

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

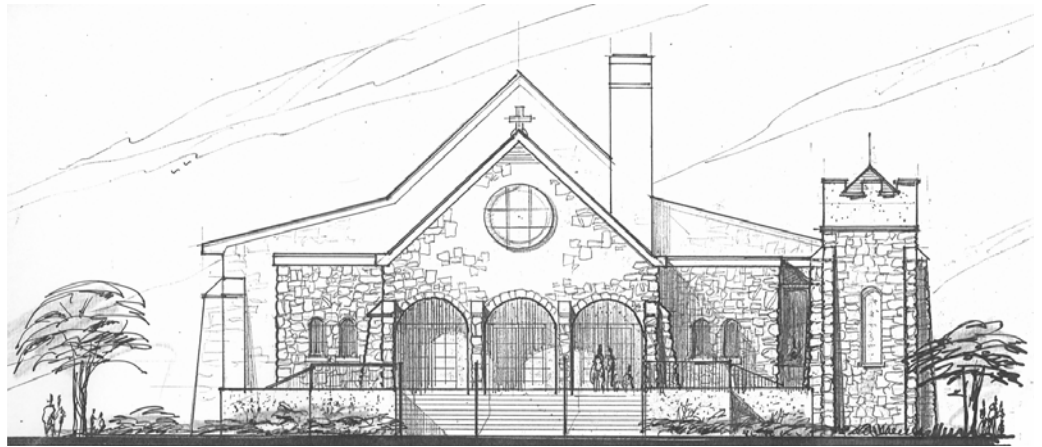
**The Transfiguration
of the Lord
August 6, 2017**

“Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty... We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.”

Jesus selected the three apostles, allowing them to catch a glimpse of His divinity. The scene – a mountain, where God met Moses, where Jesus gave the beatitudes in His sermon, provides the backdrop for this special revelation.

The voice, echoing the words spoken at the Jordan at His baptism, reveals the special relationship of Jesus with the Father. Peter is witness to it all.

‘This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ May the words spoken on this occasion be a mantra for us, reflecting God’s care and love for us. We are His beloved and He is pleased as we strive to live our Christian lives. And like the three, may we open our eyes and see no one but Jesus.



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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, August 5, 2017**

- 8:30 pm Margaret McHugh by the Hagan Family
 8:30 pm Marie Bernice Kile by her Family
 4:30 pm John Nielsen by his Sister
 4:30 pm Laura & Edward Macho
 by Frances & Amanda Pilot

Sunday, August 6, 2017

- 8:00 am Brad Liggett by Carol Keigher
 8:00 am Robert Gorski by Pamela Patullo
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Francis O'Connor by his Family
 10:00 am Diane Quilter by Cindy & Scott Ernst
 11:00 am William Bresnahan by the Midgett Family
 11:00 am Stella Jakovcic by Michelle Schneider

Monday, August 7, 2017

- 7:30 am Josephine DeStefano by her Family
 7:30 am Lenny Sullivan by his Family

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

- 7:30 am Maggie Messick by her Family
 7:30 am Catherine Pellicane by Kate Geiger

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

- 7:30 am Charles Blunda
 by Denise McDonald & Robert Drury
 7:30 am Margaret Sheridan by Bette Weber

Thursday, August 10, 2017

- 7:30 am Carmine Jantausch Limone
 by Chris & Vic Iorio
 7:30 am Marjorie Hughes-Henrickson
 by Peter & Sharon Wilson

Friday, August 11, 2017

- 7:30 am Marie A. Pepper by Dawn & Carrie
 7:30 am Kathryn O'Brien by the Capone Family

Saturday, August 12, 2017

- 8:30 am Marcus Coyne by his Family
 8:30 am George Perk by the Vitanzo Family
 4:30 pm Ann Licata by her Family
 4:30 pm Sister Maureen Loughlin & Sister Xavier Casey
 by the Macho Family

Sunday, August 13, 2017

- 8:00 am Maura Boyan by Chris & Meg Farren
 8:00 am Dr. Joseph Bogdan by Chris & Meg Farren
 9:30 am Clifford Brautigan by the Langan Family
 9:30 am George Perk, Jr. by Marta & Wesley Perk
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Frank Zimmerman by Nancy & Paul Sutor
 11:00 am Eric Decter by Jennifer Mundie



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, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, 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, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Kathryn Abel, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Kimberly Scarpulla, 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, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Sophie Mansfield.



