical Brigade to bring with them on their missionary trip. I quote, "We collected 2,380 children's vitamins and 3,235 adult vitamins and 3,2852 assorted vitamins (such as Vitamin C). Our brigade will go to Honduras in April. We visit people in remote areas that have little medical care available to them. ... Thank you. St. Denis Parish is a faithful friend to us. We could not do this mission without your support."

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!





The St. Denis Bereavement Group is gathering 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/

eileenziezmer@gmail.com

to let us know you will be joining us!

ST. DENIS ELIZABETH MINISTRY: AN INVITATION TO WOMEN- We are looking to restart The Elizabeth Ministry at St. Denis Parish. The Elizabeth Ministry is a group of women who affirm, encourage, assist and pray in response to the needs of women during the child-bearing years and beyond. We are looking to begin a Mommy and Me group, reach out to the families of newly baptized, and get together once a month for fellowship and support. To get involved in this wonderful ministry or to ask any questions, please contact **Eileen Ziesmer at eileenziezmer@gmail.com or 732-223-0287.**



SAVE THE DATE- March 24, 2018...

Late Nite Catechism... Sister's Easter Catechism: Will My Bunny go to Heaven? Join us at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria of the St. Denis School Building for this fun and engaging evening. General admission is \$35. Tables may be reserved with the purchase of 8 tickets. Wine & light refreshments will be served. Proceeds will benefit Vincent's Legacy, the furniture Ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Trenton Council. Tickets are available at <https://sisters-easter-catechism.eventbrite.com> If you have questions, please contact KBrady@svdptrenton.org



YOUTH GROUP NEWS- Next week is the Diocesan Youth Conference - #BeFearless Saturday, February 10th. This year it will be held at CBA from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will be great energetic speakers, music, activities, prayer, Adoration and conclude with Mass with about 500 other Catholic teens and Bishop O'Connell. We are looking for more students, 8th graders and high schoolers, to join the awesome experience. We need parents to sign permission forms and also let us know if they want to join us. All members received emails with the permission slip as an attachment. If you are not on the email list and want to go, call the parish office by Tuesday, February 6th and email John Ringo at stdenisyg@yahoo.com

D.O.V.E.S. (Dedicating Our Values Every Second) 2018

TEEN SERVICE TRIP- Have a desire to serve others while making new friends and enriching your faith? Then the DOVES teen mission trip is for you! Registration is open for the DOVES 2018 service trip to Dover, DE from June 24-June 29, 2018. This trip is organized through Catholic HEART Work Camp. (See www.heartworkcamp.com). Students and chaperones "camp" in a local school for the week, assisting needy residents and community organizations with painting, gardening, cleanup and other service projects. The eleventh annual trip is open to students who will be in ninth grade or higher in Fall 2018. The cost is \$465, including meals, lodging and transportation. (Fundraising reduces the transportation portion.) For more information, contact Ellen Easton, 732-278-0954 or email ceaston@verizon.net.

VINCENT'S LEGACY HELPING HANDS- The Trenton Diocesan Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has launched an exciting initiative to provide gently used furniture and household goods to our neighbors in need called Vincent's Legacy. Its mission is to ensure every family has a comfortable, functioning home. Please visit its Crowd Source funding site, <https://youcaring.com/svdpVincentlegacy> to learn more about this important ministry and prayerfully consider a \$5 donation.



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

Items needed at this time: macaroni & cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, Spam, instant plain rice, instant mashed potatoes, pancake mix, non-refrigerated boxed milk, canned evaporated milk, all fruit juice (both large bottles & juice boxes), crackers, microwave popcorn, dish liquid, tissues, and toilet paper. 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.

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



Many of us have experienced a major surgery or other sudden traumatic event that can make us feel helpless. We know, however, that we can be lifted, inspired and given hope by the good wishes and prayers of those we know and love (and even those we don't know!) They can help us get through the early trials until such time as we can, with God's help, use our own strength and ability and so, more easily "stand on our own". Knowing that others care actually does "make it better". When our neighbors in need receive our thoughts and prayers-as well as material help-they too are lifted by faith and hope through God's grace, and moving forward, are better able to use their own resources to care for themselves.

If you would like to find out more about our ministry, come to one of our general meetings which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (church basement). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

If you are in need of assistance, please call our hotline 732-223-1383.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During Lent, from Ash Wednesday, February 14th until Holy Thursday, March 29th, this is what the Catholic Church requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in Canon Law below.

Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday, February 14th this year. Since Ash Wednesday is one of only two solemn penitential days, no dispensations will be granted.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Saturday this year.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat). The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year - - often called "Easter duty" - - for those in the state of grace should be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18th to Trinity Sunday, May 26-27th**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is just cause.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Fridays during Lent- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (12:00-12:30 pm) and Stations of the Cross (12:30-1:00 pm) in the church. Also, every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in the church, 7:00-7:30 pm.



our military, especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. Honrath, Navy MIDN Nora N. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy Lt. 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

THE DANIEL PLAN- GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH- JOIN US... and CHANGE YOUR LIFE TODAY!

