

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022

“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if there is enough for its completion? ...In the same way, anyone who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

A surprising challenge. A famous Lutheran martyr, Bonhoeffer, wrote a telling book, ‘The Cost of Discipleship.’ The title itself echoes the challenge Jesus put to the crowds who were seeking and following Him. The gospel cost Jesus His life, for us. As we claim discipleship, we learn not to hate, but to make sure our relationship with others does not interfere with or block our relationship with God. Nothing should get in the way of that basic requirement.

We might summarize the first commandment God gave to Moses and the first part of the great commandment of Jesus simply by stating: ‘God comes first in my life.’ The Spanish speaking people use this expression continually, ‘Dios primero.’

Does He?



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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: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

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. 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, September 3, 2022**

8:30 am Daymon Thatch by his Family
 8:30 am Norah Bruther by Karen & Michael Long
 8:30 am William Lee by Ed & JoAnn Lee
 4:30 pm John & Catherine Gallagher by their Daughter
 4:30 pm George Taylor by Joan & Mark Clarkin
 4:30 pm William Pavincich by Chris & Ed Mutch

Sunday, September 4, 2022

8:00 am Donna Morgan
 by St. Denis St. Vincent de Paul Society
 8:00 am Frances Koch by Betsy & Jim Rice & Family
 8:00 am Frances Wolf by a Friend
 9:30 am Charles J. Capone by Ann & George McIntyre
 9:30 am Dennis Fitzgerald by Tom & Alice Brady
 9:30 am Loretta Hutton by Bonnie Smith
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, September 5, 2022– Labor Day

8:30 am Richard Avena by his Wife
 8:30 am William V. Kelly by his wife, Eileen Kelly
 8:30 am Norah Bruther by Michael Spinelli & Family

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

7:30 am Paddy Garvey by Mark & Martina Fox
 7:30 am Diane Geppetti by Luann & John Quigley & Family
 7:30 am Vincent Greene by Angela & Rick Testa

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7:30 am John & Bridget McGlynn by June
 7:30 am Dorothy Jeanette Metzger by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 7:30 am Stefan Lafer by Lois McKeon

Thursday, September 8, 2022

NO MASS

Friday, September 9, 2022

7:30 am Dr. Wayne Farmer by Scott & Cathy Abercrombie
 and the Henry B. King Medical Brigade
 7:30 am Joseph King by William & Ann Marie Kelly
 7:30 am James Griffin by William & Ann Marie Kelly

Saturday, September 10, 2022

8:30 am William Brannick by his Family
 8:30 am Norah Bruther by the Cummings Family
 8:30 am William Lee by Ed & JoAnn Lee
 4:30 pm Patrick Campbell by his Family
 4:30 pm Ben Danese by his Family
 4:30 pm World Trade Center Victims by Maryann Crowe

Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Robert & Kathleen Murphy by the Family
 9:30 am Thomas S. Coyle by his Family
 9:30 am Eileen Dietz by Ralph & Carol Cabrera
 10:00 am Joseph Graffagnino by Patricia Connolly
 10:00 am Michael Martin McDonnell & Daniel Gallagher
 by the McAndrew Family
 10:00 am Cheryl & Bill Nickell by the McAndrew Family

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the priest's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.

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.



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, 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, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, 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, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, 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, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, 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, Elizabeth Clos, Reverend Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermack, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Hank Przybylowski, Werner Ziesmer, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Regina Kiesche, Colleen Nielsen, Mary Carstens-Lockenmeyer, Rob & Katie Spawn, Jack Noble, Jim Racioppi, Sondra Thompson, Barbara Liggett, Gerald O'Keefe, Jimmy Conrey, Norma Summers, Vera Raffetto, Bobbie Banks-Grove, the Nesbitt Family, the Slotnick Family, and the Campbell Family.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE– Starting in October, St. Denis Church is offer 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. Come join us!

- **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 every day lives. Offered in-person at St. Denis Parish Center or virtually via ZOOM on Tuesdays, 7:30-9 pm or Wednesdays, 12:15-2 pm (virtual not available).
- **Grounded in Hope (GIH)**, based on the Book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline. This study is recommended after the completion of OYH.

