

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
February 27, 2022**

“Jesus told his disciples a parable. ‘Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?... Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?... You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.’”

What a wonderful teaching as we prepare for the beginning of Lent. Spend a moment to see the need for self correction, before judging, criticizing and damaging the reputation of someone else.

Lent is the time for my spiritual renewal, my search for holiness, my need for personal reform, before I look for the splinter in another’s eye.

I look at my home, my family and ask how can I make this Lent a rewarding experience, not only in my own personal practice, but also with my spouse, with my children and those who are closest to me. Miracles can happen, but first, check out the wooden beam, ‘then you will see clearly’, and then move in the right direction. The pit surrounding us is real, known as the devil, and our coming Lent is the remedy to resist evil. Devil without the ‘d’ is...



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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](http://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 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

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

7:30 am John Kolon (18th Anniversary) by his Wife  
 7:30 am Kevon Doherty by Bob Highland  
 7:30 am Timothy Carey by Sheila & Tim Kearney

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

7:30 am Joseph Abitante by his Family  
 7:30 am Robert Cenar by Barbara Kittle  
 7:30 am Thomas Murray by the Reilly Family

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022—Ash Wednesday**

7:30 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Jr. by MCW  
 7:30 am Cecilia Burke by her Family  
 7:30 am Paul Weeks by CDA, Court St. Denis

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022—Ash Wednesday**

12:00 pm Matthew Picini by Betty Scrivanich  
 12:00 pm David Smith by Betsy & Jim Rice  
 12:00 pm Joseph Ward by the Cunningham Family  
 7:30 pm John & Claire Kessler by Son, John  
 7:30 pm Peter Chemeranko by John Kessler  
 7:30 pm Dana Henderson by John & Cheri Cervini

**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

No Mass

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

7:30 am Elizabeth Dunn by Gerard Dunn & Family  
 7:30 am Dr. Edward Bookrajian by his Daughter  
 7:30 am Daymon Thatch by his Family

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

8:30 am Intentions of  
 Father Doug Freer by the Ziesmer Family  
 8:30 am Doris Boyle by the Prince Family  
 8:30 am Alfred J. Ford by the O'Hara Family  
 4:30 pm Kathryn Hillhouse by Brian & Gail Lawrence  
 4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children  
 4:30 pm Janice Trimmer by Carolyn & Carl

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Russell Stroupe by Daughter, Kathy  
 9:30 am Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter  
 9:30 am Charles Steil by Gloria Smith  
 10:00 am Stephen Sciarappa by his Family  
 10:00 am Patricia Walsh by Carol Rizzi  
 10:00 am John A. Mullarkey by Mary Reilly

**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 Patricia Brunner, Richard Roma, and Dennis Fitzgerald.



**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, 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 Roundtree, 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, 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](http://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.

**THE GRANDPARENTS' GUILD-** Greetings to everyone from the Grandparents' Guild. As you are well aware next Wednesday, March 2, 2022, the Church enters the season of Lent. In our efforts to model a Christian way of life for our grandchildren, we are strongly suggesting that each of us try to encourage our grandchildren to attend Mass on each Sunday during Lent. Understanding that this may not be possible for everyone, we can certainly take a few teachable moments to have a discussion about Lent and why we do what we do. As an example, "What is the significance of the ashes we receive and why do we abstain from meat on Fridays, etc.?" As grandparents we will continue to share our love for each of them as well as our devotion to our Catholic faith. As we have learned, raising our own children, oftentimes, children learn what they see not always what they hear. Our vocation as grandparents reminds us of our mission of modeling. It's not so much what we say, but what we do that makes a difference. Please join us at our next meeting on March 12, 2022 at 3 pm in the school building. Our agenda will include our preparation for 2<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. Your presence, participation and support are always welcomed. For more information, kindly contact the Rectory at 732-223-0287. We ask the intercessory prayers of Sts. Anne and Joachim to bless our grandchildren and our vocations as grandparents. May each of you experience a meaningful, blessed Lent.



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.

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet on Tuesday, 3/2/22 at noon in the cafeteria of the school building. Please bring your lunch and dessert will be provided. Members will also meet in the church on Sunday, 3/6/22 at 9 am for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. All women are invited to join.

