

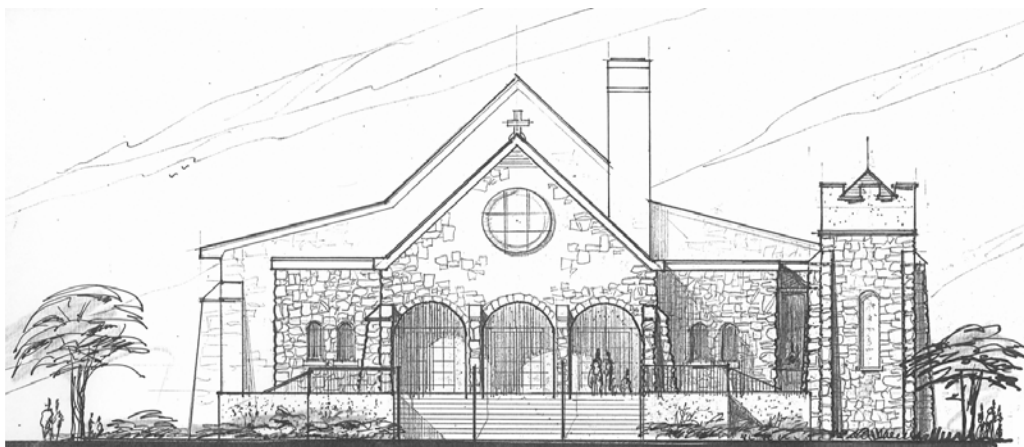
**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2017

“And it happened that while they were conversing and debating Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him... ‘But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astonished us... and did not find his body, they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive’... ‘Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is far over.’ ...how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.”

Did you ever decide to go out and take a walk. It is refreshing and it can renew us. Did you ever enjoy taking a walk with another person, talking about life, family, what is important to you. Pope Francis has a wonderful book entitled ‘Walking with Jesus.’ He is the companion to the reader, telling us what is important as we walk with Jesus.

The Emmaus account in Luke’s gospel is so special. I am the unnamed person accompanying Clofas, and Jesus decides to join our walk and conversation. He asks what concerns me. For them it was the death of the missing Jesus. For me it is my eyes shielded from recognizing him in others. I too plead ‘stay with us...’ He does, in His word, in the Eucharist, in my companions in faith. He never leaves. May I recognize Him in the breaking of the bread and others.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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](http://www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis). You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

- 8:30 pm Kathleen & Patrick McCabe by the Family  
 8:30 pm Marie Hessinger by Her Beloved Family  
 4:30 pm Sheila Livelli by Steve & Pat  
 4:30 pm Leo Cunningham by His Family

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

- 8:00 am Orville & Margaret Meslar by Joan & Ken Doege  
 8:00 am Joan Micioni by Marilyn Chapman  
 9:30 am Sheila Livelli by Sean, & Mary Ellen Boyle  
 9:30 am George R. Kelder, Sr. by Dean & Evelyn Tuttle  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 11:00 am Henry Klimovitch by Patricia & Patrick Trezza  
 11:00 am Joseph Pstrak by ULHS of Brielle

### Monday, May 1, 2017

- 7:30 am Nada Justinic by Her Family  
 7:30 am Sarullo/Burke/Schellar Families  
 by the Bugliaro Family

### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

- 7:30 am David Leung by His Family  
 7:30 am Sheila Livelli by Donna Leung

### Wednesday, May 3, 2017

- 7:30 am Zachary Herman by Adelaide Avena  
 7:30 am Mary Quatrone  
 by Coworkers From Manasquan Bank

### Thursday, May 4, 2017

- 7:30 am Brian McCarthy by Tom & Gerri Bleach  
 7:30 am Virginia Long MacDonald by Colleen Carton

### Friday, May 5, 2017

- 7:30 am Eleanor Smith by Deacon Gary Pstrak  
 7:30 am Maura Boyan by Colleen Carton

### Saturday, May 6, 2017

- 8:30 am Mary Moscat by Virginia Dunne  
 8:30 am Florence Spillenger by Gale & Philip Proetto  
 4:30 pm Leo Cunningham by His Family  
 4:30 pm Barbara Leahy by the Sy Family

