

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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 Guadalupe 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

Monday, February 21, 2022

7:30 am Olga & Peter Skarpa by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am Frances & Jerry Lynch
 by Jane & Ed Donovan and Pat & Jack Feehery
 7:30 am Michael Bialas by Fran weeks

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

7:30 am Rose Garozzo by the Rice Family
 7:30 am Arnold Roudette by Barbara Kittle
 7:30 am Gail McMenaman by Jane Nordquist

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

7:30 am Jerry Ward by Patrick Lewis
 7:30 am Paul Weeks by Jim & Michele Conrey
 7:30 am Ralph Meade by MCW

Thursday, February 24, 2022

No Mass

Friday, February 25, 2022

7:30 am Michael Bialas by his Family
 7:30 am Paul Weeks by Gene Bialas
 7:30 am David Smith by MCW

Saturday, February 26, 2022

8:30 am Dianne Albano by the DiLuchio Family
 8:30 am Paul Weeks by the Schatzman Family
 8:30 am David Smith by Adelaide Avena
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:00 am Jo & Frank Crann by Kathy Crann
 8:00 am Armondo Ienco by Linda & Larry Nolan
 8:00 am Francesco "Frank" Curcio by the Rotonda Family
 9:30 am Mary Reed by the St. Denis Choir
 9:30 am Robert Hester by Marlene & Michael Martin
 9:30 am James Lewis by Eileen & Hughie Lennon
 10:00 am Kenneth Pizzo by Vermeulen & Decina Families
 10:00 am Richard Faas by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am John Appleman by the Forman Family

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Frederick William Kile and Robert Healy.



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 Giambrone, 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, 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 have once again partnered 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 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. 23: episode 8

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.



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,

Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith-Cahill, Navy MIDN Michael Zimmerman U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Allison M. Ingraham at West Point Academy, Lt. Col. Ivan Ingraham USMC, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Robert Halmi, U.S. Army, Corporal Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC.



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

Maeve Caroline Malick
&

Madelyn Rose Rotolo

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

HENRY B. KING MEDICAL BRIGADE will be holding its **BON VOYAGE PARTY** at the River Rock Restaurant, Rt. 70 in Brick on Saturday, February 26th from 2-5pm. The party includes a full buffet dinner and dessert, beer, wine and drinks, music, 50/50 raffle and prizes, for \$55 pre-sale, \$60 at the door. The public is invited. Net proceeds will be used to purchase medical supplies for its 29th mission to Honduras this April. To purchase tickets contact Scott: email scottyabercrombie@gmail.com or call 732-245-3332. Again, we thank St. Denis parishioners for their continued support in helping the sick and poor of Honduras.

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. 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 info 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

THANK YOU to all our parishioners and friends for your generous Christmas offerings to our parish. Our 2021 Christmas Collection amounted to \$68,899.00. Your spirit of generosity to St. Denis Parish is greatly appreciated.

BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be used for the organ renewal project (see Fr. Bill's letter). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



February 6, 2022

Weekly Collection - \$10,545.00

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:

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT Wed. 3/2, 9:30 am–1:30 pm Liturgy at Noon We love beginning Lent together with this retreat at Francis House because it provides a gentle structure for the six-week journey ahead. This year *Life Is Messy* by Matthew Kelly will guide your Lenten journey. Liturgy is included with the reception of ashes within it. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book for your 6-week Lenten journey; Zoom \$20.


PACKING WELL FOR THE PILGRIMAGE OF LENT Thurs., 3/3 9:30 am–1 pm A 40-day Lenten journey cannot succeed without good planning and needed supplies. Come away for a mini-retreat and stock up on the graces you will need for the road which lies before you. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

ZOOM ONLY LENTEN SERIES “LENT: OUR HOLY WRESTLING” 5 Tuesdays 7–8 pm 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 and 4/5 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.

ZOOM ONLY LENTEN SERIES A WRITING RETREAT 5 Thursdays 7–8:30 pm 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 and 4/7 How is my life a revelation of God? Enjoy this 5-part Lenten series which will incorporate prayer, individual time with writing prompts and group time to share and motivate each other in how to express with the written word what lies within each person’s sacred story. We will use *Writing the Sacred Journey* by Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew. Donation: \$75.

ZOOM ONLY SERIES “DAYENU” (HEBREW: “IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH”) 4 Mondays 7– 8:15 pm 3/14, 4/18, 5/9, 5/30 What more can our God do for us to prove divine love? Become acquainted with and encouraged by Etty Hillesum, a victim of the Jewish Holocaust, who even at her lowest moments recognized God was giving her more than enough love. Deepen your trust that God loves you with the same extravagance. We will use, *Etty Hillesum, An Interrupted Life.*” Donation: \$50.

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For info contact trentoncur-sillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.



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: **HONORING SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER** - 3/19 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: 11am) - Departure: 1 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.

“ANGELS OF GOD” LENTEN SOUP AND SCRIPTURE 6-WEEK STUDY - All are welcome to join in studying the angels of God during Lent. We will review the Bible’s presentation of God’s angels as guardians and messengers. We will learn to understand angels powerful presence throughout biblical history while enhancing our awareness of their invisible presence with us today. We will enjoy delicious homemade soups while sharing fellowship. Please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com to register. The cost is \$15 & includes your book. **WHEN:** Fridays March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8 **WHERE:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church Hall 103 Washington Ave. in Lavallette **TIME:** 10am-noon.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the Gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris is 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person-to-person help to those who ask for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and they also thank all who donate so generously to the Society.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to the Society’s next meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 7 pm in the school building.