**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.

**PASTORAL TALKS-** All are invited to a five-part lecture series at St. Margaret Church, Ludlow Ave. in Spring Lake at 6 pm on the following evenings: 3/9- Fr. Damian "To be of One Heart With God" 3/16- Fr. Chris Dayton "The Sacraments, Tools of Salvation" 3/23- Fr. Kevin Ashe "Christianity is not Dead, it's Part of our DNA" 3/30- Fr. Martin O'Reilly "Eucharistic Revival" 4/6- Msgr. Richard Liddy "From Lent Through Easter with John Henry Newman". There will be a question and answer period and light refreshments to follow in Duffy Hall.

**"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](mailto: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:** 10 am-noon.

**WOMAN'S CLUB OF BRIELLE SCHOLARSHIP** is open to high school seniors from area accredited schools. Applicants may be male or female, Brielle residents and non Brielle residents. Applications are available at all area high schools, as well as at the Brielle Borough Hall, or by visiting [www.TheWomansClubofBrielle.org](http://www.TheWomansClubofBrielle.org) Applications must be post marked no later that April 1, 2022.

**BLACK AND NATIVE AMERICAN MISSION COLLECTION-** Next week our parish will take up the 138th annual National Black and Native American Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please give generously to the Black and Native American Mission Collection on March 5 - 6.



**February 13, 2022**

Weekly Collection - \$9,858.00

**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:

**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.

**EMERGING SPIRITUALITY IN A CHAOTIC WORLD**

Sun., 3/6 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM The universe we live in is dynamic, creative, and beautiful. Steeping ourselves in its dynamism, sensing its evolutionary direction, and sinking into its beauty, we come to know a divine immanent presence alive and active in the universe as well as a divine transcendent presence drawing us ever into the future. During this retreat day, we will consider what the universe reveals about our creator God and how we can become continually more conscious of our part in its ongoing evolution. Donation: \$40, includes lunch; Zoom \$30.

**ZOOM ONLY LENTEN SERIES “LENT: OUR HOLY WRESTLING”** 5 Tues. 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 Thurs. 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. Please order your copy of *Writing the Sacred Journey* by Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew. Donation: \$75.

**ZOOM ONLY SERIES “DAYENU” (HEBREW: “IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH”)** 4 Mon. 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.

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 10AM – 12 noon

This weeks list of needed items :

Large juice, tea bags, boxed milk, & snacks (chips, pretzels)

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 [eileenziezmer@gmail.com](mailto:eileenziezmer@gmail.com) to let us know you will be joining us!

**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.

**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](http://www.The-Catholic-Journey.com/0622Trenton). For more information call 609-406-7446 or email [Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org](mailto:Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org)

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE INVESTITURE MASS-** The Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade will hold its Investiture Mass at St. Rose Church in Belmar. The Mass will celebrate the Grand Marshals of the parade, Amanda Cregan and Craig Coyle. The Mass will be held at 10 am on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The Investiture Luncheon will follow immediately at The Shore Club, Rt, 71, in Spring Lake Heights. The donation is \$40. Please call 732-771-7599 for details and reservations.

**FREE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE—**Did you know households can qualify for up to \$677 in monthly benefits (estimated for SNAP & Energy Assistance for a family of 4)? Fulfill, 3300 Route 66 in Neptune, offers FREE, confidential application assistance for the following: Affordable Healthcare, SNAP Enrollment, Tax Refund, Energy Assistance, and Affordable Housing. Call the Rectory Office for information (732-223-0287).

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



The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves everyone living in the parish neighborhood, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. Our conference recognizes our responsibility toward all of our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

**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](http://www.youth.org/yaretreat)

**WORD OF LIFE**

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**” 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.

**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.

**ABORTION REVERSAL** – After having taken the first abortion pill (of two), many women wish they had a second chance to save the life of their baby. **THEY DO!** To find out more, visit [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com)

**ACTION CENTER**

**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](mailto:meyerjim1953@gmail.com). Other weekdays contact [Monmouth4life@hotmail.com](mailto:Monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**First Friday Mass-** It was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion and adoration of His most Sacred Heart. *Join us after Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn and for our country.*

**First Saturday Mass-** This devotion is honoring and consoling the Immaculate Heart of our Blessed Mother per her request at Fatima. *Join us after Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn and for our country.*

**VISIT OUR WEBSITES:**

[dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry)  
USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

