

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020**

“At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go outside and stand at the entrance before the Lord, the Lord will be passing by’... After this there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this Elijah hid his face in his cloak, and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.”

All the natural signs, often of disasters – wind like a tornado, earthquake, fire, all familiar to us in Tennessee, Haiti, California – but the Lord was not found. It took the tiny, whispering sound to discover Him.

Our lives are filled with noise, the radio blaring in a car, ear buds attracting attention of pedestrians, police sirens all make it hard to hear a gentle breeze, singing birds, and laughter. Our attention is filled with distractions.

As the psalm advises us, ‘be still and know that I am God.’ Take a minute of stillness and silence to allow God to speak to you. Surely we do not want Him to pass us by, but to touch our hearts. Can you listen to God speak in silence for just five minutes? Such a moment can be a real blessing.



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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 & 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 8, 2020**

8:30 am Dominick DeStefano by the Family
 8:30 am Bridget Gowen by Joan Regan
 8:30 am John Michael Coscia by Nancy & Pablo
 4:30 pm Grandma & Paw Paw Zita and
 Grandma & Grandpa Campbell
 by the Grandchildren
 4:30 pm A. John & Louisa McCabe by James McCabe
 4:30 pm John Nielsen by his Sister

Sunday, August 9, 2020

8:00 am James & Gilda Micioni by Lenore & Robert Winemiller
 8:00 am Cosmo Scrivinich by Mr. & Mrs. John Hroncich
 8:00 am Kathleen Schmidt by Pat Wladich
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am John R. Kobryn by Elaine Kobryn
 10:00 am Diane Quilter by Cindy & Scott Ernst
 10:00 am John & Anne O'Reilly by the O'Reilly Family
 11:00 am Tony Gallo by John, Debbie & Gianna Gallo
 11:00 am Mary Louise Kloza by the DeGenova Family
 11:00 am Janet Clarke & Robert Letts by Colleen Carton

Monday, August 10, 2020

7:30 am Lois & Angelo Mastrangelo by Ellie & John Fox
 7:30 am Kathleen Connor by Nancy Sutor
 7:30 am Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Trenton
 by St. Denis Parish

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

7:30 am Michele A. Roskey by the Lewis Family
 7:30 am John McNamara by his Wife
 7:30 am George Greene by John, Debbie & Gianna Gallo

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

7:30 am Intentions of MCW
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by Adelaide Avena
 7:30 am Lucy Falco by Janet Verga

Thursday, August 13, 2020

No Mass

Friday, August 14, 2020

7:30 am Gertrude Weeks by Fran & Paul Weeks
 7:30 am Alice Stankunas by Deacon Gary
 7:30 am Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children

Saturday, August 15, 2020

8:30 am Brad Liggett by his Family
 8:30 am Baby Matthew James by his Parents
 8:30 am Intentions of the Newly Baptized and Their Grandparents
 by the St. Denis Grandparents' Guild
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Family
 4:30 pm Dora Kirby & Maureen Rohrmann
 by Len & Margaret Sullivan
 4:30 pm Intentions of Fr. Joseph Miele by St. Denis Parish

Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:00 am William & Margaret Calderhead by Chris & Denise Juhasz
 8:00 am Cosmo Scrivinich by Mr. & Mrs. John Hroncich
 8:00 am Peter P. DeLuise by Maryann Crowe
 9:30 am Rocco Zito by LuAnn & John Quigley & Family
 9:30 am Joan Sensale by the Conahan Family
 9:30 am Bridget Gowen by Barbara Liggett
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Ricky Minervini by the Koch & Rice Families
 11:00 am Bette Mae Genoese by Colleen Carton
 11:00 am Brant O'Neill by Terry McCormick

Please note:

**The Sunday, 11:00 am Mass intentions
 will be prayed for at the 11:30 am Facebook Mass.**

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Marc Vitale.



