

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

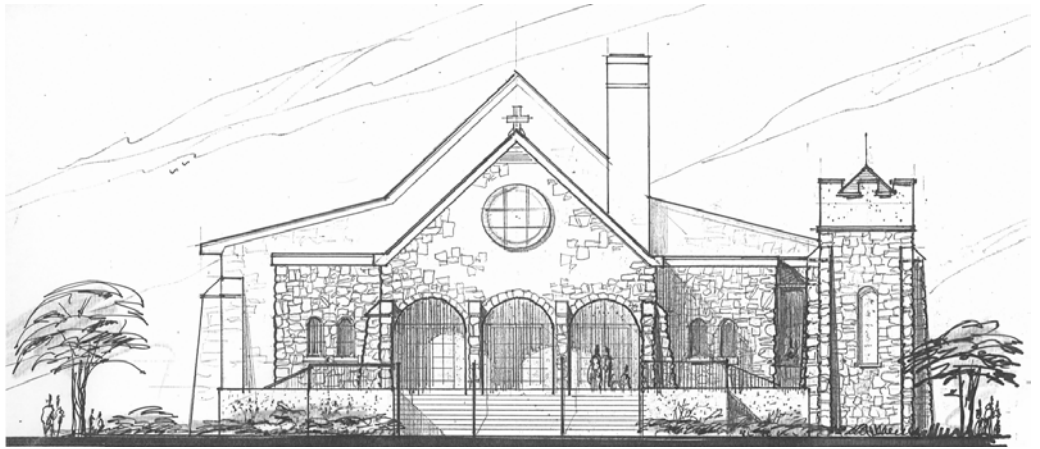
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

“Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear... For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is the will of God, than for doing evil...for Christ suffered that he might lead you to God.”

How wonderful if you would take the time or make the opportunity to read the entire letter of Saint Peter. He spent his time, helping the first and persecuted Christians to remain strong in their faith.

Are you ready to answer questions people might pose, because you are a believer? There are so many people hungry for the truth and for the Lord, and you might be the instrument He uses to bring them back, or even to meet Him for the first time.

The reason others approach you is because they find something special in you, they want what you have. If you are not sure how to respond, suggest a bible study or faith sharing group – and join one yourself. In this way all can grow together in faith as we walk the journey together. As someone told me today, they heard a voice saying ‘I am waiting for you.’




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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation)- St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM- St. Denis Church
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: Evening before: 7:00 PM & day of: 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM-St. Denis Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16, 2020

8:30 am Dominic Pascal by John Pascal
 8:30 am Kathy Kleinlein by Ken Kleinlein, Jr.
 8:30 am Joe & Ruth Walsh by Sally Landi
 4:30 pm Adolph Macho & Edward Macho
 by the Pilot & Macho Families
 4:30 pm Pauline Earl by Kay Kolon
 4:30 pm Margaret & Jim Kearns by Kevin & Fran Kearns

Sunday, May 17, 2020

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Anne Licata by Arthur Licata & Family
 9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 9:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 10:00 am Charles Rock by Fred & Marlene Bostel
 10:00 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 10:00 am Intentions of Sister Mary Guyer by Fr. Bill & Staff
 11:00 am Patrick Campbell by his Family
 11:00 am Diego Perusi-Melara by Betsy & Jim Rice & Family
 11:00 am Richard & John Koch by the Koch/Rice Families

Monday, May 18, 2020

7:30 am Patrick Campbell by Veronica & Bill Matthaei
 7:30 am Walter Terzano by the Family
 7:30 am Corriene Pangaro by the Family

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

7:30 am Catherine Skillman by the Moynihan Family
 7:30 am Jean D. Johnson by Mary Bogan
 7:30 am Intentions of the Zane Family by the Bauer Family

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 7:30 am Lydia Pavon by the DeGenova Family
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Thursday, May 21, 2020

7:30 am For the People of the Parish
 12:00 pm Sam Melillo by Mary & Joe
 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 12:00 pm Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 7:00 pm Michael A., Zachary J., &
 Dorothy A. Donechie by the Family
 7:00 pm John O'Brien by Jane Bessemer & Family
 7:00 pm Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Friday, May 22, 2020

7:30 am Rosemary Smock by her Sister, June
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Saturday, May 23, 2020

8:30 am Paul Gately by Theresa Karron
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children
 4:30 pm Pauline Earl by Kathy & Peter Goetz & Family
 4:30 pm Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Sunday, May 24, 2020 (Ascension)

8:00 am Anthony & Catherine Rotonda by the Family
 8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 8:00 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Michael Sastokas by Joe & Kathy
 10:00 am Joseph Racioppi, Jr. by the Family
 10:00 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 11:00 am Alice Ward by the Family
 11:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 11:00 am John O'Brien by St. Denis Parish

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially James Tuohy, John O'Brien & Donna Galvin.



