

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018**

“Three times I begged the Lord about this. That it might leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you. For power is made perfect in weakness.’ I would rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses...”

Are we not all plagued by difficulties and problems? Do we have the courage to turn to the Lord as Paul did especially in moments of crisis? The litany of his hardships, and those of most people far exceed the troubles which come my way. The source of Paul’s contentment is the remedy for our difficulties as well.

His grace, His life, His power is available to us, especially in time of need. I only need to turn and express my dependence upon Him, to face whatever comes my way, the good and the bad. Weakness is certainly not the so called American way. Yet the secret is found in the Lord’s hidden presence if we but seek it and use it. May I repeat Paul’s mantra ‘I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.’ Paul did not give up but asked three times. Do I persevere?



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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, 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 Beairst 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 Jaworiv by Her Daughter, Nadia
 10:00 am Thomas O'Reilly by the Family
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, July 9, 2018

7:30 am Helen Trocchio by Mary Ellen & Sean Boyle
 7:30 am Edward Francis Kelly, Jr. by the Ziesmer Family
 7:30 am Kevin Markland by Lois & Denis Campbell

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

7:30 am Michael Herman by Aunt Jane
 7:30 am Jean Ghilain by the Byrnes Family
 7:30 am Eugene Fedor by Denise Yee

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

7:30 am A. John & Louisa McCabe by the Family
 7:30 am Tim Geiger by the Family
 7:30 am James Moynihan by the Moynihan Family

Thursday, July 12, 2018

7:30 am Mary Ellen McBarron Boxer by Her Mom
 7:30 am Edmund Dunne by Betty Thatch
 7:30 am Jack McNamara by Terry McCormick

Friday, July 13, 2018

7:30 am Patricia Spaulding by the Stansfield Family
 7:30 am Sophia Rivera by Marilyn & Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Igor Chichagov by Ken Kleinlein

Saturday, July 14, 2018

8:30 am William Kiliany by His Wife, Paula
 8:30 am Ken Kostyack by Cathy Wolfe
 8:30 am Vinny Zarelli by Deacon Gary
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:00 am Robert Morsell by His Sisters
 8:00 am Sandra Wegelin by Denise & Kenn Yee
 8:00 am Mary Elizabeth Feketic by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am Lorraine Kohrmann by Richard Kohrmann
 9:30 am Kathleen Flannery by Jane & Bob Lightbody & Family
 9:30 am Louis Rossilli by Pat Werdann
 10:00 am Irene Humphreys by the Gavin-Cantillo Family
 10:00 am Edward Hornyak by the Malley Family
 10:00 am Joan DeMont Hussey by the Bartholomew Family
 11:00 am Noreen McCabe by Suzanne Peters
 11:00 am Edwin Francis Lynch by Betsy & Jim Rice
 11:00 am Charles Newbury by Barbara & Bob Schocody

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 William Higgins.



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.



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.

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.

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.

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

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 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.



our military, 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 8, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL & CATHERINE MURPHY
REQUESTED BY KAY KOLON**

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, contact **Eileen Ziesmer at eileenziesmer@gmail.com or 732-223-0287.**

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, or call 609-882-9357.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION- Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less fortunate in our area. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.



June 17, 2018

Weekend Collection-	\$14,263.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$24.70


THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

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, 7/11/18, 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. Contact Dale Zanetti at 732-477-7059, ext. 214 or email her at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org by 7/10/18 at noon.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, MONMOUTH COUNTY, REACHES OUT! Our Outreach Services support local families, children, and singles in need. We make holiday gifts and baskets, distribute back-to-school supplies, and organize coat and food drives. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. Your time and talent, great or small, can make a difference. For more information call Mary Lee at 732-241-5841 or email Mary at mlee502@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER DANCE– *Change Your Latitude at Catholic Charities Margartaville*, will take place Saturday, 7/21/18, 7:00-11:00 pm at the Belmar Fishing Club, 100 Ocean Ave. in Belmar. Tickets are \$125 and include cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Live music will be by *Davey & the Wave Runners*. There will also be a gift auction and a mega 50/50 raffle. Tickets and sponsorship forms are available online at CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org, or by calling Jenn Leip at 609-394-5181 x1137. Register now!



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

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



St. Vincent de Paul was a great inspiration to Frederic Ozanam in his life, work and writings. For Vincent, however, and for Frederic, it was the charity of Christ which pressed them on to do what they did for the poor of their time. It is a mystery how God could love mankind, disfigured by sin and infidelity. Likewise, it is a mystery of God that you, as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, are able to love people who are often unattractive in their poverty. As you work for and visit the poor, take heart from the thought that you are reflecting into this often dark world the light and love of God. St. Vincent told us: “I should not consider a poor peasant or a poor woman according to their exterior, nor according to what seems to be the extent of their intelligence; for often they do not seem to have either the face or the mind of reasonable persons, so...earthly are they. But, turn the medal and you will see the light of faith that the Son of God, who wished to be poor, is represented to us by these poor...” (Vincentian Meditation, SVDP site)

If you are interested in learning more about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please come to a meeting, which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O’Connor Hall (church basement).

