

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**

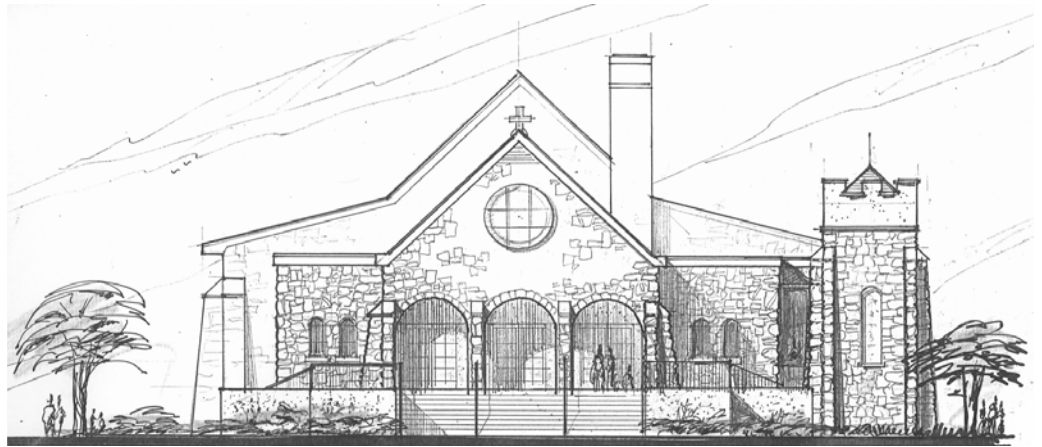
“A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, ‘If you wish you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition.

Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he!

Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke ‘If you wish,..’ He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he!

May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened. Lent is God’s gift to me this year.



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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 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

Monday, February 12, 2018

- 7:30 am Ronald & Cecilia Witzczak by Loving Daughter, Karen
- 7:30 am William Brannick, Jr. by Marge Heinrich
- 7:30 am Helen Weber by the Eichmann Family

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

- 7:30 am George Perk, Jr. by Marta & Wesley Perk
- 7:30 am Ray McAlarney by Ken Kleinlein
- 7:30 am Bruno DeMatteo by Frank & Jackie Gaynor

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

- 7:30 am Bernice Kile by Her Family
- 7:30 am Catherine Morton by Her Family
- 7:30 am Lillian & Theodore Prospero by Their Son
- 12:00 pm Allen Bessemer, Sr. by His Wife, Jane
- 12:00 pm Joseph Miller by Tom Stark
- 12:00 pm Ann Ciccone by Tom & Pat Coyle
- 7:00 pm Michael & Zachary Herman by Their Family
- 7:00 pm Ardith Leber by Marianne Ward
- 7:00 pm Madelyne Hoff by the Zappulla Family

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- 7:30 am Edward M. Bookrajian by Carol Rizzi
- 7:30 am Ardith Leber by Judith Cerami
- 7:30 am Joseph Racioppi by His Family

Friday, February 16, 2018

- 7:30 am Patrick Patterson by His Family
- 7:30 am Julia Hrankowski by Her Daughters
- 7:30 am Margie Heider by Marilyn & Pat Kelly

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- 8:30 am The Intentions of Vince & Aileen Stahl
by the Pascale Family
- 8:30 am Vinney Ferrara by Emily & Sheila
- 8:30 am Pat Connell by Emily & Sheila
- 4:30 pm Philip Valesse by Ron & Terry DePasquale
- 4:30 pm Ruth Connolly Burrus by the Brattlof Family
- 4:30 pm Marjorie Turrisi Scarpa by Gloria & Dave Smith

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 8:00 am William Coleman by Henry & Lois Supan
- 8:00 am Antonia Ferrannini by Anthony & Joan Ciccotto
- 8:00 am Margaret Ann Accioni by Maryann Crowe
- 9:30 am Robert W. Rademacher by Bobby & Kait
- 9:30 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by Joan Brannick
- 9:30 am Regina Ferris by Helen & Bill Walsh
- 10:00 am Peter Ferrante by Virginia Coester
- 10:00 am James Hourihan by His Family
- 10:00 am Chris Devine
by the Dellisola Family, John, Jennifer, Betsy & Tom
- 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

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.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrlich, 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 Mesias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, 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 Tuya, 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.



