

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

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 28, 2021**

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him... Christ Jesus it is who died, or rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.”

A persistent danger for us during our Lenten observance and practices is to focus only on the events of Calvary and the paschal mystery which occurred. We may know details of the passion, death and resurrection, and recall and remember. Something else ought to happen.

The passion of Jesus continues today in the suffering of disciples throughout the world. Religious persecution continues, and because it occurs in distant places in the world it is real and affects the entire church, the entire body of Christ.

Thus Paul reminds us that it is the Risen Christ interceding for all of us today. May we join Peter, James and John with Christ on the mountain and hear echo, ‘This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.’ May we pray to and for the suffering Christ today.



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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  
11:30 AM—FacebookMass  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel  
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *By appointment only.*

**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 27, 2021**

8:30 am The Koch & Rice Families by Betsy & Jim Rice  
 8:30 am Maria Mircovich by the Family  
 4:30 pm John Kolon by his Family  
 4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children  
 4:30 pm Gus Caparosa by Frank & Melissa Belott

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

8:00 am Katelyn Mitchell by Hank & Cathy Trost  
 8:00 am Patricia Krekorian by the Wynd Family  
 8:00 am Robert Dougherty by the Wynd Family  
 9:30 am Robert Burkert by Richard Kohrman  
 9:30 am Marguerite Bossone by Jim & Karen Wingard  
 9:30 am Nicholas DeBenedetto by Roseanne Peterson  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Monday, March 1, 2021**

7:30 am Joseph Abitante by Fran & Paul Weeks  
 7:30 am Luke Wade by Diane Lorentzen  
 7:30 am Olivia Morro by Sheila Ruckert

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

7:30 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Jr. by MCW  
 7:30 am Kevin Brophy by Ken & Leslie Kalemba  
 7:30 am Patricia Juliano by Hank & Cathy Trost

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

7:30 am Lucy Falco by her Daughter & Family  
 7:30 am Dr. Edward N. Bookrajian by his Daughter  
 7:30 am Lois & Tom Bearsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

No Mass

**Friday, March 5, 2021**

7:30 am Daymon Thatch by the Family  
 7:30 am Jimmy David Caruso by Jeanne Kaplan  
 7:30 am Mary Bibbo by Lorraine & Sal Stagliano

**Saturday, March 6, 2021**

8:30 am Olivia Morro by the O'Keefe Family  
 8:30 am Vincent P. Tavormina  
           by Knights of Columbus Council 3231  
 8:30 am James Donnelly by Dan Geddes  
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

8:00 am Joseph Justinic by Gordon Justin  
 8:00 am Suzanne Veitengruber by Joe & Jen Becht  
 8:00 am Robert Dougherty by the Gabler Family  
 9:30 am Charles Whalen by his Family  
 9:30 am Marguerite Bossone by Cecelia Wingard  
 9:30 am Roger Borrello by Laura & Olivia Caruso  
 10:00 am Fran Campbell by Tara Fosbre  
 10:00 am Frank Matriss by Carol Rizzi  
 10:00 am Robert Leete, Jr. by Carol Rizzi

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Estelle Spillane, Ronald Ernish, and Jacqueline Vilardi.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrigh, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, 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 Rontondi, 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, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, 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, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Donna Morgan, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, David Smith, Marie Woodrow, Elizabeth Clos, Rev. Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, William Pavincich, Sharon Schusler, Patsy Pindar, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



### **WALKING WITH PURPOSE**

(WWP) is a Catholic Faith study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Join us at any time! **We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ.** Please visit [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com) for specific study descriptions, details and to register.

### **ST. DENIS MEN'S FAITH GROUP - SPRING 2021 PROGRAM SCHEDULE** The Wild Goose –

#### **Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit**

*Meetings at 6 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
in cafeteria of the St. Denis School Building*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Episode</u>
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	3 (Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire) and 4 (The Spirit and our Lady)
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5 (Gifts of the Holy Spirit) and 6 (The Spirit and the Eucharist)
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	7 (The Spirit of Adoption) and 8 (The Spirit and the Sacraments)
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	9 (The Fruits of the Holy Spirit) and 10 (The Spirit and the Desert)
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	11 (The Spirit Convicts) and 12 (The Spirit's Freedom)
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	13 (The Spirit's Witness) and 14 (The Spirit Re members)

**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!

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

**CATHOLIC RADIO-** Tune into **89.3 FM** to hear the Gospel message, live call-in shows, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and more. WFJS 89.3 FM Catholic Radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth and parts of Ocean Counties. Listen on-line at [www.DomesticChurchMedia.org](http://www.DomesticChurchMedia.org). Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS PO Box 7509 Trenton 08628.

