

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

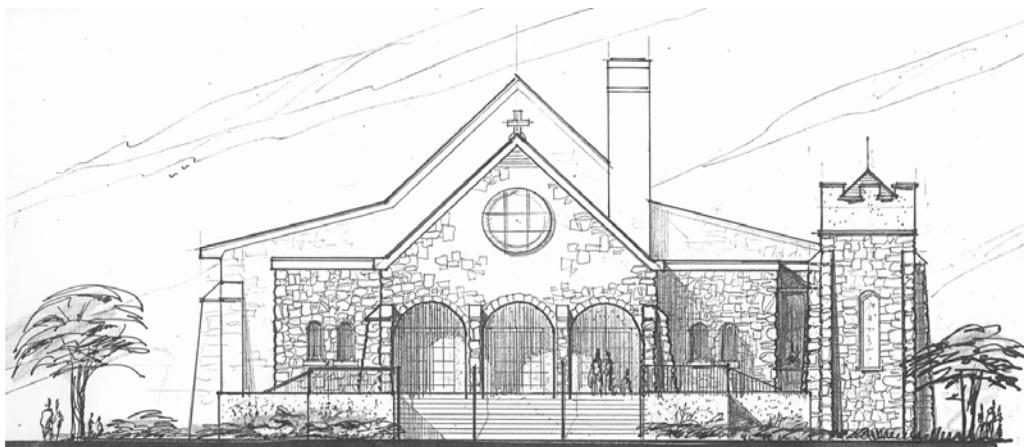
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

“The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit. But though you are master of might you judge with great clemency and with much lenience you govern us...and you taught that those who are just must be kind.”

Do I understand that when I decide ‘I am going to pray’ that this is a response to the movement of the Spirit? When I pause to pray or plea, to thank or speak my words do I recognize the aid of that same Spirit? Paul helps us understand what sparks our prayer. Remember the prayer poem ‘Lovely lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray.’

I might also find strength knowing that my intentions are good and positive as I pause and pray for others. I am concerned about their well being, their peace and happiness. I want to be free of judging others, as God judges me with clemency and wants me as a just person to be kind.

There are many helps for our prayer life in the readings of scripture today.



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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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22, 2017

- 8:30 pm Catherine Lamb by Cathy Wolfe
 8:30 pm 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 & Carmelina Chiovitti by the Family
 10:00 am Andrij & Parania Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw
 11:00 am Eleanor Breslin by Ann DeJacomo
 11:00 am Concetta Cosenza by Roseanne & Jerry D'Elia

Monday, July 24, 2017

- 7:30 am Jack Fox by his Family
 7:30 am Catherine Morton by her Family

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

- 7:30 am Mary Millea by Gerard & Mary Ann Manning
 7:30 am Mary Liska by Larry Schmieder

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

- 7:30 am Robert Wright by Joan & Mark Clarkin
 7:30 am Frank Stankunas by Deacon Gary Pstrak

Thursday, July 27, 2017

- 7:30 am Michael G. Johnston, Sr. by Gary Pstrak
 7:30 am John Berenguer by Colleen Carton

Friday, July 28, 2017

- 7:30 am Brian Cooley by Anthony & Nick
 7:30 am Mary Murphy by Sara Kucker

Saturday, July 29, 2017

- 8:30 am Frank J. Fekete by the Harris Family
 8:30 am Josephine Triggiano by Ken Klein
 4:30 pm Louis Matyas by his Family
 4:30 pm Sister Maureen Loughlin & Sister Xavier Casey
 by Frances & Amanda Pilot

Sunday, July 30, 2017

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Simone Saracino by Margaret & Len Sullivan
 9:30 am Karen Monaghan by her Family
 10:00 am Jean Sportelli Solomon by the Melango Family
 10:00 am Anne & Francis Lasko
 by the Bartholomew Family
 11:00 am Dominick DiNoia by Gloria & Dave Smith
 11:00 am Charles Raffetto by the Midgett Family



Pray For
The Sick

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, 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 Najar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Karen Kelling, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Kathryn Abel, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Maryann Terley, 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, Donna Schwear, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

especially Robert Egizi.



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.

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



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 23, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDMUND BURKE
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE & DAUGHTER

SPIRITUAL GARDENING – Tending the Soul- Join Fr. Bill on Tuesday, August 8th at either 11:00 am or 7:00 pm for a Holy Hour, with Benediction, and the opportunity to reflect/meditate in quiet with the “agricultural parables” of our Lord, Jesus. Confession will also be available during that time. Sharing on the parables will follow Benediction so to encourage each other with the Word of God.

COMMUNITY GARDEN- Our ecumenical community garden has gotten off to a great start. If you would like to be a part of our gardening group, please stop by the garden (behind the convent) any Monday at 5:30 pm and/or Saturday at 9:30 am.