### Sunday, May 7, 2017

- 8:00 am Henrietta & Ben Rybicki by the Jolly Family  
 8:00 am Joan Sarah Micioni by the Donovan Family  
 9:30 am Rosemary Smock  
 by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society  
 9:30 am Joseph Pstrak by Dean & Evelyn Tuttle  
 10:00 am Eileen Dunne by Mary Frickenhaus  
 10:00 am Charlie Raffetto by Pat & Gus Herman  
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish



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, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Beth Vanderhoot, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, William Struyf, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Philip Valesse, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, Nair Messias, Randy Wermir, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, 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 Scarpulla, 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, Ronnie Micciulla, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

especially Christine Corradino, Jim Mastrian, and Sister Natalie Dombrowski, SSJ.



**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.



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 APRIL 30, 2017**  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
**BARBARA LEAHY**  
**REQUESTED BY THE SY FAMILY**

**“MASS CLASS”**- What should you be thinking about at all the moments of the Mass? How can you be mindful and responsive to each part of the Mass for your full and active participation: expected attitudes of your soul and actions to take throughout the Holy Sacrifice? Join Fr. Bill for a discussion this Easter Season: Tuesday May 2nd at either 11:00 am or 7:00 pm.

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet in the church at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 7, 2017 for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. We will meet at the Off Shore Restaurant in Point Pleasant Beach at 5:00 pm for dinner on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The cost is \$30. Please call 732-528-9265 for reservations.

#### **Message from Fr. Bill**

We began to take Mass Intentions for 2018. This week, I wanted to explain about Mass Intentions and update you on a change that has occurred. (Also, come to this week’s “Mass Class”; I will explain more about individual’s intentions at Mass.)

At each Mass, the priest is asked to have certain intentions. One intention is to “intend what the Church intends” regarding the whole of the Mass that is done in memory of Jesus Christ and at His command. The priest has other intentions to pray for. Once a week there is to be a “*pro populo*” Mass, which is a Latin phrase meaning “for the people (of the parish)”; this intention is listed in our bulletin. At other Masses, there are names of the living and deceased that the priest is asked to pray for. In my last assignment, I never had Mass intentions for all the Masses. Each week there were at least two Masses without any intentions (I would provide them). Here at St. Denis, the opposite is the case. There is a strong need for Mass intentions here, and so we started the 2018 Mass book for intentions earlier because the 2017 Mass intentions have already been taken. This is a tremendous and great thing! People have the desire to have Mass celebrated for their loved ones. In order to not wait too long for a requested Mass to be offered, I have chosen to increase to three separate priestly intentions for each Mass, so as to accommodate the real spiritual needs of our parishioners. This is permitted by the Church. We will continue our Novena (9 days) of Masses for the Deceased in November. But, for Mother’s/Father’s Day we will have a Triduum (3 days) of Masses, thus opening 12 more days for Mass intentions.

The giving of an offering for a Mass is an ancient custom. In the early Church, the faithful gave gifts necessary for the celebration (especially bread and wine) as well as other gifts to support the clergy. In time, monetary offerings were given instead of bread, wine, candles, etc. By the end of the Middle Ages, such monetary offerings came to be called “stipends” and were standardized. To safeguard against abuses in regards to stipends, Canon Law specifies that a priest may accept only one Mass stipend per day. This one Mass donation, which has been \$10 for many years, is figured into the monetary support of the priest. Remember, a Mass cannot be bought. A person donates money for the good of the Church and requests that the priest pray the Mass intention. When I was a chaplain at TCNJ I never asked for donations for Mass intentions from the students. It was more important for me to teach them about the significance of having Mass intentions for the living and deceased members of their families and I would give them Mass cards as well. (What grandparent wouldn’t love that their grandchild had a Mass intention for them for their birthday!)

So what happens to the additional Mass stipends donated? That money is accounted for and given to the Pontifical Mission Aid Society to help priests in the missions. Missionary priests also pray for the Mass intentions. There is a separate “Mass Stipend Account” and is audited by the diocese. The increase in Mass intentions does not mean that I will receive any more money, the intention is to meet the needs of the parishioners. It is important to know that the graces of the Mass are infinite, and many intentions are and should be offered up by the Lay Faithful, not just the priest. And it is important to know how Mass intentions work in the Church and how important they are so that people can make use of them to pray for their friends and relatives, both living and deceased.