### **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!** **Clergy and Religious Administration -Vocations**

God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God's call through the ministerial priesthood. We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community. The priest is a servant of the Lord, giving his life to worship, prayer and commitment to God's people. Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

As our nation celebrates Black History Month, it is good to call to mind the saintly men and women from our country who are Catholic, and whose faithful lives add to the history of our Roman Catholic Church in the United States of America. I share with you an article from Notre Dame:

Sister Thea Bowman is a joyful example of contemporary sainthood. Sister Bowman was born Bertha Bowman in Mississippi in 1937. Bertha's grandfather had been a slave before the Emancipation Proclamation, but her parents were both professionals: her father was a doctor and her mother taught. Bertha was raised in a vibrantly spiritual Methodist home, and she became attracted to the life of love and service that the religious sisters in her town led. With her parents' permission, young Bertha converted to Catholicism when she was just nine.

Bertha was enrolled in a Catholic School, which deepened her appreciation for the Catholic faith and for the sisters who taught her. When she was fifteen, Bertha traveled north to Wisconsin to join the order of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse. She attended college at Viterbo University in Wisconsin and then traveled to Washington D.C. to earn her master's degree and doctorate at the Catholic University of America. She finished her Ph.D. in 1972 and began to teach at CUA, then her alma mater of Viterbo, and Xavier University (started by St. Katherine Drexel).

Sister Thea, as she became known as, worked diligently not only at education but on evangelization of Black American Catholics. The Church in the South had been wounded by the history of segregation and slavery. The social structures of sin prevented the marginalized populations from feeling welcome in the Church that they saw as a Church of white people. Sister Thea worked to create a hymnal that showcased Black spirituality and culture. She traveled across the American continent and even abroad to the Caribbean Islands and Africa to spread a ministry of joy—a ministry of proclaiming the joy of each culture's unique differences yet their unity in Christ. Sister Thea died on March 30, 1990 and her cause for canonization has been opened in 2018.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, who worked to overcome racial divisions so that all Christians might be united in Christ—pray for us!

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD-** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops announced the United States House of Representatives will most likely vote on H.R. 5 “The Equality Act.” If signed into law H.R. 5 Act would discriminate against people of faith by forcing churches, faith based charitable organizations, and schools to violate religious beliefs. Please sign up for Action Alerts for information on the latest legislation and an easy way to contact your representatives and let them know our stance for life and religious liberty. These laws are brought up and voted quickly, so Action Alerts help us to get out ahead of the vote to let our collective voice be heard. Go to: <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond>  
Please also visit [humanlifeaction.org](http://humanlifeaction.org) Click on “take action”

**HOME DEVOTION**—Please visit [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.





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

Oliver James Brown  
Benjamin Ace Coelho  
Trey Steven Bower

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**ROSARY GROUP**-You are invited to join in with the Holy Innocents (Neptune) Rosary Group that meets online or by phone Monday-Saturday at 10:00 am to pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Please contact Kathy Lynch at 732-513-2970. It is easy to join by phone or she can assist you to join by teleconference.

**CORONAVIRUS DISPENSATION INFORMATION**-The Bishop has written to all the Faithful of the Diocese of Trenton as follows: *Given all current public health and safety reports, I am extending the dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass beyond the aforementioned September 7 date listed in our Diocesan Directives "until further notice." The faithful are certainly encouraged but not required to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes whenever possible or to participate in outdoor or live-streamed parish Masses offered online until the dispensation ceases "to keep holy, the Lord's Day."* With this in mind, we will be suspending our 11 am Mass at the Church and will continue our "Facebook Mass" which is at 11:30 am.

**INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS**- As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time: **FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS**, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*



**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)  
Until further notice:

There will be curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with social distancing.  
Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Please note adjusted pantry hours:

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

Items needed at this time:

Chips, snacks, canned fruit, mayonnaise, sugar and shampoo.  
Thank you for your generous donations.

**FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER** is a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center located in Allentown, NJ. As Lent approaches, we invite you to attend some of our retreats by **Zoom:**



**A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS-ST. MARY MAGDALENE SHOWS US HOW-**  
Monday, March 1 1:00-4:00 pm Through prayer and reflection on stories of Jesus and St. Mary Magdalene, we will learn a little more about who she was and how her relationship with Jesus can inspire us to live each moment full of attentiveness to Jesus' call to love. A perfect Lenten retreat! Donation: \$20

**DELVE INTO THE DEPTHS OF GOD'S MERCY-**  
Tuesday, March 9 9:30 am – 1:00 pm We cannot fathom the infinite mercy of God. Mercy is God's greatest gift. It is ours to depend on and receive, particularly in this Lenten Season. Jesus tells stories about God's mercy, dies giving mercy, and promises mercy to each of us. Come and drink deeply of God's infinite mercy on you! Donation: \$20.

**LENTEN SERIES- LET'S LISTEN TO POPE FRANCIS**  
Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm March, 19, 16, 23 & 30 Are you looking for some good Lenten reading? Let's read the Pope's new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti, On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. We will take the challenge and read it together, about 40 pages a week. Please order your own copy. Lenten offering for Francis House: \$50

To register, please email FHOP@verizon.net. Please check out our website for photos and other details [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org)

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



Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be bought with money, our minds often center more on money than love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant-but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it.

Our goal as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is to enable money to be a servant of the poor, but also to demonstrate the love of Christ to those we help. But, let money become our master, let it take first place in our lives and it can become a tyrant. It can harden our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence.

Millions of "dollars" passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the "patrimony of the poor" and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor. The parishioners of St. Denis, in their generosity, continue to make it possible for us to make every dollar a "good servant."

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings when they resume. Meetings are postponed at this time due to the pandemic.

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

## 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2020 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**FACEBOOK MASS**– Mass is shown every Sunday at 11:30 am on our St. Denis Facebook page. You can access the page through our parish website [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org).

**ONLINE GIVING**- To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For additional information or to sign up, go to our parish Website [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) and click on "Online Giving". For those who wish to use the online giving service but do not have internet access, please contact the Parish Office at 732-223-0287 for assistance.

**Please note– We are only able to accept EFT (electronic funds transfer), MasterCard and Visa payments. We are not able to accept American Express. Thank you.**

**DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION**– Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**February 14, 2021**

Weekly Collection- \$9,677.00

2nd Collection– Church in Eastern Europe- \$744.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021  
IN MEMORY OF  
PAULINE SARULLO & ANGELA SCHELLER  
REQUESTED BY THE BUGLIARO FAMILY**



“In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow.”

### **St. Denis Bereavement Support Group**

If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance, this series will offer support, prayer, and work on answering questions about loss, grief, coping and potential for renewal of self and hope.

Join us on: **Thursdays** ``

**Morning Sessions: 10 am-11 am at the St. Denis School Multi Purpose room**

**Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 /**

**[eileenziesmer@gmail.com](mailto:eileenziesmer@gmail.com) to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! We will be gathering with all social distancing safety precautions.**

**VOCATION AWARENESS – FOLLOWING CHRIST AS A PRIEST**-Men aged 16-35 have a great opportunity to meet other priests, learn how to pray the breviary, and also discern in a small group setting their potential vocation to the priesthood. We will also be using the book "Priests for the third millennium" by Cardinal Dolan as the focus for these gatherings to be held at Villa Saint Dominick in Pt. Pleasant. Did you know: 36 priests will be retiring over the next ten years, and as of now we will only have around 15 guys ordained in that same period. If you or you know of a young man aged 16-35 that you think may have a vocation to the priesthood, call Fr. Bill to register for the "Come-and-See" meetings, to be held **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month @ Villa Saint Dominick (Point Pleasant) March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>**



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. Nik-kole 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.

**A View From The Pew – The Grandparents Guild,**  
**by Mrs. Ronnie Garrett**

Greetings: The Grandparents' Guild remains much alive in spirit, love and support of all of our grandchildren as we celebrate this Second Sunday of Lent. Yes, despite our inability at present to gather as a group due to Covid19 restriction, we continue to rely on everyone's prayers as well as the intercessory prayers of Sts. Anne and Joachim. (Grandparents of Jesus.) This is very important since our vocation as grandparents gets more challenging each day. However, the Holy Spirit guides us through this profound impact on our Church community and especially on our grandchildren. We continue to carry out our mission of being "committed to passing our Catholic faith onto our grandchildren through our example of devotion to the Church as we share and model a Christian way of life." (Grandparents' Guild Mission Statement 2019). Hopefully our example will touch the hearts, minds and souls of our grandchildren as they grow in their Catholic faith.

