

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

“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 have launched the Holy Season of Repentance and Reform. It is not just a change in the calendar, but a moment in which we are summoned to repentance, admit our need for the Savior. We are called in two directions, to re-form our own lives, and to walk the Lenten journey with others.

Our resolve to live Lent 2019 is truly important. The saving work of Jesus is at work in us, and through us, for others. Jesus’ mission focuses on Calvary, His death and resurrection. The church too, in its mission to evangelize asks us to focus on Jesus, His cross, and our salvation. We are not just revisiting former Lents, or the first Good Friday, we ask that the paschal mystery touch, penetrate and transform us.

We move from the word on our lips to the belief in our hearts, that Jesus is here to save us today. ‘Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.’



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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 & 11:00 AM- St. Denis Church
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: Evening before: 7:00 PM & day of: 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM-St. Denis Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday from 3:30 until 4:15 PM - St. Denis Church. Also by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm at St. Denis Church. Parents must complete the required preparation with the priest or deacon and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 4:30 pm Hugh A. Boyle by MCW
 4:30 pm Harry Dunn by St. Mark's Holy Innocents Society
 4:30 pm Marilyn Bialas by Elaine Doyle

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 am William Truex by Maureen & Art Jacobus
 8:00 am Bill Welsh by Richard Tipaldi
 8:00 am Dario Mazzarelli by the Pindar Family
 9:30 am Elizabeth A. Dunn by her Family
 9:30 am John E. Ferreira by Gladys & Antonio Ramirez
 9:30 am Joan Murphy by the Gabriele Family
 10:00 am Katherine Perusi by the DOVES
 10:00 am Tom Stark by Deacon Gary
 10:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 11, 2019

7:30 am The McGlynn Family by the Family
 7:30 am John Paul Saboda by Roger & Linda Lehmann
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7:30 am Angela Schellar & Pauline Sarullo by the Bugliaro Family
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:30 am Louis & Frank Pastore by Bernadette Pastore
 7:30 am Intentions of Patricia Costello
 by Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Thursday, March 14, 2019– No Mass

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:30 am Cliff Syby by his Family
 7:30 am Ron Langell by his Family
 7:30 am Thomas Epple, Sr. by Martine & Ray Gabler

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 am Peter & Peggy McCabe by the Family
 8:30 am Robert Miller by Angela Miller
 8:30 am Richard & John Koch by Marsha Sperry
 4:30 pm Joan V. Wade by Eileen & Josephine Wade
 4:30 pm Robert Sensale (1st Anniversary) by his Wife & Family
 4:30 pm Laura Macho & Eugene R. Pilot by the Macho Family

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 am John R. Crowe by Maryann Crowe
 8:00 am The Harrington & Crawford Families by the Family
 8:00 am June Komorowski by Maryann Crowe
 9:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 9:30 am Peter Pottle by Barbara Peters
 9:30 am Frank Bonavita
 by Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis #1497
 10:00 am Michael & Mary Kate Connolly by the Family
 10:00 am Susan, Arthur & David Kentler by the Family
 10:00 am Mary, Rosaleen, Patrick & Michael, Jr. Connolly
 by the Family
 11:00 am Viola Ziella by Michele & Jim Conrey
 11:00 am Richard Ramme
 by Caroline Woodrow & St. Denis Youth Choir
 11:00 am Aviadeo Borsetti by St. Denis Adult Choir

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 Thomas J. Quigley, Brandon Lintner, Nick Lintner, Clare Schlich, and Robert Knemoller.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Joseph Siple, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, 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, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, 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, Patricia O'Leary, 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, Joel Rivera, 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, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Kathy Kleinlein, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Thomas J. Mahoney, Victoria Margadonna, Christopher Pindar, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Daniel Meehan, Gordon Justin, Karen Landis, John Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



**WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2019
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JANICE RACIOPPI & JOSEPH RACIOPPI, JR.
REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILY**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on Fridays during Lent, 12:00-1:00 pm in the church. Also, every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in the church, 7:00-7:30 pm.

