

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018

“And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue. Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’ that is ‘Be opened’ And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, ‘He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’”

Jesus the healer. People sought Him out bringing the needy person to Jesus. They requested the laying on of hands. They knew Jesus was the answer.

This experience of Jesus’ healing is a bit different. Jesus takes him apart, touches, uses saliva, groans and speaks. The result is clearly indicated. Evidently he returned to the crowd who expressed their amazement at what took place.

When we were baptized the minister also touched our ears and mouth saying ‘As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and your mouth to proclaim His praise.’ The gesture can easily get lost. Have I heard the word? Do I proclaim His praise?

Maybe I can be more attentive as I listen to the Word of God proclaimed at mass. Maybe I can take what I hear and learn, and bring it to someone else, telling them what the Lord has done or is doing in my life. Jesus continues to do miracles through us today.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM– 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 8, 2018**

8:30 am Ronald Campbell by June Cunningham
 8:30 am Annamae Hearn by her Family
 8:30 am James Lennon by Danny & Meghan McCarthy
 4:30 pm The Abercrombie & O'Callaghan Families by the Family
 4:30 pm Ruth & Clem Danish by the Danish Family
 4:30 pm Catherine "Joan" Ciecierski by her Niece, Shirley

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:00 am Louis Serrano by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Lawrence Douglas Hannis by Deacon Gary Pstrak
 8:00 am Edmund Dunne by Carol Bogdziewicz
 9:30 am Victor Fleck by Jill & Victor Fleck
 9:30 am Harriet & Charles Whalen by the Family
 9:30 am Raymond Misch by Eileen Wade
 10:00 am Sister Anne Maureen
 by Sister Mary Rose & Sister Veronica
 10:00 am Mike Batchelor by the Bartholomew Family
 10:00 am Elfriede M. Chac by Friends
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, September 10, 2018

7:30 am William Brannick, Jr. by Michael & Mary Ellen Hintz
 7:30 am Joseph Conlan by Agnes Conlan
 7:30 am Thomas McClenahan by Kate Geiger

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

7:30 am Kevin Devine by the Kane Family
 7:30 am Frank Arena by his Family
 7:30 am John R. Crow by his Sister

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 7:30 am Edith Zuber by St. Denis Parish

Thursday, September 13, 2018

7:30 am Elizabeth Bronikowski by her Family
 7:30 am Barbara Reilly by Sara Cucci
 7:30 am John Needham by Bob & Rose O'Brien

Friday, September 14, 2018

7:30 am Thomas McClenahan by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am Florence McManus by the Gowen Family
 7:30 am Joan Kelly by Dennis & Maureen O'Neill

Saturday, September 15, 2018

8:30 am Yvonne Kratz by Elaine Lupi
 8:30 am Angela Pignatelli by Shawn & Mike Paolercio
 8:30 am Frances Koch by her Family
 4:30 pm Ana Llacer by the Sy Family
 4:30 pm Bill Wolfe by Cathy Wolfe
 4:30 pm George Perk, Jr. by Marta & Wesley Perk

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 am William Freeman by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Thomas E. Welch III by Joan & Mario Valeriani
 8:00 am Barney Oldham by Cindy & Scott Ernst
 9:30 am Frances Walsh by Kathleen Scotto
 9:30 am Grace Margaret Gunnell by Maryann Crowe
 9:30 am Laurette Van Pelt by Laurie & James Reilly
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Lois Van Pell by Cindy & Scott Ernst
 11:00 am B.J. Morgan by his Family
 11:00 am Roger K. & Virginia Anton 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Edith Zuber.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, 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, Joseph Siple, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Richard Koch, John Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, 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, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Joan Samperi, 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, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Kathy Perusi, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Kathy Kleinlein, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Thomas J. Mahoney, Victoria Margadonna, Christopher Pindar, Christine Fields, Bill Truex, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!!- Our first evening meeting is Sunday, September 16th from 6-7:30 pm in the cafeteria. Join us for food and fun as we get the ball rolling for a great year ahead. We'll be talking about our plans and asking for your thoughts on what we should do this year, too. Open to all high schoolers and those in 8th grade.

MANASQUAN SENIORS (55+) - The Manasquan Seniors are now meeting at the cafeteria of the St. Denis school building. The first meeting of the season is on Tuesday, September 11th at noon. Come for pizza, Bingo, and good conversation. If you like what you see, join the club. Dues are only \$10 per year. All seniors, 55 and older, are welcome!