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, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, 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, John Najar, 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 Giambone, 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, Victoria Margadonna, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Mary Daidone, Donna Morgan, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Ann Tamaro, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, Marilyn Simonetti, the Borgias, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

Message from Fr. Bill

This year, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday, so it is not a Holy Day of Obligation (which is also suspended because of the pandemic). There will be a celebration of this Patronal Feast Day for our diocese in the morning at the 8:30 am Mass, to which you are invited. (The Saturday 4:30 pm Mass is the Mass for Sunday as usual). We normally have Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Beach Chapel on the Feast of the Assumption and then walk to the beach for the blessing of the waters, which will not be able to happen because of the pandemic. I urge you to pray the prayers (below) and, if you can safely do so, go to the ocean on your own. I know I will wait till the “coast is clear” – literally – to put my feet in the waters as an act of devotion as well as prayer for the grace God desires to bestow. Certainly, if we cannot be at Mass, we can make an act of Spiritual Communion. The Eucharist is the ultimate gift of God’s grace because it is Jesus Himself in the Eucharist – the source of all grace. We can also pray for spiritual grace if we pray the prayers at home and desire the grace, and we are prevented in going to the beach because of the virus. I have also included the *Alma Mater* (Loving Mother) prayer to Mary and also the “Blessing of Flowers and Herbs”. These are for our parishioners who follow this custom (and for those who would like to take on this custom as an act of devotion and prayer) as we remember the Assumption of the Blessed Mother and her intercession, on our behalf, with her beloved Son, Jesus.

Prayers for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen
yet strive to rise again.

To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
Yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

Let us pray. Almighty everlasting God, Father of incomprehensible majesty, whose invisible power can be glimpsed from your visible creation; O God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters in the beginning of the world, grant to us, your servants, that as often as we behold with our bodily eyes the mighty waters swelling out in billows on the heavenly horizon, we may be enraptured in contemplation of your hidden mysteries. Let such a sight and the thoughts it arouses prompt us to invoke and to glorify with due praise your holy name, and to render to you, to whose empire all creatures are subject, the homage of our minds in true humility and devotion; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, who once walked upon the waters, who uttered a word of command to the raging tempest of wind and sea and there came a great calm; let your piteous glance fall on us, your servants, who find ourselves surrounded by the many perils of this life; and grant that by the power of your blessing poured out on these waters all wicked spirits may be repelled, the danger of the tempestuous winds may subside, and that all who are at voyage on the seas, through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin, your Mother, may safely reach their destination, and finally return unharmed to their homes. We ask this of you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, who said: "In the sweat of your brow you shall eat your bread"; kindly heed our prayers and bestow your blessing on the sea, so that all who are obliged to earn their daily bread for themselves and their families by utilizing these waters may be enriched with your bounty. Lord, who said: "Ask and you shall receive", on this most joyful day when You assumed the Immaculate Mother of God, body and soul into heavenly glory, we ask that all who enter the waters with Faith and Hope receive Your blessing and the gifts of grace that in your mercy, you choose to bestow. May all who devoutly remember this day, carry away with them gifts of spiritual joys and heavenly rewards; we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of Flowers and Herbs

Almighty, eternal God: by Your word You have created heaven, earth, and the sea, all things visible and invisible, out of nothing; You have ordained that the earth bring forth plants and trees for the use of men and animals; You have decreed that each germinate according to its nature and bring forth fruit in due time, and You have decreed that these plants should serve not only as food but as medicine in time of sickness. We humbly pray with heart and tongue that You would bless these various herbs and flowers as we celebrate the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

O God, who on this day did raise the root of Jesse, the mother of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to the heights of heaven, we humbly pray, that by her intercession and under her protection the fruit of her womb, Your Son, might be given to us mortals, that by the power of Your Son and the protection of His glorious Mother we may be disposed to our eternal salvation by these temporal gifts.

O God, who did command the children of Israel that they should bring the sheaves of new fruits to the priest to be blessed and that they should rejoice before the Lord, graciously hear our prayers and pour forth the fullness of Your blessing upon these flowers and herbs which we gratefully use to remember the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother.

Grant that wherever they may be placed, they may give you glory and be a potent means to the protection of the health and well-being of body and soul. Grant that we may be worthy to be received, with our sheaves of good works, into heaven through the merits of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.



