

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

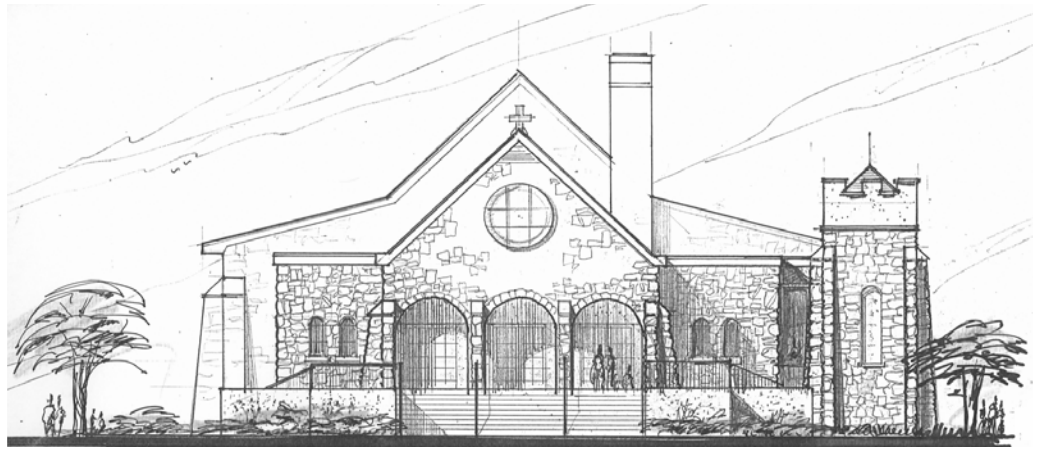
Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 29, 2018

“But his servants objected, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ Elisha insisted, ‘Give it to the people to eat, for thus says the Lord, they shall eat and there shall be some left over.’ And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said... When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him.”

The selections from the book of Kings and from Mark are quite similar, - a hungry people, a compassionate prophet and a tremendous sign. May we move from the first testament and the mountain miracle to today.

People today are starving throughout the world. Wasteful living traps us and blinds us to this reality. Community food banks, parish pantries, Catholic Relief Services address countless needs. We are asked to respond. We bring not the twenty barley loaves, but what has been offered to us as gift. We are asked to give not of our surplus, but of our selves.

There is another hunger as well, a hunger for the Lord. How many are seeking, and will find His satisfaction, only through our word, our example. Who fed you, bringing the Lord to you? Are you ready to be like the tested Philip and extend your hand of compassion? Maybe I can be the boy Andrew presented and give something of myself.



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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 28, 2018**

- 8:30 am In Honor of Bill & Theresa Lee's
50th Wedding Anniversary by Ed & JoAnn Lee
8:30 am Colleen Grady by Kathleen Caprio
8:30 am Linda Fuller by LuAnn & John Quigley
4:30 pm Sister Maureen Loughlin & Sister Xavier Casey
by Frances & Amanda Pilot
4:30 pm Nan Connolly Burrus by the Burke Family
4:30 pm Edwin Francis Lynch by Sister Josephine Wade

Sunday, July 29, 2018

- 8:00 am Robert Slavin by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
8:00 am Rosalie Pape by Lucia & Joseph Nitti
8:00 am Edwin Lynch by Maureen Flumerfelt
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Vincenzo Carannante by the Wynd Family
10:00 am Robert Lisk by the Walsh Family
10:00 am Raymond Heffernan by Eileen & Jim Rochford
11:00 am Robert Granata by Tom & Pat Coyle
11:00 am Daymon Thatch by the McDevitt Family
11:00 am Sophie Mansfield by Scott Abercrombie

Monday, July 30, 2018

- 7:30 am Karen Monaghan by the Family
7:30 am Intentions of the D'Acquisto Family by St. Denis Parish
7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

- 7:30 am Betty Kessler by her Daughters
7:30 am William Donovan, Jr. by his Wife and Family
7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

- 7:30 am Francine Caruso Sousa by the Family
7:30 am Nicholas S. DeGennaro by the Gallo Family
7:30 am Sarah K. Larsen by the Gonzalez Family

Thursday, August 2, 2018

- 7:30 am Dolores Dentzau by Donna Dentzau
7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Friday, August 3, 2018

- 7:30 am Ronald Belka by the Family
7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Saturday, August 4, 2018

- 8:30 am Carolyn D'Ambrosio by the Brannick Family
8:30 am William T. Tobias by the Mulligan Family
8:30 am Colleen Grady by Michael & MaryJean Seelen & Family
4:30 pm Laura Macho & Edward Macho
by Frances & Amanda Pilot
4:30 pm Sister Xavier Casey & Sister Maureen Loughlin
by the Macho Family
4:30 pm John Nielsen by his Sister

Sunday, August 5, 2018

- 8:00 am Rachel Kearns by Fran & Kevin Kearns
8:00 am Marie Adam by Denise & Kenn Yee
8:00 am Loretta Grecky by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
9:30 am Walter Bronikowski by Paul Garvey
9:30 am George Macor by Betsy & Jim Rice
9:30 am Margaret McHugh by the Hagan Family
10:00 am For the People of the Parish
11:00 am Alfred Minervini, Jr. by the DeGenova Family
11:00 am Michelle Calardo Quigley
by Patricia & Thomas Quigley
11:00 am Raymond Misch by Betsy & Jim Rice

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 Bill Donovan and Jean DeSantis.