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 13, 2018** Morning sessions: **11 am-12 pm at the St Denis Parish Office.** Contact **Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287/eileenziezmer@gmail.com** to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will hold its first meeting of the season on Thursday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Women of the parish are invited to come to a meeting to learn more about the charitable good works of the Catholic Daughters

DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM OF PARISH STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC- The Diocese of Trenton Department of Pastoral Care is sponsoring a symposium of practical parish strategies to address the addiction epidemic in NJ on Saturday, Sept. 29th at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. There will be guest speakers including the co-author of a family's story of addiction recovery. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark. If you would like to attend the symposium, please contact the rectory office. Let us pray not only for the success of the symposium but also for much good fruit to come from this day.



especially Navy Lt. JG 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 Captain Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard FN 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, 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, and Airman Andrew Halmi.

RECOVERY CORNER- St. Denis Recovery Ministry supports anyone affected by a substance abuse disorder (alcohol, drugs, etc.). Addictive behaviors (pornography, shopping, food, etc.) of our loved ones are also a qualifier for support from our ministry. September is Recovery Awareness Month and there is help, support and relief available for you, from people who understand and have been where you may be now. Unfortunately, shame and isolation will worsen addiction problems. The individual with the addiction, whether substance or behavioral, may be in denial, but family members can get the support they need. Living with someone addicted turns a family upside down. Family members may begin to feel like they are losing their minds, when in fact, talking to someone familiar with addiction brings hope. Addiction is a medical issue, not a moral failing. Confidential assistance is available. Call the rectory or our ministry at 848-333-7085. St. Monica, pray for our children, our spouses, and our family members suffering from addiction. Prayerfully, *St. Denis Recovery Ministry*



- *Family Support/Education 7 pm Mondays at RAFTS (67 Atlantic Ave. in Manasquan)
- *Recovery Bible Thursdays 10 am & 7 pm at St. Denis for anyone needing support
- *Nar-Anon (for family members) Mondays 7 pm at St. Denis
- *Al-Anon (for family members) Tuesdays, 1 pm at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Point Pleasant

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS-The collection of Psalms found in Scripture has a wonderful power of fostering devotion amongst Christians. The psalms are a staple of Sunday Liturgy, and are also meant to be used by the individual who goes to the "room of their heart and prays to the Father in secret". Jesus prayed the psalms Himself and quoted them quite often. The psalms awaken in our hearts the desire for virtue, for praise, for lament, for thanksgiving. "The psalms seem to me to be like a mirror, in which the person using them can see themselves, and the stirrings of their own emotions." Praying to God in the words of the Psalms, we can come to know God better, who inspired the Psalms. The universal prayer sentiments of the psalmists have a direct connection to us today, so come and pray with the psalms as the Christian Community of Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. Mark and St. Denis Catholic parishes. We'll gather for three meetings centering on unique psalm types. Each gathering will include chances to pray and reflect together (bring your own Bible!) and share the important ways in which the psalms can deepen our relationship with God. Meetings will take place from 11 am-12 noon and again from 7-8 pm as follows:

October 16: St. Denis Church School Cafeteria (Fr. Bill Lago gives overview and introduces psalms of wisdom and praise.)
October 23: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Room (Pastor Mary Farnham leads discussion on the psalms of lament.)

October 30: St. Mark Church Fr. Child Hall (Basement Meeting Room) (Msgr. Sean Flynn leads discussion on psalms of thanksgiving.)

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!



Ladies, join us at the *Walking with Purpose Open House, September 25, 7:30-9pm, St. Denis School Building, cafeteria.* Come and learn more about: Opening Your Heart, the foundational faith study designed for women; Keeping in Balance, the sequel to *Opening Your Heart* and Blaze, the ministry for middle school aged girls. We welcome you to learn how the scriptures and sacraments apply to our everyday lives. Studies to begin in October. **Interested in learning more? Please visit www.wwpnjshore.com or contact Debbie D'Agostaro at debbiedag732@yahoo.com or 732-513-1685 (cell)**

BLAZE is the Walking With Purpose ministry developed for middle school aged girls. Our mission with *Blaze* is to use scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty. Our *Blaze* ministry offers resources to help you reach the hearts of middle school girls with the love of Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith. Two years of curriculum, a kit full of take home gifts and ice breakers, a mother/daughter devotional, retreat guides, Bible studies, and prayer journals give you all you need to communicate with middle school girls as they navigate truth and lies in their everyday life. Meetings will begin Friday, October 12th, 6:30-7:30 pm and will continue 2-3 times per month until May. For more information come to our Open House on September 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria of the school building. Registration forms can be found on the information table in the gathering space of the church. They may also be picked up at the rectory office during regular business hours. If you have any questions email Jennifer at jenniferfmahoney@gmail.com.