#### **Recovery Corner**

Over 40 people in recovery attended a special Recovery Stations of the Cross on March 30th. Afterwards, we enjoyed yummy home-made baked goods and discussed how the Stations are relevant to our lives and recovery. Everyone loved it and we will definitely offer more programs like this one in the future. To learn more about being involved in our Recovery Ministry call Laura C. at 848-333-7085 or the rectory office at 732-223-0287. *God bless those suffering from the pain of addiction. Amen*



“Recovery Retreat” on February 11th was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Join us for “Life Recovery Bible Study” every Thursday at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm.

Please be sure to Like, Follow, and Share our Facebook page Thank you! <https://facebook.com/stdenisrecoveryministry/>  
*Almighty God, please comfort those suffering from addiction. Amen*

**ALATEEN**– Are you a teen affected by someone else’s drinking? Alateen is a fellowship of young people, ages 11-18, whose lives have been affected by the family disease of alcoholism. The only requirement for membership in Alateen is a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. Time: 6:00-7:00 pm Day: Tuesdays Place: The Samaritan Center, 36 South Street in Manasquan Contact the Samaritan Center for more information at 732-223-4673.





*"You have sent me misery and hardship,  
but you will give me life again,  
you will pull me up  
from the depths of the earth...  
and once more comfort me."*

Psalm 71:20-21

Our Bereavement Support group will be gathering for Spring sessions.

Join us and share the insights and challenges of mourning.

**April 26th - June 21st**

**Wednesday mornings, 11am- 12:00pm**

**St. Denis Rectory Office**

Contact Eileen at (732) 223-0287 /

eileenziemer@gmail.com

**SPRING CONCERT AT THE BEACH**

**CHAPEL** - Come one, come all to a great night of upbeat and uplifting Christian music from local artist Patrizsha and the Soulerior Motives Worldwide Band! 7:00 pm, Saturday, May 6th, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Beach Chapel. Be refreshed and renewed through music at the shore!



**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES** of Manasquan High School invites you to participate in "King of the Court", a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Friday, May 5th, 6:00 - 8:30 pm. There will be a special half-time guest speaker, Sign-ups are at 5:45pm in the High School Gym on Broad Street, Manasquan. Contact person Jim Freda 732-762-0870

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**-St. Rose Parish has a great group of young adults that get together for fun and fellowship from time-to-time. All local young adults are welcome. Check out their Facebook Page: Belmar Area Catholic Young Adults

**A RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL-** *Gennesaret*, a retreat designed to provide a spiritual and temporal oasis for men and women suffering with a life changing illness, will be held the weekend of May 19, 20, 21, 2017 at the Archdiocesan Youth Center located in Kearny, NJ. The retreat will begin Friday at 2:15 pm and end with a closing prayer service on Sunday at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to you for the retreat. For further information contact Hilare Reinhold at 732-566-7237 or Peggy Walsh at 908-499-7667.

**BLESSING OR BURDENS RETREAT** will take place at St. Joseph by the Sea Retreat House, 400 Rt. 35 North in South Mantoloking. What does it mean to come face to face with the second half of life? Embracing the gift of years is about living all of life to the fullest. This retreat will wake you up to the wisdom, joy and humor found in choosing "a wise path with heart". Mass will be included. Arrival is 6:00-7:00 pm on May 19th and departure is 1:00 pm on May 21st. The cost is \$120. Please call 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

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



**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:**

unrefrigerated boxed milk, canned milk, hot chocolate, regular tea bags, ketchup, mayonnaise, oatmeal, regular coffee, juice, chicken broth and beef broth.

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!

**ST. DENIS CHURCH - THE SOCIETY OF  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

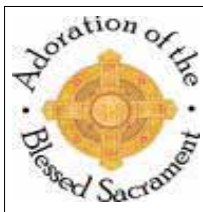


Another saint in our Vincentian Family of St. Vincent de Paul is Saint Richard Pampuri (1897-1930), and his feast day is Monday, May 1.