Sanctuary Candle

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAE & MICHAEL PARCARO
REQUESTED BY MONA & JOHN KIRK

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!

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK- We celebrate National Marriage Week from the 7th – 14th of February. We pray for all married couples and those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Catholic Church upholds the importance and uniqueness of marriage. Social Science proves the importance of marriage. For videos and more information on why marriage is unique, visit: www.marriageuniqueforareason.org and for national studies and statistics and other resources for married couples, visit: www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org and go to the U.S. Bishops' site: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm>

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL- Next weekend is the Annual Catholic Appeal. 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 throughout Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Next weekend we will show the Bishop's video and we will have pledge cards to indicate how you choose to donate to help support the work of the diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities: enlivening parish life and catechesis, empowering evangelizers, helping educators reach children and encouraging vocations. Your prayers and your generosity to next week's second collection will be greatly appreciated.



January 21, 2018

Weekend Collection-	\$13,009.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$24.43

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

A Day of Fast and Abstinence
Masses will be celebrated at
7:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
(with distribution of ashes)



Message from Fr. Bill

God bless all married couples and engaged couples. We are in the midst of National Marriage Week and it is important for us, as Catholics, to understand the uniqueness and sanctity of marriage. To assist in this understanding, there is information at the entrances of the church and chapel and information in this week's bulletin. Also, did you know that FORMED has a great series call "Beloved"? Go to our parish website and click on FORMED, sign in for free and watch whether you are engaged or married and especially if you are not married, but cohabitating instead. It will help all to appreciate God's design and plan for fulfillment in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

We prepare for Lent, which begins this Wednesday. Masses with the distribution of ashes are 7:30 am, noon and 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday begins a 40 day journey, a pilgrimage of renewal. We are better as pilgrims! We don't want to be tourists. A tourist goes on a trip and just wants to get to the destination, then they can enjoy. A pilgrim considers the journey as important as the destination. A pilgrim knows they are meant to enjoy the journey as a time of renewal, a time of heightened awareness of how they are "moving" in life. A pilgrim reflects on what is truly important in life and uses this growth in understanding to fuel a growth in zeal as a disciple of Christ. A "spiritual tourist" gets ashes and wakes up at the destination - Easter. A "spiritual pilgrim" takes part in all that Lent offers as we journey to Easter, having much more to celebrate because of the effort put into the pilgrimage. So, as we prepare for our Lenten Pilgrimage, I ask you to please take home the Lent brochure and see what you would like to take part in to enrich your spiritual life. May God bless your Lenten pilgrimage to Easter.

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY- This Knights of Columbus program's objective is to collect eyeglasses in any condition. They will then be repaired and distributed to those in need. A collection container will be left in the vestibule of the church for the next two weeks. *Remember: The eye is the most precious and useful organ of the body. It is indeed a masterpiece of God's handiwork.*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 2018 LENTEN CAMPAIGN - February 14 to March 25-This Lent, join people throughout the country in the 40 Days for Life effort. We are asked to commit to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Please pray and fast for those seeking abortion, hurting after abortion, and for the conversion of heart of all abortion clinic workers and supporters. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting, please consider volunteering to join others in prayer outside of *Planned Parenthood*, 69 E. Newman Springs Road in Shrewsbury. To learn more about praying at Planned Parenthood, contact Bonnie at bmcgon-eg@aol.com This effort is supported in our local parishes by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry.



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!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS- Our next meeting is February 25th. We'll have a great time with the ice-breaker and we will continue our planning for the "Egg-celent Adventure." Also, we'll talk about Lent from the perspective of a high schooler. So, see you at the school Sunday the 25th from 6:00 -7:30 pm.

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 eeaston@verizon.net.

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.



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: cookies, lunch box size bagged chips/snacks; small bottles of vegetable oil, sugar, 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.

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



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.