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, 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 Najjar, 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.



**WEEK OF JULY 29, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JEANNE STULICH
REQUESTED BY THE CLARKIN FAMILY**

HEALING MASS—The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group of Holy Cross Church invites all to a special Healing Mass on Monday, 7/30/18 at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave. and Rumson Road in Rumson. Father Bill Halbing will be the celebrant. The next Healing Mass will be celebrated 8/27/18.

MASS BY THE SEA— Please join Bishop David M. O’Connell for a Mass by the Sea at the Belmar Gazebo in Silver Lake Park, 5th & Ocean Ave. on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 9:30 am. All re welcome! www.GatheredAsOne.com

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 before 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.



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, Army 2nd Lt. Nikkole Crosson, 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, Navy MIDN Michael Zimmerman U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, and Airman Andrew Halmi.



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

Alexander William Brown
Avery Keith Joudrey
Reese Margaret Larkin
Callie Elizabeth Lynn
Iris Elizabeth Timroth

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

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.

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, August 4th & 5th. 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION— Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will help to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



July 15, 2018

Weekend Collection- \$14,486.00

Average Envelope Donation- \$25.66

2nd Collection (SVdP) - to be announced at a later date

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



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

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 information call Rachel at 732-223-1658.

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**.



Hi Ladies! Are you a young mom? Or perhaps, you are single? Or maybe, you are a grandmother? Or, simply somewhere in between? Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in a parish community? **We invite you to join the**

Walking with Purpose Catholic Faith Study* this October at St. Denis Church, Manasquan. *Opening Your Heart*, the foundational study of *Walking with Purpose*, is designed for women. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience—We welcome you to learn how the scriptures and sacraments apply to our everyday lives. **Interested in learning more? Contact Debbie D’Agostaro at debbiedag732@yahoo.com or 732-513-1685 (cell)*



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)**, ***canned fruit**, instant potatoes, *** FLAVORED INSTANT RICE**, canned potatoes, ***large bottles of juice**, cookies, ***crackers**, individual chips/snacks for lunchbox snacks, paper towels, tissues, baby wipes, 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

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 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The abundance produced through Christ’s miracle of the loaves and fishes points to a time of fulfillment when God’s plan for redemption is finally realized. The bread grain is specified as barley, the grain used by the poor; in the Messiah’s reign the poor will share in God’s abundance. Jesus exceeds both the apostles’ and the crowd’s expectations; with little He feeds many. His act is the sign of God’s lavish love and Christians should see their lives through the lens of God’s extravagant love. The manual for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul says: For Vincent and Frederic, there is only one love. The love of God and the love of neighbor are one and the same love. It is our love in response to God’s love for us. Since the loving God cannot be seen but must be experienced through loving people, it follows that one who see others without loving cannot love or even know God. For Vincent and Frederic, as for Jesus, love is neither sentiment, nor affection, not theory, but a practical willing of another’s best interest and a consequent striving to advance those interests. Vincentians are concerned with the practice and exercise of the virtue of charity—loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. (US Manual, p.26)

If you are interested in striving to “advance those interests” of the poor, please come to one of our meetings, which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O’Connor Hall (church basement). The next meeting will be August 7th.

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



THE 2019 MASS BOOK & SANCTUARY LAMP CALENDAR

will open

Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 8:45 am.

Please note: There are still Masses and Sanctuary Lamps available for 2018.

COR(e) STRENGTH – Rather than allowing the busyness of work and anxieties of daily life disorient your relationship with Jesus, take some time to heed the words of Jesus, that we heard recently in the Sunday Gospel, to “come away by yourself and rest awhile” to be refreshed at your “Cor” – “Heart”. The next part of our parish Adult Faith Formation Series will be on the Feast of the Transfiguration, Monday 6 August, in the church at 11 am and 7 pm. It will focus on the grace of God which “transfigures” us at the Cor(e) of our being meant for us all.

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 our world.



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 5:00 pm at Doolan’s Shore Club The annual Mary’s Child Pro-Life “Champion for Life “Dinner. This year we will be honoring Rachel Hendricks as our Champion, and Father Martin Padovani will be recognized for his Lifetime Achievement. Mark your calendars!



