

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 1, 2018

“But God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it...He took the child by the hand and said to her... ‘Little girl, I say to you arise!’ The girl a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At this they were utterly amazed.”

We have been told from the first book of the bible that we are made in the image and likeness of God. We have been offered the gift of life and we strive to preserve life in all its forms. The late Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago called us to have a ‘consistent ethic of life.’ He teaches us as Catholics that we are opposed to abortion, capital punishment, nuclear war and euthanasia. Were he alive today, I am sure he would include immigration. Why?

These are signs today of the envy of the devil who introduced death into our world. Respect for life is respect for rights. The denial of these rights is the work of the devil. As we admire the compassion of Jesus for the little girl of twelve, so we are called to defend the rights of the unborn, victims of injustice and the elderly.

Only when we respond to the evils around us will we return to live in the image of his own nature. Now is the time.



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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, June 30, 2018**

8:30 am Carolyn D'Ambrosio by Carole & Patrick DiSalvo
 8:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 4:30 pm Dorothy Madden by the Jacobus Family
 4:30 pm William Coleman by Pat & Debbie Campbell
 4:30 pm Connie Illuzzi by Patrick & Carole DiSalvo

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8:00 am Richard Enright by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Beatrice Masin by the Tremblay Family
 8:00 am Kim Harris by Kate Geiger
 9:30 am Victoria V. Caruso by Jeanne & Jerry Kaplan
 9:30 am Kim Dunphey by Mary & Tom Cantillo
 9:30 am Owen Scott by Mary & Tom Cantillo
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by Maura Conniff
 11:00 am Steven Silversey by the Spillane Family
 11:00 am Paul Geiger by the Geiger Family

Monday, July 2, 2018

7:30 am Kara Lyn Viscito by Roxanne Jurtschenk & Ed Boylan
 7:30 am Richard F. Manthey by Bill Leber
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

7:30 am The Sarulo, Burke & Schellar Families
 by the Bugliaro Family
 7:30 am Ann Jewewski by Danielle, Brandon & Ryan Adams
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Wednesday, July 4, 2018– Independence Day

8:30 am Charles Whalen by the Family
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Thursday, July 5, 2018

7:30 am Eveanne Koch by the Koch & Rice Families
 7:30 am Ralph DelNegro by the Family
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Friday, July 6, 2018

7:30 am Edward Kessler by His Daughters
 7:30 am Paul Miele by Kate Geiger & Family
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Saturday, July 7, 2018

8:30 am Lois Pezold by Jeanne & Bill Buble
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am Maryanne O'Rourke by Colleen Carton
 4:30 pm Leo D. Stillitano by Maryann Crowe
 4:30 pm The Parr & Petras Families by Madelyn Parr
 4:30 pm Edward Winds by the Family

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00 am Richard Enright by Maureen Burch
 8:00 am Nancy Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Muti by the Family
 9:30 am Edwin Lynch by Chris & Ed Mutch
 9:30 am Terry Schroeder by Patt Schroeder
 9:30 am Michael Herman by the Family
 10:00 am Yvonne Ciarletta by the Malley Family
 10:00 am Parania Jaworiw by Her Daughter, Nadia
 10:00 am Thomas O'Reilly by the Family
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Alan Singer, Kimberly Mount, Margaret Sherbert, Claire Kessler and John McNamara.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, 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, Joseph Siple, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Colleen Grady, Richard Koch, John 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, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Ernie Donnelly, Anita McCudden, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Kathy Perusi, John Danczuk, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Kathy Kleinlein, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



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

- Dylan James Farrell
- Riley Lu Gerzsenyi
- Parker Joseph O'Keefe
- Isla Elizabeth Vassallo
- Peyton Marie Wagner

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

BISHOP'S 2018 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING- All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2018 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew their sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Sunday, 10/7/18 Mass and Blessing at 3:00 pm at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold. Couples must register through their home parish; registration opens 7/1/18 and will be available until 9/15/18.

JOIN BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL FOR AN OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE, December 2-7, 2018. Itinerary: 12/2- Depart USA, 12/3- Mexico City, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pyramids of the Sun & Moon, 12/4- Full day Excursion to Puebla, 12/5-Mexico City 12/6- Mexico City, Our Lady of Guadalupe, 12/7- Depart Mexico City for USA. For more information contact *Select International Tours* at 1-800-842-4842 or visit selectinternationaltours.com.

