

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

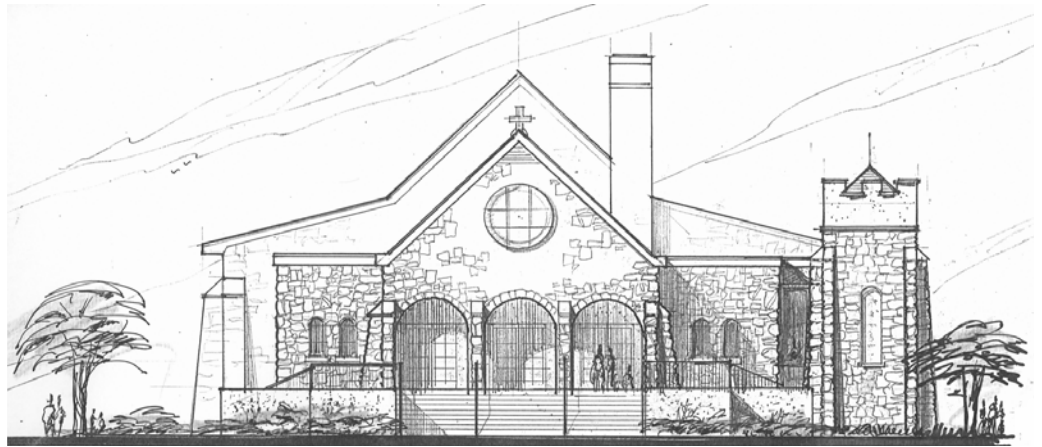
First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018

“Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.... ‘The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God’s word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?



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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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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 Valeso 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

Monday, February 19, 2018

- 7:30 am John, Rosemary & Art Smock by the Family
7:30 am Loren Love by Claire Kaminski
7:30 am Edward P. Rielly by Mike & Anne Renk

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

- 7:30 am Frances Elizabeth Smith (30th Anniversary)
by the Family
7:30 am Lori Bongiovanni by the Gallo Family
7:30 am Joseph Vaina by Colleen Carton

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- 7:30 am Florence Wolf by Laura & Adam Gibbons
7:30 am Tom Mullen by Terry McCormick
7:30 am Nancy Tomlinson by Colleen Carton

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- 7:30 am Evelyn & Joseph Dougherty by the Family
7:30 am Mary Walsh by Ginger Coester
7:30 am Robert DeRose by the Wynd Family

Friday, February 23, 2018

- 7:30 am Mary Walsh by Ginger Coester
7:30 am Amelia Tesariero by Sandy Degrande
7:30 am Robert Carolan by Pat Werdann

Saturday, February 24, 2018

- 8:30 am Barbara Leddy by the Burns Family
8:30 am Mary Walsh by Ginger Coester
8:30 am Charles Kennedy by the Langan Family
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 25, 2018

- 8:00 am Gloria Racioppi by Nancy & Richard Bellia
8:00 am Dolores Karsko by Claire Kaminski
8:00 am Richard Rose by the Prince Family
9:30 am Noreen McCabe by Ann Zito
9:30 am Philip L. Crisonino by Sal & Mary Ann Iradi
9:30 am Doug Masto by the Martone Family
10:00 am Grace Kelly by John & Bonnie O'Neill
10:00 am Annamae & John Hearn by the Family
10:00 am Eamon Kelly by the Langan Family
11:00 am B.J. Morgan and Rashid Tuddles by the Family
11:00 am Nancy Charlesworth by Catherine Campen
11:00 am Mary Smela by Therese Welle

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 George Macor, Irene Davis, and Phyllis Lewis.



Pray For The Sick

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 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 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, Bridget Korn, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



Sanctuary Candle

**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF DANIEL J. KELLY
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE**

PRESIDENTS' DAY- Saint Denis Rectory Office will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 8:30 am.

DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE- Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at respectlifetoday.org. You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and in our world.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION will take place Thursday, March 22, 2018, 9:30 am -3:00 pm at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch. Coffee and danish will be served upon arrival, lunch served at noon, and there will be time to visit the gift shop. Confessions and Mass are also scheduled. The cost for the day is \$35 per person. To sign up or for more information please call St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287 or call 732-223-4231.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL- This weekend is the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please donate to this important cause utilizing the mailer you may have received (for returning donors) or the pledge cards in church. I ask that if you have never donated, please consider to make some pledge, whatever your means permit. 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 in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

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



January 28, 2018

Weekend Collection-	\$12,610.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$24.28
2nd Collection (Church in Latin America)	\$3,339.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$10.03
Online Giving (1/1/18-2/14/18)	\$8,930.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Message from Fr. Bill

I pray a good Lent to you.