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

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.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES— Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. The service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

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! Isn't Natural Family Planning just like Contraception for Catholics? — NO!! There is a **BIG** difference between Natural Family Planning (NFP) and contra-

ception!! Contraception actively employs a drug, device or surgical procedure to inhibit or block the natural effects of the sexual act. It **always** strives to separate the bodily union of the man and woman from any possible procreative effects of that union. NFP teaches mutual respect of the spouses, always drawing them closer together in every way. NFP allows spouses to avoid conception by identifying the naturally occurring infertile times of the woman's cycle when they have a serious reason to avoid conception...NFP can also help spouses achieve pregnancy, even, in some cases, when there are significant fertility issues...now that's **REAL** family planning! Either way, Natural Family Planning **always** values fertility as a gift, never as a problem, works with the body, not against it, and respects God's design for married love...On top of all that, it's free, “organic”, and good for the environment! *Be on the lookout for more information about NFP in the bulletin over the next few weeks leading up to Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 23-29. For more information about NFP education in our area, contact Peg Hensler 609-403-7156 or phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.*

Message from Fr. Bill

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, which will take place this upcoming Saturday the 14th. Stop over anytime between 10 am to 4 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.

It is providential that the garden tour-open house falls on the Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. St. Kateri, whose stained glass window is in St. Denis Church, is patroness of ecologists and environmentalists. We are called, especially as people who live alongside the Atlantic Ocean, to be aware of our personal and corporate impact on the environment. Pope Francis says, in his encyclical, “*Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home*” - “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?” (160). This question is at the heart of *Laudato Si'* (May You be praised), the anticipated Encyclical on the care of the common home by Pope Francis. “This question does not have to do with the environment alone and in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal”. This leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and its values at the basis of social life: “What is the purpose of our life in this world? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us?” “Unless we struggle with these deeper issues – says the Pope – I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results”-.

Encyclical takes its name from the invocation of St. Francis, “Praise be to you, my Lord”, in his *Canticle of the Creatures*. It reminds us that the earth, our common home “is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us”. We have forgotten that “we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”

Now, this earth, mistreated and abused, is lamenting, and its groans join those of all the forsaken of the world. Pope Francis invites us to listen to them, urging each and every one – individuals, families, local communities, nations and the international community – to an “ecological conversion”, according to the expression of St. John Paul II. We are invited to “change direction” by taking on the beauty and responsibility of the task of “caring for our common home”. You can access the whole encyclical, or read an article about the encyclical, by visiting our parish website.

You are also invited to go to our website to take part in the reflection on the stained glass window of St. Kateri and learn from her of discipleship of Jesus, persevering through the struggles she faced with Faith, Hope and Love.

FOLLOW SAINT DENIS YOUTH GROUP ON FACEBOOK!

How to find us: 1. Open Facebook 2. Search: St. Denis Youth Group-Manasquan or username: @StDenis.YouthGroup 3. Like and follow our page to learn about upcoming events, post your thoughts/ideas for the youth group, and find photos from past events!



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 pop-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.dioceseofrenton.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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MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE, 10/1-10/12, 2018 thru St. Veronica-Howell/St Thomas More-Manalapan-Do not miss this amazing opportunity to see some of the most known holy sites in Europe, including Fatima in Portugal, St. Ignatius of Loyola in Spain, and Lourdes in France, Andora and Barcelona. Join us this fall and explore some of the most beautiful and exciting holy sites in Europe, where we will visit churches, cathedrals, significant historical places as well as other activities like wine tasting in Portugal. This is a 12 day Pilgrimage with spiritual director Msgr. Peter Kochery and Deacon Tom Cechulski as tour coordinator. Airfare, hotels, all transportation, 2 meals a day, and health insurance are included for only \$3,399 per person. Please contact Deacon Tom at 3marysway@optonline.net or 732-610-5434 for information.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND- Father Gary Koch, Father J.M. Patilla and Sister Margaret Tierney will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with an optional 4-night Jordan post tour extension, February 18-26, 2019. Spots are filling up fast. To learn more, please come to a presentation on July 31, 2018 at 211 Essex Ave. in Spring Lake, beginning at 2:00 pm.

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE PRESENTS:

"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

PRAYING WITH MUSIC-St. Augustine said that "Those who sing pray twice." Music has long been associated with worship and liturgy, but did you know that you could also use spiritual music as prayer, and to help you to pray? In this workshop we will explore a variety of gifted sacred music composers, their melodies and their lyrics, that are often taken from scripture. Together we will listen, sing, discuss and pray. Presenter: Jack Hudak Date: Tuesday, 7/24/18 Time: 7:00-9:30 pm Fee: \$25-\$50 (sliding scale) Please register by 7/19/18

To register or for more information, please call the Upper Room at 732-922-0550.

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