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.



our military, 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, Captain Michael Potoczniak, United States Army, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 3rd Class 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.



*Sanctuary
Candle*

WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRED WEEKS

REQUESTED BY FRAN & PAUL WEEKS

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 “on-line 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.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST THROUGH THE ROSARY USING “FORMED”—“Praying the Rosary Like Never Before” Join Fr. Edward Sri in an engaging and entertaining Augustine Institute Lighthouse Talk on Pope Saint John Paul II’s strategies for praying the Rosary with brand new perspective. Go to our parish website and click on “Formed” for free.

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. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. If interested, please call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR. BILL

Firstly, as we look towards the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement, you will find a novena prayer in this bulletin, it starts today. I ask that we all pray this novena, asking St. Maximilian to pray for us and those who are in special need of his intercession and patronage. United in this intentional prayer, we especially pray for those struggling with addiction during this horrible time of the drug epidemic, where in NJ the rate of heroin overdose is 3x the national average and drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death.

Secondly, next weekend, in the gathering space at St. Denis Church, we will have our second annual Recovery Awareness Weekend. I ask that you take time after Mass to acquaint yourself with all the information and opportunities that are provided at this parish and in the immediate area for those affected by the drug crisis. Also, as we look at recovery in the broader discussion of “recovering health and wholeness” we will be introducing a new program here at St. Denis; namely, the Daniel Plan. Learn more about the Daniel Plan at the tables next weekend.

Thirdly, for the two years I’ve been here, I have written to the college-bound students at this time of year to let them know of my prayers for them, and my hopes for them to connect with Catholic Campus Ministry at their schools. This year I draw your attention to a “View from the Pew” in this bulletin, in which Mr. John Ringo, coordinator for our newly forming youth group, will reach out to our college students from his perspective. But you college students should still know I am rooting for you all to have a great academic year and I would love to know how it is going and what you’re learning when you visit on holidays and Christmas Break!

GETTING READY TO HEAD OFF TO COLLEGE? THIS IS FOR YOU- “A View from the Pew” by John Ringo

I was 19, my first year at TCNJ, new friends, new experiences, and new adventures. There were no parents telling me what to do; wake up, go to bed, do your homework, go to church, everything you do is your choice.

I was never a wake up at 8 am, put my Sunday best on, and go to church kind of kid. I was more of a stay up late and sleep in kind of kid, and wake up whenever I had football practice. But while in college I felt like there was a void, but could not put a finger on it. Was it being away from my parents, my friends from home, or the stresses of college? I started walking over to the chapel on Sunday evenings to attend Mass, to relieve stress, and to bring a little God back into my life. Campus ministry was one of the great experiences that I remember when I look back on college. Sure, it took time out of my nights, was not the “cool thing” to do, but you would be surprised how many kids I got to join me every Sunday. It was always an exciting Mass, always something to look forward to every week, and I always loved how Father Bill could relate the gospel to what we were experiencing in everyday life on campus. Campus Ministry allows you to be who you are, allows you to make a deeper connection with your spiritual self, and will help you through the tougher times throughout college. Campus Ministry filled my void when I was away at school and I am thankful I could be a part of it. Never would I have ever thought that after I graduated I would have met Father Bill at St. Denis, or started a youth group. I owe that all to God, and the experiences that Campus Ministry pushed me to do.



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

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and wants to change that?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of becoming a full member of the Church. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and faith.

Join us for RCIA Inquiry Session-

When: Monday, August 28th at 7:00 pm

Where: St. Denis Rectory Office

For information please contact Eileen Ziesmer at

YOUNG ADULT GROUP-St. Rose Parish has a great group of young adults that get together for fun and fellowship from time-to-time. All local young adults are welcome. Check out their Facebook Page: Belmar Area Catholic Young Adults .

SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS- If you are an electronic giver or a parishioner who does not use church envelopes, you may pick up a book of raffle tickets at the table after Mass. They are also available at the rectory office during regular business hours. Thank you to all who have already supported the raffle.