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, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours. For more information call Rachel at 732-223-1658.



**SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTY**

732-223-1383

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

HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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


Items needed at this time: pancake syrup & mix, vinegar, canned evaporated milk, canned tuna & chicken, microwave popcorn, cookies, chips, pretzels, ***canned pasta meals like "Spaghettios", *chicken & beef broth/stock, canned evaporated milk, female shampoo, male shampoo, hand & body lotion, tissues, and dish liquid. * items in bold are totally depleted from the pantry at this time.** Also needed are used/new material shopping bags and sturdy brown bags with handles. Parishioners are asked to place their 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.



29th ANNUAL
"CHAMPION FOR LIFE" AWARD DINNER
Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry
would like to invite you to join us in honoring our
CHAMPION FOR LIFE – **Rachel Hendricks**
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD- Fr. Martin Padovani
Sunday, October 28th, Doolan's Shore Club, 700 Highway 71,
Spring Lake Heights, New Jersey
REGISTER ONLINE at www.mcplm.org *

THE DANIEL PLAN- LIVE YOUR LIFE ABUNDANTLY!!!!-
Join us for the Daniel Plan ministry. The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on *The Essentials: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends.* The program offers an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people get better together by optimizing their health in each of these life areas. The program is open to anyone who is looking to improve his/her health using bible-based principles. **Contact Eileen Ziesmer with any questions (732) 223-0287 When? *****NEW TIME***** Wednesday Evenings, September 12th-December 19th 7:30 pm** Where? St. Denis school building Leader/Facilitator: Monica Butler, Daniel Plan volunteer

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



September 8th was the feast day of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, died on that date in 1853. It seems fitting for this man to have died on the feast of a woman to whom he had been greatly devoted all of his life. Devotion to Mary was part of Ozanam's life from childhood to death. He sought her intercession often and believed in the power of Mary, the Mother of God. He often prayed to her for himself and for others. Devotion to her was woven into the various stages of Frederic's life and especially prominent in the devotion of his youth, the moral challenges of young adulthood, the transformation of becoming a parent, and the acceptance of suffering and death. Frederic invites us to consider our own devotion to Mary and our trust in her intercession. St. Vincent himself reminds us of the humility of Mary and he tells us that humility itself is a grace of our Lord Jesus. Humility only comes when the light of Jesus penetrates deeply into us. It transfigures everything, not only our opinion about ourselves but our attitude towards others. With humility, God will be glorified, the poor will be served and made happy, and we ourselves will enjoy the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who is gentle and humble of heart. As Vincentians, we hope that His humbleness of heart, and that of His mother, will help us to better serve the poor.

If you have an interest in serving the poor, come to one of our general meetings, held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church). The next meeting will be September 18th.

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

N.B. We've been fortunate to again have the NY Giant's tickets donated this year. Raffle tickets for the October 28th game will be available soon.

Religious Education

CLASSES START

SEPT. 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th

ALL MUST BE REGISTERED ☺

No registrations during classes.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WILLIAM WOODWARD

REQUESTED BY KATHY BUGLIARO

CORe Strength - “All He Wants is You!” Mondays: September 10th, 17th, 24th and October 1st, 11 am or 7 pm OR Catch up on Saturdays: September 15th and October 6th 9-11 am Where: St. Denis Church Come and share in a guided book discussion of *The Cloud of Unknowing!* - Anonymous Author. Learn how to train your heart to taste heaven now. Renew your awareness of your core identity in Christ through contemplative prayer. Discover being fully present to God in prayer. We encourage you to pick up this Christian work for the study. The edition we will be using is a study edition by Fr. Dennis Billy SBN# 978-0-7648-2288-9 or you can acquire any edition of this work and we will supply questions for discussion. Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 or eileenziesmer@gmail with any questions.