PRAY
FOR THE SICK

especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, 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, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Victoria Margadonna, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Mary Daidone, Donna Morgan, Jonathan Miller, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Jennifer Pindar, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, the Borgias, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS

As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time:

FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information please contact trencursillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447. ext. 14.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– Can you spare an hour a week to help our community’s homebound senior citizens? Interfaith Neighbors is currently in need of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels one morning per week. Volunteers can choose to do one day per week or just substitute when needed. We are also in need of office help (answering phones/taking referrals). For more information, please contact Beth at Interfaith Neighbors at 732-775-0525 ext. 227.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS & PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE– Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one please call the rectory office during business hours (732-223-0287). We will be happy to leave one on the rectory front porch for you. For more information call Rachel at 732-223-1658.



our military, especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy MIDN Nora N. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Captain David Smith, 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, Army Major Michael Potoczniak, 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 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith-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.



WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET & JIM KEARNS

REQUESTED BY KEVIN & FRAN KEARNS

DON'T FORGET ST. DENIS PARISH WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE - AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. **Instructions to support St. Denis:** Go to smile.amazon.com Choose your charity: Church of St. Denis, Manasquan Click on the box marked “yes”. You must start at smile.amazon.com so that the charity gets donations. Then click on the “start shopping” button. It’s that simple!

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 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- The annual collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign, held each year invites the Church’s members to participate in and support this essential work of the Church – to share the Gospel with all peoples through word and image. 50% of the funds collected support local communications projects in each diocese, while the other 50% of funds supports national communications efforts, as well as projects in developing countries. In the Diocese of Trenton, funds collected support the diocesan newspaper, The Monitor, which is available in print, online and on mobile devices; video projects that serve as both a catechetical and evangelization tool; ongoing development of the web resources, and an ever-growing social media outreach. The collection also helps to fund the Diocese’s ongoing multimedia outreach to Spanish speakers, who are critical to the vibrancy of the Church. Your generosity to the 2nd collection next weekend will be greatly appreciated.



May 3, 2020

Regular Collection-

\$7,984.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION– Due to the conditions at the time of this bulletin, please check our parish website regularly for updates.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: First Communion will be rescheduled. Confirmation interviews will also be rescheduled. At this time we know that Confirmation will not take place on May 29th. We are awaiting a new date.

CATHOLIC RADIO- Tune into 89.3 FM to hear the Gospel message, live call-in shows, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and more. WFJS 89.3 FM Catholic Radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth and parts of Ocean Counties. Listen on-line at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org. Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS PO Box 7509 Trenton 08628.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES is asking for prayers and support for the mothers who are preparing to give birth during this difficult time. Unfortunately, the needs of the mothers and babies served by Good Counsel Homes have not slowed down for the coronavirus, but donations have. Fundraisers and speaking engagements at parishes have been canceled. For more information about Good Counsel Homes or to donate please visit the website at www.goodcounselhomes.org.

TRANSLATOR NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY- Speak Spanish? Have an hour or so on Tuesday afternoon or Saturday morning? Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is looking for someone to assist in our interactions with Spanish speaking visitors. Social distancing is practiced and face masks are provided. If you think you might be interested or have questions, call our hotline and leave a message. 732-223-1383



St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry

**At St. Denis Church
Manasquan, NJ 08736
Phone: 732-223-1383**

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

Until further notice: There will be curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with appropriate social distancing.

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Please note adjusted pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM – 3PM and

3rd and 4th Saturdays from 10AM – 12noon

This month– May 16 & May 30 (not May 23)

At this time, donations may be dropped off curbside by the pantry during regular pantry hours or on the rectory front porch, under the overhang.

There has been an overwhelming response to our food pantry donation requests. The shelves are very well stocked. Thank you! The items listed below are the most needed items as these are items most requested by our needy neighbors. Please know they are being received with sincere gratitude!