**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**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet for the first time this season on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:15 pm in the Parish Center. Dues (\$25 per member) will be collected. After prayers and a short business meeting, we will enjoy our annual “Priest Appreciation Dinner” with Fr. Bill, Fr. Lew and Fr. Jim. If you would like to know more about the Catholic Daughters, please call the Rectory Office.

A PILGRIMAGE TO MARY’S HOUSE- Preparations have begun for this year’s Pilgrimage to “Mary’s House” - the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. We ask for those who are interested in the pilgrimage to contact Fr. Bill at the rectory. We are also looking for a “bus captain” (or two) who will help. Our journey, *In Communion with Jesus – A Pilgrimage to Mary’s House* will be an opportunity for our parish to work together in our cohort in coordinating bus transportation as well as encouraging participation from every age group. Please save the date: November 12, 2022 for a great experience as a Catholic living in the U.S.A.



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 Capt. Philip 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, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.



**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK CAMPBELL
REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY**

A CALL TO BE A DEACON-The Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Trenton will be holding two information sessions for men who are discerning a call to serve the Church in Ordained Ministry as Deacons. On Tuesday, 27 Sept. and 19 Oct., information sessions will be held at the Diocesan Chancery at 7 pm. The information sessions will last about 2 hours. Details regarding the nature of the Diaconate program, the admission process for the program and expectations for those who participate in the program will be presented. There will also be a Q&A session. Contact Fr. Bill for information and to be registered for the event.

ST. DENIS MEN’S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

NODA “NO ONE DIES ALONE”- Be with patients that are alone at the end of their life. We offer them the dignity and respect they deserve. Be a Compassionate Companion. Looking for a few volunteers to be part of this wonderful Ministry. For more information: Call Michael Leib 732-245-1740, Community Liason, Jersey Shore University Medical Center

REMEMBER 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. Click on the “start shopping” button.

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION– Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



August 21, 2022

Regular Collection- \$11,057.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



**The St. Denis Parish
SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE
LAST CHANCE!!**

This is the last weekend that tickets (\$20 each) will be sold at the Masses.
The drawing is Tuesday, 9/6/2022
(Winner need not be present)



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

&

Brielle Jo White

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

CALLING FOR ST. DENIS HOLY HELPERS- Holy Helpers is a parish group that take stewardship for the events and activities that require some "helping hands". It is so deemed Holy Helpers in honor of St. Denis who was one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints invoked with special confidence because they have proven themselves efficacious helpers in adversity and difficulties, known and venerated under the name Fourteen Holy Helpers. Do you feel you can be a part of St. Denis Parish Holy Helpers? Stewardship and assistance in many, many ways is what really helps maintain the vibrancy of our parish and makes things happen. This Ministry is open to all. Use whatever talents you can offer as our events come along during the year! Participate as your schedule and ability dictate. This is a "no commitment" committee! Help when you want and as you feel you can. If you would like to join please contact the parish office at (732) 223-0287 or email: eileenziemmer@gmail.com

HELP AT MASS: PROJECTIONISTS- We have a need for volunteers to help with the projection of lyrics and prayers at Mass. This is a great service opportunity for students and a chance for parents and children to work together. You can choose your Mass and the frequency of volunteering. Contact the office for training with Deacon Gary.

MEALS ON WHEELS-MONMOUTH COUNTY-Volunteers are always needed for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested, please call Nancy at 732-775-0525 ext. 211 or email at nancyk@interfaithneighbors.org. We deliver over 1,100 meals daily, Monday through Friday with several starting points across Monmouth County. Depending on the route, meals are generally picked up and delivered between 10-10:30 am. Routes consist of approximately 6-10 stops and take one to one and a half hours to complete. We also have a "standby" volunteer list if you are not able to commit on a daily or weekly basis, but can assist on an "as needed" basis, filling in for vacations and illnesses. Thank you!

