

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

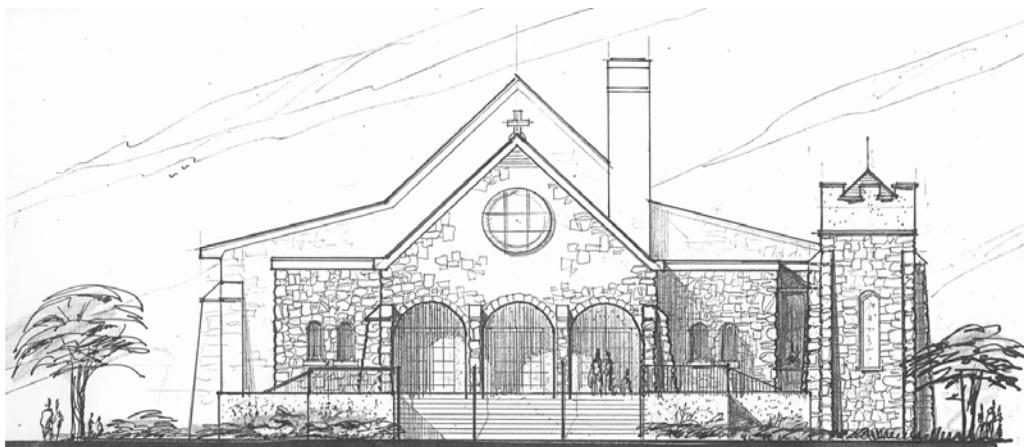
**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017**

“What we utter is God’s wisdom: a mysterious hidden wisdom. God planned it before all ages for our glory. Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit... Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I tell you unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God.’”

The ‘professional’ religious people of Jesus’ time knew the bible, practiced in detail the requirements of their faith, and most were holy people. They knew the word, lived the word and incorporated it into the daily living.

Fast forward: How does the wisdom of God play out in my life? I know many things from the bible. I can speak about the four gospel writers and enjoy the life of the primitive church as I find it in the Acts of the Apostles. Some passages especially from the letters of Saint Paul, as the hymn of charity or the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Corinthians and Galatians move me.

The wisdom found in the scriptures is to direct my life and focus on just one thing, that is my holiness. Knowledge in the head must move down a few inches and become the life giving pump for my heart. Holiness too is a gift of God for me to seek, discover and accept. We call Jesus ‘the holy one of God’ and we are to be as well.




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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 11, 2017**

- 8:30 am Patricia O'Brien by Andrea D'Andrea
 8:30 am Barbara M. Pollina by Helen & Don Guarcello
 4:30 pm Virginia Rose Koehne by Susan Schenker
 4:30 pm Jim Berardi by Mary Hogan

Sunday, February 12, 2017

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Rosemary Smock by Alyce Miller
 9:30 am George Kohrmann by Richard
 10:00 am Mary Jane Caleca by Adele & Joey Meegan
 10:00 am Josephine & Jimmy Quilter
 by Cindy & Scott Ernst
 11:00 am George R. Kelder, Sr.
 by Deacon Jim & Nancy Challenger
 11:00 am Elise Bastardo by Joann Corrigan

Monday, February 13, 2017

- 7:30 am Thomas Charles Boyon by the Cohen Family
 7:30 am For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ryan
 (in Honor of Their 50th Wedding Anniversary)
 by Connie & Jim Dallas

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

- 7:30 am Rosemary Smock by Mary Kellenberger
 7:30 am Lillian & Ted Prospero by Their Son

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

- 7:30 am Edward M. Bookrajan by His Sister
 7:30 am Catherine Morton by Her Family

Thursday, February 16, 2017

- 7:30 am Patrick Patterson by His Family
 7:30 am Thomas Charles Boyan by Patricia Scotto

Friday, February 17, 2017

- 7:30 am Guy Cavaliere by Tom & Pat Coyle
 7:30 am Joseph Pstrak by Jim & Michele Conrey

Saturday, February 18, 2017

- 8:30 am Michael Barry by Joseph & Margaret Patterson
 8:30 am Jim Peters by Renee & Luke Caverly
 4:30 pm Jane Livingston
 by Maureen & Thomas Hughes & Family
 4:30 pm James Berardi by Patricia & Patrick Trezza