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:

Tuna, canned chili, vinegar, cookies, crackers, oil, snacks, canned beef stew, canned pasta meals, microwave popcorn, regular ground coffee, Spam, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, body lotion, men's deodorant, and shampoo. 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.

ADDICTION RECOVERY WEEKEND-

Though the path of recovery is hard work, you and your family are worth it! St. Denis Recovery Ministry invites you to Addiction Recovery Weekend, August 12th & 13th. Come and join us before and after all Masses and see the local resources and ministries that are available in the community to help support you in living with addiction or on your path to recovery.



JOIN US FOR MOVIE NIGHT: LIFE for LIFE: MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

WHEN: FRIDAY-AUGUST 11th

7:00 pm

WHERE: ST. DENIS CHURCH

Come find out more about the life of this wonderful saint as we share a movie and discussion about this saint who brought love into the lives of his fellow captives at Auschwitz.

"Love alone creates"

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



In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

"We must pass, ...from affective love to effective love. And that is a love which takes flesh in works of charity, service of the poor which is undertaken with joy, constancy and tender love."-St. Vincent de Paul

Have you witnessed in your service to the poor that your "loaves and fishes" were multiplied by the blessing of Jesus?

Lord Jesus, you bless those who seek to serve the poor, move our hearts from affective to effective love. Open our eyes, that we may see your presence in our midst. Open our ears, that we may hear the cries of the poor. Open our hearts, that we may serve with joy, constancy and tender love. Open our hands, that our "loaves and fishes" may receive your blessing.

Our next general meeting will be Tuesday, August 15, 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.



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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- 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!

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.

ANNUAL BERRY FESTIVAL—The Manasquan Senior Citizens Organization will sponsor their annual Berry Craft Festival on Sunday, August 6, 2017 in Old Squan Plaza, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL- On the weekend of August 12, Rev. Peter James Alindogan, (Father PJ) Diocese of Trenton, Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, will speak at all Masses on behalf of our mission partners in the countries visited by Father PJ during his mission pilgrimages. In the past four years Father has visited India, Mongolia, and Papua New Guinea, evangelizing and professing witness of the life-giving presence of Christ in our world. Our second collection the weekend of August 12 and 13 will be taken to support the spreading of the message of the Gospel in these developing nations of the world. Please be as generous as possible in this second collection.

Weekly Collection 

July 16, 2017

Weekend Collection- \$14,289.00

Average Envelope Donation- \$24.96

2nd Collection (St. Vincent de Paul) - To be reported at a later date

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY & THE BLESSING OF THE SEA—The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Trenton. Mass will be celebrated on Monday the 14th at 7:00 pm and Tuesday the 15th at 7:30 am in the Church, and also on the 15th, Mass with a walk to the ocean for the Blessing of the Sea will start at 7:00 pm at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Chapel. This is a special feast day for us at our parish in our Lady's Chapel. Celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into Heaven.



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. 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. P.S. This program is FREE.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION - Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortive Retreat—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. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friends of the mother. 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 one our retreat weekends. For info call Judy @ 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2017 Weekend Retreat: August 25 – 27, 2017

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.

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!**



Please join us in prayer for all those of our parish family and beyond who struggle with addiction in their lives every day. In the words of St. Maximilian: The most deadly poison in the world today is indifference. Love alone creates"



NOVENA PRAYER - Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe
To be said from August 5th- 13th
For Those Dealing with Addiction

Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, your life of love and labor for souls was sacrificed amid the horrors of a concentration camp and hastened to its end by an injection of a deadly drug. You brought love into the lives of the imprisoned and sowed seeds of hope amidst those in despair. Look with compassion upon (*Name of Person*) who is now entrapped in addiction to drugs and whom we now recommend to your powerful intercession. Having offered your own life to preserve that of a family man, we turn to you with trust, confident that you will understand and help. Obtain for us the grace never to withhold our love and understanding, nor to fail in persevering prayer that the enslaving bonds of addiction may be broken and that full health and freedom may be restored to him / her whom we love. We will never cease to be grateful to God who has helped us and heard your prayer for us.

(1) Our Father; (3) Hail Mary, (1) Glory Be.... Amen.

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