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE— The Manasquan Ministerium presents a “Soup & Scripture” series each Wednesday during Lent in the Education Wing the First Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. The program begins promptly at 12:00 noon and ends at 1:00 pm. This year’s theme is “Healing of Body & Spirit in St. Luke’s Gospel”. On March 13th Msgr. Sean Flynn will be speaking about Healing of Apathy: Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan). A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Interfaith Neighbors. All are welcome!

SOUP MAKERS NEEDED— Father Bill will be the speaker at Soup & Scripture on March 27, 2019 to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. in Manasquan, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to make soup for this event. If you are able to make soup, please call Claire Moynihan of the Rosary Society, Chris Mutch of the Catholic Daughters, or Betsy at the rectory office.

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.



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy MIDN Nora N. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Captain David Smith, Senior Airman John J. Kosequat, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Army 2nd Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Army Major Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd 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, Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith, 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, and Airman Andrew Halmi.

PARISH SEAFOOD & CHIPS
MAC & CHEESE DINNER
New Parishioners Welcome!

Catered by Jimmy's Cucina of Brielle
Friday, March 29, 2019
in the Saint Denis School Building Cafeteria
5:00 pm –7:00 pm

Reserved Dinners will begin at 5:00 pm
Take-outs will begin at 5:30 pm
Walk-ins welcome at 6:00 pm

Fish & Chips—\$14.00 per dinner
Scallops & Chips- \$16.00 per dinner
Macaroni & Cheese- \$9.00 per dinner

All are Welcome!!!! BYOB and Dessert
Please make checks payable to: *Saint Denis Church*

For more information,
please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287 ext. 303
or email eileenziemer@gmail.com.

For reservations, please return
the bottom of this form with payment
(no later than Tuesday, March 26, 2019) to:
Saint Denis Rectory
90 Union Avenue
Manasquan, NJ 08736
Attention: Fish & Chips Dinner

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

FISH & CHIPS:

SCALLOPS & CHIPS:

Number of Dinners _____ @ \$16.00 each

MACARONI & CHEESE:

Number of Dinners _____ @ \$9.00 each

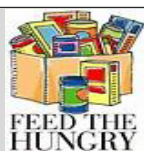
Please specify if you will be eating in or taking out.

Thank you!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL IN ACTION- YOUR GIFT PUT TO USE! “Never reach out your hand unless you are willing to extend an arm” to those men preparing to become deacons and priests in the Diocese of Trenton. Part of the moneys collected in the Appeal go to supporting vocations to the priesthood – vocation recruitment efforts, seminary preparation, ongoing formation, and opportunities for spiritual growth. Part of the moneys collected go to supporting the finding and forming of vocations to the diaconate – working with candidates, preparing them for ministry, and supporting their ongoing formation. The Annual Appeal also supports retired priests with healthcare and it funds the Annual Convocation for Religious men and women. Thank you for your support to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can either use a pledge card and drop it in the collection basket, send a check, made payable to Annual Catholic Appeal, to Diocese of Trenton, PO Box 70170, Newark, NJ 07101 or donate directly online www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal. Thank you again.

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

THE DANIEL PLAN- LIVE YOUR LIFE ABUNDANTLY! Join us for the Daniel Plan Ministry. The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on *the Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends*. The program offers an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people get better together by optimizing their health in each of these life areas. The program is open to anyone who is looking to improve his/her health using bible-based principles. Newcomers are welcome! **Contact Eileen Ziesmer with questions (732) 223-0287 When? Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm Where? St. Denis school building Leader: Monica Butler**



SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FOOD PANTRY
732-223-1383

Msgr. O'Connor Hall
(lower level of church)

HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3RD & 4TH SATURDAY: 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed: INSTANT rice, instant potatoes, canned carrots, canned peas, baked beans, canned evaporated milk, powdered milk, cookies, microwave popcorn, pasta sauce, decaf coffee, “Spam”, canned chicken, hand/body lotion, dish liquid, laundry detergent, tissues, razors, paper towels.

