

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

**Fifteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 12, 2020**

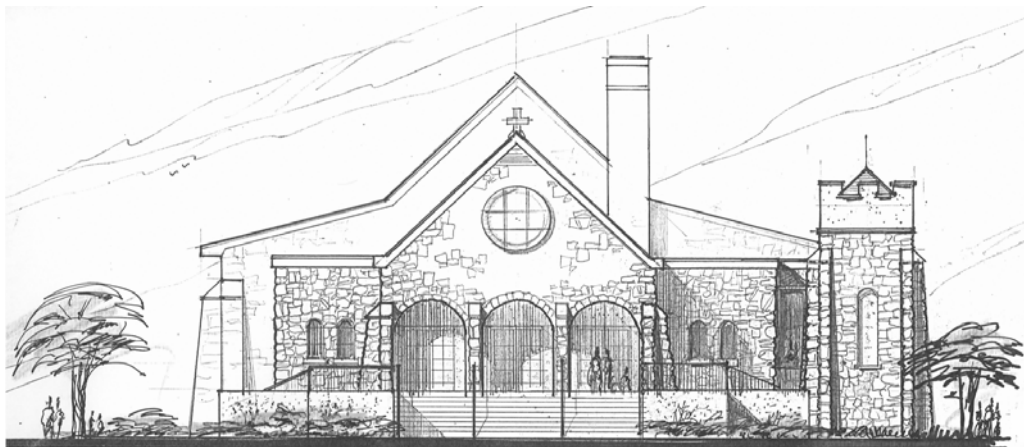
“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it.”

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate.

The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place today.



# 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.

THIS WEEK'S  
**MASS**  
INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, July 13, 2020**

7:30 am Jane Prusakowski by MCW  
7:30 am Kevin J. Cooper by his Family  
7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

**Tuesday, July 14, 2020**

7:30 am Lorraine Kohrmann by Richard  
7:30 am Frances Pilot by Betsy & Jim Rice  
7:30 am Jimmy Fallon by Friends from Roselle

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

7:30 am John F. Donohue by his Daughter, Kay Kolon  
7:30 am Robert Morsell by his Sister  
7:30 am Barbara & Doug Johnson by Ann Lintner

**Thursday, July 16, 2020**

No Mass

**Friday, July 17, 2020**

7:30 am Scott Schachter by Rita Badaracco  
7:30 am Gene Slabinski by Gary Pstrak  
7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

**Saturday, July 18, 2020**

8:30 am Theresa Schmidt by the Bayberry Garden Club  
8:30 am Sophie Shallis by Nancy & Pablo Gonzalez  
8:30 am Jesse DeLuca by Weslee & Ray Sernitsky  
4:30 pm Sister Maureen Loughlin & Sister Xavier Casey  
by Fran & Amanda Pilot  
4:30 pm Pauline Earl by Kay Kolon  
4:30 pm Jack & Jeanne O'Donnell by John & Tina O'Donnell

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

8:00 am Richard Dulski by Ed & Chris Mutch  
8:00 am Stephen Matthew Nulty by Ed & Judy Blaha  
8:00 am Cosmo Scivanich by Mr. & Mrs. Dom Piccini  
9:30 am Esther Berardesco by Carolyn & Sal Berardesco  
9:30 am Marie Corcoran by the Kudlick Family  
9:30 am Richard R. Dulski by the Kerrigan Family  
10:00 am Diego Perusi-Melara by Carol Rizzi  
10:00 am Frances Pilot by Carol Rizzi  
10:00 am Mark E. Wall by the Wall Family  
11:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Please note:**

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

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS** – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the deacon (if present at Mass) or the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the minister's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** especially Alfred Rutledge.

**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)



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 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, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Juliana Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Bridget Gowen, Les Eslinger, Marylee Monsell, the Borgias, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

## **Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Chairman Says Supreme Court Decision Continues Cruel Precedent of Prioritizing Abortion Business Interests Over Women's Health and Safety**

June 29, 2020

WASHINGTON— Today, the Supreme Court of the United States announced its decision in an abortion case out of Louisiana, *June Medical Services v. Russo*. The Court ruled 5 to 4 to strike down the Louisiana law that requires abortion doctors to have hospital admitting privileges. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement:

"Abortion violently ends the life of a child, and often severely harms women. Abortion becomes even more destructive when basic health and safety standards are ignored, and profit margins are prioritized over women's lives. As Catholics, we condemn abortion as a grave injustice that denies the fundamental human right to life. Yet even as we seek to end the brutality of legalized abortion, we still believe that the women who seek it should not be further harmed and abused by a callous, profit-driven industry. "The Court's failure to recognize the legitimacy of laws prioritizing women's health and safety over abortion business interests continues a cruel precedent. As we grieve this decision and the pregnant women who will be harmed by it, we continue to pray and fight for justice for mothers and children.

"We will not rest until the day when the Supreme Court corrects the grave injustice of *Roe* and *Casey* and recognizes the Constitutional right to life for unborn human beings. And we continue to ask all people of faith to pray for women seeking abortion, often under enormous pressure, that they will find alternatives that truly value them and the lives of their children."

The USCCB filed an *amicus curae* brief in the case along with the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Association of Evangelicals urging the Court to uphold the law. The brief can be viewed at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**NATIONAL NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK-** In celebration of 2020 National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 19-25), the Diocese of Trenton encourages all married couples in their fertile years to learn more about *Fertility Awareness Based Methods* of Family Planning that cooperate with God's wonderful plan for co-creation and responsible parenthood. Natural methods of family planning are consistent with the healthy, holistic lifestyle so many couples are seeking today. To learn more Natural Family Planning or to take an online class, go to [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/natural-family-planning), or call 609-403-7156.

