

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can this faith save him? ...Indeed someone might say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Demonstrate your faith to me without works and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.”

The letter of St. James clearly reveals that we can see faith in action. We are saved by Jesus, so faith is essential. Faith cannot be observed, but our works tell the story.

The works of mercy, reflected in the judgement scene of Matthew, help us to examine how deep is our faith and how well it is expressed. Our care for the hungry, homeless, foreigner, the sick and dying is the expression of compassion and our response to Jesus Christ in them. They are us.

Much can be done, and thanks be to God, many around us are putting their faith into action. How can I join them?



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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: By appointment only.

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 11, 2021**

- 8:30 am Gerard Connelly by Joyce & Kurt Syvertsen
 8:30 am William Olear by Angela & Frank Garofalo
 8:30 am Thomas S. Coyle by his Family
 4:30 pm Ruth & Clem Danish
 by Christine & Duane Danish
 4:30 pm Elizabeth Brattlof
 by St. Denis St. Vincent de Paul Society
 4:30 pm Jack Petero by Barbara Roche & Lou Nieves

Sunday, September 12, 2021

- 8:00 am Ed Sisko by MCW
 8:00 am Karen Webster by MCW
 8:00 am Richard Ludwig
 by Ed & Rebecca Herrman & Family
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Frank Arena by his Family
 10:00 am Susan Warnick by Kimberly & Carmine Allonardo
 10:00 am Robert Greeley by John & Donna Greeley

Monday, September 13, 2021

- 8:30 am Elizabeth Bronikowski by her Family
 8:30 am Susan Warnick by Don & Eileen Horn
 8:30 am Leo Quigley, Jr.
 by Luann & John Quigley & Family

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- 7:30 am The Intentions of Frank Cumiskey by Dorothy Fee
 7:30 am Jim Maywalt by Betty Thatch
 7:30 am Rosalie Kalinowski by Mary Kalinowski

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

- No Mass
 7:30 am Morning Prayer Service

Thursday, September 16, 2021

- No Mass

Friday, September 17, 2021

- 7:30 am Christine St. John by John & Tina O'Donnell
 7:30 am Sheila Reilly by Tim & Sheila Kearney
 7:30 am Carol Bogdziewicz by Betty Thatch

Saturday, September 18, 2021

- 8:30 am Frank Fiorelli by the Lynch Family
 8:30 am Myung Ja Ginzel by the Rotonda Family
 8:30 am Frances Koch by the Koch & Rice Families
 4:30 pm Bill Wolfe by his Wife
 4:30 pm Geraldine Maywalt by her Husband
 4:30 pm Antoinette Cafone Conigliari
 by Catherine Cafone

Sunday, September 19, 2021

- 8:00 am Phyllis Heinle by Maureen Stanley
 8:00 am Ryan DeNichols by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 8:00 am Bill Truex by his Family
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Rose & Jack Feeney by the Family
 10:00 am Michael Martin McDonnell
 by the McAndrew Family
 10:00 am Daniel Gallagher by the McAndrew Family

DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE- Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at respectlife-today.org. You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and our world.

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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, Mary Jane Schaaf, 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, Scarlet Slotnick, 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, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, 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, David Smith, Marie Woodrow, Elizabeth Clos, Reverend Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, William Pavincich, Patsy Pindar, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermak, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Hank Przybylowski, Werner Ziesmer, Cathy Hodgkiss, the Stoute Family, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.



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

George Harmer Bottone
Gunnar George DiChiaro
Ava Eloisa Nice

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

MEN'S GROUP- St. Denis Parish is coordinating a Faith study group for Catholic Men at the Jersey Shore. A purpose of our Men's Group is to enrich the lives of men by providing opportunities to enjoy a sense of brotherhood and spiritual growth. Although we may have been raised in the Catholic Faith, many of us do not have a full understanding of our faith and are searching for more. The programs we undertake dive deeper into our faith, leading each of us to a personal level of spiritual growth. This growth should help us see our faith in a new way and provide additional guidance to help us live our Christian values in these challenging times. Our goal is to **Pursue the Way, the Truth, the Life**, based upon John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'." Our study focuses on Jesus' words and example in the Gospel, as well as trusting in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us through our journey in this life, pursuing the "way" to our Father in Heaven. No experience in bible study is necessary, as our programs involve a short video or reading at home, plus our group meeting twice a month. All of us have busy schedules, so it's not a big deal if you miss some meetings; just join us for the next one. **We're having an Open House for men interested in hearing more on Tuesday, September 14th, 7-8 pm in the cafeteria of the St. Denis School building.** Refreshments and snacks provided. We invite you to join us. For more information, contact the St Denis rectory at 732 223-0287.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.