Items requested for food pantry donation:
**Children's toothpaste, canned white potatoes,
& Parmalat milk**

Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is fully operational at a heightened state of precaution, accommodating social distancing. To access our services or learn how the changes affect our clients via the internet type <https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/catholic-charities-coronavirus-pandemic/> or call our Help Line 1-800-360-7711.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP! Monthly Recurring Gifts–Making a monthly recurring gift in any amount is a simple and sustainable way to impact the future of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. We are asking that you consider making a monthly recurring gift in the range of \$10.00-\$25.00. If many folks commit to this campaign, a huge difference will occur. Online donations can be made at www.olmcapnj.org or monthly donations can be sent to: Mount Carmel School 1220 First Ave. Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Attn: Sr. Jude Boyce, SSJ

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VINCENT'S LEGACY– Launched by the Diocese in late 2016, Vincent's Legacy collects quality gently used furniture and household items to provide to those in need. Legacy volunteers arrange to view, pickup, clean and deliver donated items. Originally focused on Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Vincent's Legacy has expanded throughout the Trenton Diocese. If you have furniture or household goods to donate, please contact Vincent's Legacy volunteers at furniture@svdptrenton.org. If you are able to help, visit the website or call 609-557-7837.

HANDBAGS TO HELP- Vincent's Legacy, the St. Vincent de Paul/Trenton Council furniture ministry which gives away donated quality furniture and household items, is launching its new fundraising initiative, "Handbags to Help." Since 2010, the furniture ministry has served 500+ families, providing \$600,000+ worth of furniture and household goods, and accumulating \$250,000+ in value of volunteer hours. Additionally, this ministry was a 2017 recipient of the New Jersey State Governor's JEFFERSON AWARDS for public service. Please consider donating your gently used designer handbags to help us continue to help others. Contact handbags.to.help@svdptrenton.org for more information.

**THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the Gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris in 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. SVdP offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person-to-person help to those who ask for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and also thank all who donate so generously to the Society

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings when they resume. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church).

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

A Message from Father Bill

A lot has happened in a week. Discussions that have begun amongst the Bishop's "Post-Pandemic Parish Task Force for Pastors" have led to the decision to open the churches of the diocese for private prayer. In the decision, it has been defined that a parish which has more than one church, can only open one. Therefore, we will open St. Denis Church for private prayer for ten or less people on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm and also Monday evenings from 5 pm to 7 pm. We ask you keep your social distancing and wear masks and utilize the Purell on the way in and out and really, there is no need to touch anything, even the doors will be propped open. You are asked to sit right beside the "reserved" signs, of which there are ten. If you need to pull yourself up using the top of the pew in front of you, then you can spray that down with the available disinfectant. People will be available to help as well. Unfortunately, we have been told to have restrooms off limits. Also, in thinking of the needs of others, please limit your prayer to 30 minutes if there are ten people and others are waiting. We will start with this schedule and these simple guidelines and take it from there. Hopefully, as it is all a new thing, people will be patient and work with the situation.

Next week is the celebration of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, as described in Sacred Scripture. If you grew up in the northeast of the country, you know that the dioceses in this part of the country continue the tradition of Ascension Thursday, whereas the Catholics in the rest of the country celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on the Sunday following. Tradition teaches that 40 days after the Resurrection our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father and before He ascended, He told the Apostles to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles and the Blessed Mother did just that, they prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They patiently prayed for what we know is nine days (novena) and the Holy Spirit came 50 days after Easter on Pentecost (meaning fifty). This year, we will also celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on next Sunday, like the majority of the rest of the country. The Dioceses in the Metropolitan See of Newark (the formal Church designation for all the dioceses of NJ, with the Archdiocese of Newark as the metropolitan see) have moved the celebration of the Ascension to the Sunday, for this year only. We will have a Facebook Mass for the celebration at 10am.

In preparation of the coming of Pentecost, I ask the parish to take part in two prayerful actions. The first is "Thy Kingdom Come." This is an ecumenical prayer initiative that I introduced last year. It has always been conducted as a "remote prayer" opportunity and so is perfect during the stay-at-home order we are still under in NJ. "Thy Kingdom Come" has resources for adults and children as well. (Please read the details below in this bulletin.) I learned about "Thy Kingdom Come" when at Mass in Westminster Cathedral in London. The prayer initiative started four years ago. I found out after that first year, so the following year I prayed/participated myself. Last year, I invited the parish community to join, and I do so again this year along with inviting all the other Ministers and their congregations in our Manasquan Ministerium. As we pray for ourselves, for renewal through the action of the Holy Spirit to remind us of all of what Jesus said and did (John 14, 26), "Thy Kingdom Come" also calls us to hold in prayer throughout the novena, five specific people who we want to come to know the love and peace of Jesus for themselves in their lives. Each day there is prayer and a short inspirational video and other resources available. Please take part. The second prayerful action is our own Manasquan Ministerium's local participation of prayerful videos that will be linked to our Facebook page and shown on the Manasquan Ministerium's Facebook page. (Think of it as Soup and Scripture but you provide your own soup, and the ministers will share each day in a new piece of Scripture with the same theme of "Thy Kingdom Come" – Prayer and Care.) Please consider taking the time and taking part in this prayer as well as we prepare to conclude our Easter Season which culminates in the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost.