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.**

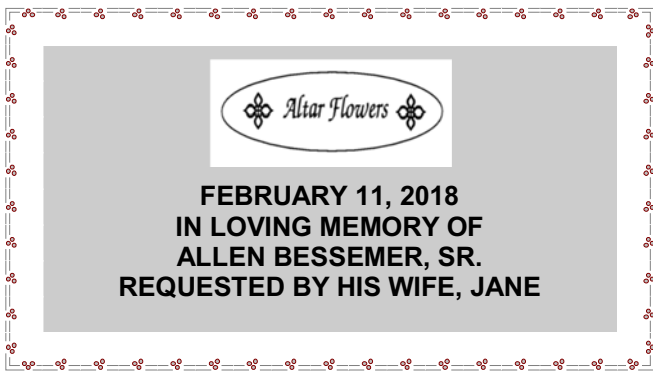
THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel, Jesus is moved with pity upon meeting the leper. He touched him and healed him—he was "made clean". We, of course, don't have the power to cure people in the way that Jesus did; however, we can often times help to heal some of the angst that can beset those that are facing crises. Pain and stress resulting from a serious financial setback can be much like a disease in need of care. Helping to overcome a rent, utility or food shortfall, along with kindness and love, can be similar to overcoming illness. We can put our faith into action as we bring this kind of healing to the poor and hungry in our area.

For those who may be interested in learning about the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, our meetings 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 20, 2018.

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



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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website. The bulletin is posted on the website on Friday mornings. To see the list of intentions visit www.churchofstdenis.org and click on the “weekly bulletin” link.

LENT ALMSGIVING – Help Local Children in Need- We will be collecting underwear and socks for children of all ages who are from Monmouth County. Children and Family Services relies on donations for the needy children they help. The underwear and socks will be used by both children who enter the system on emergency basis and families with the children who remain in home and are in need of this basic clothing necessity. We will have a drop-off box in the entrances of church and chapel for the last weekend of February and first weekends of March. Socks for any age and underwear sizes for children to teens (2T to Adult XL) would be greatly appreciated.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE- The Manasquan Ministerium presents a “Soup & Scripture” series each Wednesday during Lent in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. The program begins promptly at 12:00 noon and ends at 1:00 pm. This year’s theme is “Mercy Loves Company”. We have all heard “misery loves company” but this is something totally different. God, who is Mercy, Loves Company- God loves when we come together, united in our faith in Jesus Christ and our common acknowledgement of our need for God’s mercy. On February 14th (Ash Wednesday), Reverend Jim Dunson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Manasquan will be the speaker. All are welcome.



SAINT DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY & CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will be responsible for supplying the soup for the Soup and Scripture Series on February 21, 2018, when Father Bill will be

the speaker. If you are available to make soup for that day, please call the rectory at 732-223-0287 or call 732-528-9265.

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

UPCOMING LENTEN HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH:

LEARN TO MEDITATE WITH SCRIPTURE- Join us on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm in the church as Father Bill teaches us how to personally get more out of the scriptures.

BEST LENT EVER- Come watch the video and join in the discussion on Tuesday, February 27, March 6, March 13, & March 20, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm in the church. Come to one, or come to all.

ADORATION WITH QUIET PRAYER AND CONFESSIONS will take place in the church on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm.

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.



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.

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: carolinewj@aol.com New members are always welcome!

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 _____

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

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD... PRAISE & 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 Allison Penkethman 732-528-4976

FIRST RECONCILIATION BLESSINGS †

To all the children who celebrated their
First Sacrament of Reconciliation
on Saturday, Feb. 3rd



Many families of the children
also came forward to receive
Reconciliation & celebrate the
Sacrament as a family! ☺

Michael Baldasare
Blake Barrow
Averi Bartocci
Parker Basaman
Cecilia Bonner
Sabrina Boyle
Logan Breiner
Daniel Brennan
Charlotte Califano
Elisabeth Campanile
Charlotte Carson
Anthony Caruso
Andrew Cocco
Isabella DeFeo
Shane DePinto

Carys Devine
Daniella DiRocco
Callan Erlich
Cowan Fagen
Declan Freud
Alexander Gabriele
Patrick Geiger
Catherine Giunco
Brenna Gordon
Donovan Havard
Darren Hedden
Matthew Hedden
Mia Herrmann
Nora Hoppe
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Luciano Introna
John Ippolito
Nicole Jacobs
Owen Korth
Brendan Luethold
Emily Lutkiewicz
Jackie Mackown
Bridget Mangan
Olivia Manzo
Victoria Marsella
Calli Matthaei
Ella McCarthy
Payton McCarthy
Sean McCarthy
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Jack Nagel
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