2022 BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING - Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversary during the 2022 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm their sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties are invited to attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on October 9, 2022 at 3 pm. For more info and to register for this event online visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing or call the rectory office during regular business hours for assistance. The registration deadline is September 15, 2022.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE-Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours. For more information please call the office at 732-223-0287.

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS-Please visit: njcatholic.org for so much information on how the Catholic Church interacts with the State in matters of social justice. You can sign up for "Take Action" in order to notify our state representatives of the social justice response that we take on so many issues.



**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

3rd & 4th Saturdays of the month: 10AM-12 noon

This week's list of needed items :

Baked beans, sugar (boxes only), microwave popcorn,
boxed milk & laundry detergent. Thank you.

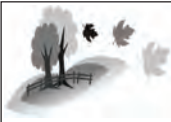
**THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the Gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris is 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person-to-person help to those who ask for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and they also thank all who donate so generously to the Society.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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



“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 15, 2022 and continuing weekly

Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the St. Denis School Multi Purpose Room

Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 /

eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!

R.C.I.A. – A NEW SEASON BEGINS!!!- We are getting ready to begin our R.C.I.A. program anew. If you know anyone interested in joining the Roman Catholic Faith, or a Roman Catholic who wants to finish their Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, please have them call the rectory by September 15th. We will schedule an introductory meeting for them (Q&A about the program) so there is no pressure just to come and talk about their faith journey and if they would like to pursue that journey as a Catholic disciple of Christ.

WORD OF LIFE

“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ACTION CENTER —

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to repent, pray **the rosary daily** and to fast in reparation for the sins of this world. We pray for her intercession to her Son to have mercy on us, to open people’s minds and hearts to the evil of abortion, and especially to protect our country and the world from the evils of Satan.

PRAY for our SUPREME COURT that they be protected so that they may continue to protect life in all stages. Jesus reminded us “**Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.**” *Mathew 18:5*

Sign-up to **Attend Champion for Life Dinner** on October 23rd @ 5pm to honor our own St Denis parishioner Paul Garvey for his Courage in Life. Dinner is held at The Shore Club in Spring Lake Hts. Email to rgabler@gmail.com

ABORTION REVERSAL – After having taken the first abortion pill (of two), many women wish they had a second chance to save the life of their baby. **THEY DO-if they act immediately!** Visit www.abortionpillreversal.com to find out more

THE MISSION OF MARY’S CHILD MINISTRY is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES:

dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry

USCCB: respectlife.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

God bless you this Labor Day. As we read in Psalm 90: “May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands! Prosper the work of our hands!”

We labor together to bring about the Kingdom in many ways here at St. Denis. I am thankful for all who volunteer around the parish in many ways: Liturgy, Religious Education, the GIVING Garden, all the other many service groups – Altar Rosary, St. Vincent DePaul, Knights, Catholic Daughters, Bereavement, etc. We also have many volunteers who work to coordinate the Men’s Group, Walking with Purpose, Grandparents Guild, Prayer Group, and many who work behind the scenes volunteering to help the parish flourish including grounds, counting collections, and Finance Counsel. I am thankful for Nick Perone and Art Jacobus for sharing their music talent at the “Concert at the Garden” and John Kuchinski for coordinating our “Religious Ed. Technology Upgrade Project.” I am thankful for all who work to share their time and talent and Faith, Hope and Love to the glory of God. As Jesus calls us to, we pray for more “laborers for the vineyard” of the parish – many hands make light work and many more hands mean the ability to do more for God’s vineyard to prosper.

I am also very thankful for the labor of the staff at our parish. One would be surprised at all that happens on any given day, and I am glad for the faith and hope and love that the staff puts into their work and the way they adapt to the different situations we experience.

As we work towards the future, we have a particular project underway, the Religious Education Technology Project. Since my arrival 7 years ago, we have been working with the technology in-place and now it is time to upgrade. We even have a matching grant underway for every dollar collected, up to \$25,000. I have written to the parents of religious education for their specific support. And as the school has been “transforming” into a parish center for meetings for all, I ask you to consider helping with this project. We have the on-line giving option available, or put in an envelope marked Rel. Ed. Tech. for us to separately account for the donations with the matching gift in mind.

