

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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 16, 2017**

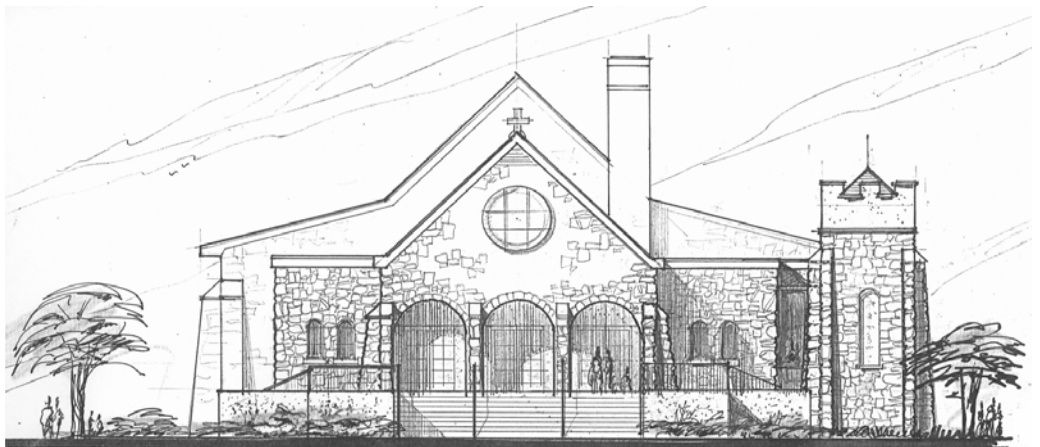
“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return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



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MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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](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 15, 2017**

- 8:30 pm Aislinn Bleck by the Kerrigan Family  
8:30 pm Genevieve Wieczorek  
by Michelle & Steve Schneider  
4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife  
4:30 pm Robert Morsell by his Sisters

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

- 8:00 am Intentions of the Altar Rosary Society & Catholic Daughters by Kevin & Frances Kearns  
8:00 am Dr. Joseph Bogdan by the Sy Family  
9:30 am Lorraine Kohrmann by Richard  
9:30 am Harry Patz, Sr. by the Prince Family  
10:00 am John Tafilowski by the Bartholomew Family  
10:00 am Robert Minutti by Kevin & Fran Kearns  
11:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Monday, July 17, 2017**

- 7:30 am Thomas Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney  
7:30 am Daniel Bergin by the Gowen Family

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

- 7:30 am Connor Crooks by Eileen & Mike Mahoney  
7:30 am Eileen Dunne by Carol Hoblitzell

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

- 7:30 am Jane Flynn  
by Eileen & Mike Mahoney & Maureen Burch  
7:30 am Mary Murphy by Carol Hoblitzell

**Thursday, July 20, 2017**

- 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
7:30 am Maureen J. LaSaio  
by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kerrigan

**Friday, July 21, 2017**

- 7:30 am Charles Nasta by the Bruther Family  
7:30 am Sue Fenney by Dawn & Rich Bonelli

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

- 8:30 am Catherine Lamb by Cathy Wolfe  
8:30 am Evelyn Grasdorf by Cathy Wolfe  
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 23, 2017**

- 8:00 am Walter "Whitey" Wojton by JoAnn Korb  
8:00 am Ana Sy by the Sy Family  
9:30 am George Perk, Jr. by his Family  
9:30 am Helen Zita by the Campbell Family  
10:00 am Antoinette & Camelina Chiovitti by the Family  
10:00 am Andrij & Parania Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw  
11:00 am Eleanor Breslin by Ann DeJacommo  
11:00 am Concetta Cosenza by Roseanne & Jerry D'Elia



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Marie Gallagher,

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, 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, Allaire Papac, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, William Struyf, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Philip Valse, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Margaret Mary Nielsen, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Karen Kelling, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Kathryn Abel, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Kimberly Scarpula, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Anthony DeMarco, Jr., Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Rita Badaracco, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Ernie Donnelly, Baby Colt Derks, Anita McCudden, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Perung, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**  
especially Eveanne Koch.



**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.



especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. 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, Navy HM3 Kevin John Kircher, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Private David J. Dunfee, Captain Michael Potoczniak, United States Army, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Cadet Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, FN Joseph Beattie, U.S. Coast Guard, Taylor Nesbitt, E3 Navy, Airman Devon Webster, and Ensign Mary T. Herman, Navy.



