

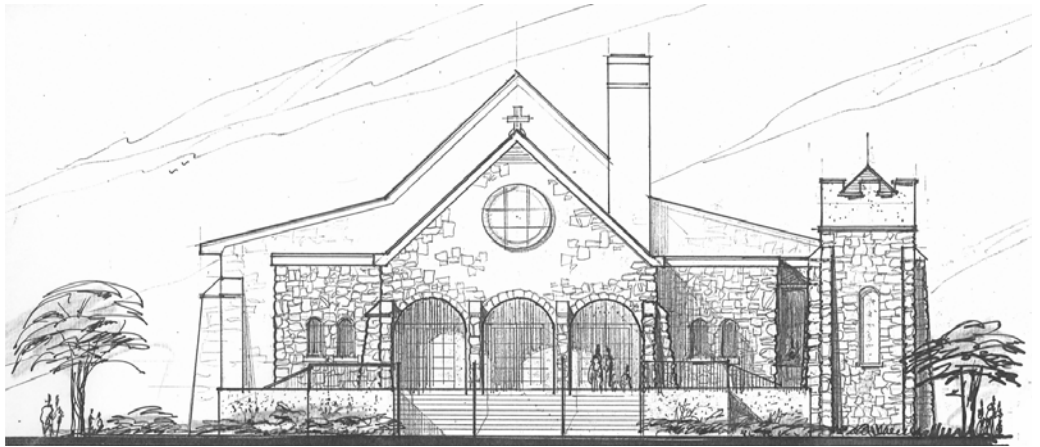
HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. When he was insulted, he returned no insult, when he suffered he did not threaten, instead he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness”

Risen Lord, to unite themselves to Jesus and His cross. We move a few weeks from Easter and can forget that the cross of Christ is the measure of the world.

How do I react to adversity? Revenge, road rage, doing unto others before they do unto me... it is easy to avoid the admonition of Peter. To be sure I'm on the right path I look to the virtues found in the beatitudes - meekness, humility, desire for holiness, dependence upon God, and yes even the suffering I endure. Together with the virtues which Paul offered the Galatians, I become fully equipped to move forward.



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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.

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 6, 2017

- 8:30 pm Mary Moscatt by Virginia Dunne
8:30 pm 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 Herrmann
11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, May 8, 2017

- 7:30 am John Nielsen by His Sister
7:30 am Terri Anne Ferguson by the Donovan Family

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

- 7:30 am Julia Hrankowski by Her Daughters
7:30 am Maura Kathleen Boyan by the Place Family,
Lisa, Hal, Nicole & Daniel

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

- 7:30 am Margaret McGrath by Her Sisters
7:30 am Robert Gorski by Florence McManus

Thursday, May 11, 2017

- 7:30 am Zachary Herman by Joan & Mark Clarkin
7:30 am Mary Quatrone
by Her Coworkers From Manasquan Bank

Friday, May 12, 2017

- 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by Their Family
7:30 am Joseph Bol by Carol & Ralph Cabrera

Saturday, May 13, 2017

- 8:30 am Jeannie Jones by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
8:30 am Donna Carlson by Denise & Kenn Yee
4:30 pm Catherine M. Sheehan by the Reilly Family
4:30 pm Mrs. Slane by Susan Schenker

Sunday, May 14, 2017

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Mother's Day Intentions
10:00 am Mother's Day Intentions
11:00 am Mother's Day Intentions



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 Richard Kelly.



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.

DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE– Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at respectlifetoday.org. You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and in our world.



WEEK OF MAY 7, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EILEEN BERARDI

REQUESTED BY THE ZOCCHI FAMILY

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.

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 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.



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 .



