

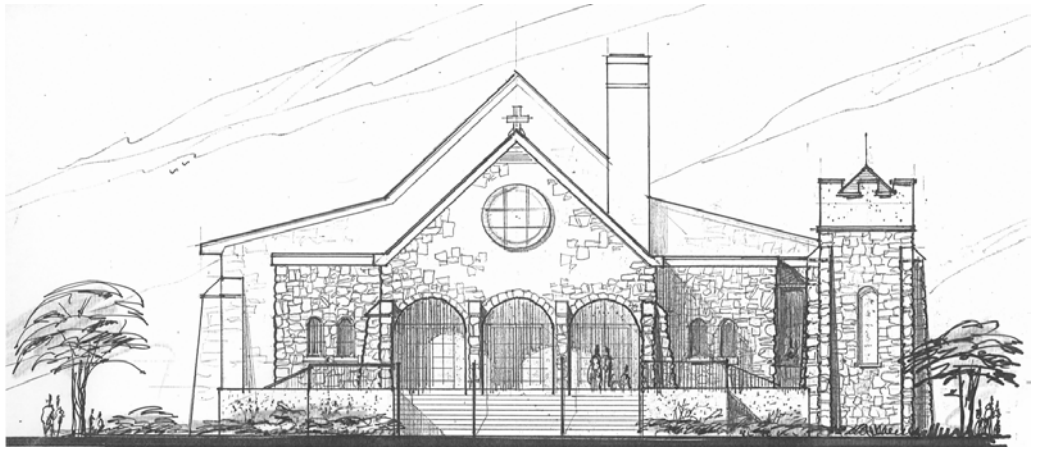
HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019

“Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans....Or who can ever know your counsel, except you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high. And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.”

The book of wisdom asks vital questions, which we often overlook or avoid. These few lines lead us to a most valuable consideration – discernment. The God who reveals Himself to us in the scriptures, the Jesus who revealed Himself by His becoming one with us, the church which reflects the compassionate heart of Jesus, wishes that we be firm in our faith and assured of God’s never ending unconditional love.

Reflection concerning who God is for us, thinking about my relationship with the Lord, allows me to approach that loving God with great confidence and gratitude. As I wrestle with these thoughts I am not unsure and my path is straight.



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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, 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 her Niece, Shirley
- 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

Monday, September 9, 2019

- 7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by her Family
- 7:30 am Josephine Landis (4th Anniversary) by her Family
- 7:30 am John "Bud" Donohue by Betty Thatch

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

- 7:30 am John R. Crowe by Maryann Crowe
- 7:30 am Bill Brannick by his Family
- 7:30 am Josephine DeStefano by her Family

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

No Mass- 7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, September 12, 2019

No Mass

Friday, September 13, 2019

- 7:30 am Thomas E. Welch III by Joan & Mario Valeriani
- 7:30 am Frank Arena by his Family
- 7:30 am Timothy Patrick Smith by Susan Schreck

Saturday, September 14, 2019

- 8:30 am Maureen A. Meehan by Maryann Crowe
- 8:30 am Grace & Michael DiCairano by Ron & Terry DePasquale
- 8:30 am Intentions of Ann & Ned Sweeney
(60th Wedding Anniversary) by Nancy & Paul Sutor
- 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife
- 4:30 pm Bill Wolfe by his Wife
- 4:30 pm Katherine Perusi by June & Larry Cunningham

Sunday, September 15, 2019

- 8:00 am Terrance John McAvoy by Ellen Horenburg
- 8:00 am Dennis Gannon by Bob, Rose & Bethany O'Brien
- 8:00 am Patricia Kinneally by Patty & Dominick Luongo
- 9:30 am Walter Brickowski by Kathleen Shevlin
- 9:30 am Madeleine Maccarone by Angela Miller
- 9:30 am George Perk by his Wife, Marta
- 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
- 11:00 am Leo Quigley, Jr. by Luann & John Quigley & Family
- 11:00 am Patrick Campbell by his Family
- 11:00 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the 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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website. The bulletin is posted on the website on Friday mornings. For list of intentions visit www.churchofstdenis.org.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrigh, 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 Tuyt, 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 are 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.



our military, 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.



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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN & CATHERINE MURPHY DONOHUE

REQUESTED BY KAY KOLON

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS– There will be no Mass on Wednesday, 9/11/19 due to the Annual Priests' Convocation. There will be a Communion Service at 7:30 am in the church.

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.

ST. DENIS ADULT CHOIR is looking for new members. If interested, please see our Director of Music Ministry, Mark Matarango after Mass. You can also come to a choir practice any Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the church.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will hold its first meeting of the season on Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Annual dues will be collected at the meeting. Women of the parish are invited to come to a meeting to learn more about the charitable good works of the Catholic Daughters.