WEEK OF JULY 16, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH WILLIAMS  
REQUESTED BY ANNE WILLIAMS

**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA**—We continue our “on-line retreats” with our parish stained-glass windows with a reflection on Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, whose feast is July 14<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website and see the window in church and be inspired by this Native American saint and the beautiful window that depicts her.

**COMMUNION BREAKFAST**— St. Denis Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at Doolan’s Shore Club, following the 9:30 am Mass. Tickets will be available at the rectory office during regular business hours, or by calling 732-528-9265 or 732-528-2167. The donation is \$25. The speaker at the breakfast will be Eileen Ziesmer.

**THE 20TH ANNUAL REGIONAL ALTAR ROSARY MASS AND LUNCHEON** will take place Wednesday, October 4, 2017. The Rosary will begin at 10:15 am and the Mass at 11:00 am at the Church of Saint Martha in Point Pleasant. A luncheon will follow at the White Sands Hotel in Point Pleasant. Luncheon choices are chicken, steak or salmon. The donation is \$40. Call 732-528-9265 for reservations by August 7, 2017.

**SINGLES JOURNEY** is a support and discussion group for adults over 40 that are widowed, divorced or never married. We meet Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the Spiritual Center, Room 10, of St. Mary’s Church in Colts Neck on Rt. 34. We have facilitators that alternate every week to discuss different topics and challenges. We share our experiences and offer fellowship and support. We do not accept fees of any kind. The venue and time never changes. All are welcome.

**THE ST. DENIS CHILDREN’S CHOIR** practices on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the church. New members are welcome to join.



**For the Love of God... Praise & Sing**

**Come, Praise our Lord  
with Contemporary Christian Music  
All are welcome!  
30 minutes of prerecorded music  
with lyric sheets provided.  
Every First Friday at 7:00 pm  
For info call Allison Penkethman  
732.528.4976**

**Message from Fr. Bill**

Youth Group Update: We had a great group of teens at our interest meeting held last Sunday. Plans are in motion for September! Our kick-off meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 10 in the cafeteria from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. So spread the word to all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high schoolers you know to “Save the Date!” In the meantime, we are looking for input from potential youth groupers for any ideas they have about conversation topics – What do you want to talk about and learn more about? We are looking for your service ideas – Who is in need of our help and how can we put our best foot forward as young Catholics? We want to see your T-shirt ideas and slogans – Every Youth Group should have a cool t-shirt with a catchy slogan. So with any ideas you have and also with any questions you have and to get on our email list, email John, our Youth Group Coordinator, at [stdenisYG@yahoo.com](mailto:stdenisYG@yahoo.com)

As always, it takes a team to make anything occur and so we are looking for adults to help out with the Youth Group. We want to be able to collaborate and have a great time – as we help the teens of the parish. Our meetings/activities will be twice a month from Sept. through to Easter. It is not necessary to be at each meeting but it is necessary to meet up and prepare, and go through the necessary training. So if you would be willing to help the teens of our parish, contact Fr. Bill. We would like to have a preparatory meeting towards the end of August, so contact me in the next few weeks. It is better to give than receive, but we know that with God, you always receive so much more than you give. Share the joy of being Catholic by just your presence and support. And let us all pray for the Youth Groups of our cohort and the teens of our parishes.

**THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE PRESENTS:** Venerable Catherine McAuley’s Learning to “Live out Loud” in our times. Living life out loud is the challenge of integrating prayer and work in such a way that our spirituality is truly wholistic. Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, struggled with this in her lifetime and her example offers the possibilities for our contemporary lives as we seek to live wholistically. Presenter: Rosemary Jeffries, RSM Date: Tuesday, 7/25/17 Time: 7:00-9:30 pm Fee: \$25-\$40 Please email [office@theupper-room.org](mailto:office@theupper-room.org) for more information or to make a reservation for this program . The Upper Room is now on Facebook. We invite you to follow us on Facebook by going to [www.facebook.com/upperroomspiritualcenter](http://www.facebook.com/upperroomspiritualcenter), then clicking on the Like button on the Upper Room’s Facebook page.



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

Ava Ann Doyle  
Cecilia Shea Manetta  
Rosaline Kara Romano

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



The Rectory Office will be closing at noon on Fridays until September for in-service work. The office will be open to parishioners:  
**Monday-Thursday,**  
 8:30 am-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:30 pm  
 &  
**Friday, 8:30 am-12:00 noon**

**THE GOSPEL ALIVE IN OUR LIVES!** Our last summer bible discussion with parishioners of Holy Trinity, St. Denis, and St. Mark Churches will be held at St. Denis in the cafeteria of our school building, this Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 am and again at 7 pm. Bring your own Bible – discussion and snacks provided. We will be looking at Matthew 13:36-43.