**A Message From Fr. Bill**

This coming week, I invite parishioners to a “Spiritual Conversation” for the Synod on Thursday, 3 March, in the cafeteria. It will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude by 8 pm. What is a “Spiritual Conversation” you may ask? Our conversation will be modeled on a method of discernment that began with the Jesuits and has been in use for more than 500 years. After our introduction and opening prayer, participants in small groups will begin sharing their experience of Church (by focusing on “What joys and/or difficulties have you experienced in our journeying together as a church and faith community?”). Each person has time to share whilst the others listen. After the first round of sharing, you will take a moment to take in all you have heard. In the second round, each will comment on what moved them/resonated with them/what has impressed them from what they have heard. This is where the group discernment takes place. We pray that the Holy Spirit will help us hear the most important concepts that we need to pay attention to in the midst of the personal sharing. In the third round, each will speak to how the Holy Spirit is prompting action (by focusing on “How is the Holy Spirit moving us to be Church in the future?”) All are invited to reflect on the two questions ahead of time and then gather to share, listen and pray for the Spirit’s guidance.

A report from each listening session will be given to the Diocesan Synod Committee. It is their task to learn from these responses about the circumstances in which we, as Church, are encouraging/enlivening our lives as “Catholics in the Communion, Participation, and Mission” of the Church Jesus gave, and we are called to grow in, better accompanying one another in faith. The Diocesan Committee will “gather the fruit” of what has been discerned through the sharing of all the conversations throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each diocese will submit a report to the US Conference of Bishops which will experience a national “spiritual conversation” and then collate them into one continental report. This report, along with the other continental reports, will be utilized by the Pope in the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

All that starts with our parish’s spiritual conversation. Please consider praying for the success, reflecting on the questions, and attending the meeting. If you cannot attend, but would like to write your answers for the two questions (of course you will not be able to take part in the second, important, discernment round of listening and responding) please email or mail your responses by 7 March to be included in the parish report that will be submitted in March.

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL-**

Every parish in the Diocese, as well as so many others, benefit from the ministries funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Many people are needed to contribute to make it possible for the Diocesan-level ministry of the Catholic Church to take place. You can donate through the mail (info on the info tables) or online at [dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal). Gifts of stock, IRA, matching gifts, etc. can be coordinated through Christine Prete at the diocese (609-403-7218). You can also scan the QR Code on the brochure on the info tables. And, check out the brochure for so much information about all the ministries conducted by the diocese. Thank you for considering a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

## Lent 2022 Calendar – A Season of Renewal

Ash Wednesday: Mass with Distribution of Ashes - 7:30 am, noon and 7:30 pm

Lenten Materials for the individual:

“The Magnificat Lenten Companion” – daily reflections and prayers

“Thy Kingdom Come: A Lenten Journey” reflections by Fr. Dennis Gallagher

“Drawn to the Cross” reflections by Henri Nouwen

“Formed” – online videos/ebooks/movies/etc.

Access through our website ([www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) code PDZVN8)

“Song and Scripture Ecumenical Series” – Due to the pandemic, we will once again be having an alternate to “Soup and Scripture”. Ministers have chosen songs for Lent and will then share about them in an on-line presentation available each Wednesday at noon. Go to our parish Facebook, or Manasquan Ministerium Facebook or Ministerium Website ([manasquanareachurches.org](http://manasquanareachurches.org))

Stations of the Cross – In St. Denis Church

Fridays of Lent at noon followed by Exposition and Benediction (until 1pm)

Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

Parish Lenten Spiritual Offering – Examination of Conscience Guided by the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

Join in reflecting on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit as an inspirational tool to grow in the Gifts and Fruits and what is hindering them in our lives.

Parish Lenten Scriptural Study – “The Crucifixion in the Gospels”

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

Parish Lenten Reflection – “The Stations of the Cross with Mary”

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

Join in a unique reflection/meditation on the Stations of the Cross.

Men’s Group – Lenten Discussion on the “Formed” Website Series “Forgiven”

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Session 1, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Session 2, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Session 3

“St. Mary Magdalene Eggcellent Adventure” – Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 8pm, cafeteria

Families with children (ages 4-8) are invited to experience crafts and bible stories that help us celebrate our Catholic Faith during the Holiest Week of the Year!

Ecumenical Good Friday Service – Manasquan Methodist Church from Noon to 1pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Drop-in times for Confessions in Church as follows:

Mondays, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 1pm and 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Or by appointment during Lent up to Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup>



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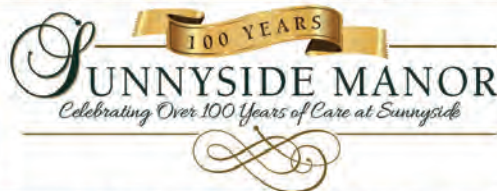
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