If you need assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 732-223-1383.

Message from Father Bill:

Today, I raise awareness for two fundraisers that will occur over the next few weeks.

Firstly, the Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme this year is "What does Love have to do with it... Everything!" Yes, the Bishop was listening to the Tina Turner song, which got him thinking and reflecting on our Faith and the importance of Love as the motivating and sustaining supernatural gift of God that we are called to live and share. We share Love through our use of the time, talents and treasures that God has gifted us. It is through the Annual Catholic Appeal, and our being motivated by Love of God and neighbor, that we are asked to share our treasure and make a pledge. The pledge can be made across the year (I make three installments over the year) or even a one-time gift. Out of 3,000 families/individuals registered in our parish, just about 500 families/individuals donate to the annual Catholic appeal. We need you to please consider a donation to help the diocese fund the efforts of Evangelization and Communication, Religious Education, Priest/Deacon Vocations, Diocesan-wide Family and Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Pastoral Care, Respect Life, Outreach to the Poor, and more. Please take an information brochure and a pledge card. This year, there are even more ways to make your donation electronically. Please just make sure to note that you are part of St. Denis Parish, as we try to achieve our parish goal this year in helping fund the work at the diocesan level. Thank you.

Secondly, I try to be as frugal as possible in the fiscal matters of the parish, as we strive to eliminate debt (which thanks to your donations we are making such great strides in!), however, there is a need to spend money to get a better working organ, especially for the beach chapel. For \$20,000 we can purchase a used organ, with warranty, that will be installed in the church and subsequently, in that price, the church organ will be installed at the beach chapel. I am thankful to Mark and Casey, our organists, for all they do. They have been telling me for the past year that the beach chapel organ is in need of replacement. I am very thankful for Mark researching the options and making a great deal for our parish. This same brand of organ was also recently purchased used and installed in St. Pio Parish and has been working very well. Therefore, I invite you to donate to this organ project in next week's Building and Maintenance Collection. All donations collected in the second collection next week will go directly to the organ renewal project.

Journeying Together through the Synod

Pope Francis has given all the Catholic faithful an opportunity to take part in the preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops in our own diocese and parishes. You might wonder why the experience of individual people is so important. Our stories illustrate how we live our faith in the concrete everyday of our lives. Listening to each other's stories helps us relate to one another, to empathize, to recognize our common hopes and the faith that sustains us. If we are willing to ponder these stories and consider them in the light of our call to be Church, then we might be able to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church in our time. The goal of synod listening is not data gathering or problem-solving. It is not focused on debating the controversial issues of the day or complaining. It is primarily a spiritual exercise, rooted in prayer. Everyone has something to share. Everyone has something to learn. Listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit can change our attitudes, illuminate our understandings, and guide our behavior. It can change us! Pope Francis hopes this listening will "plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships." From it will come a way of being Church that remains faithful to the truths of our faith but allows us to pastorally respond anew to the needs of the present time. As you may imagine, it is a logistical feat to figure out the best way to have conversations with as many as possible. I have scheduled two focus groups (from members of many of the organizations within the parish) and also one open meeting. If you would like to participate, please attend a session in the school cafeteria that will begin promptly at 6:30pm and go until 8pm on Thursday, March 3rd. To attend, please reflect on the following two questions and be prepared to share your response in a small group setting. (More on this in next weeks bulletin.) Reflection Questions: What are the joys or consolations and the difficulties or obstacles of our journeying together as a church and faith community? How is the Holy Spirit moving me or us to be Church in the future?

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- Catholic Charities has been asked to relate the following information. Homeowners experiencing financial hardship or an increase in housing related expenses associated with covid-19 may be eligible to receive up to \$35,000 assistance per household. (Includes mortgage delinquency, mortgage default, foreclosure and property tax liens) To obtain information about The Homeowners Assistance Fund click on: <https://njerma.com/> Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at <http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org> or call 800-360-7711.

CALLED TO BE- DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (18-39 YRS.)

When: Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10 am Where: St. Paul Roman Catholic Church 216 Nassau St. in Princeton
Join us as we reflect on: Who does God call us to be?

- *In relationships*
- *In day-to-day life*
- *In relationship with Him*
- *As we face the things that can keep us away from what He wants for us*

Retreat Schedule:

10 am- Gathering/Welcome

10:30 am- Retreat begins

12:30 pm- Lunch/Break (lunch will be provided with your registration)

1:30 pm- Retreat continues

4:00 pm- Mass

5:00 pm- Departure

(optional) Young adults are welcomed to join other YAs to gather for dinner in the downtown area of Princeton, NJ following Mass.

Cost is \$20 per participant (includes lunch). You may register online at www.youth.org/yaretreat



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE LEWIS, GEARING & DAIDONE FAMILIES
REQUESTED BY
THE FAMILY

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.

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

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

Please continue to **pray for the Supreme Court** to thoughtfully reach a decision in support of God's gift of life. Science has confirmed what God has always taught us. The baby in the womb is fully human and fully alive. **"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me."** *Mathew 18:5*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE -- Join us as we say the rosary every Friday from March 2 – April 16 8AM – 6PM outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. 20,689 babies have been saved thus far nationwide during this peaceful, prayerful witness. To sign up for 1 hour on the Friday campaign contact Jim at meyerjim1953@gmail.com. Other weekdays contact Monmouth4life@hotmail.com

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
Radio"[https://play.google.com/store/apps/
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