

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

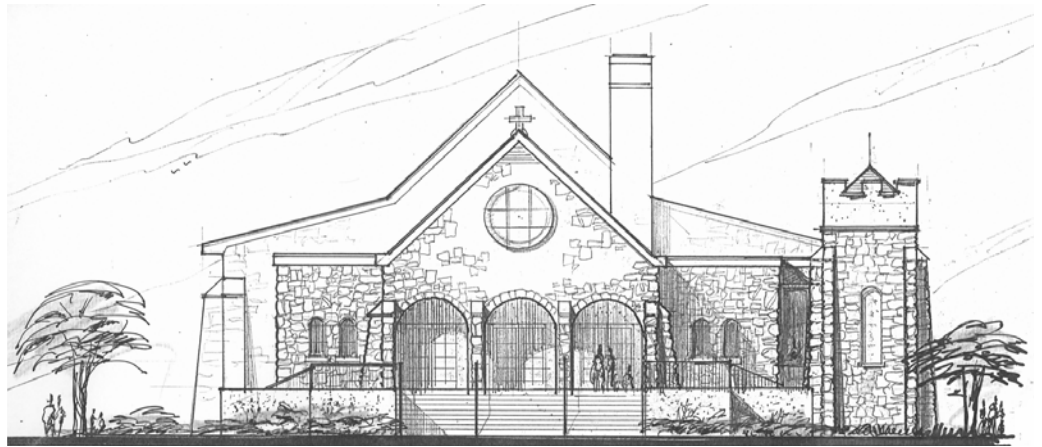
Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017

“How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink? Jesus replied: ‘If only you recognized God’s gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water.’... Now that we have been justified by faith we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Remember the raging waters which roared through Houston and Baton Rouge last summer? Remember the arid conditions of the droughts in California and New Jersey at the same time? Too much water, or no water at all. Water gives life, sustains life. Without it, we die.

Jesus, as He conversed with the Samaritan woman brought her to new insights making her wonder if He might be the messiah. She opened her eyes and heart, acknowledging that He knew her need. How few of us would invite others to come and meet someone who told me everything I ever did.” Could this be the Messiah?”

The lady took steps – a man, a Jew, a rabbi, a messiah, as she grew to accept Jesus. Cancer unfortunately is classified as being at certain stages. The spiritual life, like the Samaritan woman, happily finds us moving forward. As I begin this third week of Lent, I ask myself ‘at what stage am I?’ How ready am I to move forward. Are my eyes and heart open?



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM– 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.



Saturday, March 18, 2017

- 8:30 am Dennis Moynihan by His Family
 8:30 am Pat O'Keeffe by the O'Keeffe Family
 4:30 pm The Crawford & Harrington Families
 by the Sutor Family
 4:30 pm Laura Macho & Eugene R. Pilot
 by the Macho Family

Sunday, March 19, 2017

- 8:00 am Joseph Pstrak by Duane & Christine Danish
 8:00 am Catherine M. Sheehan by
 the Harmstead & Faas Families
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Robert Pace by Denis Yee
 10:00 am Wayne Francis Connelly by Margaret Flynn
 11:00 am Irene Kokes by the Monmouth University Family
 11:00 am Sheryl Ann Scalley by Barbara O'Brien

Monday, March 20, 2017

- 7:30 am Brad Liggett by Eileen Catalano
 7:30 am Robert John Gill by Juliet Yorke

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

- 7:30 am Robert Kellenberger by Joan & Mark Clarkin
 7:30 am Tom Dzedzic by Gerri & Tom Bleach

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

- 7:30 am Thomas J. Power by Maryann Crowe
 7:30 am Walter McNicholas by John & Joan McLaughlin

Thursday, March 23, 2017

- 7:30 am Roseanna Beck by Denise Yee
 7:30 am Andrij Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw

Friday, March 24, 2017

- 7:30 am Michele Bazzini & Baby Thomas John Bazzini
 by the Campbell Family
 7:30 am Heather Loughlin by John & Joan McLaughlin

Saturday, March 25, 2017

- 8:30 am William Dunne by Eileen & Virginia Dunne
 8:30 am Sisters Maureen Loughlin & Xavier Casey
 by John & Joan McLaughlin
 4:30 pm Joseph Pstrak by Kay Kolon
 4:30 pm Thomas E. Leonhardt by the Danish Family

Sunday, March 26, 2017

- 8:00 am Catherine Sheehan by the Roger Mulligan Family
 8:00 am Robert Dennin, Jr. by the Reilly Family
 9:30 am George Kelder, Sr. by the Honrath Family
 9:30 am Regina Fedor Majeski Brady
 by the Honrath Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Eileen Dunne by Elaine Dompieri
 11:00 am Rose Rondholz by the Rice Family



Pray For The Sick especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Marie Gallagher, 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, Colleen Grady, Richard Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Edna Moore, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Mary Knox, Allaire Papac, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Mary Cramer, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Beth Vanderhoot, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, William Struyf, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Philip Valse, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, Nair Messias, Randy Wermir, Jennifer Noble, Laurie Opdyke, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Margaret Mary Nielsen, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Karen Kelling, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Kathryn Abel, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Allen Bessemer, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Kimberly Scarpula, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Baby Dominick Strada, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Anthony DeMarco, Jr., Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Brandon Lintner, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Rita Badaracco, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

especially Chuck Nuzzo, Irene Walsh and Angela Gorecki.



