

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2019**

“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.... For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The old testament teaching and the parable in the home of the Pharisee offer a great challenge. The first sin listed in the capital sins is pride. The first recorded sin in Genesis can be traced to pride. Our society today seems to make us try to be better than the next person, stronger than another nation, richer as we try to get ahead. Where is humility?

Humility is a forgotten virtue. What do I have that is not gift? What have I received that I did not deserve? What have I offered to someone else in need? A prayer, prayed daily by Cardinal Merry De Val, is known as the Litany of Humility. Find it on goggle and prayerfully reflect upon it and you too will be ‘loved more than a giver of gifts’.




CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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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.

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:30 am Michael Sastokas by Denis Campbell
8:30 am Joseph A. Kerrigan by Deacon Gary
8:30 am Ronald Amorino by Barbara Roche & Lou Nieves
4:30 pm Patrick Campbell by his Family
4:30 pm Michele Bazzini by a Friend
4:30 pm Tom Fancelli by a Friend

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Justin R. Campbell by Jamie Herman & Family
9:30 am Ana Villarroel-Thompson by Arthur & Connie Roberts
9:30 am John Hanley by the Sy Family
10:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Angelo D'Amico by Tom Bannon
10:00 am Catherine Lindner by Michelle & Steve Schneider
10:00 am Angela & Joseph Gorecki by the Quinlan Family
11:00 am Maureen Bertodatti by Colleen Carton
11:00 am Karen Landis by Cathy & George Martin
11:00 am John Koch by Carol Rizzi

Monday, September 2, 2019

7:30 am Gerry & William Burke by the Bugliaro Family
7:30 am John "Bud" Donohue by Jim Maywalt
7:30 am James Lomma by Barbara Roche & Lou Nieves

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

7:30 am Sarah Burtis by Arthur & Connie Roberts
7:30 am Thomas F. McEnery by Sean & Mary Ellen Boyle
7:30 am Rosemary & John Donohue by Lois & Denis Campbell

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

7:30 am Richard Avena by his Wife
7:30 am Marcella Hickey by Janet Tauro
7:30 am John Blihar by Mary Kellenberger

Thursday, September 5, 2019

No Mass

Friday, September 6, 2019

7:30 am John Blihar by Carol Rizzi
7:30 am Sophie A. Kelly by Maryann Crowe
7:30 am Buddy Donohue by Gene Bialas

Saturday, September 7, 2019

8:30 am The Schellar, Sarullo, Burke & Bugliaro Families
by the Bugliaro Family
8:30 am Vincenza Brophy by Terry Ginther
8:30 am Peter Dimas Ortiz by Terry Ginther
4:30 pm Gerry Maywalt by her Husband
4:30 pm Jim Bates by Cathy, Mary & Joyce
4:30 pm Ruth & Clem Danish by Gene Bialas

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:00 am Sara Suchocki Ralph by the Vitanzo Family
8:00 am Claire Elaine Richards by the Vitanzo Family
8:00 am Intentions of Sr. Josephine Wade
by the Parish Family of Saint Denis
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am John Devincenzo by the Boylan Family
10:00 am Catherine Joan Ciccierski by Shirley & Bill Collis
10:00 am Frank Rizzo by Shirley & Bill Collis
11:00 am Walter Brickowski by the Caruso Family
11:00 am John F. Lavin, Jr. (25th Anniversary) by his Family
11:00 am Richard Koch by the DeGenova Family

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 Joseph Siple.



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, Lucy Falco, 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 Najjar, Tina Pilot, 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, Patricia O'Leary, 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, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Kathy Kleinlein, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Victoria Margadonna, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Daniel Meehan, 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, Tanner Koch, John Fossani, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



"In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow."

St. Denis Bereavement Support Group

If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance this series will offer support, prayer and work on answering questions about

loss, grief, coping and potential for renewal of self and hope.

Join us on: **Thursdays**

Starting: **September 19, 2019**

Morning Sessions: 10-11am at the St Denis Parish Office

Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 /

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. **For information about becoming Catholic please contact Eileen Ziesmer eileenziezmer@gmail.com 732- 223-0287.**

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet on Wednesday, 9/11/19 at 12:00 noon in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Please bring lunch and we will provide dessert. All women of the parish are welcome.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST— The St. Denis Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake Heights, following the 9:30 am Mass. Tickets and 50/50 chances will be available after all Masses this weekend and are also available at the rectory office during regular business hours. The ticket donation is \$25 for the Communion Breakfast. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



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, 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 Major Michael Potoczniak, 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, Navy Ensign 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, and Airman Andrew Halmi.



