

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2022

“Brothers and sisters. What does the scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we preach – for if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

We embark upon this season of personal renewal. Although we sometimes fail to acknowledge it, Jesus came to offer us the gift of salvation. His saving work continues today, but requires my whole hearted participation. I am asking that He save me today and every day.

The oxygen tank assisting a seriously ill person, the ventilator providing life sustenance is essential for life. My serious effort as Lent begins demands, not suggests, my effort at prayer, sacrifice and good works.

We do not ‘give up’, but ‘give in’ to a loving Lord. Is the word only on my lips, but also in my heart?

My mantra this week: “I am serious about Lent, Jesus save me.”



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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.

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 7, 2022

7:30 am Charles Whalen by his Family
7:30 am Michael Bialas
by St. Denis St. Vincent de Paul Society
7:30 am Peggy Matthews by the Lewis Family

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

7:30 am Robert Murphy by his Family
7:30 am Rocco DeJohn by his Family
7:30 am Paul Weeks by MCW

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

7:30 am Michael Bialas by his Family
7:30 am Patrick Greer by Maryann Crowe
7:30 am Ted Lund by Jackie Lyons

Thursday, March 10, 2022

No Mass

Friday, March 11, 2022

7:30 am Donald Luca by Claire Chrystal
7:30 am Tom Rogers by Mary Kellenberger
7:30 am Ted Lund by Fran Weeks

Saturday, March 12, 2022

8:30 am David Smith by Jim & Michele Conrey
8:30 am Linda DiGuiseppe by the Prince Family
8:30 am Charles E. Harris II by Deacon Gary
4:30 pm Ann Bise by Bernice & Freddie
4:30 pm Kelsey Stonebraker by Lynn & Bill Motzenbecker
4:30 pm MaryAnn Schachter by her Godmother, JoAnn

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:00 am Nancy Piccinich by Betty Scrivanich
8:00 am Paul Weeks by Christina Hathaway
8:00 am Vito Bubbico by Jason Stanco
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Richard Faas by Sandra Stamos
10:00 am Melissa Smith Blake by Carol Rizzi
10:00 am Harold Keenan by Pat & Mario Gentile

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Edward Nolan.



HOME DEVOTION—Please visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.



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 Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, Donna Morgan, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Elizabeth Clos, Reverend Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, William Pavincich, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermack, 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

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- A reminder from the Grand Parents' Guilds... As we 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 every Sunday, especially on each Sunday during Lent. Understanding that this may not be practical 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 received, why do we give something up for Lent, 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 3pm in the St. Denis School Building. Our agenda will include our preparation for 2nd annual celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It will take place on the 4th Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. Your presence, participation and support are always welcome. For more information, kindly contact the Rectory at 732-223-0287. We ask the intercessory prayers of St. 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.



**WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOSEPH RACIOPPI, JANICE RACIOPPI
& JOSEPH RACIOPPI, JR.
REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6 pm in the cafeteria of the school building. New members are welcome to join!

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.

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: 3/16- Fr. Damian "To be of One Heart With God" 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.

HEALING MASS, FOLLOWED BY HEALING PRAYERS, AT EPIPHANY PARISH IN BRICK- All are welcome to join us every third Friday of the month (from September to May) for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:45 pm in the worship area with Prayer and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration. Our next Healing Mass will be on March 18, 2022.

SOULCORE- Make SOULCORE part of your Lenten journey this year. Join weekly classes at St. Margaret's (Duffy Hall) on Mondays at 9 am. It is a movement that combines core strengthening, stretching and functional exercises with the prayers of the rosary. It is a sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture, reflection & movement to nourish body, mind and soul and encourage deeper meditation on the mysteries and virtues of the rosary. Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

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



February 20, 2022

Weekly Collection - \$8,567.00

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:

The Screwtape Letters- Mon., 3/7/22 9:30 am – 1pm
C.S. Lewis gifts us with a very cleverly written treatment of discernment of spirits. His insightfulness and wit are remarkable. Come and enjoy this classic! Donation: \$25, includes materials; Zoom \$20. Please bring your lunch.

God Chooses The Unlikely- Tues., 3/8/22 9:30 am – 1pm We will use Caravaggio's famous painting "The Call of St. Matthew" to lead our reflection and open us to prayer on Jesus' call to each of us, individually and uniquely to "Come follow me." Are you an "unlikely choice" too? A wonderful Lenten retreat! Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.


Journeying Through Lent as The Beloved of God- Fri., 3/11/22 9:30 am – 1 pm In our time together, we will get in touch with our forgotten Belovedness and look at and learn from Jesus how to journey through Lent as the Beloved of God. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

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.

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. For more information call 609-406-7446 or email Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN UKRAINE- This year's collection for the Church in Eastern Europe will be specifically for the Church in Ukraine. If you missed this collection on Ash Wednesday and would like to donate, you can send your donations to the parish office. Please be sure to note "Church in Ukraine" in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your support and please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.



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 :
Paper towels, large juice, boxed milk, jelly, & snacks (chips, pretzels).
Thank you.