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

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

**Also program volunteers for the office.
Are you willing to help our children be all they can be?**

It's time for us to plan for Religious Education and begin recruiting catechists for September classes. Please take some time to discern God's call to minister to our parish children and build their faith!

**Religious Education (CCD) classes
are on Monday and Tuesday or
Sunday mornings 2X a month.**

**We will be opening in September with a
Religious learning program that meets
with all social distance recommendations.**

**But some of our long time teachers will
be unable to teach this year.
Are you able to help?**

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

**Please contact the
Religious Ed Office to volunteer
(732) 223-1161 or
stdenisccd@verizon.net**



**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)**

Until further notice:
There will be curbside pick-up of
prepackaged food with social distancing.
Questions or special food needs?
Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383
Please note adjusted pantry hours:
Tuesdays: 1PM – 3PM and
3rd and 4th Saturdays from 10AM – 12noon

At this time, donations may be dropped off curbside by the pantry during regular pantry hours or on the rectory front porch, under the overhang. Over the last few weeks we have had many neighbors visit the pantry. We are low on many items, in particular those items listed below:

Boxed milk, juice and sugar.

We are well stocked on canned goods, peanut butter, and jelly at the present time. Please know that your donations are being received with sincere gratitude. Thank you!



especially Navy Lt. 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, 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.

HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH- If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the Hotline at 732-929-0660.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VINCENT'S LEGACY- Launched by the Diocese in late 2016, Vincent's Legacy collects quality gently used furniture and household items to provide to those in need. Legacy volunteers arrange to view, pickup, clean and deliver donated items. Originally focused on Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Vincent's Legacy has expanded throughout the Trenton Diocese. If you have furniture or household goods to donate, please contact Vincent's Legacy volunteers at furniture@svdptrenton.org. If you are able to help, visit the website or call 609-557-7837.

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



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, "Who are you looking for?" It could be asked, "What are you looking for?" Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings when they resume. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church)

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



Ladies, life, as we know it, has certainly changed. As we experience a gradual emergence from sheltering in place, we may feel discontent, worry and anxiety about the present and the future.

Rest assured, you're not the only one feeling this—and God, in His Divine Providence, has given us the solutions needed to ease our uncertainties.

For some, life before COVID-19 was often frazzled and out of control—work, school demands, family obligations, and extra-curricular activities kept us always on-the-go. And now we are hoping not to go back to that hectic lifestyle.

So, where does that leave us? Starting in October 2020, St. Denis Church is offering 2 bible study opportunities from Walking with Purpose (WWP). Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can strengthen us to be the women, wives, friends, mothers, grandmothers, we are meant to be. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another.

Opening Your Heart (OYH), our foundational study, is designed for women new to Walking with Purpose. Whether or not you have any Bible study experience, we welcome you to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

For those women who have completed *OYH*, our next study is *Keeping in Balance (KIB)*. This Bible study will take us on a journey throughout Scripture to discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom in relation to our current life challenges. God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our life.

We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ. For more info, visit www.wwpnjshore.com



WALKING WITH PURPOSE VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY– While we are still laying low and unable to meet with our friends in person this summer, it is a good time to draw closer to Our Lady through a beautiful study/retreat. *33 Days to Morning Glory*, written and directed by Fr. Michael Gaitley is simple, yet profound and life changing. The retreat is being offered totally online through– Formed

(videos) and Zoom (weekly discussion). The study began Tuesday, August 4th at 7:30 pm and will end on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother on September 8th. Each day there is a short reading from the book (*33 Days to Morning Glory*) which you can download on Formed or purchase on Amazon. If you miss a day of reading or our weekly discussion, you can always catch up. The retreat is open to anyone, so invite a friend or family member to join you! Sign up by emailing Debbie at debbiedag732@yahoo.com

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.

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.

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>

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.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS- As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time:

FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*

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.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET SAINT DENIS PARISH WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE - AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. **Instructions to support St. Denis: Go to smile.amazon.com Choose your charity: Church of St. Denis, Manasquan Click on the box marked “yes”. You must start at smile.amazon.com so that the charity gets donations. Then click on the “start shopping” button. It’s that simple!**

ONLINE GIVING- To help support our parish more easily we offer **Online Giving!** For additional information or to sign up, go to our parish Website www.churchofstdenis.org and click on “Online Giving”. For those who wish to use the online giving service but do not have Internet access, please contact the Parish Office at 732-223-0287 for assistance.