We are also getting ready to begin our R.C.I.A. program anew. If you know anyone interested in joining the Roman Catholic Faith, or a Roman Catholic who wants to finish their Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, please have them call the rectory by September 15th. We will schedule an introductory meeting for them (Q&A about the program) so there is no pressure just to come and talk about their faith journey and if they would like to pursue that journey as a Catholic disciple of Christ.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do the builders labor” is another great verse that I call to mind. Psalm 127 reminds us all that we should devote our lives to the Lord who gives us life first and then gives us the wherewithal to do all we are called to do in our chosen vocations. Be it work, leisure, prayer, relationships...whatever it may be, we must turn to the Lord first, before any endeavor and ask for God’s direction and help to “build.” May we be inspired and free to respond the work God has for us to do.



**THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, 9/5/22
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

**THERE WILL BE ONE MASS ONLY
ON LABOR DAY,
CELEBRATED AT 8:30 AM.**

**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS A
VERY HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY.**

EVENING BIBLE STUDY– The Church of Epiphany in Brick will be hosting an Evening Bible Study, *Ephesians-Discover Your Inheritance*, a part of the Great Adventure Bible Series. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teachings by Jeff Cavins. It will begin with an Introduction Monday, September 12th in the All Purpose Room (which is attached to the church) and then continue for 8 weeks. The group will meet Monday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm, September 12-November 28. Registration forms are available at the Epiphany parish office or by contacting Kathy Nowak at 732-718-3630 or bytheshore1947@gmail.com. You can also register at the meeting. Fee: \$30

EIGHT-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING DR. EDWARD SRI- Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. Location: St. Margaret Church (Duffy Hall) Ludlow Ave. in Spring Lake (or via ZOOM) Dates: Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & Nov. 2nd. Times: In person-10-11:30 am ZOOM- 10 am or 7 pm Cost/Registration: \$40 person. Make checks payable to St. Catharine Church Memo: Bible Study Mail to: Kathy Ramus 1317 Curtis Ave. Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742 Please register at www.FIREOFFAITH.com to select inperson or ZOOM. For more information call Pat Giles at 908-309-2150.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1 RETREAT DAY at St. William the Abbot Church in Howell. The day consists of Mass, Adoration, music, a speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker, Fr. Thomas Maher, invites you to join him as he shares: "The Eucharist; Our Deepest Eyes Are in Our Knees" by Dr. Peter Kraft. Date: Saturday, 9/10/22, 9am- 2pm. Mass will be celebrated at 9am. Admission: \$20.00 includes a box lunch-pay at the door. Reservations are necessary. You must select a box lunch from selections listed on CWOZ website www.cwoz.org. You can also register by phone at 732-202-8352 no later than Tuesday, 9/6/22. Please leave your phone number, spell your last name and select a box lunch: 1.Turkey/Provolone, 2.Ham/Swiss, 3.Chicken/Roasted Pepper & Mozzarella, or 4.Grilled Vegetables.

MANASQUAN ELKS BREAKFAST– All are welcome to attend the Manasquan Elks breakfast on the second Sunday of every month, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Enjoy your choice of Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Egg Sandwich, or Omelets. Adults are \$8 and children under 5 eat free. The breakfast is held at the Elks Lodge located at 17 Stockton Lake Boulevard in Manasquan.

The St. Denis Men's Group & Women of Walking With Purpose invite you to a

*Wine & Cheese
Dessert & Coffee Social*

Tuesday, Sept. 13th | 6:30 - 8:30 PM
St. Denis Parish Center

with a talk by Fr. Bill on The Mass,
the Deeper Meaning & How You Can Get More Out of It!

All are welcome!

Questions: Debbie 732-513-1685 or John 973-477-0063



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.

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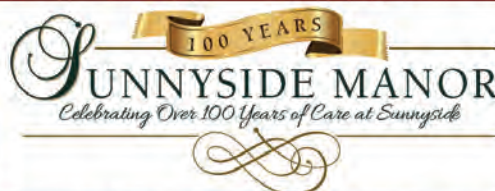
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