

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022**

“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

The fifteenth chapter of St. Luke is the chapter of mercy with the three parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son or forgiving Father. All of us know what makes us happy. We also try to make others happy by words, kindness, gifts. Is that not the end result of these parables, to make both God and ourselves happy? Did not the beatitudes speak of what is happiness and the reward promised to make sure we are happy?

Pope Francis stated that God's last name is 'mercy', and it is a gift I can offer someone else.



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 12, 2022

8:30 am Elizabeth Bronikowski by her Family
 8:30 am Frank Arena by his Family
 8:30 am William John Wegner by Megan Newbury

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7:30 am Eleanor Hill by the Burke Family
 7:30 am Raul Cartegena by Ralph & Carol Cabrera
 7:30 am Intentions of the Pfister Family
 by the Frank Cafone Family

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

7:30 am Mary Cole by Hank & Cathy Trost
 7:30 am Rocco A. Scari by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cognetti
 7:30 am Intentions of Thomas Gannon by his Daughter

Thursday, September 15, 2022

NO MASS

Friday, September 16, 2022

7:30 am Leo Quigley, Jr. by the Quigley Family
 7:30 am George Leonard by Gloria Smith
 7:30 am Vincent Greene by Alexis Moskov

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8:30 am John Akey by Ted Raffetto
 8:30 am William Lee by Ed & JoAnn Lee
 8:30 am John Boyle by Lois & Denis Campbell
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife
 4:30 pm Theresa Sebar by Yvonne Gioia
 4:30 pm William Pavincich by Saint Denis Parish

Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:00 am Bill Truex by his Family
 8:00 am Colleen DeSimone by the Forcillo Family
 8:00 am George Croake by Ray, Brian & Trisha Wayne
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by his Wife
 9:30 am Adena Clark by Mary Lynn & Bob Morris
 9:30 am Cathy Guarini
 by Mary Lynn & Bob Morris
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Marie Kerrigan.



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.



**Pray For
The Sick**

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, 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 offering 2 bible study opportunities from Walking With Purpose (WWP). Our WWP community is comprised of women just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can strengthen us to be the women, wives, friends, mothers, grandmothers, we are meant to be. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another. 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**

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.

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 Celiانو, 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 11, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ELIZABETH BRONIKOWSKI
REQUESTED BY HER 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 Deaconate 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.

MARY'S CHILD PRO-LIFE MINISTRY- Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry is proud to announce that we will be honoring Reverend Dean Gaudio as our 2022 Champion for Life and Mr. Paul Garvey as our Lifetime Achiever for Courage at our annual Champion for Life Dinner on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at The Shore Club in Spring Lake Heights. Dinner registration/ad forms are available at the rectory office during regular business hours. Please register early so you can be guaranteed a dinner reservation. Congratulations to our most deserving honorees!

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 Liaison, 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.



August 28, 2022

Regular Collection- \$10,300.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



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.

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.

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information contact trentoncur-sillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, email racworld2015@gmail.com or call 609-906-0004 or Please call or email three days prior to pick up day.

ATTENTION EXPERIENCED SEWERS—Would you like a meaningful opportunity to use your skills? Why not be a part of “The Memory Care Project– Bear Hugs”? Visiting Nurse Association Health Group offers hospice patient families a special service: Memory Bears crafted from the garments of a loved one, by a team of skilled volunteer seamstresses. VNAHG offers the Bear Hugs Program through its joint venture with RWJ Barnabas Health Hospice. For more information about becoming a volunteer seamstress, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteer Services at 732-224-6933 or Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT RELIGIOUS STORE— Experience the peacefulness of our store while picking out devotionals that will help you along your faith journey. The store carries a diverse variety of gifts for friends, family and clergy. There are rosaries from Italy, statuary, Miraculous Medals, wall plaques, holy cards and many books to help you grow in prayer and faith. The store is located at the lower level of the parish center, 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. A chair lift is accessible. For more info visit on the web: www.stleothegreat.com/store.



**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 Saturday of the month: 10AM–12 noon

This week's list of needed items:
Boxed milk, tissues, and toilet paper.
Thank you.

SAINT DENIS CHOIR— Our choir will begin practicing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 9:30 am Mass. The first practice will be held on Sunday, September 18th. New members are always welcome! If you are interested in joining please see our Director of Music Ministry, Mark Mataranglo after Mass or call the rectory office.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023- All young Adult Catholics are invited to join the global celebration of World Youth Day with the Holy Father in Lisbon, Portugal in August 2023! If you would be interested, please attend the virtual information session on Thursday, October 13th at 7:30 pm. You can register for the info session and find out more about World Youth Day at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/wyd2023>

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 information 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.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- CARS FOR HOMES— Please donate your vehicle to help build homes. Donating your vehicle to Habitat for Humanity can directly impact Coastal Habitat for Humanity and its partner families. All kinds of vehicles are accepted, running or not. For more information or to donate please call 877-277-4344 or visit carsforhomes.org.