BLESSING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN & COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE OR ADOPT A CHILD- Are you currently expecting or are you and your spouse hoping to conceive or adopt a child? If so, please attend the **10:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at the 'Beach Chapel' (Our Lady Star of the Sea), on the corner of 3rd Ave. and East Main St., Manasquan.**



A very special blessing will be offered to you by Fr. Bill Lago along with a blessed St. Gerard medal and prayer card. The St. Denis parish family wishes to support and encourage you as you live out God's plan for your family. No need to RSVP... just come to this Mass! Family and friends are welcome...Spread the word! Additional blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards will be available to take home to friends and family after the Mass. This blessing is supported by the St. Denis Elizabeth Ministry. If you have any questions, contact Rachel Hendricks thehendricks7@gmail.com.


THE UPPER ROOM DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE offers the following:

A Virtual Celtic Spirituality Program from Ireland- From her home in Ireland, Carmel will be taking us on a sacred pilgrimage of the heart. This journey will be inspired by Celtic themes, Celtic saints, and sacred sites in Ireland. Presenter: Carmel Boyle Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Time: 9:30am – 3pm Place: At home on Zoom or with others at the Upper Room Fee: \$50- \$125 (sliding scale) Continental breakfast & lunch included.

Knitting & Prayer- Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion, and create a prayer shawl, for someone in need of prayer. Little or no experience required. Facilitator: Lois Dougherty Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm (Free Will Offering)

For registration (with full payment due one week before the program) call 732-922-0550. The Upper Room is located at 3455 W. Bangs Ave. Building 2 in Neptune.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, "Who are you looking for?" It could be asked, "What are you looking for?" Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

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 with others for dinner in the downtown area of Princeton following Mass. Cost is \$20 per person (includes lunch). Register at www.youth.org/yaretreat

WORD OF LIFE

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5)

VISIT OUR WEBSITES: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: respectlife.org

ACTION CENTER –Our Lady of Fatima asks us to repent, pray **the rosary daily** and to fast in reparation for the sins of this world. We pray for her intercession to her Son to have mercy on us, to open people’s minds and hearts to the evil of abortion, and especially to protect our country and the world from the evils of Satan.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE -- Join us as we pray the rosary at the Planned Parenthood located at 69 Newman Springs Road in Shrewsbury. Sign up to pray the rosary for one hour each Friday during Lent. **To sign up for 1 HOUR** on the Friday campaign contact Jim at mey-erjim1953@gmail.com. Other weekdays contact Monmouth4life@hotmail.com

PRAY for our SUPREME COURT to unanimously reach the only correct decision in support of God’s gift of life. Jesus reminded us “*Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.*” **Mathew 18:5**

SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS at

www.humanlifeaction.org. Our legislators have begun to bring abortion legislation to a vote without customary comment periods and discussion before voting. We need to mobilize quickly and respond immediately to their actions. Please sign-up directly for action alerts.

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** if they act immediately! To find out more, visit www.abortionpillreversal.com

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.

A Message From Fr. Bill

Happy First Sunday of Lent. We have much to look forward to in this special season of grace. We need to be open to the ways in which God is calling us to “repent and believe in the Gospel” so as to be more like our Teacher – Jesus. Scripture calls us to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 13, 14). I urge you to look at all that will be offered at the parish during Lent, inspiration found in on-line resources listed, inspiration in the printed Lenten materials found on the information table, and in-person faith gatherings for prayer and reflection.

I would like to point out the plethora of inspiration offered through FORMED. (Accessed through our parish website. Our Parish code is PDZVN8.) There is “Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage,” a beautiful, 30-minute documentary that takes you on a walk through the locations of the events of Holy Week, drawing us to experience a deeper understanding of what our Lord accomplished for us, providing rich meditations for daily life. There is also “Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ,” which I plan on doing myself! There are plenty of activities for children too, including the cartoon “Brother Francis”! Please take advantage of FORMED this Lent, funded by the gifting of the Faith to Move Mountains campaign the diocese conducted a few years ago and is still impacting our parish today! Thank you.

Also, I would like to thank the members of the men’s group who volunteered to paint the foyer of the beach chapel. The paint color is actually called “sand”. It looks great. And thank you to all who donated to our organ project. The installations will occur in a few weeks’ time.

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. 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.

OCEAN’S HARBOR HOUSE in Toms River provides shelter, support and services for vulnerable youth, enabling them to unlock their potential by learning skills to empower them to build successful lives. Please support our youth with a financial contribution so they can be safe today and empowered tomorrow! Please give to our Appeal and help us plant the seeds that allow them to grow bright futures. Your gift helps youth at risk to become healthy, resilient and productive members of our community. You can donate on the secure website <https://www.oceansharborhouse.org/ways-to-help/donate-now/>

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.TheWoman’sClubofBrielle.org Applications must be post marked no later than April 1, 2022.

Lent 2022 Calendar – A Season of Renewal

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 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)

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 16th, 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 Reflection on Saint Joseph

Saturday, March 19th, 9 am, St. Denis Church

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

Monday, March 21st, 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

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

Monday, March 28th, 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 8th – Session 1, March 22nd – Session 2, April 12th – Session 3

“St. Mary Magdalene Eggcellent Adventure” – Friday, April 8th, 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 4th and 11th from Noon – 1pm and 6 pm-7:30 pm

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

Or by appointment during Lent up to Wed. April 13th



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