

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022

“Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. These end in destruction.”

St. Paul did not hesitate to use himself as both teacher and example of what was best for his readers. He was countercultural calling attention to impending doom. In our lives sirens alert us to danger, ambulances and fire engines ask us to respond, tornado warnings and flood warnings are made for our well being to make us aware of what is a threat to safety. We too are to be countercultural.

We enter this second week of penance, with our eyes fixed on the cross of Christ, leading us to a full and better life. ‘Our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.’

My mantra for the week:
“Keep my eyes fixed on you, O Lord.”



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

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

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 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

Monday, March 14, 2022

7:30 am Lolly Griffith by Evelyn Tuttle
 7:30 am Paul Weeks by Evelyn & Dean Tuttle
 7:30 am Intentions of David Walsh
 by Carolyn & Sal Berardesco

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

7:30 am Cliff Syby (20th Anniversary) by his Family
 7:30 am William Storch by Dorothy Orren
 7:30 am Bill Kile by Quintin & Elizabeth Danish

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

7:30 am Marion Kostek by Steven & Kim Kostek
 7:30 am John R. Crowe by Maryann Crowe
 7:30 am A Special Intention

Thursday, March 17, 2022

No Mass

Friday, March 18, 2022

7:30 am Fred Stellato by the Gargiulo Family
 7:30 am Dennis Moynihan by his Family
 7:30 am Thomas Geraghty by the Sommers Family

Saturday, March 19, 2022

8:30 am Viola & Joseph Ziella by Michele & Jim Conrey
 8:30 am Margaret Jacovi by Charlotte Petersen
 8:30 am Richard Scannell by the McCarthy Family
 4:30 pm Louis Miller, Jr. by the Bessemer Family
 4:30 pm Paul Weeks by Kay Kolon
 4:30 pm Richard Bleach by Kerry & Tom O'Connor

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Karen Monaghan by her Family
 9:30 am Robert Pearce by Colleen Carton
 9:30 am Eugene Murray by the Long Family
 10:00 am Rocco DeJohn by his Family
 10:00 am The Crawford & Harrington Families
 by the Sutor Family
 10:00 am Andrij Jaworiw by his Daughter

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



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, 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, 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, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyt, 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, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Regina Kiesche, Rob & Katie Spawn, Jack Noble, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Paul Walsak and John Lyons.



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



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

“If you can reach the heart, the behavior will take care of itself.” — Lisa Brenninkmeyer Founder and Chief Purpose Officer, *Walking with Purpose*

We so badly want to teach our children well, but how often do we discipline our children for outward behavior rather than reaching the heart? The women of Walking with Purpose invite you to join us for our next video in the *Opening Your Heart* study, *Reaching Your Child's Heart*. Together we will learn to discipline those we love in the way that God intended, with the truths that God values. No previous experience is necessary—only a desire to better the next generation, have great conversation, and drink good coffee. **Tuesday, 3/22, 7:30pm or Wednesday, 3/23, 12:15pm St. Denis School Building** RSVP/more information, contact Michele: 732-996-4929 macchele1@gmail.com

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies. Learn more at walkingwithpurpose.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.

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.



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 Capt. Philip 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, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.



**WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRED & THERESA STELLATO
REQUESTED BY
THE GARGIULO FAMILY**

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.

THE GRANDPARENTS' GUILD UPDATE— Blessings to everyone on this 2nd Sunday of Lent. The Grandparents Guild is so much more than praying for our grandchildren. It is also an important support group for the great demands that grandparenting can occasionally bring. As members of The Grandparent's Guild, we not only model a Christian way of life for our grandchildren, but we also pray for all children and their families throughout the world by sharing our love for the Lord and each other. Our vocation is very similar to the vocation of the Married Life. During our Nuptial blessings, the priest prays that the couple will live to see their children's children. As grandparents, we pray that someday we may praise God with them in heaven. Come and join us at our next meeting on Saturday, the 9th of April in the St. Denis School Building at 3:00 pm. During Lent it is most important that we model what service to our Lord looks like. The following prayer is quoted from The Catholic Grandparents Handbook by Lorene Hanley Duquin:

Grandparent Prayer

Lord Jesus at the Last Supper, you washed the feet of the apostles as an example of how your followers are called to serve one another. Guide me as I encourage my grandchildren to reach out to people in need. Open their eyes so they can see the plight of the poor. Open their ears so they can hear the cries of the suffering. Open their hearts so they can respond in generosity and love. Amen

Come and join us in this most important ministry for our grandchildren, our families, our communities and most important, for our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to your presence and support. Please remember to bring a friend. For more info kindly contact the Rectory at 732-223- 0287.



February 27, 2022

Weekly Collection -	\$9,610.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance-	\$29,093.00
Online Giving (1/1/22-2/28/22)-	\$29,207.88

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

A Message From Fr. Bill

When I was in high school, I had a great English teacher who taught us critical reading skills and also critical viewing skills. He knew that TV, videos and movies are everywhere (even more now with mobile phones, which were not invented back then). He also taught that this media can be as influential as a book and deserve to be discussed from many angles – like camera angles and other matters of cinematography as well as plot and dialogue and character development. This teacher passed on information that affects how I watch everything. I get so much more out of what I view (so thankful). In addition to this, as Catholics, we watch things actively, with our Faith in mind. The negative tik tok videos and such can rob us of our human dignity. This Lent, we can ask ourselves, what is the purpose of this show/video? What is it asking me to think about/question? Is this a positive show/video or not. We are looking at Lent as a season of renewal. Let us reflect on the images we view and determine if they help us to be renewed or not in the image and likeness of God, in which God created us – loved and lovable to be called to love God and neighbor. Now for two great things to share:

Did you know? I am always edified by the variety of talents of parishioners here at St. Denis. We have a parishioner who recently celebrated the release of a film titled: I AM MORTAL. It is available for rent now on iTunes, Amazon, Comcast On Demand, Google Play and VUDU. The film touches on faith, having a purpose and what it means to be human. One reviewer wrote: “In Tony Aloupi’s *I am Mortal*, a group of free-thinking rebels throw off the society’s expectations that they will continue to take a genetic vaccine that has wiped out all violence from the world, but taken away emotions and personal free will. Set two hundred years from now, this science fiction fantasy proposes that a utopia without free will is no utopia at all... and semi-subtly planted in the middle of the whole package is the fact that the rebellion meets in an old church, a place of faith deemed unnecessary by the pilot because, if you’re not going to die, why do you need faith in a higher power you’ll never meet? It’s this kind of extra layer that has conversations about free will and faith buzzing — something more than just a science fiction story about a robot or a new species or space travel. It’s a movie that’s asking deep, meta-theological questions that we should be asking ourselves. Yes, immortality isn’t a “thing,” but faith is, and our willingness to use our free will boldly for good, even when we might risk losing something. It’s not free will if there’s nothing at stake, and we’re called to live bold lives of faith, not cautious safe ones. *I am Mortal* dares to go boldly, and so should we. (dove.org)

Did you know? Another generous parishioner has purchased ten copies of Seasons 1 & 2 of “The Chosen.” I will set up a “lending library” at the church, chapel and rectory for parishioners to borrow a season and watch it during this Lent. Those who came to our discussions had such great insights and inspiration from Season 1. This is a great opportunity to catch up on Season 1 and to watch Season 2 in order to take part in our next discussions on “The Chosen” which will take place after Easter. But for right now, “The Chosen” can be a great addition to your Lenten Prayer/Reflection practice. You can really use the series as a meditation in the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola, by going back after viewing the episode and then looking at one particular scene (Like “The healing of the Leper” or “The Miraculous Catch of Fish”) and “putting yourself in the story” to be inspired by the portrayal. You can then follow that up with reading the Gospel passage that corresponds to the scene and meditate with the Word of God, helped by the visual portrayed in the series. However you feel led to reflect, it certainly is worthwhile way of reminding us that the events occurred and that God’s Word is still effecting us and renewing our identity as Catholic disciples of such a great Saviour. I am very thankful for the thoughtfulness of our parishioner who made this possible.

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

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these special-ly 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.



In 2021 our St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry gave out \$45,051.00 worth of food and fed 1106 people. We were able to do this because of your generosity throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.



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.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Gospels often ask us to have faith in God and that He will help us to know the right path to take. In choosing a path to help, He does not ask us about ability but only our *availability*; and, if we prove our dependability, He will increase our *capability* to do good. God often doesn’t call the “most qualified”, He qualifies the “called”.

The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, know only so well how true this is.

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.



We welcome into our parish family Hudson Gennaro Harth who was brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism. May the grace of the sacrament remain with him al-

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN UKRAINE– This year’s collection for the Church in Eastern Europe will be specifically for 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 “Ukraine” in the memo section of your check. Thank you for your support and please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

WORD OF LIFE

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

THE MISSION OF MARY’S CHILD MINISTRY is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

ACTION CENTER-- 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 meyerjim1953@gmail.com . Other weekdays contact Monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Please join us in **PRAYING THE ROSARY AT ST. CATHERINE’S** in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 14th (Monday) of this month at 8:30am. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to end the war and the pandemic. Over 100 years later we again need her intercession to her Son to help us with the same problems. We have not listened. Please join us. Prayers are a most powerful weapon.

FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?? Need Help? Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732 747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.

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

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 .



ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE, 400 Rt. 35N in South Mantoloking invites you to:

HONORING SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER - 3/19/2022 In honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff cordially invites you to join us at Liturgy as we celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Please call to register by March 16. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.** Refreshments and blessed bread will be available after the program. Arrival: 10:30 am - (Mass: 11am) - Departure: 1 pm (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Donation.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN- 3/25-3/27, 2022 – Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life even without your help? In scripture, God says, “You will be like a watered garden.” (Is 58:11-12) The blooms in the garden of life take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. This weekend offers you time to explore the gardens of your life. Mass included. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 pm/Departure: 1:00 Pm (Presenters: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD, and Ellen Murphy, CSD) Cost: \$350.

Please call St. Joseph by the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION-The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel’s Vineyard’s Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strict-ly confidential. 2022 Weekend Retreats May 13-15, 2022 and November 11-13, 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

MATER DEI PREP, a Catholic Preparatory School, located at 538 Church Street in Middletown will have an Open House on March 23, 2022, 6:00-7:30 pm. For more information visit www.materdeiprep.org.

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 Applications must be post marked no later that April 1, 2022.

ARE YOU A WOMAN RETURNING TO COLLEGE? Scholarships are available from the Woman’s Club of Spring Lake. Eligibility for scholarship consideration by The Woman’s Club of Spring Lake is open to female residents of Monmouth County who have had an interruption in their education; who are now seeking an associate’s or a bachelor’s degree and who are currently enrolled or newly registered at an accredited two or four year institution. Applications are due April 1, 2022. Information and applications are available online at: www.womansclubofspringlake.org

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