Sunday, February 19, 2017

- 8:00 am David Witts by a Friend of Gale
 8:00 am Marie Kellner by the Twaddell Family
 9:30 am Rosemary Smock by Joan Crowley
 10:00 am Helen Zito by Eric & Carlene Klein
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Jeanne Punderson by the Rice Family
 11:00 am Mark McGuigan by the Rice Family



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Marie Gallagher, 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, Fred Gearing, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Mary Knox, Allaire Papac, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Mary Cramer, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Beth Vanderhoot, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, William Struyf, John Lewis, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Philip Valse, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, Nair Messias, Randy Wermir, Jennifer Noble, Laurie Opdyke, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Margaret Mary Nielsen, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Karen Kelling, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Kathryn Abel, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Allen Bessemer, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Kimberly Scarpuola, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Baby Dominick Strada, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Anthony DeMarco, Jr., Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Peter Gallagher, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
 especially Daniel Mount and George Cochet.



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.



our military, especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. 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, Cadet Brian Quinn at West Point, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Private David J. Dunfee, Captain Michael Potoczniak, United States Army, Lt. Col. Ivan Ingraham, USMC, Cadet Dominic Celiano at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cadet Slade Kelling, U.S. Air Force Academy, FN Joseph Beattie, U.S. Coast Guard, Taylor Nesbitt, E3 U.S. Navy and Airman Devon Webster.

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THE ST. DENIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR practices on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the church. New members are welcome to join.

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 (Monsignor O'Connor Hall) before the first reading and return during the offertory.

DOVES 2017 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 2017 service trip to Roanoke, Va. from July 16-July 21, 2017. 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. This tenth annual trip is open to students who will be in **eighth** grade or higher in fall 2017. The cost is \$465, including meals, lodging and transportation. (Fundraising reduces the transportation portion.) For more information, contact Ellen Easton, 732-528-8038 or email eeaston1@verizon.net.

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION- Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will help reduce the parish debt. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



January 22, 2017

Regular Weekend Collection	\$12,496.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$22.60
2nd Collection (church in Latin America)	\$3,175.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$9.57
Online Giving (2/1/17-2/7/17)	\$1,302.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm- Come join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in Saint Denis Church on Fridays. All are welcome to spend a few minutes praising, thanking and just being with Jesus.

Message from Fr. Bill

This week I would like to tell you about the Diocese of Trenton's Youth Conference 2017. The title for the DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference) is "ABLAZE". It will be held at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Hamilton on Saturday, March 4th. If you have not yet seen the "Youtube" video that Bishop O'Connell did as an advertisement, go and watch it on the Diocese's Website: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/youth/. At the website you can also register online and view other videos about the DYC. Students in grades 9-12 from across the diocese will be there, and so should you!

It is always great to get together with friends and support each other. The DYC is meant for Catholic teens to get together, have fun and support one another and be supported by the event in their Catholic Faith. How great it would be if you could set aside the time to take advantage of this great opportunity. There will be great talks, Mass with the Bishop, music, food, faith and fun. I urge you to go and invite a friend to go too! You will definitely meet up with plenty of other people your age and you will be psyched about being Catholic today. Jesus came to set our hearts on fire! Don't you want that for yourself? Go to the website and see for yourself. If you need help with the \$30 registration fee, I will help! Don't let anything hold you back from going to the DYC this year. And after you go, let me know about your experience.



HOLY HELPER CALL OUT-It's never too late to sign up for being a "Holy Helper." Just call the office or email the parish. I am looking for one or two people interested in being the liaison for our new Adult Education On-Line portal (Called "Formed") which we will be rolling out this Lent. Currently, one of our pastoral council members has spearheaded this initiative (Thank you Connie Bruce!) and we are looking for someone with computer skills who will help with our parish's interactions with the company and also keep up with updates and helping to implement the program. It is an exciting and upcoming way for people to learn about their faith at church and at home. Contact Eileen in the parish office to learn more.



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2017
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DO YOU KNOW A "CHAMPION FOR LIFE"??

Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry is seeking nominations for the 2017 "Champion for Life" Award!! This annual award is given to a local person (or couple) who has demonstrated significant dedication to the respect and dignity of all human life. The honoree(s) are presented with this award at our annual "Champion for Life" Dinner in late October. All nominations should include detailed information about the nominee's dedication to upholding the dignity of human life. **Please send submissions by March 15, 2017** to Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry c/o St. Catharine Parish, 215 Essex Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762 or contact Sheila at 201-637-7618 or email smohk@me.com

RACHELS VINEYARD POST-ABORTIVE RETREAT FOR WOMEN AND MEN-

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 the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. 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 desire healing and forgiveness, consider attending a retreat weekend. The next retreat is March 17-19. For info about upcoming retreats contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871 or judywarren543@msn.com --All inquiries are strictly confidential



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and

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Recovery Corner

Are You in AA or NA?

If so, you may like our 1-hour meeting at St. Denis where we study a 12-step Recovery Bible.

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Msgr. O'Connor Hall (St. Denis basement) Thursdays
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DIOCESE OF TRENTON CO-CATHEDRAL—St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Freehold has been elevated by the Holy See to the status of Co-Cathedral for the Diocese of Trenton. The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., 10th Bishop of Trenton, will mark the elevation during Mass, Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 11:30 am. Members of the Diocese are invited to witness this historic celebration by viewing a live video stream available on DioceseofTrenton.org and TrentonMonitor.com

PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT MEETING-

Single Roman Catholic men, ages 18-40, interested in learning more about serving God in the priesthood, are invited to a meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 pm (Mass) – 8:00 pm at St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd. in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallack, Father Dan Swift and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment and vocations, and dinner. Please RSVP (or for further information) by contacting Father Dan at father_dan@smlparish.org.

ST. DENIS CHURCH
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St. Vincent advised: "Deal with neighbors in a gentle, humble, and loving manner, even with the most hardened of sinners, and never employ a vehement accusation or reproaches or harsh language toward anyone whomsoever."

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The poor have the right to work:

The poor have the right to education:

Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has its general meetings at 7:00 pm the first and third Tuesdays of every month. All are welcome to attend.



CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY INTERFAITH COALITION- St. Denis will be hosting a training on Saturday, February 18th, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, for the Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey HELPING OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND CONGREGATION There are many older people living in our parish...in our neighborhood... who are in need of a little help to continue living with dignity and independence at home. **If you can spare just a few hours a week, you can be involved in this ministry. Call and find out more... Contact the Caregiver office (732) 876-3900 or www.caregivervolunteers.org for information.**

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you have a change of address. Thank you.

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 “Call to Discipleship: The Beatitudes in St. Matthew’s Gospel”. The following is the schedule of speakers and topics:

- March 1: Pastor Jim Dunson, Manasquan Pres.; Overview of Beatitudes
- March 8: Father Bill Lago, St. Denis; “Blessed are the poor in spirit”; “Blessed are the meek”; (Matt. 5:3,5)
- March 15: Monsignor Sean Flynn, St. Mark’s & Father Martin O’Reilly, St. Catherine’s; “Blessed are the merciful”; “Blessed are the pure in heart.” (Matt. 5:7-8)
- March 22: Pastor Lou LaFazia, Church in Brielle; “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.” (Matt. 5:6)
- March 29: Pastor Reggie Albert, Manasquan Methodist, Pastor Joe Gratzel, First Baptist, Pastor Eusun Kim, St. Andrew’s Methodist; “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you....” (Matt. 5:11)
- April 5: Pastor Mary Farnham, Holy Trinity Lutheran; “Blessed are those who mourn”; “Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Matt. 5:4, 9)

Free-Will Offering:

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DIOCESE OF TRENTON’S YOUNG ADULT NIGHT, with Net Ministries will take place February 17, 2017, 6:00-10:00 pm at Monmouth University’s Catholic Student Center, 16 Beechwood Ave. in West Long Branch. The evening includes dinner, fellowship, praise and worship. For more information call 609-403-7182 or visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/yam.

HEALING MASS– Give your heart to Jesus at the Healing Mass to be celebrated at Saint Veronica Church, 4215 Rt. 9 in Howell on February 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Jeff Kegley, Pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Middletown and Liaison to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the Trenton Diocese. Refreshments will follow the Mass. For more information please contact Mary Jean at 732-364-2815.

CALLING ALL SOUP MAKERS- Father Bill will be the speaker for the Soup and Scripture series on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Our parish is responsible for supplying the soup for that day. If you would like to provide a crockpot of soup please call 732-528-9265 or the rectory 732-223-0287. Please let us know by February 20th.



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