ST. DENIS ELIZABETH MINISTRY: AN INVITATION TO WOMEN- We are looking to restart The Elizabeth Ministry at St. Denis Parish. The Elizabeth Ministry is a group of women who affirm, encourage, assist and pray in response to the needs of women during the child-bearing years and beyond. We are looking to begin a Mommy and Me group, reach out to the families of newly baptized, and get together once a month for fellowship and support. To get involved in this wonderful ministry or to ask any questions, please contact **Eileen Ziesmer** at eileenziesmer@gmail.com or **732-223-0287**.



especially Navy Lt. JG 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, Senior Airman John J. Kosequat, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Army Captain Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard FN Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Navy Chief Petty Officer James DeLuise, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith, and Airman Andrew Halmi.



**WEEK OF JULY 1, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE BOOKRAJIAN & RIZZI FAMILIES
REQUESTED BY CAROL RIZZI**

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD... PRAISE & SING Come, praise our Lord with contemporary Christian music. 30 minutes of prerecorded music with lyric sheets provided. Every First Friday at 7:00 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel. For more information call Allison Penkethman 732-528-4976.

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 before the first reading and return during the offertory. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. If interested, call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

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.

RESERVATIONS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS- Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in "memory of" or "honor of" someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Unfortunately due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during regular business hours.

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION- Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.


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

DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER– If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training to individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in Monmouth County. Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice Team on three consecutive Tuesdays, July 10, July 17, and July 24, 9:30 am-3:00 pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1, in Holmdel. Volunteers must attend all three sessions. To register, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW at 732-224-6933. For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org

MEN'S RETREAT– On Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Church of the Visitation in Brick, Rectory Meeting Room C, Fr. Ed Blanchett will talk about prayer and how important it is for men to pray. He will give some fresh insight into the prayer that Jesus himself gave us- “The Lord’s Prayer”. There will be discussions, refreshments and a time to talk with other men. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated so preparations can be made for the appropriate materials and food. Please contact Dale Zanetti at 732-477-7059, ext. 214 or email her at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org by July 10, 2018 at 12:00 pm.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND RAFFLE– This weekend, members of St. Denis Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters are selling 50/50 chances and tickets for their joint Communion Breakfast to be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Tickets and chances will be sold after all Masses at the church and beach chapel. Communion Breakfast tickets are \$25 and 50/50 chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

21ST ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY REGIONAL MASS AND LUNCHEON will take place on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Recitation of the rosary will be at 10:15 am, followed by Mass at 11:00 am at the Church of Saint Barnabas in Bayville, NJ. A luncheon will follow at the Ramada Inn in Toms River. The donation is \$40. Dinner choices are chicken, steak, or sole. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 7/6/18.** Call 732-528-9265 for tickets and information.



SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY
732-223-1383

Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)
HOURS
EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
3RD & 4TH SATURDAY: 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed at this time: microwave popcorn, ***non refrigerated boxed milk (like Parmalat), *powdered milk, *canned fruit,** instant potatoes, NON FLAVORED INSTANT RICE, canned potatoes, ***large bottles of juice,** cookies, ***crackers,** individual chips/snacks for lunchbox snacks, paper towels, female deodorant, tissues, and hand/body lotion. 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. Non-perishable food may also be brought to the Beach Chapel. ***Items in bold are desperately needed.** Please check expiration dates. Thanks!

Recovery Corner



Addiction is not a moral failing. There is help. Anyone affected by addiction is welcome each Thursday at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm as we support one another by applying what scripture says about recovery. Call 848-333-7085 for information.


FAMILY EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ADDICTION SERIES- Available Mondays, 7:00 pm, at 67 Atlantic Ave. in Manasquan Recreation Annex.

RAFTS- “Recovery Advocates For The Shore” located in Manasquan, is a non-clinical, non-profit, peer-based community organization serving the recovery needs of individuals and their families struggling with behavioral or substance addiction. It is free of charge. 1-833—2BSOBER www.raftsnj.org

PART-TIME SECRETARY NEEDED- The Upper Room Spiritual Center in Neptune is in need of a part-time secretary to work two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Computer skills are required. If interested, please call Rita Gallazzini or Maria Rogers at 732-922-0550.