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

Message from Fr. Bill

This week I have three things to share. Firstly, as we begin May, we celebrate Mary. And this year, especially, we mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary in Fatima that began on May 13, 1917. To mark this occasion and to celebrate Our Blessed Mother, I urge you to take the handouts in the entrance to church, pray with the stained glass windows that honor Mary at the Church and Chapel, to go on-line to our website for a reflection on Our Lady of Fatima, go to "Formed" and take advantage of the free teachings/movies on Our Lady, pray the rosary for the salvation of the world, attend the presentation - "Mary: The Closeness Of Our Lady To Us" - on Tuesday, May 16th at 11 am or 7 pm., have your own May crowning in your home, enthrone the sacred images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and have your home blessed, and many other things to celebrate Mary's closeness to us. *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Secondly, these two first Saturdays in May we celebrate the First Holy Communions. What a great time to celebrate the Eucharist in our lives and the absolute centrality of worshiping God at Mass and receiving the Eucharist – at the invitation of our Lord Jesus Himself, who said *"Do this in memory of Me."* As we celebrate with the children of our parish and recall our own reception of the Eucharist, I invite you to pray, when at St. Denis Church, before the Blessed Sacrament in the prayer space in front of the Tabernacle. People may not know that the church was designed with this in mind. It is a very intimate and peaceful place that is accessed by the ramp or stairs behind the presider's chair in the sanctuary. Be with Christ in the Eucharist as a foretaste (and practice) for what heaven will be: joyfully before the Lord in Adoration for eternity.

Thirdly, our Implementation Team for the four parishes of our Cohort have met to plan the first year of collaboration amongst our parishes. The plan will be sent to the Diocesan Commission at the end of the month and we will begin our action plan in July. We will be having a coordinated messaging amongst all the parishes, through the bulletins and websites of the parishes, so that we can all be "on the same page." Just like our own "View from the Pew" here at St. Denis Parish, our Cohort will have a message from a member of the Implementation Team from time to time to explain our efforts... stay

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.*





*"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.

Wednesday mornings, thru June 21st, 11am- 12:00pm

St. Denis Rectory Office

Contact Eileen at (732) 223-0287 /

eileenziesmer@gmail.com if you will be joining us!

MARY: THE CLOSENESS OF OUR LADY TO US- Tuesday, May 16th, 11:00am and 7:00pm, in St. Denis Church. For Catholics devotion to Mary is part of our faith. Maybe you pray the rosary daily or have crowned a statue of the Blessed Mother with flowers in your youth. Maybe you haven't given Mary a thought. Either way, Mary herself, desires to be known intimately by you, as a friend and a mother. Come and discuss how your faith can grow in many unexpected ways by modeling and sharing your life with Mary.

SELECTIVE SECONDS is a high-quality, new and gently used furniture and home décor shoppe located at 911 Main Street, Rear, Belmar; Phone: 732-894-9393. Open Thursday – Saturday, 11-5; Sunday, 12-4 White wicker has arrived from a Mantoloking estate; stop in sooner than later if you're in the market for this type of furnishing. "Like us" on Facebook to be one of the first to see new pieces delivered each week and to hear about our storewide sales

VINCENT'S LEGACY is a newly formed Diocesan-wide furniture ministry wherein we help families in need with furniture and home decor. There are many opportunities to become involved - it's not just about moving furniture! Are you good coordinating schedules and working on the computer? We need you! Email furniture@svdptrenton.org for more information.



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

Please Note- Pantry Will Be CLOSED Saturday, 5/27/17

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!

Recovery Corner

St. Denis Recovery Ministry will be hosting a 12-Step Christian Recovery One-Day Retreat "Let Go, Let God"



Acceptance-Surrender-God's Amazing Grace

Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10:00 am-3:00 pm ,
in the cafeteria of the school building.

Please RSVP to 732-223-0287 or at www.EventBrite.com
\$10 includes lunch, fellowship, speakers, workshops, and reflections-all in a 12-Step Christian Recovery setting.

The retreat is open to those in recovery, those struggling with addiction AND FAMILIES of those afflicted!

NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION- Child Study Teams from the school districts of Avon, Bradley Beach, Belmar, Lake Como, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Brielle, Wall, Sea Girt and Manasquan need your help in getting the word out to all families with a child from 3-21 with a disability. **Under NJ Law free educational assistance must be provided to any child between 3-21 who is identified by a local Child Study Team of the Board of Education as disabled. This includes homeless and migrant families.** Please help get the word out to any families you know that could be helped by this service!

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



Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear His words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters. For the calendar quarter from January 1 and ending March 31, 2017, we helped our local neighbors with rent and utilities in the amount of \$19,779.08. We also helped our neighbors during the quarter from our Food Pantry with food totaling about \$6,415. This assistance could only have been accomplished because of the generosity of your donations and the grace of God. Thank you very much for all that you do for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Denis Church.

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 can be made 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, May 16, 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.



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, COURT ST. DENIS will meet on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. New members are always welcome to join!

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.

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

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-Next weekend, throughout all the Catholic Churches in the United States, there will be a second collection to raise money for the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Plans are to finish the dome for the 100th anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the National Shrine in 2020. Mary's Shrine reflects the diversity of the cultures and ethnicities of the Catholics of the United States. Our bi-annual diocesan pilgrimage is coming up in the fall, perhaps you would like to go and see the National Shrine and the progress on the Trinity Dome. For more information: www.nationalshrine.org and also www.trinitydome.org



April 16, 2017

Easter Collection	\$47,715.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$54.44

April 23, 2017

Regular Weekend Collection-	\$12,629.00
Average Envelope Donation	\$24.35

Online Giving (4/13/17-5/3/17)	\$3,555.00
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

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.



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.

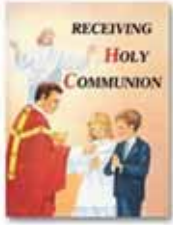
FUNDRAISER CARD GAME/PARTY– The Center Committee of the Woman's Club of Brielle will sponsor a luncheon card game/party to benefit The Center in Asbury Park. This event will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Curtis House, 644 Union Lane in Brielle, 11:30 am-3:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. Please call 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. To purchase 50/50 raffle tickets please call The Center at 732-774-3516, ext. 115.

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.

For the Love of God...Sing
Come, Praise our Lord
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All are welcome!
30 minutes of prerecorded music
with lyric sheets provided.
Every First Friday
in St. Denis Church at 7:00 pm
For info call Allison Penkenthman
732.528.4976





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSINGS ☺

To all our St. Denis children who received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 6th, Congratulations! What a truly Blessed day for the children & their families! As Jesus said on the night He gave us His precious Body & Blood:

"My Flesh is the true food, & My Blood is the true drink. If you eat my Flesh & drink my Blood, you are one with Me, & I am one with you. Just as the living Father sent Me & I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me." John 6:55-57

The anticipation on the children's faces & the sheer beauty in their outstretched hands to receive Jesus for the very first time, truly touched everyone present.

A very special & heartfelt thank you to all their teachers & parents who helped them to prepare for this truly holy & sacred Sacrament. God Bless them all!

Ava Agnese
Robert Balioni
Carly Barrington
Bridget Beer
Lucas Bonner
Connor Bowen
Ryder Boyle
Timothy Brophy
Dylan Buechler
Quinn Butler
Alexandra Drent
Cecilia Esquieres
Kevin Fallon, Jr.
Colin Fell
Timothy Fischer
Carolyn Glassberg
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Chase Holly
Domenic Incolla S
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Faith Nawolski
Magnus Nielsen
Lianna Pennisi
William Reilly
Ella Schaible
Ava Sharkey
Addyson Vallio
Benjamin White
Shane Womack
Abigail Zirolu

RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please join us in a special prayer ☺

As our St. Denis 2nd Graders, prepare for their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 13th, 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

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WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP- St. Rose weekly meditation group meets Mondays (since 1982) at First Presbyterian Church of Belmar from 7:00-7:45 pm. Introduction is given and new members are always welcome. For more information call Gregory Ryan 732-681-6238 or email gjryan@wccm.org

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.

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