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.



our military, especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. 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, Navy HM3 Kevin John Kircher, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Cadet Brian Quinn at West Point, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Private David J. Dunfee, Captain Michael Potoczniak, United States Army, Cadet Dominic Celiano at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cadet Slade Kelling, U.S. Air Force Academy, FN Joseph Beattie, U.S. Coast Guard, Taylor Nesbitt, E3 U.S. Navy and Airman Devon Webster.



WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2017
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRAD LIGGETT
REQUESTED BY THE YORKE FAMILY

LENTE PILGRIMAGE AT STATION CHURCHES OF THE COASTAL DEANERY- You are invited to celebrate special evening Masses at local parishes during Lent. Each Mass will begin at 7:00 pm with a brief welcome and history of that church. Masses will be celebrated at the following churches: 3/20/17- St. Denis, 3/24/17-St. Elizabeth in Avon, 3/29/17-Holy Innocents in Neptune, 3/30/17-Ascension in Bradley Beach, and 4/3/17-St. Rose in Belmar. All welcome!

A SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THOSE IN (AND AROUND) RECOVERY will be held in the church on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by St. Denis Recovery Ministry as a way to offer Christ-centered recovery programs. Refreshments/discussion will follow. Kindly RSVP by email to stdenisrecoveryministry@gmail.com or by calling St. Denis Rectory Office at 732-223-0287 prior to the event.

HEALING MASS-The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group of Holy Cross Church invites all to a special Healing Mass on Monday, March 27, 2017 at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave. and Rumson Road in Rumson at 8:00 pm. The celebrant will be Father Leon Buni. The next Healing Mass will be on April 24, 2017. For more information please call 732-345-8400.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency provides assistance to 130 million people in more than 90 countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Your generosity to this collection will be greatly appreciated.



March 5, 2017

Regular Weekend Collection	\$13,846.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$25.48
2nd Collection-Black & Native America Missions	\$3,214.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$10.22
Online Giving (2/16/17-3/16/17)	\$4,569.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Message from Fr. Bill

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas have a great theme for 2017 that fits perfectly as a Lenten reflection as well: "Serve the Lord with gladness". (Ps 101,2). In an article about the theme, the National Regent-Elect and Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, Olga Samaniego shared her reflection on the theme, and permit me to add my comments for Lent.

"The meaning that first comes to mind...is probably that we should enjoy what we do. Working together to serve the Lord and His people is fun! Additionally, we are much more effective witnesses of the Lord's love and mercy if we share with joy." In Lent, we are called to acts of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These three classes of works should be approached with joy ("God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Cor 9,7).

"If we look a little more closely at the exhortation, it also means that we should give ourselves to the Lord's service whole-heartedly and without hesitation." Our attitude in Lent should be one of whole-hearted enthusiasm ("Zeal for your house consumed me" Ps 69,9). And we should be attentive to the inspiration of the moment so to "be a vessel for lofty use, dedicated, beneficial to the master of the house, ready for every good work." (2 Tim 2,21).

She offers a third level of meaning for serving with gladness: "If we are listening to the Lord and honestly trying to do what we are commanded to do, ...if we are honestly giving all we have to Him, then we can have a joyful heart because the Lord knows what we are doing, and He is pleased. Whether or not we are successful in our efforts is not important." As we read in 1st Corinthians, "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." God Bless you this Lent with joy, whole-hearted enthusiasm, ready for every good work offered for the good of our brothers and sisters and to the greater glory of God.

THE ST. DENIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR practices on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the church. New members are welcome to join.

BISHOP GEORGE AHR/ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI- In anticipation of its 50th Anniversary, Bishop George Ahr/St. Thomas High School wants to reconnect with all of its alumni. There is a news article on the website www.bgahs.org asking alumni to update their most recent contact information. You may reach the alumni office at dchippendale@bgahs.org to be informed of the events planned for the upcoming milestone celebration.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2016 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 or call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

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ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS will meet on TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017 at 12:00 noon in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Bring your lunch and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are invited.