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY INTERFAITH COALITION HELPING OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND CONGREGATION
There are many older people living in our parish...in our neighborhood...who are in need of a little help to continue living with dignity and independence at home. If **you can spare just a few hours a week,** you can be involved in this ministry. **Call and find out more...** For information contact the Caregiver office at www.caregivervolunteers.org or 732-876-3900.

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



In the Gospel today, Jairus, a Jewish official, overcame his fear of approaching Jesus and asked for His help. In doing so he encountered Jesus and received life, not only for his sick daughter but for himself. We pray that our neighbors too will be able to ask for help and perhaps encounter Jesus. If St. Vincent de Paul was able to do much for the poor of his day, it was because with his mind and heart he had come to know something of the height and depth of the love of God that is in the heart of Jesus. God is reaching out to us each day and if we are not convinced that God loves us as we are, even with our frailties, it will be difficult for us to show the love of God to the poor.

If you are interested in helping to show in some way that God cares for the poor, come to a St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting, which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (church basement). N.B. In honor of Independence Day, there will be no meeting on July 3rd.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm Come join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in Saint Denis Church on Fridays.

ECUMENICAL GARDEN TOUR- You are cordially invited to the "Garden Tour" of our ecumenical garden as part of the Monmouth County Community Gardens Tour. We were chosen, as a fledgling community garden, for the tour this year. Stop over anytime on July 14, 2018, between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for some fun and refreshments. Talk to our Master Gardeners and pick up some great tips for your own garden. Learn more about our "giving garden" and what takes place in the patch of ground behind our convent.

COR(e) STRENGTH – TWO PART SUMMER SERIES-"Cor ad Cor Loquitor" or "Heart Speaks to Heart", from Blessed John Henry Newman, is the inspiration on our take of the exercise motto "Core Strength". God calls us to strengthen our hearts as we communicate with God through the "matrix" of prayer. This 2-part series will take place on Monday, 16 July and 6 August at either 11:00 am or 7:00 pm in the church. Part 1 will concentrate on the maxims of faith that inspire us in many ways. All are encouraged to take part in the discussion and learn from one another and the rich tradition of our Catholic faith. Take time during this summer to come out for the summer series.

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 stop by the rectory office during normal business hours. For more info call Rachel at 732-223-1658.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING SOON! So, what is Natural Family Planning (or NFP) anyway? The Church encourages married couples to learn about NFP methods because they represent *authentic* family planning that can be used either to *achieve* or *postpone* pregnancy. NFP makes use of periodic abstinence from sex based upon the observation of the woman's natural signs of fertility, in order to space births or to limit the number of children when there is a serious reason to do so. No drugs, devices, surgical procedures, or other artificial means are ever used to avoid pregnancy. This practice fosters in married couples an attitude of respect and wonder in their openness to human life, which is *always* sacred! It also fosters profound respect for one's spouse, which is necessary for authentic intimacy. *Be on the lookout for more information about Natural Family Planning in the bulletin each week leading up to Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 22-28. For more information about Natural Family Planning education in our area, contact Peg Hensler 609-403-7156 or phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.*

Message from Fr. Bill

A big "Thank You" to Eileen Ziesmer and all who helped put together our 2nd "Beach Reach" at the Chapel of Our Lady, Star of the Sea. It is great to see the energy of all the people passionate about our parish and the different groups they belong to. It was also great to see the fellowship amongst all the parishioners and the welcome to people passing by on their way to the beach. I am privileged to be able to pray, asking God to bless our summer-time and our parishioners and visitors to our part of the Jersey Shore.

The other week I was away for a vacation and this coming week, after the 4th of July, I will be away for my annual retreat. Once again, I am indebted to the retired priests, and visiting priests, who have made this possible for me. Without their help, I could not go. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood. Even if we do not have this petition in each Mass, it is always in my private petitions that we "mention from the silence of our hearts." If you are a man who would consider to learn more about the priesthood, please contact me for an informal get together.