Despite these issues, I am happy to share with you an idea I introduced to my 5th grade CCD students last week in preparation for Lent. It is an interactive Rosary Devotion. I was inspired by a member of our Grandparents' Guild, Ann Romanko. She shared an awesome way to introduce the rosary to our children. I thoroughly enjoy this devotion myself! As you recite the rosary beginning with the Apostles' Creed, each bead lights up as you recite the Our Father, the Hail Marys, and Glory Be. Also, each decade is beautifully prefaced by an icon to help meditate on that particular decade. Go to <https://www.thecatholiccrusade.com> Just click on the appropriate day and follow along reciting the prayers and lights. What a beautiful way to prepare for Lent with our grandchildren!

Ironically, last year, at one of our meetings, the topic of technology came up regarding the pros and cons of technology, specifically toward bridging the gap that some grandparents were experiencing in regard to communicating with their grandchildren. Wow! How amazing is our Lord! A few months back, most of us had to rely on this technology to celebrate Mass. So now that many feel more comfortable in their technological skills, we are definitely on our way to finding ways to bridge the "gap" that many have experienced as stressful in the past. For those of us that are fortunate enough to see our grandchildren from time to time, this provides a wonderful opportunity to engage with them spiritually, especially since they may not be attending church due to Covid19 concerns. Of course this information is not just for grandparents. It is a wonderful tool for parents as well. You also might encourage your children to attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The Grandparent Guild extends a Blessed Lenten Season to everyone, especially in our faith community of St Denis. For more information you may phone the rectory office.



**Meeting Jesus in Your Heart**

**Lent 2021 – Calendar and Information Guide**

**Diocesan Lenten Series** –<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/>  
Living Lent Video Series-*Nourishment for the Journey of Lent*. The Diocese of Trenton is pleased to share weekly reflections by priests throughout the diocese, in English and Spanish. Please take part and watch these videos to grow closer to the Lord as you more deeply enter into the experience of Lent.

**Ministerium- "Soupless Scripture" Ecumenical Series – Christ Who Frees Us**- Wednesdays at noon, Virtual Gatherings thru March 24 (watch the bulletin)

**Stations of the Cross**- Fridays at noon followed by **Exposition and Benediction** (until 1pm) and Fridays at 7 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** –All Confessions are by private appointment. Please call the Parish Office

**Deanery and Cohort Offerings** Pastoral Talks- A Virtual Five-Part Lecture Series Presented by St. Catharine Spirituality Committee *"Fire of Faith"*

March 1 Fr. Richard Villanova "Reclaiming the Truth, the Sacred Liturgy"

March 8 Fr. Jeffrey Kegley "Renewing of the mind" (Based on Romans 12:2)

March 22 Fr. Kevin O'Neil "Seven Last Words of Christ" Series dedicated to the loving memory of Robert Dougherty and his faithful service to Christ and His Church.

**Day Retreats for Lent at Francis House of Prayer in Allentown, NJ** [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org)

**Lenten Offerings From the University of Notre Dame** –To sign up for daily Gospel reflections, prayers and other Lenten offerings, visit [FAITH.ND.EDU/SIGNUP](http://FAITH.ND.EDU/SIGNUP)

**Coming in March– A Virtual Presentation by Fr. Bill on St. Joseph**- The Year of St. Joseph offers opportunities for intercessory prayer and indulgences please take a look at resources on the diocesan web site <https://dioceseoftrenton.org>

**Stream the Stations With Bishop O'Connell**– Bishop O'Connell will lead a special, multimedia experience of the Way of the Cross, which will be available for streaming on the Diocese of Trenton's YouTube channel. The presentation will feature the watercolor portrayal of the 14 stations by popular 19th century French painter James Tissot. After experiencing a spiritual vision while visiting the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris, Tissot dedicated his artistry to portraying the life of Christ in 350 watercolors based upon the Gospels – 14 of which depict the Stations of the Cross. Leading prayers first composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Bishop invites the faithful to join him in commemorating the Way of the Cross this Lent. To stream the Stations, visit [youtube.com/trentondiocese](http://youtube.com/trentondiocese)



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