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 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, Airman Andrew Halmi, Robert Halmi, U.S. Army, Corporal Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC.



walking with purpose

"I came that you might have life and have it abundantly."
John 10:10

If you had to describe life in the past year, *abundant* is probably not the word you would choose. Alone, weary, and coping is probably more like it. Why? Because we thrive in relationships. Our souls thirst for connection. We were made for community and it's time to come back.

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is more than a women's Bible study. It is a faith community that supports, encourages, and challenges one another. It is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions as your heart is transformed by the Word of God. It is everything you need to get back to living a life that you love, and the life God has designed for you.

Are you ready to start WWP or to come back to WWP? God is ready and waiting for you to show up just as you are. He wants to see you discovering your purpose while connecting with a life-giving community. And God is not the only One waiting. We are too! The abundant life awaits us, and we've got an open chair with your name on it.

It's time to come back to community. We can't wait to see you! To find out details and register go to www.wwpnjshore.com We offer two study options: Tuesday evenings, starting Oct. 5 at 7:30 pm or Wednesday afternoons, starting Oct. 6 at 12:30 pm.

Are you willing to help our children be all they can be?

CATECHISTS/TEACHERS NEEDED AT DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS FOR FALL RELIGIOUS ED.

Also, program volunteers for the office and hall monitors.

It's time for us to plan for Religious Education and recruit catechists for September.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you?

Please take some time to discern God's call to minister to our parish children and help build their faith and encounter Jesus!

Religious Education (CCD) classes are held on Mondays and Tuesdays, also on Sunday mornings, 2X a month.

GRADES AND DAYS NEEDED

MONDAY 4:15-5:30 pm

First Grade, Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade

MONDAY NIGHT 6:30-7:45 pm

Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade

SUNDAY MORNINGS- 2X a month

First Grade, Fourth Grade and Seventh Grade

Contact the Religious Ed Office (732) 223-1161 or office@stdeniscdd.com

You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

Children, in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus and encounter role models of the faith.



**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF AL ESSNER
REQUESTED BY THE BIALAS FAMILY**

CAREGIVERS NEED CARE TOO!

**Join us Wednesday, September 22, 2021 for a
Caregiver Support group Meet and Greet**

Where: St. Denis School Building

When: 10 am or 7pm

The Caregivers Support Group is a group of parish members who have experienced caregiving through every stage and for many illnesses. The group supports individuals who are caregiving through illness of a spouse, parent, child or another loved one. You will be able to share your caregiver story if you'd like, or if you're not ready to talk, you can simply listen to what others have to say. You will soon realize that there are other people going through the same situation. You will receive from this group useful tips and resources as helpful professionals present topics to assist you in caring for your loved one. This group is perfect for individuals who don't have family and friends nearby for support and are looking for connections. The group offers friendship and fellowship. The Caregivers Support Group will meet once a month. When we allow others to support us, we will find we can do much more in supporting and encouraging those who are in our care. Please consider joining us to find out more and let us help! Please contact Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287 eileenziezmer@gmail.com

**Group to be run by : Kat Verdi MAT, CADDCT, CDP, HTM
Senior Living Healthcare Transitioning Advocate & Dementia Consultant**

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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!



**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 and 4th Saturdays from 10AM – 12 noon

Items needed at this time:

Dish detergent, laundry detergent,
juice, mayonnaise, and canned peas.

Thank you for your donations, they are appreciated!



**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF RICHARD LUDWIG
REQUESTED BY
ED & REBECCA HERRMANN & FAMILY**

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.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS- Couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Burlington and Mercer Counties may attend the Sunday, October 3, 2021 Mass and Blessing at 3 pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton. Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 pm. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance at Mass is limited but both events will be livestreamed. Couples may register through their parish or online pending approval of their parish. For more information or to register online go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15, 2021**.

