

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

**Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 8, 2021**

“He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water... but the angel of the Lord came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, ‘Get up and eat, or else the journey will be too long for you.’ He got up, ate and drank, then strengthened by that food, walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb...’ ‘I am the bread of life.’”

The scriptures have been focusing on the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of John, asking us to appreciate more deeply the feeding the Lord did for His people and continues for us today.

The seeming miraculous feeding of Elijah shows God’s care, His hand, and the response of the prophet to the messenger of the Lord. He needed that food to sustain him and continue his prophetic work.

Jesus, in His concern for the crowd fed them and told His disciples to give the people something to eat. They were hungry. We are true disciples for the Lord and ask that the tremendous gift of the Eucharist, so available for us, may we eagerly seek and not just presume.

How many parishes are without priests today to provide the Eucharist. How many of us who have attended mass virtually are yearning to receive holy communion? As Elijah looked and found the food God provided for his journey, may we renew our desire for and seek Him in the Eucharist.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church  
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church  
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church  
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel  
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *By appointment only.*

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS:** Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

**BAPTISM:** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate 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-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. 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, August 7, 2021**

8:30 am Florence McManus by her friend, JoAnn  
8:30 am Zachary Herman by Michele Conrey  
8:30 am Katelyn Makayla Dugger  
by John & Tina O'Donnell  
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

8:00 am John Murray by Owen & Maura McCarthy  
8:00 am Terry Mulcahy by Eileen & Mike Mahoney  
8:00 am Judy Sperry by Eileen & Mike Mahoney  
9:30 am Fred Weeks by Fran & Paul Weeks  
9:30 am Patricia Brix by Kevin & Lynn Reynolds  
9:30 am Kathleen Fallon by Kevin & Lynn Reynolds  
10:00 am Diane Quilter by Scott & Cindy Ernst  
10:00 am Kathleen Conroy by Mary & Tim Collins  
10:00 am Nicholas Huth by Owen & Maura McCarthy

**Monday, August 9, 2021**

7:30 am Lon Lauterio by William & Maria Geiger  
7:30 am Lucy McClennon by Jeanne & Bill Buble  
7:30 am Sam Nash by Reverend William Lago

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

7:30 am Matthew Piccini by Betty Scrivanich  
7:30 am Maureen Stanley by Linda & Joseph Foster  
7:30 am Joan Sansone by the O'Keefe Family

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**

7:30 am John McNamara by his Wife  
7:30 am Nick Sciarappa by Gene Bialas  
7:30 am Kelly Ann O'Donnell by Liz & Bill Oliver

**Thursday, August 12, 2021**

No Mass

**Friday, August 13, 2021**

7:30 am Alice Stankunas by Deacon Gary  
7:30 am Charles Draus, Sr. by Deacon Gary  
7:30 am William Connolly, Jr. by Susan Schreck

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

8:30 am Frances Vittoria by John & Tina O'Donnell  
8:30 am Gerard Connelly by Bria & Charlie Graves  
8:30 am Virginia Sanquini by Jim Hughes & Family  
4:30 pm John Nielsen by his Sister  
4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children  
4:30 pm Michele Bazzini, Tom Fancelli &  
Patrick Campbell by a Friend

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
9:30 am Gertrude Weeks by Fran & Paul Weeks  
9:30 am Brad Liggett by his Family  
9:30 am Geraldine Caruso  
by Luann & John Quigley & Family  
10:00 am Marguerite Scott by Brad & Roseanne Wilson  
10:00 am George & Judy Macor by their Children  
10:00 am Marge & Tony Patullo by Mario Gentile

**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.

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



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Donna Morgan, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, David Smith, Marie Woodrow, Elizabeth Clos, Reverend Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, William Pavincich, Patsy Pindar, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermak, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

A few weeks ago, the men's group at St. Denis concluded an in-depth look at St. Joseph and prepared for an act of consecration to St. Joseph, during this year dedicated to St. Joseph in the Universal Church. We were all in awe of what we learned and reflected on, utilizing Rev. Donald Calloway's book: "Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of our Spiritual Father". I was taken by so many of the insights into St. Joseph and his response to his calling by God to be the father of Jesus on earth and head of the Holy Family. Throughout the book, some miracles involving St. Joseph were also written about. I asked one member of the men's group to share his awe regarding one such miracle...

**DID YOU KNOW?** Compiled by Parishioner/Men's Group member: *Kevin F. Cleary*

The Holy Family's House in Nazareth – the holiest house in all Christianity -- today sits not in Nazareth, but in Loreto, Italy. How it got there is an incredible story.