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.

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER, 3455 West Bangs Ave., Building 2, in Neptune presents the following programs: **KNITTING & PRAYER**– Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills with prayer and compassion and create a prayer shawl for someone in need. Little or no experience is required. Facilitator: Lois Daugherty Date: Wednesday, 9/18/19 Time: 1:30-3:30 pm Fee: Free will offering **MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**– Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual. Facilitator: Frank Coyle Date: Wednesday, 9/18/19 Time: 7:30-9:00 pm Fee: \$10. To register for these programs, please call (732) 922-0550 or email office@theupper-room.org at least one week in advance.



ST. DENIS GRANDPARENTS' GUILD-

All grandparents are invited to attend our next meeting on September 15, 2019 at our new location in the St Denis School Building on the 1st floor. We will gather immediately following the 11:00 Mass. New members are always welcome. Please join us in prayer for our grandchildren and ourselves as we support each other in this most important vocation. Kindly take a copy of our Grandparents' Mission statement from the Gathering Space table. For more information contact Ronnie Garrett at 732-859-2601. This Sunday, September 8th, is Grandparents Day. We wish all grandparents a blessed day!

ATTENTION CATHOLIC MEN! The 2019-2020 season of the Jersey Shore "That Man is You" (TMIY) program begins on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 6 am in St. Mark's Church in Sea Girt. TMIY is a structured program designed to help Catholic men focus on our Catholic spirituality and teachings. Through the program, we work to improve as fathers, husbands and members of our communities. Participants come from local area parishes. TMIY is fun, enlightening and bonding. The semester runs every Saturday from September 14, 2019 to January 12, 2020. We begin at 6:00 am and end promptly at 7:30 am. Attendance and participation are relaxed and flexible. If you are looking for something new to help you rise up to be the man God created you to be-the man you want to be-and, the man your family needs you to be -then take the first step. You will not be disappointed. P.S. This program is FREE.

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: regular coffee, peanut butter and ketchup** Very low: instant potatoes, canned pasta meals, crackers (like saltines/Ritz to put in soup or "cheese & crackers"), boxed milk (like Parmalat), small bottles of vegetables oil, beef stew, laundry detergent, female shampoo, male 3-in-1 body wash and paper towels. Also, new/reusable food bags are greatly needed. 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 know that our needy neighbors truly appreciate your most generous donations! Thank you and God bless!

QUESTIONS

Do you ask yourself, "Isn't there more to life than this?" The answer is, Yes, and at Walking with Purpose, we explore together the "more" God has intended for each of us.

Join us as we examine the core questions that we all wrestle with.

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Faith study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper understanding of our faith and how best to rely on it in a world of so many challenges.

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.



walking with purpose
THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

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



Love your neighbor? But who is my neighbor? Jesus told us the story, "There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell in with robbers..." And of course we know the rest of the story-a story of compassion. Frederic Ozanam followed this inspiration of compassion.

Even though he held with great distinction a professional chair in the Sorbonne University of Paris, he still found time to climb the stairs of high tenements to visit, talk with and assist the poor families who eked out their existence in them. And so, Frederic Ozanam would remind us that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is rooted and founded in the experience of visiting the poor in person. Going in person. And what has characterized the Society from its beginnings, and must continue to do so, is its determination to be more than an agency of relief. Its members are called to be not only dispensers of food and fuel and rent and clothing to the poor-but dispensers, too, of the love and compassion of Christ, which has been poured into their own hearts by the Spirit of God.

If you are interested in helping to show God's compassion, you are welcome to come to one of our meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month. 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
this Monday 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- 1Aide

Third Grade- 1 Teacher and

2 Aides (can be a High School Student)

Fifth Grade- 1 Teacher

TUESDAY 4:15-5:30 pm

Sixth Grade- 1 Teacher

WEDNESDAY 4:15-5:30 pm

Fifth Grade- 1 Teacher

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

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

DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER– Share a memory, hold a hand, lend an ear and 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. If interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteers at 732-224-6933 or Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org.

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.



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.

A Message from Fr. Bill

As school starts up again, we know that learning is a life-long pursuit. A true joy for me is having those “ah-ha” moments when I learn something new, or anew, and I love sharing those moments with others, especially utilizing adult-education models. I would tell the students I ministered to at TCNJ that you always want to balance your secular education with your theological education. Since I arrived here, I have been offering many adult faith formation opportunities, either here, at neighboring Catholic churches, or co-sponsored with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. I also support “independent study” through our parish subscription to FORMED, which you can access through our parish website using our parish code PDZVN8. We advertise diocesan events as well, in our bulletin. From my first experience of parish life, I was taken by our Catholic culture and its richness and history which is certainly rich and deep and wide and deserves to be treasured.