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



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, "Who are you looking for?" It could be asked, "What are you looking for?" Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, **come to the Society's next meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of the school building.**

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

MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Thank you very much for taking the time to read the bulletin. It is the expectation/hope that every parishioner read the bulletin each week. It is the best way, tried and true, to share information with all of you. (We also have a Facebook page and website which also hosts the bulletin.) The bulletin is a “catch-all”, containing information on what is going on in the parish, the diocese and even the Catholic Church throughout the world. The bulletin is also “multi-faceted” - part calendar, part news update, and part “teaching tool”. We begin a “Fall Sprucing-Up” of the bulletin. Our “spruce-up” will highlight the bulletin as a “teaching tool”. We will share more items to teach, or remind us, about our Catholic Faith. We will also share necessary information on current topics that will help us to inform our conscience, as we are called to by our Church, so that we can be educated and formed properly as Catholic disciples active in our faith. We will also have more inserts to help extend our capacity to share information with all of you in the parish. October is “Respect Life Month” and this year I would like to prepare for it by “getting out ahead” and sharing information. Our bulletin will now have a new feature each week “Life News” which will keep us up to date on the many facets of respecting life in all its stages. So, we will use the next few weeks to highlight the consistent teaching of the Church that life is a gift from God that needs to be protected and respected.

September is Hunger Action Month as designated by Feeding America of which Fulfill is a participating food bank for Monmouth and Ocean Counties. This nationwide network of food banks join together in September to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger. The Manasquan Food Pantry and Hope Community Food Pantry are two local pantries supported by Fulfill. The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Denis, and the “Little Food Pantry” at the Baptist Church, are also two local food pantries supported by people like you! Thank you for all the food donations to our food pantry. As I related before, I have been moved deeply by the donation to our food pantry throughout the pandemic. Something in demand at the food pantries is additional volunteers to help serve our families and process daily donations. For our parish St. Vincent DePaul Pantry, contact the St. Vincent DePaul Society to learn more about all the good works undertaken. And, for the ecumenical Manasquan Food Pantry, if you are between 18 and 88 years of age and have 3 hours a month for God’s work, please contact squanfoodpantry@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the volunteer list. Thank you for your support!

If you or anyone you know needs confidential assistance from our parish food pantry, please share with them our bulletin and point out the information for the hours of operation for our Food Pantry here and the phone number. Or, if they would rather, they can call (732) 223-0898 to reach the ecumenical food pantry located at Manasquan Presbyterian Church. (Their hours are Monday and Tuesday 10:00 am-1:00 pm and Thursday and Friday 1:00-4:00 pm.) I am thankful for our food pantries in town, who work together to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in our local area.

Many of our parishioners will remember Father Peter Weiss, pastor of All Saints Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. Recently I reached out to him after Hurricane Ida in concern for his parish’s well being. He responded that there was much damage in his area, but thankfully all are okay. Father Peter helps us one month out of the year, so our Beach Chapel is like a second home to him. On the weekend of September 18 & 19, we will have a special second collection to help his church and parishioners in need at this dire time. Please make checks payable to Saint Denis Church. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Let us keep all those affected by Hurricane Ida in our prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS– Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in “memory of” or “honor of” someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during business hours.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- Our 2nd collection will be used to help All Saints Church in New Orleans, Louisiana recover from damages caused by Hurricane Ida (see Fr. Bill’s letter above). Please make checks payable to Saint Denis Church. Thank you.

PLEASE DON’T FORGET 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.

ONLINE GIVING- To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For info or to sign up, go to our parish Website www.churchofstdenis.org and click on “Online Giving”. For those who wish to use the online giving service but do not have internet access, please contact the Parish Office at 732-223-0287 for assistance.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: **888-296-2965**



August 22, 2021

Weekly Collection- \$ 9,341.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY EVENING BIBLE STUDY-Do you have ten evenings to get to know Jesus better? If so, consider joining the Church of Epiphany's Evening Bible Study, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teachings by Jeff Cavins, Dr. Edward Sri and Marcellino D'Ambrosio, filmed on location in the Holy Land. It will begin with an Introduction Monday, 9/13/21 in the All Purpose Room (which is attached to the Epiphany Church- 615 Thiele Road in Brick) and then continue for 10 weeks. The group will meet Monday evenings, 7:15-8:45 pm, 9/13/21-11/29/21, then 1/3/22. You can register at the first meeting. There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of the study set. There will be plenty of room for social distancing, although the wearing of masks would inhibit discussion.