For 13 centuries this sacred house remained in Nazareth. But, on May 10, 1291 the house completely vanished. All that remained was the foundation. Tradition holds that the Holy House was transported out of Nazareth by angels. In reports of her mystical experiences, Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich describes a vision in which she witnessed seven angels transporting of the Holy House without its foundation over the sea to Loreto.

Not mentioned in Blessed Anne Catherine's account is that the Holy House appeared in three other places before reaching Loreto. First in Trsat, an area in modern day Croatia. Then across the Adriatic Sea in Piceno, Italy. Then on a hill not far from that same town. In each place the town's people were mystified about the house's sudden appearance and later disappearance.

Why was the house moved? We know that in 1294, three years after the Holy House disappeared from Nazareth, the entire town was sacked by invading Muslims. Was the house moved in advance to protect and preserve it? We can only speculate. Just as we can only speculate about why the house appeared in the places it did.

How do we know the house in Loreto is the Holy House? In 1296, after the house arrived in Loreto, the Catholic Church sent 16 special envoys to Loreto to take precise measurements of the Holy House. They noted every detail. Next, they travelled to Croatia measuring the marks left in the dirt by the house. Finally, they compared these measurements with the original foundation that remained in Nazareth. The results were startling. There were no discrepancies. The measurements matched perfectly. Centuries later, scientists did a chemical analysis of the stones in the walls of the Holy House, the wood in the ceiling, and even the mortar used for the house. They determined the composition and materials in each instance were unique to the Holy Land and the area around the Holy House in Nazareth.

Why did God and the Church take such extraordinary measures to preserve this house?

It is hard to imagine a more significant relic supporting the fundamentals of our faith. Tradition holds this is the house where Mary was born and raised. Where the Holy Family lived. Where the archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and the Word became Flesh. Its significance is immeasurable.

How has the Church recognized this miraculous event? In 1916, Pope Benedict XV established Dec. 10 as the annual feast of the Translation of the Holy House, which is celebrated every year by the people of Loreto. To date, nearly 50 Popes have affirmed the Holy House's miraculous moves by angels. And countless saints have visited it over the centuries both in Nazareth and in Loreto. Interestingly, the miracle of the Holy House being transported four times is the reason the Catholic Church has declared Our Lady of Loreto the Patron of Aviation.

**THE 2022 MASS BOOK AND SANCTUARY LAMP CALENDAR** are now open. Intentions are being taken at the rectory office during normal business hours. Please be aware that there is a limit of 4 Masses and 4 Sanctuary Lamps per person. There are still 2021 Masses and Sanctuary Lamps available.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)

*Weekly Collection* 

**July 25, 2021**

Weekly Collection- \$10,977.00

Online Giving (6/15/21-7/28/21)- \$19,686.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy E3 Nora N. Honrath, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Major Sean Fessenden, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith-Cahill, Navy MIDN Michael Zimmerman U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Allison M. Ingraham at West Point Academy, Lt. Col. Ivan Ingraham USMC, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Robert Halmi, U.S. Army, Corporal Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC.



### BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS-

Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer Counties may attend the Sunday, October 3, 2021 Mass and Blessing at 3 pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton. Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing). The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS-**The month of August invites us to commemorate the witness of charity exemplified by Blessed Michael McGivney. In her wisdom, the Church placed his feast day (Aug. 13) between the day of his birth on earth (Aug. 12, 1852) and his entrance into eternity (Aug. 14, 1890). Pope Francis spoke about Father McGivney's witness to the universal Church in remarks the day after his beatification, "Dedicated to evangelization, he did everything possible to provide for the needs of the needy, promoting mutual aid. May his example be an impetus for us to witness ever more to the Gospel of charity" (Angelus Remarks, Nov. 1, 2020). As we celebrate Blessed Michael McGivney's witness to the Gospel of charity, may we show a similar impetus to those in need around us. In his Nov. 1 remarks, Pope Francis reminded the Church of the evangelical path taken by the saints and blessed: "Choosing purity, meekness and mercy; choosing to entrust oneself to the Lord in poverty of spirit and in affliction; dedicating oneself to justice and peace — all this means going against the current world's mindset, in respect to the culture of possession, of meaningless fun, of arrogance against the weakest." May Blessed Michael McGivney stir anew in us the charity that evangelizes. All men of the parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and continue the tradition of many men of faith in witness to Jesus through "charity that evangelizes." Please contact the parish office for more information.