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY ANNUAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION will be on Tuesday April 4, 2017, at San Alfonso Retreat House. The cost is \$35.00. Please call 732-223-4231 for information and reservations. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE— As a Lenten project, volunteers from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will conduct a food drive at Acme in Manasquan on Saturday, March 25th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Parishioners and friends are asked to stop by and make a donation of food to help stock our pantry.



SAINT DENIS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

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

HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 – 3:30 PM

and

EVERY 3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:

10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed at this time:

instant rice, rice, canned pasta meals, chili & beef stew, soups, canned potatoes, crackers, microwave popcorn, dry milk and baked beans.

Parishioners are asked to place their non-perishable donations in the shopping cart that is located in the gathering space near the stairwell to Msgr. O'Connor Hall. **Please do not leave food at the Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations, as we cannot use expired items. Thank you!

Recovery Corner



Are you in AA , NA, Al-Anon, Nar-Anon or any relation to any recovery program?

If so, you may like our 1-hour meeting at

St. Denis where we study a 12-step Recovery Bible.

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10:00 am AND 7:00 pm

Msgr. O'Connor Hall (St. Denis basement) Thursdays
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Anyone interested in recovery from any of life's wounds

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you have a change of address. Thank you.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL, a *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* invites you to attend its annual Kindergarten Discovery and Information Day on March 23, 2017, 9:00 am-10:30 am. Join the Class of 2016! Please RSVP at saints@stpschool.org or call 732-892-1260 to reserve your spot. The school is located at 415 Atlantic Ave., Point Pleasant Beach. Please visit the school's website at www.stpschool.org.

ST. DENIS CHURCH SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the donations given by others to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We would like to take this opportunity again to thank our very generous parishioners and guests for the January second collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. We received \$7264 in the collection. Again thank you very much.

The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves everyone living in the parish neighborhood, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. Our Conference recognizes our responsibility toward all our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ. If you need assistance or know of someone, or a family that may need assistance please call our hotline: 732 223-1383. Electronic Donations are now available on the St. Denis Church website by clicking the St. Vincent de Paul Society button link. Donation envelopes are also available on the shopping cart in the Church gathering space.

Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has its general meetings at 7:00 pm, the first and third Tuesdays of every month. All are welcome to attend.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

will take place on Fridays during Lent in the church.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00-12:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 12:30-1:00 pm and 7:00-7:30 pm.

PRAYER 101- TIME ALONE WITH THE ONE WHO LOVES YOU- Fr. Bill will be hosting a Lenten reflection and discussion on Tuesdays at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm in the church. Topics: 3/21/17-“Catholic Mindfulness”, 3/28/17-”Praying With Emotions” and 4/4/17-”Meditation With Sacred Scripture.”

HOLY HELPERS NEEDED - LITURGY Fr. Bill is looking for people to consider serving as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at Masses. Eligibility requirements: Baptized/Confirmed/Communicated Roman Catholics adults. If married, must have marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Contact Betsy in the office at 732-223-0287.

HOLY HELPERS NEEDED-FACEBOOK Are you an avid *Facebook* user? This is a call out to Holy Helpers and interested parishioners. St. Denis Parish is looking for a volunteer to help manage our informational parish *Facebook* page and update the parish office on any requests for information. Please contact the parish office if interested at 732-223-0287 or eileenziemmer@gmail.com

DOVES GOODS DRIVE-Spring Cleaning with a Purpose! Sunday, 3/19, 1:30-3:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit the DOVES teen service group’s 10th Annual Summer Mission Trip. Accepted items, all sizes: clothing, coats, bedding, drapes, purses, shoes, linens, towels, and stuffed animals. Accepted household items, smaller than 36”x36”: books, toys, board games, kitchenware, luggage, and small electronics (cell phones, answering machines, VCRs) NO computers or printers please. BAG OR BOX ITEMS SECURELY. Receipts for donations will be available. The clothing sale is organized by Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), which partners with the clothing store chain, *Savers*. For more information, email Allison at penman1@optonline.net

LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE- The Manasquan Ministerium presents a “Soup & Scripture” series each Wednesday during Lent in the Fellowship Hall of 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 “Call to Discipleship: The Beatitudes in St. Matthew’s Gospel”. The following is the schedule of speakers and topics:

March 22: Pastor Lou LaFazia, Church in Brielle; “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.” (Matt. 5:6)

March 29: Pastor Reggie Albert, Manasquan Methodist, Pastor Joe Gratzel, First Baptist, Pastor Eusun Kim, St. Andrew’s Methodist; “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you....” (Matt. 5:11)

April 5: Pastor Mary Farnham, Holy Trinity Lutheran; “Blessed are those who mourn”; “Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Matt. 5:4, 9)

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For more information,
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For reservations, please return the bottom of this form with
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