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

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES-** A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE-** Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at [respectlifetoday.org](http://respectlifetoday.org). You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and our world.

## **A Message from Father Bill**

July 1<sup>st</sup> is an important "New Year's Day" in our diocese. Many things occur on this day, and we ask God's blessings in this 'new year' of the Church in the Diocese of Trenton.

We pray for all priests in the diocese, as we priests mark our years of service to the diocese by 1 July. We especially pray for those who begin new assignments, particularly the newest priest in our diocese – Fr. Stephen Sansvere - in his first assignment as parochial vicar of three parishes that comprise the Catholic Churches in Hopewell Valley. We also pray for the six men ordained to the diaconate and for God's grace for their work in the parishes they are assigned to, as well. We ask God to send more workers into His vineyard; please pray for vocations, and ask those you believe you should, to consider a vocation to diaconate, priestly, and religious service in the Church.

Also, as July 1st arrived, so did Sister Sandra Kullick, a Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Sandra will be living at our convent along with Sister Mary. Sister Sandra has recently retired from full-time ministry from diverse missions, including teacher, nurse, Catholic Chaplain, and most recently as Pastoral Associate for St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish in Hamilton. We welcome Sister Sandra to our parish family. I am thankful for her willingness to volunteer her time and talent in areas of pastoral care. Sister was born and raised in Philadelphia and is happy to be here with us now at the Jersey Shore.

We also pray for our parish in its New Fiscal Year, particularly during this pandemic, that God continues to guide us and direct us to use our fiscal resources most efficiently. To help in these matters the pastor has two trustees and a finance council. The parishioners that comprise this group have term limits that go beyond the scope of any pastor's term, to ensure the parish has the continuity and experience needed for such an important task. As term limits have expired and also the reduction of members due to resigning because of personal commitments/work, I have needed to reconstitute the Finance Council in a big way this year. I am absolutely grateful for all who have served and all who agree to serve this parish in this capacity. I rely on these parishioners and am also thankful for their support to me personally during these difficult times. The current trustees for our parish are Ralph Cabrera and Robert Butler. And our Finance Council, with current committee members, is now comprised of Greg Boyle, Anne Summers, James Ham, Robert Olson, Elizabeth Martin and Robert Young. We pray God's Wisdom will lead and guide us this new fiscal year.

St. Denis and the 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*

## **OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: **888-296-2965**



### **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.coanj>

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.

**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).

**FOR YOUR MARRIAGE-** Check out this great resource for you and your family during this time: [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) and there is a specific blogpost at <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/blogs/family-life-in-a-pandemic/>

**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. There has been an increase in the number of families being helped by our food pantry. Your continued generosity of food donations is greatly appreciated.

#### **The items most needed at this time are:**

**Snacks, women's and men's deodorant, toothpaste, boxed milk, canned milk, oatmeal and canned fruit.**



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.

**HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH-** If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the Hotline at 732-929-0660.

**HOME DEVOTION-** Please visit [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com) for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.

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



Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be bought with money, our minds often center more on money than love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant-but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it.

Our goal as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is to enable money to be a servant of the poor, but also to demonstrate the love of Christ to those we help. But, let money become our master, let it take first place in our lives and it can become a tyrant. It can harden our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence.

Millions of "dollars" passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the "patrimony of the poor" and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor. The parishioners of St. Denis, in their generosity, continue to make it possible for us to make every dollar a "good servant" for the poor.

If you have an interest in learning more about our ministry, please come to one of the Society's general meetings (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.



walking with purpose

THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

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)**

**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.

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23**

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

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**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!

**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](mailto:handbags.to.help@svdptrenton.org) for more information.

**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](http://smile.amazon.com) Choose your charity: Church of St. Denis, Manasquan Click on the box marked "yes". You must start at [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://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.

**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 28, 2020

Regular Collection- \$6,315.00

2nd Collection (Holy Father) - \$1,100.00

**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](https://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.

**DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER-** Share a memory, hold a hand, lend an ear and touch a heart. Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life. If interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteers at 732-224-6933 or [Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org](mailto:Pauline.depalma@vnahg.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 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.

#### **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.

#### **CATECHISTS/TEACHERS NEEDED AT MOST GRADE LEVELS FOR FALL RELIGIOUS ED**

**Also program volunteers for the office.**  
**Are you willing to help our children be all they can be?**

It's time for us to plan for Religious Education and begin recruiting catechists for September classes. Please take some time to discern God's call to minister to our parish children and build their faith!

**Religious Education (CCD) classes**  
**are on Monday and Tuesday or**  
**Sunday mornings 2X a month.**

**We will be opening in September with a Religious learning program that meets with all social distance recommendations.**

**But some of our long time teachers will be unable to teach this year.**  
**Are you able to help?**

**You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationships with Jesus. Children, in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and encounter role models of the faith.**

*Please contact the*  
**Religious Ed Office to volunteer**  
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**[stdeniscd@verizon.net](mailto:stdeniscd@verizon.net)**

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ATHLETE RADIO PROGRAM**  
"Just Be You": A new radio program on Domestic Church Media Radio. Tune in each week as they showcase a new student athlete from across the diocese. Learn how they are making a difference in their community and listen as they discuss how their faith helps them as disciples of Christ. Visit [Domesticchurchmedia.org](http://Domesticchurchmedia.org).

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**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, SSJ

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