**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 (Monsignor O'Connor Hall) before the first reading and return during the offertory.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN-** Our ecumenical community garden has gotten off to a great start. If you would be interested in helping please email Fr. Bill to be on the email list. [wlago@diocesoftrenton.org](mailto:wlago@diocesoftrenton.org)



**ANNOUNCING THE 2017 CHAMPION FOR LIFE!! SAVE THE DATE–** Sunday, October 22, 2017– The annual Champion for Life Award Dinner at Doolan’s Shore Club. We are happy to announce that *Deacon Ed Jennings of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish* in Spring Lake is the new 2017 “Champion for Life”! We are also very excited to announce that *St. Denis’ very own George Taylor* will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for all of his incredible pro-life efforts and hours and hours of pro-life prayer at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Mark your calendars now so that you can come out to honor the dedication of these two wonderful defenders of **LIFE!**



**SAINT DENIS**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY**  
 Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)  
**HOURS**  
 EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 – 3:30 PM  
 and  
 EVERY 3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:  
 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON  
Items needed at this time:

Tissues, toilet paper, dish detergent, cookies, crackers, bottles of fruit juice (apple, grape, cranberry), oil, snacks, canned beef stew, jars of pasta sauce, regular ground coffee, regular tea, and spam. We are currently overstocked on dry pasta and canned soup (thank you). 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 now also be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations, as we cannot use expired items. Thank you for your generosity!

**Recovery Corner**



St. Denis Recovery Ministry hosts 12-step Christian Recovery Retreats, bible study classes and weeknight programs to support anyone affected by any kind of addiction. We are a confidential resource so that you get the support necessary to live amidst the insanity that accompanies addiction. Join us any Thursday at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm at St. Denis for a one hour Life Recovery Bible Study. Refreshments and confidential support. 848-333-7085.

**ALATEEN–** Alateen is a fellowship of young people, ages 11-18, whose lives have been affected by the family disease of alcoholism. The only requirement for membership in Alateen is a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. Time: 6:00-7:00 pm Day: Tuesdays Place: The Samaritan Center, 36 South Street in Manasquan Contact the Samaritan Center for more information at 732-223-4673.

**NJ ADDICTION SERVICES HOTLINE–** Need help with a drug or alcohol problem? For assistance and a referral to treatment please call toll-free 1-844-276-2777. Phone calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a service of Rutgers Behavioral Health Care.

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

**ST. DENIS CHURCH- THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**



In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that “some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.” This week by giving a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

A fellow student challenged Frederic Ozanam by saying: “Today Christianity is dead. Indeed, you people who boast about being Catholics, what are you doing? Where are the works which demonstrate your faith...?” The Holy Spirit inspired Frederic with these words that touched the heart and mind of each person in the room: “We must do what is most agreeable to God. Therefore, we must do what our Lord Jesus Christ did when preaching the Gospel. Let us go to the poor. As disciples who are “Sower, Seed and Soil”, how do we have hearts that love, eyes that see and ears that hear the cries of the poor?”

Lord, make us sowers, who spread the good news, -with eyes to see the poor. Lord, make us your seed in our words and example, -with ears to hear the cries of the poor. Lord, make us your rich soil, -with hearts filled with love and mercy. Amen.

Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has its general meetings at 7:00 pm, the first and third Tuesdays of every month. All are welcome to attend.



**Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm.** Come join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction in Saint Denis Church on Fridays. All are welcome to spend a few minutes praising, thanking and just being with Jesus. Take some time to be with Him!

**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.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**— My name is Ellie Schmieder and I will be a Junior at Manasquan High School. I will be conducting a school supply drive for needy students of our area for my National Honor Society project. Donation bins will be placed in the vestibules of the church and chapel. Donations may be dropped off at anytime and will be collected periodically throughout the remaining weeks of summer. Supplies will then be distributed prior to the beginning of the school year. Supplies such as highlighters, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, notebooks, binders, and backpacks would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call 732-757-8332. Thank you so much!

**MOVING?** Please inform the rectory office if you have a change of address.

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

**ONLINE GIVING**- To help support our parish more easily we offer **Online Giving!** For additional information or to sign up, go to our parish Website [www.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.