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA—We continue our “online retreats” with our parish stained-glass windows with a reflection on Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, whose feast was July 14th. 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.

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
30 minutes of prerecorded music
with lyric sheets provided.
Every First Friday at 7:00 pm
(at the Beach Chapel in August)
For info call Allison Penkethman
732.528.4976

Message from Fr. Bill

This week, the Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus using agricultural references to explain the Kingdom of God. Gardening, both the spiritual kind and the ecumenical kind, have been a major theme of my summer, giving me lots to reflect on. I offer to you an edit of a great reflection on the Parable of the Mustard Seed by Helene Shephard, National Regent for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

“...the (mustard) seed is able to grow in a variety of environments, even poor soil. The point here is that our own personal and spiritual growth is not dependent upon those around us but on our own inner drive and strength. The mustard tree is draught tolerant, and if we have faith even the size of a tiny mustard seed, we, too, can tolerate the dry times in our lives, the difficult growing seasons of a Christian, and even when we are “planted” in poor soil we can still grow. Personal responsibility for spiritual growth is essential. ...The parable of the mustard seed is a lesson to us that huge things can happen as the result of a very small thing. ...Do we have the faith to take the Lord at His word? Imagine what each individual and each court (or parish, I add) could accomplish if they truly believe that, “Nothing will be impossible for you.” (A powerful reflection indeed; for the full reflection, join the Catholic Daughters!)

We need to do “spiritual gardening” all the time and have the faith to take the Lord at His word. Faith in Christ’s word leads to the grace needed for inner drive and strength. Believe! (not just a Macy’s slogan, God trademarked that one first) As we look at the personal responsibility for our spiritual growth I ask: What small thing can you do today, this week, this summer, which will lead to a huge result? Confession, a good one, is a small thing that yields to a huge result! Prayer, a good one, is a small thing that yields a huge result. Mass, entered freely for the whole experience, is a small thing, in comparison to the whole week, that yields a huge result. An act done for love of God and love of God in our neighbor, is a small thing that yields a huge result. A Spiritual Direction/Counseling meeting with me is a small thing that may yield a huge result.

See the bulletin and be open to the Holy Spirit for the opportunities offered here at the parish and locally, which are small things that can yield a huge result. As Ms. Shepard encourages us: “Become a mustard seed and allow your faith and good works to multiply and increase.” May God prosper the work of our hands.

VOCATION TO THE DIACONATE—Are you a gentleman from St. Denis parish who has a desire to serve the Church as a deacon? Have you ever asked about the diaconate in the past? Has anyone ever suggested this vocation to you? To learn more about the permanent diaconate, the diocese is having two information sessions this fall. The sessions will be held at the Chancery in Lawrenceville. In order to attend the meeting you must contact Fr. Bill at the rectory for the information to register and the dates and times available.

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



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-pm -4:30 pm & Friday, 8:30 am-12:00 noon

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.

WHAT DO CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND JEWS BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS? Find out at Holy Trinity Church in Manasquan on Saturday, July 29th at 6:15 pm! For instance: did you know that, unlike the Bible, the Qur'an has an entire Sura (chapter) named for Mary, the mother of Jesus? That the story of Jesus' birth in the Qur'an, like the story in Luke, begins with the birth of John, son of Zechariah? The Qur'an speaks highly of Jesus. Come learn more from Rev. Hank Lay, retired pastor and scholar. Rev. Lay has a passion for building ecumenical and interfaith bridges among people of faith. He has just been chosen as the Albert A. Smith Fellow in Reformed Church History by New Brunswick Theological Seminary. (Wraps & Rap is light dinner, lecture, conversation.) Please sign up by emailing or calling the Holy Trinity Office (office@holytrinity-elca.org 732-223-0533).

REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS NEEDED- Our food pantry is in need of sturdy, reusable, cloth shopping bags. If you have any to donate, please drop them off at the rectory office during regular business hours or place them in the shopping cart in the gathering space of the church. We thank our parishioners and friends for their continued generosity!



**SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY**

Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)
HOURS
EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
and
EVERY 3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:
10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed at this time:

Canned chili, tissues, toilet paper, dish detergent, cookies, crackers, 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.

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!**



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



Hearing this week's Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that He will mercifully gather us into His kingdom. This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

In this quarter, ending June 30, 2017, through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we were able to assist 82 families, providing \$6730 in food and \$5175 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

O God, you inspire the followers of St. Vincent de Paul to be virtuous, help us to serve always with respect and gentleness.

O God, you inspire the followers of St. Vincent de Paul to be servants of the poor, send us out in humility, simplicity and charity. 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!

