

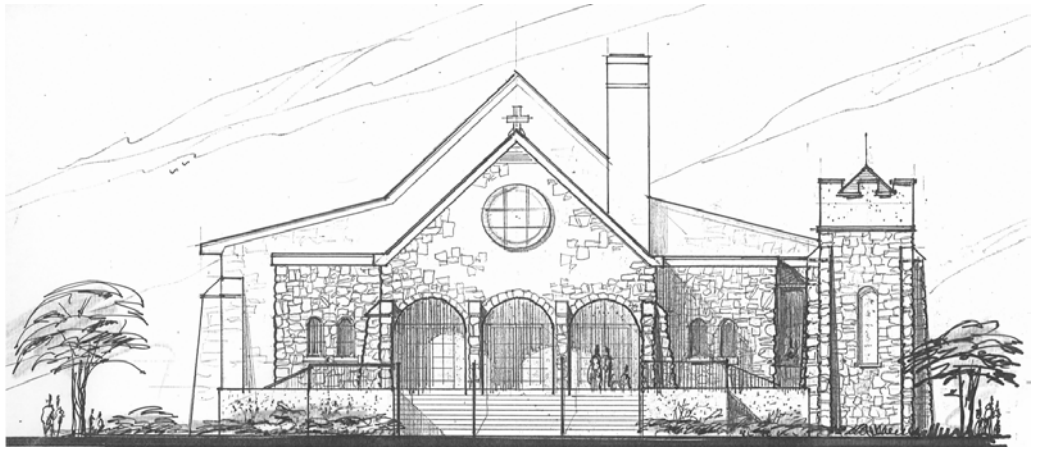
**HIS WORD TODAY**  
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 5, 2020**

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the clever you have revealed them to the little ones...Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart...”

Jesus’ prayer of praise, directed to the Father, is for our benefit. I want to be considered a ‘little one’ and grow in my knowledge and love of the Lord. He wishes to continue to reveal His goodness to me.

Surely most of us have learned to use new cell phones, iPads and computers. We learn to use new gadgets. May you take steps, especially during these summer months, to learn to be meek, humble of heart and live all the beatitudes - pure of heart, worker for justice, peacemaker and poor in spirit.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS


MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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](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.

**Saturday, July 4, 2020-Independence Day**

8:30 am Philip J. Kulp by the Bronikowski Family  
 8:30 am Richard J. Hardy, Jr. by the Bronikowski Family  
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 4:30 pm Scott Schachter by Carol Rizzi  
 4:30 pm Michael Ferraro by the Stewart Family  
 4:30 pm Robert Stewart by the Stewart Family

**Sunday, July 5, 2020**

8:00 am Samuel Melillo by his Family  
 8:00 am Patricia Toland by the Bronikowski Family  
 8:00 am John Cryan by the O'Leary Family  
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Deceased of the Sullivan Family by the Family  
 10:00 am Parania Jaworiw by her Daughter  
 10:00 am Kathleen Brady Gero by Joan & Ken Doege  
 11:00 am Ralph DelNegro by his Family  
 11:00 am William Bertscha by Nancy Dunnican  
 11:00 am Rory Fallon by Jenna Wynd

**Monday, July 6, 2020**

7:30 am Edward Kessler by his Daughters  
 7:30 am Jean Tipaldi by Chris & Denise Juhasz  
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

7:30 am Jimmy & Gilda Micioni by the Donovan Family  
 7:30 am Theresa Schmidt by Tina O'Donnell  
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

7:30 am Michael A. Herman by his Family  
 7:30 am The Ziella Family by Jim & Michele Conrey  
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

No Mass

**Friday, July 10, 2020**

7:30 am Joan Kennedy by Ellie & John Fox  
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

**Saturday, July 11, 2020**

8:30 am Tim Geiger by Kate Geiger  
 8:30 am Jeanne Zajac by Terry McCormick  
 8:30 am Derek Lee Gladden by the DeGenova Family  
 4:30 pm Edward Windas by his Family  
 4:30 pm Ellen Boyle by Amanda & Fran Pilot  
 4:30 pm A. John & Louisa McCabe by James McCabe

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

8:00 am William Ricigliano by the Stewart Family  
 8:00 am Joseph Ferrullo the Stewart Family  
 8:00 am The Intentions of Marge Keller by Jill Stewart  
 9:30 am Sadie Cassotta by Ryan & Kymm  
 9:30 am Mary Ellen Boxer by her Mom  
 9:30 am Louis J. Rochelle, Sr. by Marlene & Michael Martin  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 11:00 am Paul Geiger by Susan DeVita  
 11:00 am Sadie Cassotta by Cheryl & Frank  
 11:00 am Grace DiCairano by Betsy & Jim Rice

**Please note:**

**The Sunday, 9:30 am Mass intentions will be prayed for privately by Fr. Joe**

**The Sunday, 11:00 am Mass intentions will be prayed for at the 11:30 am Facebook Mass.**

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** especially Barbara Greves, Karin Sclafani, James McKearney, Jr., Michael Ham and Jennifer Pindar



**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, 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 Giambrone, 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, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, Kathy Schmidt, William Liao, the Borgias, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**– The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, has encouraged Catholics to pray and uphold religious liberty at home and abroad. The theme chosen for this year is "For the Good of All." Archbishop Wenski stated:

"Religious freedom is under stress throughout the world. Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity in particular is growing – albeit in perhaps more sophisticated and less violent ways.