**June 18, 2017**

Weekend Collection-	\$16,319.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$26.22
Online Giving (6/17/17-7/12/17)-	\$5,081.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**BISHOP’S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**- Couples who are celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2017 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 register through the parish to attend the Sunday, October 8, 2017 Mass and Blessing at 3:00 pm at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 10, 2017.

**HEALING MASS**—The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group of Holy Cross Church invites all to a special Healing Mass on Monday, July 24 26, 2017 at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave. and Rumson Road in Rumson at 8:00 pm. Rev. Alex Enriquez will be the celebrant. The next Healing Mass will be on August 28, 2017. For more information please call 732-345-8400.

**ISN’T NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING ONLY FOR WOMEN WITH “REGULAR” CYCLES?-NO!** Natural Family Planning (NFP) does **NOT** depend on a woman having regular menstrual cycles! NFP treats each woman and each cycle as unique. These methods rely on daily observations of the woman's signs of fertility. NFP works with menstrual cycles of any length, any degree of irregularity, during breastfeeding, just before menopause, and in other special circumstances. NFP allows a woman to understand the physical signals her body gives her to tell her when she is most likely to become pregnant (around the time of ovulation). Once the woman understands this information, she and her husband can use the information according to their family planning intentions (i.e., to either achieve or postpone pregnancy). She is also able to better understand her own basic gynecologic health! Instruction in NFP provides women with information about their bodies that is specific and observable and can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life. When special circumstances occur, (e.g., stress, illness, breastfeeding, post-miscarriage, peri-menopause, etc.), NFP instructors can provide additional guidance in interpreting signs of fertility. *Next Sunday, July 23, starts National Natural Family Planning Awareness week! — Look for information and displays in our gathering space to learn more! For information about Natural Family Planning education in our area, contact Peg Hensler 609-403-7156 or [phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org).*

**GOOD COUNSEL HOMES** in Riverside N.J. cares for pregnant women and their babies who have nowhere else to turn. They provide food, housing, childcare, parenting classes, education/career help and more.

Some Good Counsel Homes statistics:

- \* 68 of God’s miracles have been born since 2016
- \* 47% of mothers successfully complete their program
- \* 37% of mother advanced educationally
- \* 49% of mothers who have had no previous work experience are now working or actively seeking employment
- \* 5 mothers have achieved their GED
- \* Mothers have been enrolled in county and community colleges
- \* Continued to maintain a 110% occupancy (mothers will sleep on a cot in the childcare room as no mother is ever turned away)

For more information about Good Counsel Homes please visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org)



**Religious Ed office summer hours:**  
**Mon ~ Wed. 11 am -3 pm OR**  
**Call: 732-223-1161 for an appointment**  
**Mail in registration form also available at**  
[www.churchofstedenis.org](http://www.churchofstedenis.org) **Religious Ed link**

**VENDORS WANTED FOR ITALIAN FESTIVAL** to be held August 17-20, 2017, 5:00-10:00 pm at the Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road in Brick. It's our 17th year and we are bigger and better than ever. Why not be a part of Epiphany's Italian Festival? There will be rides, an arcade, food court, beer & wine garden, entertainment, vendors, and Mary's Prayer Garden. There is free parking and no admission fee. If interested, please call Michele at 732-785-0872 ASAP. The deadline for vendors is August 1st.

**VINCENT'S LEGACY** is a newly formed Diocesan-wide furniture ministry wherein we help move in families in need w/ furniture and home decor. There are many opportunities to become involved - it's not just about moving furniture. Are you a frustrated interior decorator and enjoy making a home come together? We need you! Email [furniture@svdptrenton.org](mailto:furniture@svdptrenton.org) or call 609-557-SVDP (7837) for more information.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: "Like us" on Facebook and follow our goodwill stories at: <https://www.facebook.com/FurnitureMinistry/>

**HOSPITAL PATIENTS NEED YOU!** Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune is growing, and the patients need ministry now more than ever. Have you ever considered serving the Lord as a Eucharistic Minister? Our volunteer ministers serve for about an hour on one morning per week during week days or one Saturday or Sunday per month. Will you visit patients, bring them the Eucharist, and share the healing love of Christ? Please call the Pastoral Care Office during regular business hours at 732-776-4165 or 732-776-4991 to inquire about ministry opportunities or to set up an appointment to come talk with Father Evarist Kabagambe, Catholic Chaplain.

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