*Sanctuary
Candle*

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICKEY WOODWARD
REQUESTED BY KATHY BUGLIARO**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- All children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children will proceed to the church basement before the first reading and return during the offertory. For more information call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

THE POWER OF PRAYER- According to Saint Teresa—one of the Church's great spiritual masters—prayer is a matter of coming into living contact with Jesus; it is not just recitation and repetition. Prayer is a "conversation with God" meant to lead to the union of our souls with Jesus. Join Fr. Bill on Monday, September 16th at either 11am or 7pm for a discussion and experience of the power of prayer. We will utilize "Lectio Divina" and Contemplation to realize a powerful way to communicate with and come into contact with our Loving God.

COHORT 19 MASS WITH BISHOP O'CONNELL will be celebrated on Sunday, 9/8/19, 10:00 am, at Maclearie Park, Route 35 in Belmar. The choir will begin singing at 9:30 am. Remember to bring your beach chairs. Parking will be at the Belmar Marina. All are welcome!

DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER— Share a memory. Hold a hand. Lend an ear. Touch a heart. Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life. Training will be held on Mondays; September 9, 16, & 23, 10 am-3 pm at 23 Main Street in Holmdel. Advanced registration is required. Volunteers must attend all three sessions. If interested please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteers at 732-224-6933 or Pauline.depalma@vnagh.org

BOWLERS WANTED—The Monmouth County Holy Name Bowling League is looking for bowlers. The league is currently a doubles league that bowls at Shore Lanes on the Asbury Circle in Neptune. The league will bowl on Fridays at 8:30 pm beginning September 6th. All interested bowlers can contact John Bartlett, League Secretary, at 732-280-8852 or jbart1517@yahoo.com for further details.

**The Rectory Office will be closed Monday,
9/2/19 in observance of Labor Day.
The office will reopen on
Tuesday, 9/3/19 at 8:30 am.**





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

Cassidy Anne Beattys
Cooper Joseph Perrotto
Campbell Lynn Perrotto
Dominic Christian Oram
Kyle Christian Carter

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

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 stop by the rectory office during business hours. For more info call Rachel at 732-223-1658.

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEWS- September is Hunger Action Month, a national campaign of Feeding America. Many businesses throughout Manasquan have graciously agreed to have a blue donation bin for donations of nonperishable food and paper products. We've been asked to spread this good news. You can just drop off the donations outside the store where you've purchased the items. (And, as always, you can bring your food donations to our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, during Hunger Action Month and throughout the year.) Thank you!



**SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FOOD PANTRY 732-223-1383**

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

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

3RD & 4TH SATURDAY: 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items most needed at this time: **Depleted: canned pasta meals, canned soups (especially chicken rice as it is gluten free), canned fruits** Very low– sugar, canned evaporated milk, powdered milk, canned beans (kidney & cannelloni), regular instant coffee, boxed milk (like Parmalat), Spam, small bottles of vegetable oil, beef stew, and new/reusable shopping bags.

Please place 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. Please check expiration dates. *Please note that all donations, aside from our "most needed list" are very much appreciated. However, the pantry cannot accept/distribute vitamins and medications of any type. Also, we have been asked if commercial size, bulk packages of food are needed. Average size products are more needed as the majority of our needy neighbors have 1 to 3 in the household and the larger households usually have limited cooking facilities/storage issues. It has been heartwarming to see the overwhelming response of the St. Denis Church community to meet the needs of this food pantry. God bless!*

Walking with Purpose

(WWP) is a Catholic Faith study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Beginning October 2019, WWP will have 2 study opportunities: Tuesday evenings (7:30-9) at St. Denis Parish or Wednesday afternoons (12:15-2) at St. Mark's.

Please visit www.wwpnjshore.com for specific study descriptions, details and to register.