Richard Pampuri stands as a symbol of generosity of heart. He was born Erminio Filippo Pampuri on August 2, 1897. After his mother died when he was three, Richard was sent to Torino, Italy to live with his grandfather and an aunt. His uncle, Carlo, instilled in him a deep love of serving the sick and influenced his decision to enter medical school. Drafted into the military, he served in the medical corps in World War I and was decorated for bravery. After the war Richard returned to his studies, graduating in medicine and surgery in 1921. He registered at Pavia University as a general practitioner and surgeon.

As a student, Richard became very active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He wrote to his sister: "Pray that pride, selfishness, and any other evil passion will not prevent me from always seeing the suffering of Christ in my patients, treating them and comforting them." This is certainly the core of Vincentian spirituality! Richard moved to Milan and founded the "Band of Pius X," a group dedicated to medical care for the poor. He also raised funds to provide food and clothing for the needy. Discerning a vocation to the religious life, in 1928 he joined the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God and was assigned to a clinic in Brescia, where he continued to serve the poor. He suffered from severe lung disease, and had to enter the hospital in Milan. There he developed pneumonia and prophesied that he would die: on May 1, 1930 at the age of 33.

Many healings took place at his tomb and his cause for canonization proceeded quickly. Richard was beatified in 1981, and Pope John Paul II canonized him on November 1, 1989, observing of Richard that he was "close to our times, but even closer to our problems and our sensibilities." In Richard, Vincentians have another saint to act as intercessor, another young person of great example in witnessing love for the poor.



**Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm** Come join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in Saint Denis Church on Fridays. All are welcome to spend a few minutes praising, thanking and just being with Jesus. Take some time to be with Him!

**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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP** – A \$1,000 scholarship is available to a girl who is graduating from the 8th grade and who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2017. The family must be registered in St. Denis Parish. Applications may be picked up at the rectory office during regular business hours. All applications must be in by May 10th.

**“A DAY OF JOY”** St. Catharine Classics Group’s 6th Annual Retreat, presented by Fr. William Dowd, will take place at San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave. in Long Branch on Monday, May 1, 2017, 9:30 am-3:00 pm. The cost is \$40 and includes breakfast and a full lunch. Please make checks payable to St. Catharine Parish and mail to Tom Maguire, 1913 Kwansan Court, Toms River, NJ 08755. Car pooling will be available from St. Margaret Church in Spring Lake. For more information please call 732-341-2496.

**FUNDRAISER CARD GAME/PARTY**– The Center Committee of the Woman’s Club of Brielle will sponsor a luncheon card game/party to benefit The Center in Asbury Park. This event will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Curtis House, 644 Union Lane in Brielle, 11:30 am-3:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. Please call Agnes Higgins at 917-658-2907 for reservations.

**THE CENTER ALA CARTE 2017** will take place at Asbury Park’s Convention Hall on Friday, May 19, 2017, 7-10 pm. Come and enjoy signature dishes from 25 restaurants, open bar with signature cocktails, dance and costume contests. Music will be provided by *The Marilyn’s*. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased by visiting [www.thecenterap.org](http://www.thecenterap.org). To purchase 50/50 raffle tickets please call The Center at 732-774-3516, ext. 115.

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

**DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION**– Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will help reduce the parish debt. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA**- It's been one hundred years since the Blessed Mother appeared to the three children in that little Portuguese village of Fatima. In honor of Her centennial, a special ceremony will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017 outside St. Catharine Church in Spring Lake at 1:00 pm, right after the noon Mass. The ceremony will be held at the Lady of Fatima statue/shrine directly across from the church. The program will include Fatima-themed music, a brief recitation of some of the dialogue between the children and the Blessed Mother, as well as a reflection on Her promises to the children, the Miracle of Fatima, and what it means to us today. So please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7th. The ceremony is being coordinated by Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry.



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**-Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Come for dinner and a movie at Visitation Church, 755 Mantoloking Road in Brick. It has been 100 years since the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima and in her honor Visitation presents “The 13<sup>th</sup> Day - The Miracle of Fatima”. We will share a light dinner and dessert table together. Come on out, bring your children and join with us in this community celebration of our Blessed Mother. We have an elevator for easy access. Keep in mind it will still be light out when you leave for those who don’t drive in the dark. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so we can prepare the appropriate materials and food. Please contact Dale Zanetti in the Adult Faith Formation Office by May 5th 12:00 pm at [732-477-7059 ext. 214](tel:732-477-7059) or email at [dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org](mailto:dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org).

**STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING**– Modern day slavery exists in New Jersey. Know it! See it! Report it! 800,000 victims a year are trafficked worldwide through force, fraud, and coercion. Come to a Community Awareness Event at All Saints Church, 500 Lake Ave. in Bay Head on May 9th at 7:00 pm. Presented by The Human Trafficking Task Force, NJ Division of Criminal Justice and members of the All Saints Church Community.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**- All children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children will proceed to the church basement (Monsignor O'Connor Hall) before the first reading and return during the offertory.

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

**For the Love of God...Sing**  
**Come, Praise our Lord**  
**with Contemporary Christian Music**  
**All are welcome!**  
**30 minutes of prerecorded music**  
**with lyric sheets provided.**  
**Friday, May 5, 2017**  
**in St. Denis Church at 7:15 pm**  
**For info call Allison Penkenthman**  
**732.528.4976**





**MOTHERS' MEMORIAL MASS-** A special Mass will be celebrated for mothers and their families who have suffered the loss of a child of any age (before birth, infancy, childhood, or adult children) on Tuesday May 16, 2017 7:00 pm at St. Dominic's Church, Brick (Take Rt. 70 W over the bridge. Continue on Rt. 70 2 miles to light at

Van Zile Rd. Use jug handle to turn left, south, onto Van Zile Rd. Church is on the left). Come to honor and remember these children through a special celebration of the Eucharist. The names of all children being honored and remembered will be read during this special Mass. A gathering with refreshments will follow. **No RSVP necessary... All are welcome!** This is sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministries of St. Denis and St. Dominic Churches. Questions, please contact Rachel Hendricks 732-223-1658 or thehendricks7@gmail.com

**MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS-** May 14th is Mother's Day. Beginning on Mother's Day weekend and continuing for the next two days, we will have special Masses in honor of all our mothers, both living and deceased. This weekend and next, you will find special Mother's Day cards and intention envelopes in the gathering space of the church and the vestibule of the chapel. We ask that if you do not have a need for the card, only take the intention envelope in the basket marked "Intention Envelopes." You may list multiple names on your intention envelope. All envelopes should be returned to the rectory by Friday, May 12th. They will then be placed on the altar and the intentions will be remembered at the Mother's Day Masses. What a perfect way to honor our mothers.

**CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA APPARITION-** The year 2017 marks the **100th anniversary** of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at **Fatima**, Portugal. Here are some ways we encourage you to enter into this anniversary celebration.:

- Check out the online website **Formed** for documentaries and children's programs. **Finding Fatima**
- Go on the website and share in a Reflection on our own church's Fatima Stained Glass Window
- Join us at St. Denis, **Tuesday, May 16th, at 11am and 7 pm** for a talk on **Mary: the Closeness of Our Lady to Us.**

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



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

Timothy Philip Burke  
 Theo Parker Champney  
 Lily Kate Gulotta  
 Logan Christian Palombo  
 Madeleine Jean Palombo  
 Beckett Ray Sokel  
 Thomas Jeffrey Venice

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**MOTHER'S DAY - ROSES FOR LIFE!**

Members of our Pro-Life and Elizabeth Ministries will be selling beautiful long stem roses **after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13 & 14** in honor of all MOTHERS! Let us be thankful for the gift of motherhood and also remember the **Blessed Mother** on this special day! Proceeds will be used to assist women & children in crisis, and for community education about the dignity of all human **LIFE!** If you would like help sell roses at a particular Mass please contact Rachel Hendricks at 732-223-1658 .



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As our St. Denis 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders, prepare for their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 6<sup>th</sup> & May 13<sup>th</sup>, let us pray...

*Heavenly Father, We ask You to Bless these children on their first Holy Communion Day, that this will be their first step in a life-long love of Your True Presence in the most Holy Eucharist. Give them a hunger for Your Sacred food, that they may always turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they continue to grow in full discipleship. We thank You for their innocence & goodness as we watch their hands, extended in anticipation of Your Body & Blood, inspire us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament & unite us all in the Truth of Your Real Presence, "Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity," in the most Holy Eucharist. For we cling to Your Words, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." John 6:54 In Jesus' most precious name we pray. Amen*



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