THY KINGDOM COME

You are invited to go to www.thykingdomcome.global so that you too can join in the world-wide novena of prayer of "Thy Kingdom Come" beginning May 21st, Ascension Thursday, and going to Pentecost, May 31st. Go to the site and sign up and see all the people in the world praying during this 4th annual event. (Or click the link on our parish website homepage.) When you sign up you can zero in on our part of the world and "see" the light you are adding to our prayer for more and more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus in their life and to grow in that love and peace in our own life, through the daily prayers and inspirational videos. Explore the site for all it has to offer individuals, families, adults and kids. The focus this year includes "Prayer and Care" as we read on the website:

Care for those you are praying for, pray for those you are caring for-

During these difficult and trying times, we believe that now more than ever, presents an incredible opportunity for the Church worldwide, to unite in prayer so that our family, friends and neighbors will come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ for themselves. One of our key themes for Thy Kingdom Come is prayer and care. As we are praying for those we love to come to know the hope and love of Christ we also are encouraging all to see how they can show God's love towards them by caring for them.

A BLESSING AS YOU PUT ON YOUR MASK

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the world, who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to protect life.

This prayer was found for the duty of putting on a mask from a rabbi. It reminds us that, with all things and in all moments of life, we are to 'lift our minds and hearts to God' (the definition of prayer in the Catechism) and 'make our life a prayer' imbuing our everyday life with the transcendent relationship we have with our God, who is King of the Universe.

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

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

THE GUILD OF OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER, is a 501 (C3) organization that raises money to benefit the needs of our community and our community's hospital. 100% of the net proceeds go towards these causes. Donations are being accepted for their current mission "Project Paul" to provide masks for the protection of the community and civil service workers. Donations can be made through the following methods:

*PayPal-Contributions can be made at paypal.me/guildofomc
*Checks- made payable to The Guild of Ocean Medical Center c/o Sharon Dymnioski 53 Church St. Manasquan 08736

Please note in the memo section- "Project Protection"

*Credit Card- to pay using a credit card, please call the following- Sharon Dymnioski at 732-233-2519

Thank you in advance for your support.

PROJECT CHILD FIND is a free referral service to use if you have concerns about your child's development (ages birth-2 years). For more information about Special Education in NJ visit www.nj.gov/education/specialed. Call 1-800-322-8174. All calls are confidential and toll-free.

DOWNEY SIDE- Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. For information contact Sister Elizabeth Engel at 732-359-8434 or email your interest to sister.engel@gmail.com.

OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE continues to be a safe, positive environment that meets the unique needs of runaway, homeless and abused youth. Now, more than ever, Harbor House needs your help, especially in light of the fact that its major fundraiser, Ride for New Beginnings 2020 has been postponed. Please donate to cover the cost incurred from the COVID 19 crisis by visiting www.oceansharborhouse.org/donate. Please join Harbor House's first ever virtual auction, featuring art created by its clients. Visit <https://www.oceansharborhouse.org/event/virtual-art-auction/> for more details. If possible, spread the word on social media so that people know that Harbor House is still providing excellent service to youth and their families. Thank you.

A PRAYER FOR THIS TIME

(submitted by a parishioner)

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask your protection against the Coronavirus that has claimed lives and has affected so many.

We pray, for your grace for the people who are tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and of stemming the tide of its transmission.

We pray, that you guide the minds and hands of medical personal that they may care for the sick with competence and compassion and that they may find a cure for this pandemic.

We pray for those afflicted in this country and all over the world, especially those with serious infections, that they be comforted in their suffering and that they may soon be restored to full health.

We pray for government agencies and private enterprises, that they may work together for the common good.

We pray that we who are in good health may reach out with prayers, action, or monetary assistance to those in need during this pandemic.

Grant this though our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

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