**HANDICAPPED CITIZENS DRIVE-** The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual drive at all Masses next weekend, August 14th & 15th. All proceeds go primarily to the local Holy Innocents Society and Special Olympics. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Denis Church Phone: 732-223-1383

Location: Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)

There is curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with social distancing. Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM – 3PM and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays from 10AM – 12 noon

Items needed at this time:

*Snacks--large bags (chips, pretzels), pancake syrup, canned fruit, and tissues.*

Thank you for your generous donations!



**WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM MAYWALT  
REQUESTED BY GENE BIALAS**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place First Fridays, from noon to 1:00 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.

**MOVING?** Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified. Thank you!

### WALKING WITH PURPOSE

**Ladies,** You were raised in the Catholic Faith. You are raising your children in the Catholic Faith. **But do you really understand YOUR faith?**

**Walking with Purpose (WWP)** is a women's study that dives into the Catholic faith in a way that is not intimidating or overwhelming. WWP will reveal your Catholic faith in a new way—giving you the answers and tools you need to raise your family in a world of uncertainty.

At WWP, we are moms too and we totally get it— life is crazy, raising a family these days is hard. At WWP we learn how to face life's uncertainties and "walk" through life with peace, joy, and purpose.

### **JOIN US FOR A WWP SUMMER SAMPLE.**

Join us for some or all gatherings: **August 17, 24 & 31 7pm-8pm, St. Denis (School Building Cafeteria)**

**Books provided. No cost, simply Open Your Heart.**

**Please call the rectory at 732-223-0287 to sign up.** (Full WWP Study starts in Oct-- go to [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com) for info.

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



The Gospels often ask us to have faith in God and that He will help us to know the right path to take. In choosing a path to help, He does not ask us about ability but only our *availability*, and, if we prove our dependability, He will increase our *capability* to do good. God often doesn't call the "most qualified", He qualifies the "called".

The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, know only so well how true this is.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, **come to the Society's next meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of the school building.**

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



**Summer Bible Series-** Summer... a time to bask in the sun and bask in the Word of God in a more relaxed pace. Join in one or all of the following opportunities. Each offering will be held twice, so choose which time works best for you – 11am or 7pm, see the description for location. **Bring your Bible!**

**Tuesday, 24 August: “Canticles and Prayer: Part 2”** – in this installment of our Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue, join Fr. Bill at the St. Denis Cafeteria for a further look at two other Canticles from the Bible – The Canticle of Zechariah (*Benedictus*) and The Canticle of the Three Young Men in the Fiery Furnace (*Benedicite Dominum*). We’ll look at them in their context of the Bible and their use in liturgical/personal prayer.

**SAINT JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE**, 400 Route 35 North in South Mantoloking offers the following retreats in September:

September 7, 2021 – **FRIENDS OF BILL W.**– An Evening for Women in AA – Dinner and speaker. This event will occur once a month on the following dates: 9/7, 10/5, 11/9, 12/7, 1/4, 2/8, 3/8, 4/5, 5/10. For information and to register contact Pat A. (732) 232-4346. Arrival: 5:30 pm/Departure: 8:00 pm. Cost: \$20

September 17-19, 2021 – **BREATH OF GOD: SILENT RETREAT-** Come to the Jersey Shore to encounter your God in the silent atmosphere of a private retreat. Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included, massage therapy will be available. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 pm/ Departure: 1:00 pm. Cost: \$300.

Please call 732-892-8494 to register or for more information.

**JOIN OCEAN’S HARBOR HOUSE 25TH ANNIVERSARY RIDE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**–

The 2021 event is a summer-long in person/virtual/hybrid ride enabling participants to cycle and raise funds in the format of their choosing to benefit the youth served by Ocean’s Harbor House. The culminating event is a 25th Annual Celebratory Ride and Ceremony on 9/25/21 at Laurita Winery. The ride raises funds to provide the essential gifts of shelter, food, services and hope for vulnerable youth throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties. You can participate by \*serving as a sponsor \*registering to ride- join a group, or ride on your own in your neighborhood or park, or on your stationary bike \*sponsoring a rider or \*donating. For info visit <https://ridefornewbeginnings.org/>

**SAINT LEO THE GREAT RELIGIOUS STORE** carries a diverse variety of gifts for friends, family and clergy. There are rosaries from Italy, statuary, Miraculous Medals, wall plaques, holy cards and many books to help you grow in prayer and faith. The store is located at the lower level of the parish center, 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. A chair lift is accessible. For more info visit on the web– [www.stleothegreat.com/](http://www.stleothegreat.com/) store or call 908-770-1989.

