

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022**

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the water that stretches out its roots in the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.”

May we listen as Jeremiah speaks and using the image from the environment, reflect upon his teaching. Where do I place my trust, in whom is my hope?

As we experience climate change, reflect upon Francis' Laudato Si', as we watch millions of acres burn, floods wipe out entire villages, and crops spoil because of lack of rain, Jeremiah's words should touch us deeply. The earth and what it contains is a gift and we are to take care of it for present and future generations.

The mantra, 'Jesus I trust in you', asks us to manifest concern for all creation and others.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

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

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

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**Saturday, February 12, 2022**

8:30 am Ronald Witczak (6th Anniversary)
by his Daughter, Karen J. Witczak
8:30 am James Romba by Denis Campbell
8:30 am Virginia Larkin by Paul & Mary Lindsey
4:30 pm Lillian & Theodore Prospero by their Son
4:30 pm George A. Kohrmann by Richard
4:30 pm Maryann Schachter by Jackie Lyons

Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:00 am Debra Mahoney by Betsy & Jim Rice
8:00 am James Moynihan by Donald & Yvonne Gioia
8:00 am Joseph J. Angello by Terry Higgins
9:30 am Charles & Dorothy Nielsen by their Daughter
9:30 am Dominic & Morris by Richard
9:30 am Josephine & Jimmy Quilter by Scott & Cindy Ernst
10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, February 14, 2022

7:30 am Mary Sherlock by Evelyn Tuttle
7:30 am Joseph Racioppi by his Family
7:30 am Rose & Jack Feeney by the Family

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

7:30 am Mark Gergich by Claire & Ray Moynihan
7:30 am Edward Bookrajian by his Sister
7:30 am Kay & Dave Morton by the Family

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

7:30 am Julia Hrankowski by MCW
7:30 am Paul Weeks by Gene Bialas
7:30 am Michael Bialas by the Gattardo Family

Thursday, February 17, 2022

No Mass

Friday, February 18, 2022

7:30 am Gerard Becker by John & Ellie Fox
7:30 am Paul Weeks by Carol Rizzi
7:30 am Barbara Beckedorff by Margie Heuser

Saturday, February 19, 2022

8:30 am Phyllis Warakowski by Deacon Gary
8:30 am Suzanne Hartman
by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
8:30 am Intentions of William Pavincich by his Family
4:30 pm Charles Debow by the Stanco Family
4:30 pm Harry Myers by Jackie Lyons
4:30 pm MaryAnn Schachter by her Godmother, JoAnn

Sunday, February 20, 2022

8:00 am Victor Yee by Linda & Larry Nolan
8:00 am Gudalupe Maldonado by Michael & Karen Long
8:00 am Paul Weeks by Claire Sciarappa
9:30 am Mary Reed by Cindy, Carolyn & Mary Lynn
9:30 am James Lewis by Irene Corcoran & Robert Meyers
9:30 am John Fox by the Meier Family
10:00 am Intentions of George Leonard by Betsy Rice
10:00 am Gail Casey by Linda Sims
10:00 am Joseph F. Mesgleski by Gary & Catherine Negra

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Jean Iarussi, Theodore Lund, and Maureen Butler.



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 Round-

tree, 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 Giambone, 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.



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

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

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

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

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

Feb. 16: episode 7 Feb. 23: episode 8

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. Email: 3024@helpourmarriage.org to register.



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,

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

SAINT DENIS PRAYER GROUP-The Prayer Group meets at 12:00 noon each Monday in St. Denis Church. There are no meetings on holidays. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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!

ATTENTION MEN! Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 25th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 26, at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ. The theme of this year's conference is "Awaken." The day runs from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; producer, writer and film director Jim Wahlberg, the older brother of Mark and Donny Wahlberg and Executive Director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation; and Chris Padgett, a popular speaker, musician, and author who has traveled around the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions and retreats to all ages about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. Cost is \$40 per person in advance (\$45 at the door); \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ PO Box 816 Morrisville, PA 19067



January 30, 2022

Weekly Collection (snow storm)– \$3,541.00

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:

GETTING COMFORTABLE WITH THE UN-COMFORTABLE Tuesday, 2/15/22 9:30 AM – 1 PM Spend a morning getting comfortable with “the dark night of the soul” as St. John of the Cross intended us to understand it. Discover the true meaning of God’s precious gift drawing us close through this call to deeper faith, trust and love. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom: \$20.

“COR” STRENGTH- THE “HEART” OF TRANSFIGURATION Friday, 2/18/22 10 AM – 2:30 PM Liturgy at 2PM

Join Fr. William Lago as he shares about the core values that open us up to transformation “through, with, and in” the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The day will include Scripture Study/Reflection; insights from St. Therese, St. John Newmann, St. Maximus the Confessor, St. Anastasius and spiritual author, George Aschenbrenner. There will be time for quiet reflection and meditation. We will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

ZOOM ONLY LENTEN SERIES- LET’S LISTEN TO THE POPE - THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY 4 Wednesdays

7–8 PM March 2, 16, 30, and April 13 This year we return to “Papa Francis” for Fatherly Lenten instruction and inspiration on the mercy of God. This 100-page book will show us the Face of Jesus that Pope Francis sees. It will encourage us to trust in God’s infinite mercy for us and will invite us to be the mercy of Jesus for others in our broken world. Donation: \$50.

ZOOM ONLY LENTEN SERIES- “LENT: OUR HOLY WRESTLING” 5 Tuesdays 7–8 PM March 8, 15, 22, 29 and

April 5 Jesus’ experience in the desert models for us the reality of wrestling with all things human. Guided by Ronald Rohlheiser’s book, *Wrestling with God*, let us find grace in who we are and how we are. Donation: \$50.