HANDICAPPED CITIZENS FUNDRAISER—The Knights of Columbus, Council 3231 of St. Denis and St. Mark Churches will be conducting its annual Handicapped Citizens Drive at St. Denis Church next weekend, July 29 & 30. This is a portion of the Knights of Columbus statewide effort to assist their special friends. Please know that 100% of the money collected will be distributed to the handicapped citizens. A major portion of the collection will be distributed to the Holy Innocent Society at St. Mark Parish in Sea Girt. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

IS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING REALLY RELIABLE? - YES!! Modern methods of NFP are not at all related to the “rhythm method” of decades ago! Many years of medical and scientific research have helped couples and medical professionals to more fully understand a woman’s complex fertility cycles in order to provide very reliable methods of family planning AND since a woman’s reproductive health can effect many other aspects of health, today’s NFP methods offer better comprehensive women’s healthcare! NFP is not only reliable, but it is the only *authentic* method of family planning. Since NFP methods are not contraception, their effectiveness works both ways—for achieving and postponing pregnancy. When couples wish to achieve a pregnancy they can time sexual intercourse to the fertile window of the menstrual cycle, thereby optimizing the possibility of becoming pregnant. When wishing to avoid pregnancy, studies show that couples who follow their NFP method's guidelines correctly, and all the time, achieve effectiveness rates of 97-99%. *Today begins Natural Family Planning Awareness Week!! Please check out the display in the gathering space this weekend and next weekend for great information!*



June 25, 2017

Weekend Collection- \$16,043.00

Average Envelope Donation- \$26.51

July 2, 2017

Weekend Collection- \$15,519.00

Average Envelope Donation- \$24.43

2nd Collection (Holy Father)- \$4,207.00

Average Envelope Donation- \$10.37

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.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE AND ST. JOACHIM

This Wednesday, July 26th, is the Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of our Lord, Jesus. They are the patron saints of holy marriages, and also of parents and grandparents. As we celebrate this Jewish couple who were so influential in the life of our Blessed Mother Mary and who were such a part of Jesus’ life, let us ask them to pray for us:

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
 you were born of the Virgin Mary,
 the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
 Look with love on grandparents the world over.
 Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
 for families, for the Church and for all of society.
 Support them! As they grow older,
 may they continue to be for their families
 strong pillars of Gospel faith,
 guardians of noble domestic ideals,
 living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
 Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
 that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
 of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
 help families and society
 to value the presence and roles of grandparents.
 May they never be ignored or excluded,
 but always encounter respect and love.
 Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
 in all the years of life which you give them.
 Mary, Mother of all the living,
 keep grandparents constantly in your care,
 accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
 and by your prayers, grant that all families
 may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
 where you await all humanity

for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!
*(This Universal Prayer For Grandparents was composed
 by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 for the
 Catholic Grandparents Association.)*



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.churchofstdenis.org **Religious Ed link**

ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN– The 2017-2018 season of the Jersey Shore “That Man is You” (TMIY) program begins on Saturday morning, September 9, 2017 at 6:00 am in St. Mark’s Church in Sea Girt. TMIY is a structured program designed to help Catholic men focus on our Catholic spirituality and teachings. Through the program, we work to improve as fathers, husbands and members of our communities. Participants come from local area parishes. TMIY is fun, enlightening and bonding. The semester runs every Saturday from September 9, 2017 to January 11, 2018. We begin at 6:00 am and end promptly at 7:30 am. Attendance and participation are relaxed and flexible. If you are looking for something new to help you to rise up and be the man God created you to be– the man you want to be– and, the man your family needs you to be– then take the first step. You will not be disappointed. P.S. This program is FREE.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN– Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? You don’t have much Scripture knowledge, but you would like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining *Walking with Purpose* to be held at St. Mark’s Parish Hall, Sea Girt on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:00 pm. Weekly group sessions start October 4, 2017. Childcare will be provided. *Walking with Purpose* is a 22-week Catholic Bible study for women, which aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. For questions please contact Michele McCarthy macchele1@gmail.com (732-996-4929) or Sheila Kenny smohk@me.com (201-637-7618). You can also visit: www.walkingwithpurpose.com for more information.

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 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/>



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... Contact the Caregiver office 732-876-3900 or www.caregivervolunteers.org for information.

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



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets at St. Rose weekly on Mondays (since 1982) at First Presbyterian Church of Belmar from 7:00-7:45 pm. Introduction is given and new members are always welcome. For more info call Gregory at 732-681-6238 or email giryan@wccm.org

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE– My name is Ellie Schmieder and I will be a Junior at Manasquan High School. I am conducting a school supply drive for needy students of our area for my National Honor Society project. Donation bins have been 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!

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.

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