2019 CHAMPION FOR LIFE AWARD DINNER– Join Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry in celebration of LIFE as we award the 2019 Champion for Life Award to **Rev. Msgr. Sean Flynn of St. Mark's Parish** and the Lifetime Achievement Award to **Bernard Ricciardi, KofC Council #3231**. The dinner will take place at 5 pm on Sunday, 10/27/19 at Doolan's Shore Club in Spring Lake Heights. Adult reservations are \$55, students are \$35, and children are \$20. Reserved tables of 10 are available. Reservations are required by October 18. Look for full reservation forms in the gathering space and in the bulletin. Youth group sponsorships and ad spaces are available! For questions, contact Michele McMahon 908-229-0563.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

"When you hold a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters, or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and then you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Perhaps Jesus is telling us that if we wish God to "invite" us to the divine banquet then we should extend ourselves to all others regardless of social, economic, religious or cultural status. But, before we can be hosts to the poor and disadvantaged, we must humbly recognize ourselves as having received a place of honor at God's banquet table. Humility is recognizing that we are gifted, enriched and nourished by God so that we can reach out to others in the same way. St. Vincent de Paul asks his followers to be humble, loving servants of the poor. We know that he gave great importance to having a sense of humility in all that we do for the poor. This was his conviction and fruit of his own meditation on the manner of life by Jesus. St. Vincent was also convinced that it was all-important that the poor would feel at ease in our presence. What we do for the poor must come, not only from a loving, but also from a humble heart. He had said strikingly that however charitable we may be, if we are not humble, we do not have real charity.

If you have interest in participating in God's banquet, you are welcome to come to one of our meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Since there will be no meeting the week of Labor Day, the next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on September 17, 2019 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.



Our RELIGIOUS ED Program begins the week of 9/9. If you have not yet registered we encourage you to do so, but your child will not be able to begin the first week of class. Call the office with questions (732) 223-1161

Thank you to all those who have stepped up to volunteer for the Religious Ed Program!

Though there are a few subs filling in to start the year off for us.....

WE STILL NEED TEACHERS FOR THE YEAR:

MONDAY 4:15-5:30 pm

First Grade- 1 Aide

Third Grade- 2 Aides (can be a High School Student)

Fifth Grade- One Teacher

TUESDAY 4:15-5:30 pm

Sixth Grade- One Teacher

Please contact the Rel. Ed Office to volunteer (732) 223-1161 or stdeniscdd@verizon.net

Hopefully the Holy Spirit is calling a few more of you to share the faith with the children of our parish family.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2019 calendar year are invited to gather with family and friends to share the Eucharist, renew sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Sunday, October 6, 2019 Mass and Blessing at 3:00 pm at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold. Couples must register through their home parish. The registration deadline is 9/15/19.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3231 20TH ANNUAL BERNIE KERRIGAN CHARITY GOLF OUTING

will take place Friday, 9/27/19 at Pebble Creek Golf Club, 40 Rt. 537 East in Colts Neck. Registration begins at 7 am, with a Shotgun Tee-off at 8 am. The cost, \$150 per player; \$125 per player ladies special includes 18 holes of golf, (including cart), continental breakfast, buffet lunch, beverages, sleeve of balls, and a goody bag. There will also be a prize raffle with great merchandise and prizes including NY Yankee, NY Giant, and NY Jet tickets. Make a hole-in-one on #11 and win \$10,000! Make a hole-in-one on #18 and win a 2019 GMC Terrain! For more information or to register please call Eric Kuper at 732-690-3143 or email him at ekuper@mkklaw.com.

A Message from Fr. Bill

Happy Labor Day! In Catholic Social Teaching, "The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers," explains, "work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation." May God "prosper the works of your hands" (Psalm 90) and inspire you to see your life as "a form of continuing participation in God's creation."

Regrettably, a recent Pew Research Study (August 5, 2019) revealed that only 31% of Catholics understand the true nature of the Eucharist. The Bishop has asked all priests to address this. In addition to my offer to meet with anyone who wants to discuss any topic of the Catholic Faith, I ask you read the following article by Bishop O'Connell.

One of the most troubling things I read all summer was the finding of a Pew Research Study released August 5 that only 31% or one-third of current, self-identifying Catholics believe that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass BECOME AND ARE the Body and Blood of Christ. This belief, described and known since the Middle Ages as "transubstantiation" in Catholic doctrine, has been and remains a core conviction of the Catholic faith since the Lord Jesus first spoke the words "This is my Body ... this is my Blood" at the Last Supper (Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). "Do this in memory of me." 69% of Catholics surveyed, by contrast, believe the consecrated bread and wine only to be "symbols" of the Lord Jesus' Body and Blood. Where did this error regarding such a fundamental tenet of our Catholic faith come from? The Pew Survey reveals that the Church's teaching and belief in the Eucharist is stronger among those who attend Mass weekly, especially older Catholics.