THAT MAN IS YOU- Starting on Saturday, September 18th, St. Mark Church in Sea Girt will once again open its doors to all Catholic men from local parishes for the highly-successful That Man is You (TMIY). Come at 6:00 am for coffee before a video presentation at 6:30 am. We break into small group discussions at 7:00 am and end promptly at 7:30 am. To learn more, visit www.thatmanisyou.org [1]. Attendance and participation are relaxed and flexible. You will not be disappointed. P.S. This program is FREE. It is open to local parishes. Returning participants would like to encourage new members by sharing their views on what really attracted them to TMIY. All agreed it is the fellowship that we all need giving us friends on the journey. Come to a meeting and see if by incorporating some of the aspects of this spiritual program, you begin to see how you become better husbands, fathers, and grandfathers.

BLOOD DRIVE- Manasquan Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. and the NJ Blood Services are coordinating a Blood Drive on Tuesday, 9/23/21, 1:30-7:30 pm. A mini health exam that includes a checklist for diseases related to blood pressure and infectious diseases, should be conducted before initiating the collection of blood. Those who have medical conditions such as AIDS and Hepatitis, should not donate blood. People who have taken vaccinations or have undergone any surgery or have Cancer, Diabetes, cold, or flu should consult health experts before donating blood. Pregnant women should seek expert advice before donating blood. To schedule appointments, you can go online at smarturl.it/NJBS drive and use sponsor code 70312. Appointments are appreciated but walk-ins are also welcome. Please eat and drink something before you arrive. Bring your donor ID or ID with name and photo.

JOIN OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE 25TH ANNIVERSARY RIDE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS- The 2021 event is a summer-long in person/virtual/hybrid ride enabling participants to cycle and raise funds in the format of their choosing to benefit the youth served by Ocean's Harbor House. The culminating event is a 25th Annual Celebratory Ride and Ceremony on 9/25/21 at Laurita Winery. The ride raises funds to provide the essential gifts of shelter, food, services and hope for vulnerable youth throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties. You can participate by *serving as a sponsor *registering to ride- join a group, or ride on your own in your neighborhood or park, or on your stationary bike *sponsoring a rider or *donating. Visit <https://ridefornewbeginnings.org/> for more information.

YOU'RE INVITED! "MONEY SMART FOR OLDER ADULTS"—10 AM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 IN HOLY TRINITY'S FELLOWSHIP HALL- Join Cheryl L. and Jodi Q. from Manasquan Bank as they present topics ranging from scams and identity theft, to selecting and understanding the responsibilities of a financial caregiver. This no cost, hour-long, in-person presentation begins at 10 am in Fellowship Hall of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (6 Osborn Ave., Manasquan). To sign up, call the church office at 732-223-0533 to register. We hope you will join us for this timely program!

OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road in Allentown, NJ 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net:



Please check www.FHOP.org for registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY IN-PERSON ONLY
Wednesday, September 15 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE 12 STEPS FOR EVERYONE 10 Thursdays 8:45–10:15 AM 9/16/21, 10/14/21, 11/11/21, 12/9/21, 1/13/22, 2/10/22, 3/31/22, 4/21/22, 5/19/22 The 12 Steps are for all of us, as we all have attachments and addictions and desire freedom from them. This program will take us through the traditional 12 Steps that teach us to rely on God as our Liberator. We will read selections from the *Big Book*, and review Keating's *Divine Therapy & Addiction* for further support between sessions. We will also view Keating's *Contemplative Dimension of the 12 Steps*. Donation: \$175.

COME REST IN ME Friday, September 17 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Let this day be a time of rest by savoring God's graces through the gifts of creation, praying the Psalms and exploring the poetry of Mary Oliver, who celebrated God's presence in nature. Come and be filled with joy by being attentive to the beauty of God found everywhere. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

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