"Political analysts and human rights advocates do include religion on their agenda. But most emphasize 'tolerance' as if religion were only a source of conflict. Or, they speak about religion in terms of 'individual choices,' as if religion were merely the concern of an individual's conviction and were devoid of any social consequences.

"Yet, just as freedom of speech depends not only on one's right to say what's on one's mind but also on the existence of institutions like newspapers, universities, libraries, political parties and other associations that make up what we call 'civil society,' so too freedom of religion 'for the good of all' must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual's free exercise of religion.

"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights – peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected."

Resources may be found at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek) and [www.usccb.org/freedom](http://www.usccb.org/freedom). Social media posts will use the hashtag #ReligiousFreedomWeek.

**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](mailto:sister.engel@gmail.com).

**THE MONITOR MAGAZINE– HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET?** The Monitor Magazine and [TrentonMonitor.com](http://TrentonMonitor.com) offer food for your faith journey throughout the year. Subscription options start at \$15 for a year of full digital access...Or, for \$25, get full digital access and home delivery of the magazine. Order your subscription via a convenient and secure web page... [dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions). For assistance call 609-406-7131.

**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](http://www.olmcapnj.org) or monthly donations can be sent to: Mount Carmel School 1220 First Ave. Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Attn: Sr. Jude Boyce, SSI

**SAINT PETER SCHOOL** in Point Pleasant Beach is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a State School of Character, and is anchored in faith! An integrated STREAM curriculum is taught. The school's ideal class sizes allow for individualized learning. Financial assistance is available for qualifying families. Busing is available from Brick and Point Pleasant Boro. For more information please call 732-892-1260 or email [info@stpschool.org](mailto:info@stpschool.org).

### A Message from Father Bill

After having had some experience of celebrating Mass in the midst of the pandemic, I feel that we are at the point where we will be able to begin offering Mass again at Our Lady Star of the Sea Beach Chapel starting on Sunday, 12 July.

Our up-dated Mass schedule, commencing on the weekend of 11-12 July will be as follows: Saturday, 4:30pm at the Church, Sunday, 8:00am and 9:30am at the Church and 10am at the Beach Chapel. This schedule will more resemble our schedule before the pandemic hit our area. We will not have the 11am Mass, but rather we will continue our Mass on Facebook at 11:30am. This on-line Mass is important for our parishioners who still need to remain home due to the pandemic. (Please recall that the Bishop has dispensed the Sunday obligation until September.)

I am grateful to the ushers and the "seaters" who have been helping "navigate these new waters" and I am thankful that parishioners are taking all the precautions necessary and seriously in attending Mass. We will continue to ask that everyone phone in during the week, preferably by Thursday each week, to let us know what Mass you plan to attend, in order that we may keep track of numbers. We will continue this practice for the time being, as we can only accommodate so many people with safe distancing in mind. Thank you for taking that extra necessary step in planning for your time to worship God. (Please note there is not the need to call for weekday Masses which are 7:30am Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri., and 8:30am Sat.)

First Communions and Confirmations are planned for the upcoming weeks! Again, with safe distancing in mind, these events will be limited and not open to the public. Families are being notified of the number of people they can invite. I am doubling the number of celebrations, but even with that in mind, we are not able to have unlimited-seating. I was hoping that all would understand, as we are in the midst of a pandemic, and the numbers of those infected through large gatherings continues. We will have all those celebrating the Sacraments in safe distance from each other and clean the church before and after the celebrations.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated on July 18<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> with two Masses each day. (Therefore, we will not be able to also accommodate a funeral on those two Saturdays, as is usual for the one day we usually have First Communions each year previous.) Confirmations will be celebrated on August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>. All pastors have been given the delegation by the Bishop to celebrate Confirmation. The calendar has been so drastically altered by circumstances of the pandemic, that the Bishop and the Episcopal Vicars cannot reschedule these celebrations before they begin the Fall Confirmation season. I consider it a privilege to minister this Sacrament for our parishioners, as Confirmation is a Sacrament necessary for salvation.

Let us pray for the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments and also the adults who will be celebrating their Sacraments of Initiation that were postponed from the Easter Vigil. May God bless them in their Spiritual Journey through this world, on their way to heaven, through the graces they will receive through receiving and living the Sacraments.

**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 [trentoncursillo@gmail.com](mailto:trentoncursillo@gmail.com) or 609-396-8447. ext. 14.



### **RECOVERY CORNER-**

**LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE WEEKLY PODCASTS-** Check out "City of Angels Recovery Radio" <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan>

Download the above app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10am and 10pm. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.



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, 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.

**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](http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed). Call 1-800-322-8174. All calls are confidential and toll-free.