I draw your attention to two such opportunities here at the parish. “The Power of Prayer” is an opportunity to learn about two prayer forms – Lectio Divina and Centering/Contemplative Prayer – and we will speak of the powerful influence/inspiration that God has/gives us. The other opportunity will be a discussion of Gerard Manly Hopkins poem “As Kingfishers Catch Fire”- both in a literary overview of the sonnet (for us to become familiar with it) and then a discussion of the spiritual theological insights that inspired it and inspire those who read it.

I will also begin an ongoing sharing, using this space here in my message, as a way to remind us of things that occur at Mass and give us a chance to be reminded of their significance so that we can enter more intentionally into worship of God. So, as we naturally turn our thoughts to school in September, perhaps you would like to give one of the upcoming programs a try so that we can be renewed in St. Peter’s call to [“always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope”](#). (1 Peter 3, 15)

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 in the church 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.

“AS KING FISHERS CATCH FIRE”- CATHOLIC POETRY- Join Fr. Bill for this opportunity to listen to the poem “As Kingfishers Catch Fire” written by the Catholic poet, Gerard Manly Hopkins. We will also discuss the inspiration it gives, along with a reflection on the theology behind this beautiful piece of literature and scriptural passages that are associated with its themes. Fr. Bill’s Poetry is true, but trust him, this is as accessible as it is awesome. Monday, September 30th, 11am or 7 pm in the church.



**Opening Mass with Bishop O'Connell
Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm.**

Mass will be celebrated by the
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, Bishop of Trenton
at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine,
61 Georgia Road, Freehold
For more information about the Mass, contact
Tom Panettiere at 908-338-7128 or
tpanettiere@victorypackaging.com
For more information about 40 Days for Life,
go to www.40daysforlife.com

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.

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, please call the Shelter Hotline at (732) 929-0660. Get help now!

MOTHER'S GRIEF SUPPORT- The Christopher J. Morrissey Foundation has formed a monthly support group for mothers who have lost a child. Mothers who have lost a child (regardless of age or circumstance) are invited to gather on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Wall Municipal Building located at 2700 Allaire Road in Wall (the Community Room is located downstairs). There is no charge for this support group. The group is being formed as a safe, non-judgmental gathering place for moms to share and listen. Meetings will be co-facilitated by Martha Kalakutok and Kathy Parte, LPC. Both women are caring listeners and have experience with grief counseling. Martha can be reached at mkalakutok65@yahoo.com or 201-321-5761. Kathy can be reached at kathyparte@gmail.com or 732-612-3148.

BIBLE STUDY- St. Uriel Church in Sea Girt invites you to a Bible Study on *Romans The Gospel of Salvation*. Theology professor Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins examine Paul's letter to the Romans. Dr. Swafford and Cavins provide historical content and highlight the connections to Jesus and Christianity Paul makes with the Old Testament. Time Span: 8 week course Date: September 25-November 13, 2019 Place: St. Uriel Church 219 Philadelphia Blvd. in Sea Girt Day & Time: Wednesdays, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm Cost: \$35 To register call 732-449-6173 or email urielsg@optonline.net or visit on the web www.urielsg.org.

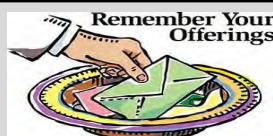
SCANDANAVIAN TRIP-Father Garry Koch and Sister Margaret Tierney are planning a trip to Scandinavia countries and the Baltics June 6-21, 2020. We will be cruising on the Sky Princess ship around the islands each day. There will be a presentation on September 25th at 1:00 pm in Frank Duffy Hall at St. Margaret's Church at 300 Ludlow Ave. in Spring Lake. That evening at 7:00 pm there will be a presentation at St. Benedict's Church at 165 Bethany Rd., in Holmdel. For further information or a brochure, please call Sister Margaret Tierney at (732)449-5765, X 124.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE- Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit their local charities including ministries at St. Denis, St. Mark, the Holy Innocents Society and Special Olympics. The price of each ticket is \$10. Last year's winner received over \$3,600. The drawing is December 14th at their Christmas party.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL- Please consider supporting the Church of Epiphany's St. Vincent de Paul Society by participating in an ice cream social fundraiser to be held on September 12th, between 6 & 10 pm. The location is Sundaes at 3217 Rt. 88 in Point Pleasant. A percentage of all the purchases between these hours will be donated to the Society. No flyer is necessary. Just show up and enjoy.

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.

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.



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