There is abundant evidence derived from the scriptures, the writings of the earliest Fathers of the Church, the pronouncements of Church Councils and leaders throughout the Church's long history as well as the firm and constant belief of the Church's faithful, to support this most important and central conviction of our Catholic faith. The Eucharist is the "Real Presence" of the Lord Jesus Christ, whether on the altar at Mass, in Holy Communion or reserved as the Blessed Sacrament In the tabernacle. For the Catholic, this "mystery of faith" is unambiguous and not subject to doubt. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, citing the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church "Lumen Gentium, 11," states with the deepest and most profound conviction, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life ... For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch (CCC, 1324)."

How bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Christ at the priest's words of consecration at Mass is a mystery of faith to be sure but a mystery that responds to the Lord Jesus' own command, "Do this in memory of Me." Mysteries defy scientific explanations — that is why they are called "mysteries" — requiring either the belief of faith or disbelief. In his magnificent Eucharistic hymn, "Tantum Ergo," one of the Catholic Church's greatest teachers, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), reflected "what our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent." And, so, the Catholic Church has "grasped" from its very beginning and continues to do so to the present moment and beyond.

"May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.



**ST. DENIS PARISH
SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE
TICKET- \$20**

**Only one week left to get your ticket!
The drawing is 9/9/19.**

**As of today, the jackpot is over \$10,000
with 50% going to the winner.**

Winner need not be present.

**Tickets are also being sold at the rectory office during
regular business hours. You've got to be in it to win it!**

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. For more information call 1-833-227-6237.

RECOVERY MASS- All are welcome to join in prayer with and for all those on the journey from addiction to recovery on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7 pm at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road in Freehold. Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Center. The Very Reverend Robert S. Grodnicki, VF, Pastor of St. Luke Parish in Toms River will be the chief celebrant. For more information go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/addictions-ministry.

WOMEN'S RALLY- The 2019 Catholic Women of Zion Women's Rally will take place on Saturday, 9/14/19, 8:30 am until 4:00 pm at St. Dorothea's Church/school auditorium, 240 Broad Street in Eatontown. The day includes Mass, praise and worship by *Joyful Praise*. Continental breakfast and box lunch to be ordered online. Reservations are necessary. Admission is \$35 (pay at the door). Please register online at www.cwoz.org or call 732-202-8352 by Tuesday, 9/10/19 and leave your phone number and spell your last name.

BRIELLE DAY will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Brielle Park, rain or shine. Be sure to visit the craft fair sponsored by the Woman's Club of Brielle. Admission is free and there will be fantastic crafts, fabulous food and fire engine rides. All are welcome.

EPIPHANY PARSH YARD SALE- Do you have too much stuff cluttering your house or do you like going treasure hunting at yard sales? Either way, join us on Saturday, 9/14/19 for Epiphany's 2nd Annual Yard Sale. You can receive a 16 X 16 space for \$20 by returning a registration form to the parish office by 9/9/19. For registration forms go to churchofepiphany.org ~ Parish Events. If you don't wish to rent space but would like to donate items to the parish table please call the office at 732-458-0220.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm. Come join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in the church on Fridays.

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD...PRAISE AND SING Come, praise our Lord with contemporary Christian music. 30 minutes of prerecorded music with lyric sheets provided. First Friday at 7:00 pm in Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel. For more information call Allison Penkethman at 732-528-4976.

THE CENTER AIDS BIKE RIDE is a 25 mile bike ride on 9/14/19 beginning at 9 am. The goal is to raise \$50,000 for the Center in Asbury Park. Registration fee is \$40. To ride, donate to a rider, or to be a race sponsor visit crowdrise.com/thecenter2019aidsbikeride. For info call 732-774-3416 x115.

BINGO is played at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 1220 1st Ave. in Asbury Park every Friday at 7 pm, Saturday at 1 pm, and Sunday at 6:30 pm. Doors open an hour and a half before Bingo begins. Come and win some awesome prizes!! www.olmcapnj.org 732-775-8989

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
Next weekend our 2nd collection will be the National Collection for Catholic University of America. Located in Washington, DC, Catholic University offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By donating to this collection you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.



August 15, 2019-Assumption of the Blessed Mother
Holy Day Collection- \$3,114.00
Average Envelope Donation- \$13.95

August 18, 2019
Weekend Collection- \$15,126.00
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