Please check www.FHOP.org for registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

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. Register by visiting: www.The-Catholic-Journey.com/0622Trenton. For more information call 609-406-7446 or email Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org



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

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

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

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Pantry hours:

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

This weeks list of needed items :

Tea, mustard, laundry detergent, dish detergent, bars of soap, & body lotion.

Thank you.



St. Denis Bereavement Support Group

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

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

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

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.

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.



Saint Leo the Great Religious Store
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Store Hours:
 Tuesday,
 Wednesday,
 Thursday
 & Friday
 10:00am - 4:00pm

**The Relics of Padre Pio
 February 25th & 26th
 Public Veneration of the
 Relics of Saint Padre Pio
 Church of Saint Leo the Great
 Lincroft, N.J.**
 More info/schedule of events:
www.stleothegreat.com/padre-pio

50 Hurleys Lane • Lincroft, NJ 07738
 Located at the lower level of the Parish Center,
 chair lift accessible
 908-770-1989 • www.stleothegreat.com/store

VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT PADRE PIO will be hosted by the Church of St. Leo the Great in Lincroft on Friday, 2/25/22 and Saturday, 2/26/22. Schedule of events: Friday, 2/25/22: 6 pm prayer service, 6:30-8 pm public veneration of the relics of St. Padre Pio, 8 pm prayer service. Confession will take place 6:30-8 pm. Saturday, 2/26/22: 8 am Solemn Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by public veneration of the relics of St. Padre Pio until 11 am, 11am prayer service. Confession will take place from the end of Mass until 11 am. For more information visit www.stleothegreat.com/padre-pio.

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 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:

The observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 13) is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2022 is "**Called to the Joy of Love.**"

From the "Marriage Week" website we read of the importance of marriage: Recent statistics show this is a critical time for the marriage-building movement. The decline in marriage rates to an all-time low, coupled with a rise in cohabitation, means that Americans are missing out on many of the substantial benefits of marriage. We are making progress as reflected in the falling divorce rate and the reversal of the decades-long rise in non-marital childbearing, so we need to keep the movement going. National Marriage Week exists to spread the word that marriage is worth it: for both the health of adults and the wellbeing of children. Research demonstrates that marriage is one of the best ways to increase happiness, decrease child poverty, and improve outcomes for children. Children raised in a two-parent home are 82% less likely to experience child poverty, addiction, trouble with the law, and teen pregnancy. Additionally, married adults are twice as likely to identify as "very happy" compared to divorced or never-married adults. "Even though our society doesn't always recognize it, marriage is extremely beneficial," said NMW USA Executive Director Erin Stevens. "Creating and maintaining a strong marriage takes hard work, but it is worth the investment. We have loaded our website, marriageweek.org, with tools and opportunities from the best marriage-building organizations in the country."

Echoing Mr. Stephens, and enriching his comments, it is marriage in the context of the Sacrament of Marriage that is the fullness of recognizing the importance of marriage in our Catholic Faith. Marriage in the Catholic Church is seen as a covenant made between husband and wife that reflects and gives witness to the covenantal love that God has for God's people: As a man marries a woman, so will your Builder marry you, and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you" (Isaiah 62:5). It is a critical time for us to share the importance of the sacrament of marriage to those discerning marriage who consider themselves Catholic. I urge you to tell those who would benefit to "google" "Rutgers University Cohabitation Study" and they will see the sociological study that gives evidence to the title of the article "Study: Cohabitation creates problems". God knows what God is doing as he reveals the importance of marriage for those whose vocation it is to be married. I ask all married couples to avail themselves of the following resources as you dedicate yourselves to your vocation, which is "called to the joy of love".

Websites: foryourmarriage.org and also nationalmarriageweekusa.org and winesstolove.org All of these websites have multiple resources like podcasts, daily inspirational quotes, daily marriage tips, recommended reading and a listing of marriage-building events throughout the country.

PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED— We are in need of volunteers to run the projectors at the weekend Masses in the main church. Please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287 if you can be of help. Thank you.



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAE & MICHAEL PARCARO
REQUESTED BY MONA & JOHN KIRK

DOWNEY SIDE– Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. For information call 732-359-8434.

HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH- If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the Hotline at 732-929-0660.

A FLUTE/CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT will take place at Holy Innocents Church, 3455 West Bangs Ave. in Neptune on Sunday, February 27th at 3 pm. Music of Telemann, Argentine composers, and more will be played. A free-will offering will be taken up. All are welcome to attend.

WORD OF LIFE

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

- * **THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD MINISTRY** is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.
- * **ACTION CENTER** --Join us in prayer for God to protect our families and save our country. Please join us in **PRAYING THE ROSARY AT ST. CATHERINE'S** in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 14th (Monday) of this month at 8:30am. We pray to our Blessed Mother for her intercession to Her Son. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.
- * **FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY??** Need Help? Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732 747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.
- * **VISIT OUR WEBSITES:** dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: respectlife.org

**RECOVERY CORNER-
LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE WEEKLY POD-
CASTS-** Check out "City of Angels Recovery
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details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coanj](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coanj) Download the



above app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10am and 10pm. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.

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.

HEALING MASS, FOLLOWED BY HEALING PRAYERS, AT EPIPHANY PARISH IN BRICK- All are welcome to join us every third Friday of the month (from September to May) for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:45 pm in the worship area with Prayer and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration.

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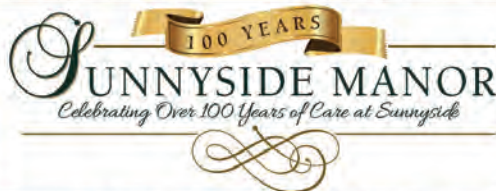
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