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

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

**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 Sunday, August 15, 2021. We will have a service at 6:30 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel with blessing of flowers and herbs. After the service, 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”. If you have never taken part in these traditions, why not you take part this year? Bring the flowers and fragrant herbs from your garden (or something you picked up at the store) and bring them to the Beach Chapel. After the 6:30 pm service, if you find it difficult to walk down to the beach, you can drive down and be at the footpath. Fr. Bill will then bring the blessed water to you.

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

**COMMUNITY HYMN SING-** All are welcome to this Manasquan Ministerium event on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Come sit on the lawn at The Church in Brielle to support those singing and share in fellowship with your community neighbors. Everyone who attends – whether singing or not – will receive a packet with hymns to follow along. It should be a fun night under the setting sun.

**A NIGHT OF MUSICAL ADORATION OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT-** Come and get your praise on!! He is worthy and we are glad. All are invited to attend, with musicians from the Diocese of Trenton, on Saturday, August 21, 2021, 6:00-9:00 pm at Saint Joseph Church, 685 Hooper Ave. in Toms River.

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**– Please join in a tribute to Father Paul Engel for 54 years of dedication as founder of Downey Side Adoption Agency. The celebration will take place on Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:00-10:00 pm, at the Lobster Shanty Sunset Ballroom, Channel Drive in Point Pleasant Beach. There will be dinner, cocktails, dancing, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and gifts. Tickets are \$100 per person. Please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287 for information on how to purchase tickets.

**SAVE THE DATE-** Alumni, neighbors and friends are invited to the Saint Rose Grammar School 100 Year Gala Celebration on Friday, October 8, 2021. At 5:00 pm there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M. at St. Rose Church in Belmar. A gala celebration will follow at 6:30 pm at the Spring Lake Golf Club. Come and enjoy food, spirits and music. Make a reservation today at [www.srg.org](http://www.srg.org).

**Are you willing to help our children  
be all they can be?**

**CATECHISTS/TEACHERS  
NEEDED AT DIFFERENT  
GRADE LEVELS FOR FALL RELIGIOUS ED.**

**Also, program volunteers  
for the office and hall monitors.**

It's time for us to plan for Religious Education  
and recruit catechists for September.  
Is the Holy Spirit calling you?

Please take some time to discern God's call  
to minister to our parish children and help build their  
faith and encounter Jesus!

**Religious Education (CCD) classes are held on  
Mondays and Tuesdays,  
also on Sunday mornings, 2X a month.**

**GRADES AND DAYS NEEDED**

**MONDAY 4:15-5:30 pm**

**First Grade, Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade**

**MONDAY NIGHT 6:30-7:45 pm**

**Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade**

**TUESDAY 4:15-5:30 pm**

**First Grade, Second Grade and Fourth Grade**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS- 2X a month**

**First Grade, Fourth Grade and Seventh Grade**

**Contact the Religious Ed Office  
(732) 223-1161 or office@stdeniscgd.com**

**You will grow in your own faith,  
learn the teachings of the Church,  
and deepen your relationship with Jesus.**

**Children, in today's world,  
more than ever, need to hear  
the Good News of Jesus  
and encounter role models of the faith.**

**RECOVERY CORNER-**

**LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE WEEKLY PODCASTS-**  
Check out "City of Angels Recovery Radio"[https://  
play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan)  
Download the above app to listen to Life Recovery Bible  
podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10am and  
10pm. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with  
friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.

**A SPECIAL HEALING SERVICE AND TALK** with Fr.  
Pio Mandato, FMHJ will take place at St. Pio Church in La-  
vallette on Rt. 35 N on Tuesday, August 10th. We will  
begin with confessions and prayers at 5:30 pm. At 6:30 pm  
we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Then, Fr.  
Pio will talk about Eternal Life and the four last things. Af-  
ter the talk, we will have individual prayer with St. Padre  
Pio's bloodstained glove. All are invited to attend this once-  
in-a-lifetime opportunity. An offering will be collected for  
Fr. Pio. For info, contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com.  
Bio: Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ is a Franciscan priest living as a  
missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton PA under  
Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, D.D. He was born in Italy. His  
parents came to Pietrelcina in Southern Italy, the same town  
as St. Pio, the famous stigmatist priest, whom they knew  
very well. Fr. Pio's mother was a spiritual daughter of St.  
Padre Pio. Fr. Pio received his First Holy Communion from  
St. Pio before coming to the USA. He grew up in NJ and  
entered the Capuchin Franciscans at the age of 17, where he  
received his Franciscan formation and later his priestly ordi-  
nation in 1985.

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