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Living out God’s Plan for your marriage!

Why does the Church want to encourage Natural Family Planning? Is it because she wants couples to have as many babies as humanly possible?? **No!** In fact the Catholic Church encourages people to be both generous and responsible stewards over their fertility. In this view of "responsible parenthood" married couples carefully think about the just reasons they may have to postpone or avoid pregnancy. When making decisions about the number and spacing of children in their family, they weigh their responsibilities to God, each other, the children they already have, and the world in which they live. Responsible parenthood is lived within the structures that God has established in human nature. The nature of sex, which is both life-giving (pro-creative) and love-giving (unitive), reflects a Divine plan. That is why the Church teaches that husband and wife must not actively intervene to separate their fertility from their bodily union. NFP methods respect the Divine plan and are at the service of authentic married love.

For more information about NFP education in our area, contact Peg Hensler 609-403-7156 or phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Message from Fr. Bill

FRIDAYS FROM AUGUST 3 to SEPTEMBER 28: PRO-LIFE PRAYER

The US Conference of Bishops’ Pro-Life Office is encouraging all Catholics in the arch/dioceses of the U.S. on every Friday from August 3 to September 28, 2018 to pray and fast for life. **The USCCB asks that parishioners pray one Our Father, One Hail Mary, One Glory Be** each of these Fridays and fast, as you are able, to support the Church’s pro-life efforts in our country. (Recall that fasting can include any form of self-sacrifice that you offer in union with our Lord’s suffering, as a prayer in-and-of-itself for the intention of pro-life.) Below is another prayer that the USCCB offers for each of us to pray, in solidarity. At this point in our country’s and Church’s history, this call to prayer is a most important call to take seriously. In our country’s history we have the upcoming appointment of a Supreme Court Judge. This judge will be important for years to come. In our Church’s history we have the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* - the papal encyclical written by Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1968, which provides a beautiful and clear teaching about God’s plan for married love and the transmission of life. We pray at this time that our country will revere and protect life as God gives it – a gift. (This document is available on-line at USCCB and Vatican website.)

Also, I ask that you consider being part of the Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry, which is a group of parishioners from our local deanery parishes. At this time, St. Denis has only a few members in this group. If you are interested to help out and want to learn more about this group, please contact me at the rectory or visit www.stcatharine-stmargaret.org/marys-child-pro-life-ministry

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-

Join in this celebration of our Blessed Mother and God’s gifts to her on this Holy Day of Obligation. We will have three Masses: Wednesday, August 14th at 7pm in the church, Wednesday the 15th of August at 7:30 am in the church and also 7 pm at the beach chapel. At all Masses we will have the blessing of flowers and herbs. After the 7 pm Mass we will have a procession down to the beach and the blessing of the waters. Both these traditions are part of different cultures within our Catholic Church; recall that “catholic” means “universal”. Even if you have never taken part, why don’t you take part this year? Bring the flowers and fragrant herbs from your gardens (or something you picked up at the store) and bring them to church. At the 7 pm Mass, if you find it difficult to walk down to the beach, you can drive down and be at the footpath and Fr. Bill will bring the blessed water to you.



CLASS REGISTRATION-ALL MUST BE REGISTERED! The Religious Office is open Tues-Thurs 9-4pm or call the Religious Ed. office for a convenient appointment-732-223-1161 or go to our Church website "www.churchofstdenis.org". Follow the Religious Ed links to "Registration Forms". Mail or bring to the office with fee. It's that easy!

COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND RAFFLE— Members of St. Denis Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters are selling 50/50 chances and tickets for their joint Communion Breakfast to be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Tickets and chances may be purchased at the rectory office during regular business hours.. Communion Breakfast tickets are \$25 and 50/50 chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION—The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending our retreat weekend. For information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2018 Weekend Retreat: August 24-26.

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.



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.



Do you embrace your Catholic faith, enjoy children & long for them to know the fullness of our faith?

Then perhaps God is calling you...

to **INSPIRE** the hearts of children as a **Catechist** or an **Aide**.

Join us in spreading the Gospel message to the youth in our parish.

TOGETHER, we can change the world

as Jesus did... one  at a time!

The following positions are available:

MONDAY: 4:15-5:30pm

Catechist - Grade 2, 4-6

Aide - Grades 2,3

TUESDAY: 4:15-5:30pm

Catechist - Grade 3,4

Aide - Grade 1,3

WEDNESDAY: 4:15-5:30pm

Catechist - Grades 2,5,6

Aide - Grade 2

MONDAY: 6:30-7:45pm

Catechists - Grade 7, 8

*"Be bold,
& be not afraid!"*

Saint John Paul the Great

**We supply training, materials & support!
Call our Religious Ed office. @732-223-1161.**

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