July 26, 2020

Regular Collection- \$6,559.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– Can you spare an hour a week to help our community’s homebound senior citizens? Interfaith Neighbors is currently in need of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels one morning per week. Volunteers can choose to do one day per week or just substitute when needed. We are also in need of office help (answering phones/taking referrals). For more information, please contact Beth at Interfaith Neighbors at 732-775-0525 ext. 227.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- You are invited to the Catholic Charities Inaugural Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope Virtual Event on Wednesday September 30, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This fun and entertaining virtual fundraiser, hosted by comedian Joe Piscopo, will feature entertainment, a silent auction, basket raffles, giveaways and a Super 50/50 Raffle. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, inspired by our Catholic faith, provides trauma-focused specialized counseling, addiction treatment, domestic violence services and help meeting basic needs for over 100,000 people each year, regardless of their religion. The celebration is an opportunity to hear stories of the transforming impact Catholic Charities makes on our community. There is no charge to attend the event but, we ask that you register at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/GABOH2020. Hope you can tune in.

THE MONITOR MAGAZINE– HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET? The Monitor Magazine and TrentonMonitor.com offer food for your faith journey throughout the year. Subscriptions options start at \$15 for a year of full digital access...Or, for \$25, get full digital access and home delivery of the magazine. Order your subscription via a convenient and secure web page... dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions. For assistance call 609-406-7131.

SAINT PETER SCHOOL in Point Pleasant Beach is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a State School of Character, and is anchored in faith! An integrated STREAM curriculum is taught. The school’s ideal class sizes allow for individualized learning. Financial assistance is available for qualifying families. Busing is available from Brick and Point Pleasant Boro. For more information please call 732-892-1260 or email info@stpschool.org.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP! Monthly Recurring Gifts–Making a monthly recurring gift in any amount is a simple and sustainable way to impact the future of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. We are asking that you consider making a monthly recurring gift in the range of \$10.00-\$25.00. If many folks commit to this campaign, a huge difference will occur. Online donations can be made at www.olmcapnj.org or monthly donations can be sent to: Mount Carmel School 1220 First Ave. Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Attn: Sr. Jude Boyce, SSI

CATHOLIC STUDENT ATHLETE RADIO PROGRAM “Just Be You”: A new radio program on Domestic Church Media Radio. Tune in each week as they showcase a new student athlete from across the diocese. Learn how they are making a difference in their community and listen as they discuss how their faith helps them as disciples of Christ. Visit Domestic-churchmedia.org.



**WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN R. KOBRYN
REQUESTED BY ELAINE KOBRYN**

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS IS BACK IN ACTION- We are happy to report that we are slowly resuming our transportation and grocery shopping services. In August we will slowly be accepting new receivers into our programs. We will be performing outdoor assessments with masks in order to ensure the safety of all our volunteers and receivers. If you know of someone who could use our services or would like to speak with a staff member, please call 732-505-2273.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Caregiver Volunteers is now offering virtual volunteer training via Zoom. Volunteers can now be trained in the comfort of their own homes. There are a multitude of volunteer opportunities. To find out more about volunteering or to sign up for an online training, visit www.caregivervolunteers.org or email info@caregivervolunteers.org.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION-Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach them by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

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First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

After fleeing from the revenge of the King of Israel, Elijah hid in a cave, but at the command of God, he went outside and stood on a mountain. There the Lord came to him, not in the wind nor in the earthquake, but in a “tiny whispering sound.”

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul is deeply pained because the Jews - in spite of everything that has been given to them - have rejected Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew vividly recounts the event of Jesus walking on the water. When the disciples see this, they are terrified, and Jesus chastises them for their fear. Peter begs Christ to let him walk on the water; he is at first brave but begins to sink and loses faith, crying out, “Lord save me!” Christ rescues him for his faltering faith.

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