DID YOU KNOW-The Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore have awarded Jessica Easton, a parishioner of St. Denis, the title of “Phenomenal Women Under 40!” Jessica graduated Manasquan H.S. and Widener University. She works full time as a programs assistant at Seabrook Senior Living in Tinton Falls, while continuing her education at Rutgers University studying for her Master’s Degree in Healthcare Administration. While in high school, Jessica attended her first service trip with the St. Denis D.O.V.E.S. and the experience helped her know that “she wanted to help people.” Every summer since, she has spent a week at Catholic Heart Work Camp, doing a variety of different work. Jessica has gone from camper to chaperone over the past 10 years. Last year Jessica was invited to take over the reins of the group. Jessica believes so strongly in this program. Along with her mother Ellen they decided to take over the responsibilities together. This past summer was the 2nd year that Jessica served as Co-Director of the St. Denis DOVES youth group as she along with 51 others traveled to serve the less fortunate in Dover, Delaware. Congratulations Jessica!!! And thank you for leading the D.O.V.E.S. here at St. Denis Parish.

Message from Fr. Bill

This week I share with you the financial report for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2018. I am thankful for the great news to share, based on the generosity of our parishioners and the guidance of the Finance Council and Trustees and Mr. Stephen Kelleher, our independent CPA.

The overall revenue increased \$45,000 from last year. A major part of the increase is due to the increased generosity of the parishioners. However, another contributing factor of this revenue increase is attributed to the first six months of the renegotiated contract with the Borough of Manasquan Department of Recreation, who will continue to rent the “gym wing” of the school. I am thankful for this great relationship which helps the town in what it offers to its residents, while providing added revenue to the Church.

The Church mortgage has gone from \$2,671,623, at the end of the Fiscal Year Ending 30 June 2015 to \$966,428 the end of June 2018. By aggressively paying down our loan, we are saving many thousands of dollars each year in interest payments. The interest savings for this past year was the \$22,000. This year’s interest expense was \$46,918. When I joined the parish in 2015, it was \$145,574. That’s almost a \$100,000 savings in three years.

The parish is totally current on all bills and diocesan assessments. We are able to do this because of the generosity of all of you. The whole parish is run on donations, including the donation, each year that comes from the earnings of a trust that was given to the parish and which is used exclusively for our Religious Education program. There are many ways that we are trying to cut back on expenses but some expenses, like the \$50,000+ flood insurance bill that comes each year, cannot be cut back any more and can’t be eliminated. Believe me, it is a lot to run a parish this size, and we are making such great progress. I know that with the continued help of the trustees and the Finance Council, I will continue to make financial decisions that will allow the parish to move forward and continue the great progress we have made to improve the parish “bottom line”. Please remember that truly the most important “bottom line” is the vibrant living of our Catholic faith and evangelization for our Faith by our words and deeds. We have increased the programming that we do and have had that funded separately, through the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign. This has allowed us to use monies from the Sunday collections and debt reduction collections in more effective ways.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Denis, that God continues to bless our parish, and that God continues to guide me in the administration for the parish, so that the Kingdom of God may grow.



August 5, 2018

Weekend Collection-	\$15,220.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$26.67
2nd Collection (Debt Reduction)-	\$6,066.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$17.24
Online Giving (6/15/18 - 9/5/18) -	\$17,068.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

ST. DENIS RC CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

REVENUE

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$771,417
EASTER	48,126
CHRISTMAS	85,411
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	143,368
ASSESSMENT APPEALS	47,557
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	80,864
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	64,341
DONATIONS	78,061
INVESTMENT INCOME	2,015
PERQUISITES/OTHER	106,511
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TOTAL REVENUE	1,427,671

EXPENSES

SALARIES	331,134
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	162,206
PROFESSIONAL FEES	17,218
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	244
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	92,351
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	66,770
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	33,482
OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,954
RELIGIOUS ED SUPPLIES	47,532
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	4,276
INFO/COMMUNICATIONS	36,596
TRAVEL/TRANS EXPENSE	4,837
OPERATION OF PLANT	86,806
UTILITIES	109,574
SUPPLIES	2,891
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	3,192
CONTRACTED SERVICES	86,289
INSURANCE	95,882
INTEREST ON DEBT	46,918
OTHER	(59,605)
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,175,547

PARISH EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER
EXPENSES

\$252,124
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\$966,428

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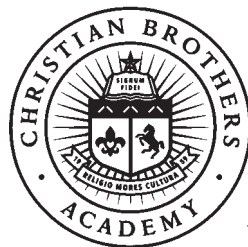


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