With the priest shortage in mind, as we prepare to open the schedule of Masses for 2019, please note that there will not be a parish Mass scheduled for Thursdays, excepting Holy Thursday, Ascension Thursday, and any Holy Days of Obligation, like Christmas, that should fall on Thursday. Thursday has been my day off for many years, and I have coordinated appointments with doctors for my mother and myself to always fall on that day. With the conscious collaboration of local parishes, daily Mass goes are asked to attend a daily Mass nearby. More and more, the need for a greater understanding of the priest shortage will have to be realized. I am not yet ordained 20 years, and my first assignments included three-priest parishes as a norm. Now, there are one or two at the most. As the mergers of parishes and new priestly assignments begin this July 1st, let us pray for the parishioners and priests of our diocese and God's blessings on what God calls us to be as disciples.

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.

COMMUNITY THERAPUTIC YOGA is designed for cancer patients, arthritis sufferers, or individuals with other health issues who would benefit from a gentle and modified exercise program. In this class we will utilize various techniques and modifications to yoga postures for physical and medical challenges. Moving slowly into and out of postures we will stretch, tone, and strengthen muscles. Each class includes breathing exercises, posture exercises, and relaxation techniques. The class will take place in the St. Denis school building on Fridays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost is free to members of the community with health issues who would benefit from a modified exercise program. Call Bobbi at 848-459-4255 or Ronnie at 732-859-2601 for more information. This program is not associated with the Manasquan Recreation Department.

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!



The Rectory Office will close at noon on Fridays during the months of July and August for in-service work.
 The office will be open to parishioners:
 Monday-Thursday, 8:30am- noon & 1:00-4:30pm
 Friday, 8:30am - noon

SENIOR SPIRITUALITY AND SO MUCH MORE DAY 2018! Seniors, it's that time again! The *Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day* will take place on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Church of St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square, from 10:00 am -3:00 pm. You must register to attend. The day features the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni, presenting "Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation." Bishop O'Connell will celebrate Mass with us! We will also hear the doo-wops and the bop-shoo-bops of the early days of Rock 'n Roll, from "Rock 'n Rhythm". We will enjoy a bountiful lunch by Dolce and Clemente. Don't be square, be there. Register online at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care.

THE CENTER IN ASBURY PARK IS CALLING ALL CHEFS to cook dinner for the residents on Saturdays or Sundays. The residents' meals are cooked by volunteer visiting chefs. At this time we are low on chefs and are reaching out to individuals, families, youth groups, school clubs, and churches. We average about 6-12 residents for dinner (Saturday 4:30-5:30 pm and Sunday 4:00-5:00 pm). Chef Karen can help with ordering the ingredients for the meal you would like to serve. To learn about the open dates please contact Patsy Vornhagen at quinnpv@optonline.net or call 732-774-3416, ext 115.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY



On Wednesday, July 4th
 our morning Mass
 will be celebrated at 8:30 am.
 (no 7:30 am Mass)

The Rectory Office will be closed on July 4th.
 The office will reopen July 5th at 8:30 am.
 We wish our parishioners and friends
 a very happy and safe Independence Day!

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE PRESENTS:

WE CAN PRAY ALL THE TIME! BREATH PRAYER AND MINDFULNESS– Did you know that the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the early centuries learned how to “pray always” by using seven-syllable breath prayers? Come learn about and experience seven-syllable breath prayers and various breathing exercises for fostering mindfulness and enhancing total well-being of body, mind and spirit. Presenter: Maureen Conroy, RSM, D.Min. Date: Tuesday, 7/10/18 Time: 7:00-9:30 pm Fee: \$25-\$50 (sliding scale) Please register by 7/6/18

“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD” CENTERING PRAYER” Come for a presentation on and experience Centering Prayer, a form of prayer renewed from an ancient Christian contemplative practice. A practice of relaxing, emptying the mind, and moving beyond talking to God, to being in communion with God. Presenter: Sun Spriggs Date: Tuesday, 7/17/18 Time: 7:00-9:30 pm Fee: \$25-\$50 (sliding scale) Please register by 7/12/18
 To register or for more information, please call the Upper Room at 732-922-0550.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER ACADEMY will take place at St. Rose High School in Belmar for rising 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. Current St. Rose English teachers will create dynamic and interactive lessons to strengthen your child's skills in reading, writing, and speaking with a focus on non-fiction texts. For more information, please email jcolvin@srhsnj.com

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