**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](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).



**GIVING GARDEN UPDATE-**We need you! Do you want to get out of the house during this time, enjoy the fresh air and nature and help your neighbor? Volunteer at the Giving Garden. An hour or two would make a difference in your life

and the yield of our garden! Give a call/email Fr. Bill or stop by Saturdays at 9am. (Other days offered as well.) Also, we are once again collecting clean plastic fruit and vegetable containers to use for donating harvested vegetables to the food pantries. If you have any containers to contribute (all sizes), please wash them out with a little soapy water, rinse thoroughly, let air dry, and drop them off at church or the rectory front porch.

**CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY INTERFAITH COALITION** helping older members of our community and congregation. There are many older people living in our parish and 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. For information contact the Caregiver Office at [www.caregivervolunteers.org](http://www.caregivervolunteers.org) or 732-876-3900.

**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](mailto:furniture@svdptrenton.org). If you are able to help, visit the website or call 609-557-7837.



**St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Denis Church**  
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  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 10AM – 12noon

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.

The items most needed at this time are:  
cookies, shampoo (male/female), sugar, popcorn,  
body lotion, dish detergent & chips/snacks.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our food pantry.

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



The Gospels often ask us to have faith in God and that He will help us to know the right path to take. In choosing a path to help, He does not ask us about ability but only our *availability*; and, if we prove our dependability, He will *increase* our *capability* to do good. God often doesn't call the "most qualified", He qualifies the "called".


The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, know only so well how true this is. If *you* have an interest in seeing how "qualified" you can become in helping those in need, please come to one of the Society's general meeting (when they resume). Meetings are held 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.

**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*

**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!

**COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE** is open once again. New store hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-4 pm & Sunday, 12pm-4 pm. While closed the Restore was cleaned and sanitized thoroughly. There have also been changes made to the layout of the store to facilitate social distancing. Please note that masks are required of shoppers and staff. There will be a limit to the number of shoppers permitted in the store to ensure social distancing. All donations are cleaned and sanitized. Upholstered furniture is further treated with Steri-Fab, an EPA registered nonresidual spray that deodorizes and disinfects. The ReStore is located at 1105 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park.

 Ladies, life, as we know it, has certainly changed. As we experience a gradual emergence from sheltering in place, we may feel discontent, worry and anxiety about the present and the future. Rest assured, you're not the only one feeling this—and God, in His Divine Providence, has given us the solutions needed to ease our uncertainties.

For some, life before COVID-19 was often frazzled and out of control—work, school demands, family obligations, and extra-curricular activities kept us always on-the-go. And now we are hoping not to go back to that hectic lifestyle.

So, where does that leave us? Starting in October 2020, St. Denis Church is offering 2 bible study opportunities from Walking with Purpose (WWP). Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can strengthen us to be the women, wives, friends, mothers, grandmothers, we are meant to be. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another.

*Opening Your Heart (OYH)*, our foundational study, is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience, we welcome you to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

For those women who have completed *OYH*, our next study is *Keeping in Balance (KIB)*. This Bible study will take us on a journey throughout Scripture to discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom in relation to our current life challenges. God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our life.

**We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ. For more info, visit [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com)**



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

Cameron Patrick Fechisin

&

Delaney May Hazard

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**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.


**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. 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 business hours.

**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.churchofstedenis.org](http://www.churchofstedenis.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 our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Weekly Collection* 

**June 21, 2020**

Regular Collection-	\$7,908.00
2nd Collection (Debt Reduction) -	\$3,290.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



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

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS-** During the Covid 19 pandemic, in addition to on site services, Catholic Charities has established Tele Health and Tele Mental Health services. Call 800-360-7711. In the event of a medical or mental health emergency, please call 911. Food pantries are experiencing a 50% client increase. Pantries distribute prepackaged food bags mornings in Burlington (9:30-11:30) Mercer and Ocean Counties (9-12) Go to [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org) for directions and information on additional services. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Providence House Domestic Violence Services event, that was scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>, will be combined with the Catholic Charities virtual gala on September 26.

**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](http://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"  
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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR MRC UNIT-** Volunteers will respond to public health emergencies. The Monmouth County Health Department (MCHD) is seeking volunteers for its Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit to strengthen the public health infrastructure and improve response capabilities in the event of a public health response. Through extensive training, MRC volunteers will know what to do, how to do it and will be able to apply their skills effectively in the event of an emergency." The MRC unit provides members with fundamental training, credentials and operating protocols that are required in a public health emergency or natural disaster. MCHD strives to build a roster of both medical and non-medical personnel who are willing to work in a team. Volunteers will participate in local exercises and drills. To apply for the MRC unit, visit [www.state.nj.us/health/er/njmrc](http://www.state.nj.us/health/er/njmrc) or contact Beth Hessek, MCHD Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator, by emailing [Beth.Hessek@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:Beth.Hessek@co.monmouth.nj.us) or calling 732-431-7456.

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### **First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10**

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

##### **Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Contrasting "flesh and spirit," Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the "Spirit."

##### **Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, "Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

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