As we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, we become more aware of God's invitation to enter into a deepening of our relationship with God and so become renewed in knowing who/how we are and whose we are. We hear of the promise of God to Noah and the sign of the rainbow. We hear how the Flood prefigures Baptism, the Sacrament by which we are brought into relationship *and* union with the Most Holy Trinity. We also hear the Words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus that "the Kingdom of God is at hand" and that we are meant to be a part of it and manifest it. These glimpses from the readings this week remind us that Lent is a season of hope and renewal. I greatly encourage you to take part in some of the events that will be happening this Lent. Please take bulletins and flyers to keep up to date on what is occurring.

Also, I want to remind you of how to access FORMED from the parish website, so that you can take full advantage of what is available from this terrific asset to our parish. Just go to the parish website (churchofstdenis.org) and click on the FORMED box on the right-hand side of the screen. The parish code (PDZVN8) will be in the box already. Then make an account with your email and a password and that is it. We have "business cards" in the gathering space which also give info how to get the free "APP" for you to connect on all your devices.

Please be aware of the Holy Father's request that we pray and fast for peace on 23 February, which is this Friday. This request of the Pope, knowing that Lent is a season of deepening commitment to our call to prayer and a season of hope, is for Catholics throughout the world. Let us join in solidarity to pray and fast for peace and respond to his call.

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.

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 week. *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!



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

Emma Margaret Dixon

&

Avery Elle Noonan

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

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.**

"A LENT TO REMEMBER!" LENT; A JOURNEY OF RENEWAL, based on a series found on Formed.org about encountering God's mercy, will be presented in the church on Tuesdays, 2/27/18-3/20/18:

2/27- "Where Are You?" God will not leave you alone on the journey, He runs to welcome you.

3/6- "An Encounter With Mercy?" We are not defined by our mistakes. God leads us to meet Him in Mercy.

3/13- "Embraced in Mercy: The Rite" Confession step-by-step on the journey of renewal.

3/20- "The Paschal Mystery" Moving from the Passover in Egypt with Jesus to the Last Supper and His crucifixion

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.



**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

URGENT NEED: CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER, KID FRIENDLY JELLY LIKE GRAPE/STRAWBERRY AND TOILET PAPER. Other items needed at this time: decaf and regular tea, pasta sauce, canned tuna and chicken, non-refrigerated boxed milk, canned evaporated milk, all fruit juice (both large bottles and juice boxes), crackers/cookies, microwave popcorn, and hot chocolate. 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 also be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations. Thank you.

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



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is well known for the various ways it ministers to the needy. This is clearly the most evident activity of the Society. However, the Rule and the manual emphasize holiness by striving to conform to Jesus and devoting oneself to God and thereby growing spiritually. It also calls on members not only to work together, but to develop friendships as well. The Society is composed of men and women who seek personal holiness by works of charity. In this essential way, the Society differs from charitable associations whose principal objective is not the spiritual development of its members, but the doing of good for others.

If you have an interest in learning about such a ministry, come to one of our 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 20, 2018.

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



our military, 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

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ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS– For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misfortune. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Sessions annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. Sessions are scheduled for: Monmouth County, March 1, 2018, 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Michael Church in Long Branch and Ocean County, March 8, 2018 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Mary Church in Barnegat. For more information call 609-406-7411

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 21st our pastor, Father Bill will be the speaker. All are welcome.



SAINT DENIS PARISH 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, 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

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.

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 CONFESIONS 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.

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.

**SISTER'S EASTER CATECHISM:
WILL MY BUNNY GO TO HEAVEN?**

March 24, 2018 7:30 pm

SAINT DENIS SCHOOL BUILDING CAFETERIA



Celebrate the Easter Season with Sister as she answers the time worn questions of the season like "Why isn't Easter the same day every year like Christmas?" and "Will my bunny go to heaven?" Part pageant and WHOLY hysterical, this latest of the sinfully funny Late Nite Catechism series unearths the origins of Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter bonnets, Easter baskets, and of course those yummy Easter Peeps. Sister answers questions about pet heaven and the significance of those adorable baby chicks! Classroom participation is a must, so don't forget to wear your Easter bonnet and join Sister for this seasonal treat!

Tickets are available at <https://sisters-easter-catechism.eventbrite.com>

Questions: Contact KBrady@svdptrenton.org

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