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

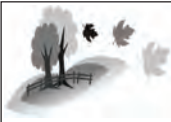


The Gospels often ask us to have faith in God and that He will help us to know the right path to take. In choosing a path to help, He does not ask us about ability but only our *availability*; and, if we prove our dependability, He will increase our *capability* to do good. God often doesn't call the “most qualified”, He qualifies the “called”.

The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, know only so well how true this is.

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. It will be to just 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

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.” USCCB

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.

ACTION CENTER

***PRAY THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA.**

Please join us in prayer at St. Catharine’s in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of this month at 8:30am., come rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to bring peace. Over 100 years later we again need her intercession to her Son to help us. Please join us. Prayers are our most powerful weapon against evil.

***Join us at our monthly Mary’s Child Meeting held on September 17 at 7:00PM at St Margaret’s church basement. New members always welcome!**

***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

FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?? Need Help?

Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732 747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES:

dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

As we “journey” through the years of the Eucharistic Revival, there will be many opportunities to grow in our Catholic Faith and Spirituality in regards to the Eucharist – the ‘source and summit’ of Christian Life as **the culmination of God’s saving actions in Jesus Christ and of our worship and union with Him who leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

This week there is a joint venture of the “Walking with Purpose” Women’s Group and the St. Denis Men’s Group. There will be a gathering for all men and women to socialize and learn more about these two great groups. There will also be a presentation with Q&A about the spirituality of the Mass. We are called to “full and active” participation at Mass, and this presentation is guaranteed to help with that call. Take the time and ‘come and see.’

Each day I read a reflection from FaithND, from Notre Dame U. and I share part of a recent reflection by *Paul Soukup, a ND Parent:*

When the Pharisees pressed on why his disciples do not fast, Jesus responds, “No one pours new wine into old wineskins.” Is Jesus maligning the practice of fasting? The answer is emphatically *no*; on the contrary, Jesus is challenging the Pharisees (and us). He is reminding us to allow Christ, and Christ alone, to transform us into vessels into which his Spirit may overflow. Being human, we must be continuously reminded: We do not attain our salvation through our human efforts, ...but through the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit. The primary way we are made wineskins fit for the kingdom is through our reception of the most Holy Eucharist. We are renewed each time we worthily receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Ironically, the more we recognize our unworthiness in the presence of this holiest sacrifice, the more lavishly Christ renews us with his Spirit, to the point that our cup overflows. (faith@ndu.edu)

Also in the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival, David M. O’Connell, Bishop of Trenton, promulgated the statutes establishing the old Saint Mary Church/Chapel, Middletown, as a **Diocesan Shrine** under the title of **Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament**. This Diocesan Shrine will be a place of pilgrimage, perpetual adoration, prayer, and devotion. Bishop O’Connell will preside at Holy Mass and the Dedication of the Shrine on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 10:00am in Saint Mary, Mother of God Church. All are invited to attend this unique celebration.

Congratulations to one of our parishioners who had the winning ticket for the parish’s 50/50 raffle. The total sales for the raffle amounted to \$11,750.00, with the winner receiving \$5,875.00. Thank you to those who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets and to all the Holy Helpers who sold tickets. I am truly grateful to all of you for your continued, faithful support of our parish.

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!

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.

National Eucharistic Revival

“To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - the “source and summit of our life.”

Learn more about it:

www.usccb.org and www.eucharisticrevival.org

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY “Life Lessons With the Book of James” will take place at St. Pio Church Hall, 103 Washington Ave. in Lavallette, 9:30-11:30 am, on the following Fridays: 9/23, 30, 10/7, 14, 21, 28, 11/4, 11, & 18. The registration fee is \$10. Optional items to bring are a Bible, pen and paper. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For more info or to register please contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com.

TRIP TO PORTUGAL AND SPAIN— Join us on a trip to Portugal and Spain, including Fatima, on April 22-May 3, 2023. Travel by a river boat, the Gil Evans, with Sister Margaret Tierney and Father Leo Patalinghug. There will be a presentation on October 11th at 2:00 pm in St. Margaret’s Church Hall. For further info, please contact Sister Margaret at Srbeachcomb@yahoo.com or call at 732-449-5765 ext. 124.

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.

COLLIER GOLF CLASIC- We are excited to announce that the Collier Golf Classic will be held on Monday, 10/3/22 at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club, 20 Shore Oaks Drive in Farmingdale. Proceeds from this event go to support Collier’s programs: Collier Residential Program, Kateri Day Camp, and Collier School. To become a sponsor, register to play, and for more info visit www.birdisease.com/CYS2022 or contact Mary at events@collieryouthservices.org.



CYCLING FOR THE CENTER—On Saturday, 9/24/22, enjoy a beautiful ride on flat terrain with cyclists of all levels to support The Center in Asbury Park. Registration is at 8 am, kick off is at 8:30 am. For more information or to learn about how you can support the event please call 732-774-3416.

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!

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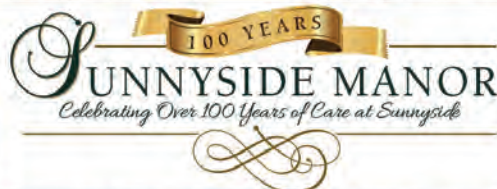
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