*Many of our needy neighbors only have access to microwaves and/or have very limited access to kitchen wares, so instant rice and foods that are “microwave friendly” are greatly appreciated. Also, unscented/”diabetic friendly” hand/body lotions are truly appreciated.

Please place non-perishable donations in the shopping cart that is located in the gathering space near the stairwell to Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Non-perishable food may also be brought to the Beach Chapel. Please check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued generosity!

LADIES, YOU CAN JOIN WWP AT ANY TIME! *Opening Your Heart*, the foundational study of *Walking with Purpose (WWP)*, is designed for you to join our table at any time as we discuss our Catholic faith with fun, sincere, respectful conversation. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience—we welcome you to learn how the scriptures and sacraments apply to our everyday lives. Study groups meet on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm, St. Denis School Building. **To learn more visit www.wwpnjshore.com.**



PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN RETRAINING–In response to the USCCB Charter of 2018 the Diocese of Trenton is mandating that every person employed by the Church and all volunteers working with youth or vulnerable adults attend Virtus training at least every 3-4 years. To meet this mandate most all of St. Denis employees and volunteers must attend either a new session or a recertification session. All new volunteers must attend the original Virtus session. Visit **VIRTUS.org** to register. We will be holding several recertification sessions to meet this need for employees or volunteers who previously attended Virtus sessions. Our next recertification session will be held March 22, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the St. Denis School Building. Again, you must sign up online to attend this session at **Virtus.org**. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR THE RECERTIFICATION.** If you are uncertain if you must attend or need assistance registering, or have a question about your ministry members attending, please call Eileen Ziesmer in the parish office (732) 223-0287.

THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our Society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis-in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teachings were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God.

The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who may strive to serve the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to “have ears to hear the cry of the poor”, to “have eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived”, and to “have hearts that bring God’s love to the poor” through generosity and love.

The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God’s presence to bring new life to others-especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

If you desire to be “an advocate of God’s presence”, please come to one of our meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Our next meeting will be March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O’Connor Hall (lower level of the church).

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



YOUTH MASS!

11:00 am Sunday-March 17th @ St. Denis Church

Donuts!! Hot Chocolate!! Coffee!!



Join us-

it's always better when we're together! ☺

LENT COFFEE & DISCUSSION- Please join us for a morning Lent Coffee and Discussion on Saturdays at 9:00 am (after the 8:30 am Mass) featuring *A Wondrous Love*. We will discuss and reflect on the daily Lenten Meditation and Prayer book that we are using as a Lent resource for the parish this year. All are welcome to join us each Saturday during Lent in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church).

YOUTH GROUP NEWS- Our next meeting will be a St. Patrick's Day party with fun and food. Join us Sunday, March 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the cafeteria. All high schoolers and 8th graders are welcome. You're bound to know someone there and you can make new friends from the parish! Follow us on Instagram @StDenis_YouthGroup

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet Thursday, 3/14/19 at 6:30pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. After prayer and a business meeting, Sister Therese and Sister Joyce will join us at 7:00 pm to speak about their experience working at the border in El Paso, Texas. All are welcome!

St. Joseph Novena – March 11-19th

We ask St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Mother, and Patron of the Universal Church to pray for the Church and for our personal intentions. Let us join together in prayer for the nine days (novena) leading up to his Feast Day. Perhaps you can make the sacrifice to come to the 7:30 am Mass on Tuesday the 19th to conclude the Novena as a Lenten offering of prayer.

Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend the Church, myself, and all who are dear to me and all in need, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (Mention your request) Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on behalf of the Church and on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. St. Joseph, Most Just, Pray for us! Amen. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A Message from Fr. Bill

I had a parishioner tell me that she had a text from me, in the evening, asking for five \$100 gift cards for a family in need, and then I texted again, that after she bought them she could just take a picture of them and send the photos to me. She said that the further the text conversation went, the more urgent/irritated my tone became. Of course this was a scam. It is easy to see through on many levels (and I am happy that the parishioner, who is so generous and kind with her time, talent and treasure, did not fall for it). A few months ago, Deacon Gary told me he got an email from me asking for money. He, like the parishioner, recognized I would never do this. Plus, Deacon recognized it was not my real email. All should be on guard. I would never text or email anyone for money. (I just ask out loud at Mass, or in the bulletin, or in a mailer from the parish/diocese. For instance, can I take this opportunity to ask you to support the Annual Catholic Appeal on this last major week where I ask you to consider a gift either spread throughout the year in installments, or a one-time gift as an act of Lenten sacrificial almsgiving and to assist the work the diocese does. Pledge cards are at the entrances to church and chapel.) Please realize those in need are helped through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Parishes are not equipped to give emergency assistance directly from the parish as in days of old. I refer any immediate emergency needs through the proper governmental programs whose purpose of being is for that particular need. The St. Vincent DePaul Society helps through vetting (to guard against scams), through referrals, and through what they can do because of your generous donations throughout the year. (P.S. I can't get photos on my flip-phone nor group texts for that matter.)

“Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more” With this scam in mind, I am drawn to this phrase from Romans (5:20) as we celebrate the First Sunday in Lent. The sin of others, the sins of our own making all need to be conquered by the overflowing of grace from God. Remember that the Original Sin of Adam and Eve against our Origin – God – did not finish the relationship we have with God but brought forth the grace of God's mercy throughout the covenants God made with us throughout salvation history, leading up to the New and Everlasting Covenant made through our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this Lent remind us of God's desire to *Rekindle* our relationship with Him, so as to *Renew* our call to discipleship through our response to Lent and thus *Rejoice* when we renew the vows of our Baptism this Easter. May God bless our Lent. St. Denis, pray for us.

PRO-LIFE CORNER- “UNPLANNED” is a gripping film and true story that cuts past the rhetoric and politics about abortion. It reveals how an insider was awakened to the horrific truth about abortion and her transformation to help women and save lives. You owe it to yourself to learn the truth and defend the teaching of your faith. The movie is scheduled for release on March 29th and will be shown at AMC theaters at Monmouth Mall. The first weekend is critical to its success. Please don't miss this movie!



St. Denis Parish Lent 2019 – Rekindle - Renew - Rejoice

On-Line resources:

“Stained-Glass Window Reflection” – The Prodigal Son – www.churchofstdenis.org

“Formed” – online videos/ebooks/movies/etc – go to www.churchofstdenis.org and click on the icon that says “Formed” parish code PDZVN8

Website for Catholics in the U.S. – readings/reflections/etc. - www.usccb.org

Parish Lenten Series:

“Peace in the Storm” - 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

March 11 – Noah – Preparing for the storm

March 18 – Peter – Jesus’ call within the storm

March 25 – Jonah/Mary – attitudes amidst the storm

Parish Lenten Series:

“Wondrous Love” – conversations from the meditation booklet

Following the Saturday 8:30am mass

March 9 thru April 6 in Msgr. O’Connor Hall (lower level of church)

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at St. Denis Church at noon and again at 7:00 pm

Note: Adoration/Benediction (12-12:30 pm) followed by Stations (12:30 – 1:00 pm)

Children’s Program:

“Eggcellent Adventure with St. Mary Magdalene” - Saturday, April 13, Cafeteria

Drop in Confessions

Wednesday, April 10, 3 pm - St. Elizabeth Church, Avon

Wednesday, Aril 10, 7-9 pm – St. Peter Church, Pt. Pleasant Beach

Tuesday, April 16, 11-noon and 6:30-8pm, St. Denis Church



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Denis #1497

Announcing a \$1,000 scholarship to a girl who is graduating from 8th grade and who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2019.

The family must be registered in St. Denis Parish.
Applications must be in the office by April 5, 2019.

Send your completed application to:

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