The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on The Five Essentials: **Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends**. The program is an innovative approach to optimizing your health in each of these life areas, setting goals, and providing support and encouragement. **WHO:** Anyone looking to improve his/her health **WHEN:** Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm **WHERE:** St. Denis School Building **LEADER:** Monica Butler **Contact Eileen in the parish office with any questions (732)-223-0287.**

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE PRESENTS:

A Men's Spirituality Discussion Group- Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual. Everyone in the group will be encouraged to share in a non-judgmental environment. The format of the meeting will begin with a brief prayer, a passage from scripture, spiritual book, article, or song lyric that will initiate the discussion. Presenter: Jack Hudak Date: Wednesday, 2/7/18 Time: 7:30-9:00 pm Fee: \$10

Toward a Lent Well Spent- The Spirit of God within each of us points the way to justice, love and peace. But the constant distractions of our lives keep us from responding. These few hours of attention to that Spirit at the beginning of Lent aim to establish new and lasting habits of genuine spirituality. Presenter: Rev. Richard Rento Date: Wednesday, 2/14/18 Time: 9:30 am-2:30 pm Fee: \$50-\$65 (light lunch included)

To register or for more information, please call the Upper Room at 732-922-0550. The Upper Room is now on Facebook.

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 Warkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2018 Weekend Retreats- February 16-18 and August 24-26.



**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EDWARD F. LYONS
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE**

HENRY B. KING MEDICAL BRIGADE BON VOYAGE FUNDRAISER will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018, 1:30-5:30 pm at River Rock Restaurant & Marina Bar in Brick. The Henry B. King Medical Brigade serves the poor and sick of Honduras. The cost for adults is \$45 for pre-sale and \$50 at the door, children \$10, (includes buffet, open bar & entertainment). There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Donations of vitamins, hats & toys are greatly appreciated. Presale is available at www.hbking2018.eventbrite.com For more information call 732-245-3332 or email scottyabercrombie@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION-CHAPTER 1- All women are invited to a Retreat Day at Holy Family Church, 1139 County Line Road, Lakewood. The day consists of Mass, prayer, music, a speaker, sharing, networking, and prayers for healing. Carol Bulcroft and Colleen Kelly-Rayner invite you as they share "Hugged By Mary" Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018 Time: 8:00 am-12:00 pm Mass: 8:00 am Admission is \$20 and includes lunch (pay at the door). For reservations call 732-363-0139, ext. 777 by Tuesday, February 6th or register online at CWOZ.ORG.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY- FEBRUARY 12, 2017;
NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK (February 7-14, 2018) -** The U.S. Catholic Bishops and the Department of Evangelization and Family Life announce the annual commemoration of World Marriage Day (WMD) and National Marriage Week. WMD is celebrated on the second Sunday in February to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family and salute the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life; visit wmd.wwme.org for more information. National Marriage Week (February 7-14) is a collaborative campaign to strengthen individual marriages, reduce the divorce rate, and build a culture that fosters strong marriages. For more information visit www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org. To learn more, contact Peg Hensler, Associate Director of Marriage Ministries and NFP, 609-403-7156; phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.



We welcome into our parish family the following children who were brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Patrick William Blewitt
Gabriel David Gilani
Riley Chase Lucarelli

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



**FEBRUARY 4, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL J. KELLY
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE**

LENTEN MISSION-WE THIRST: LESSONS IN MERCY, February 12-16 at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson- You are invited to an inspirational and informational four-evening series that will explore the epidemic of addiction in our society and our responsibility as followers of Christ responding to those who are suffering. Each evening will cover one aspect of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual model of addiction. Facilitator Nina Corona is an addiction specialist as well as a Professor of Theology at Villanova University. She is a deeply committed Catholic who is equally committed to breaking the addiction cycle in people and communities. She has long experience in addiction; particularly Opioid addiction. She will share with us insights, both scientific and religious, about addiction. So come to "We Thirst: Lessons in Mercy" and be robed in the Light of God and bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker, fellow student, or family member. For more information visit <http://www.ninamariecorona.com/new-events/>

DOWNEY SIDE ADOPTION is holding an orientation for interested persons to learn about adopting older children, school age and up. Refreshments will be served. Place: St. Uriel's Church, 219 Philadelphia Ave. in Sea Girt 732-359-8434 Date: Sunday, February 18, 2018 Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

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 or a bachelor degree and who are currently enrolled or newly registered at an accredited two or four year institution. Applications and information are available at www.springlakewomansclub.org. Applications are due April 9, 2018. For information call Anne Butler at 732-449-3750 or Kathleen Dittman at 732-449-5920.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY- Sacred Heart Church, 751 Main Ave. in Bay Head invites you to a Bible Study on Mondays, February 12-March 19, 9:00-11:30 am or 6:30-9:00 pm. The Bible Study, *Journey to the Cross-With Jesus*, will take place in the church hall with light refreshments. Accompany Jesus through the events of His passion, death, and resurrection in this newest Scripture guide of our popular *Keys to the Bible* series. In Jesus' Journey to the Cross, you can follow Jesus on His jubilant entry into Jerusalem, sit with Him during His last supper with His apostles, pray with Him during the agony in Gethsemane, and stand at the foot of the cross on Golgotha where-with love unto death-He offered His life for our salvation. What a blessed way to spend the six weeks of Lent! There is a \$15 fee to register. Please specify day or evening session to DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or 732-899-1398.

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