

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018**

“They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’”

How can I serve? The path to holiness requires that we humbly reach out to see Christ in the faces of those around us. “In this call to recognize Him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, His deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to attain.” These are the words of Pope Saint John Paul, as quoted by Pope Francis.

These are the demands of Jesus with no ‘ifs and buts.’ Holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is ‘the beating heart of the gospel.’ When He washed the feet of the disciples, He spoke by His action, what a true disciple is to do. It is when we serve we receive not only Jesus, but the One who sent Him.




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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 22, 2018**

8:30 am Thomas O'Connor, Jr. by his Family
 8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am For the Sick of the Parish by the Parish
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:00 am Alfred Tomaszewski by Denise & Kenn Yee
 8:00 am Dr. Joseph A. Duddy, Jr. by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Charles Kayton by the O'Neill Family
 9:30 am Lorraine Finan by Elaine Lupi
 9:30 am Christine Derr by the Tracy Family
 9:30 am Mary Connelly Springer the Kerrigan Family
 10:00 am Bette Baliman by Maryann, Tom & Margie
 10:00 am Peggy & Charles Wheat by Sue & Ken Troise & Family
 10:00 am Frances "Frankie" Walsh by the Herrmann Family
 11:00 am Lois Van Pell by the St. Denis Music Ministry
 11:00 am A Special Intention for Jimmy Collis (for Padre Pio)
 by his Mom & Dad
 11:00 am John & Mary Walters by Shirley Collis & Family

Monday, September 24, 2018

7:30 am The Sarullo, Burke & Schellar Families
 by the Bugliaro Family
 7:30 am Fr. John Gibbons & Family by the Estate
 7:30 am Thomas McClenahan by Debbie Gallo

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

7:30 am Thomas McClenahan by Kay Kolon
 7:30 am Intentions of Catherine Ziesmer by her Family
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

7:30 am Carrie Newell by her Mother
 7:30 am Eunice Laughlin by Linda Wynd
 7:30 am In Honor of Catherine & Joe Garruzzo's
 59th Wedding Anniversary by the Family

Thursday September 27, 2018

7:30 am Richard Avena & Family by Adelaide Avena
 7:30 am Patrick McCabe by the Family
 7:30 am Fr. John Gibbons & Family by the Estate

Friday, September 28, 2018

7:30 am Leo Quigley by Ann Zito
 7:30 am Fay DeFiglia by the Family
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Saturday, September 29, 2018

8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 4:30 pm Gerry & Joan Hunter by the Zbranak Family
 4:30 pm Maggie Zarra Acciani by Steve & Margo Ryan-Hannaway
 4:30 pm Zachary Herman by his Family

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Margaret Bishop by her Daughter
 9:30 am Jaclyn Fitzpatrick by Kathleen Aiese
 9:30 am Joan V. Wade by Mary & Connie Boyle
 10:00 am Cecilia A. Burke by Sean & MaryEllen Boyle & Family
 10:00 am Elizabeth "Betty" Balliman
 by Ron & Mary-Evelyn Ernish
 10:00 am Frances Walsh by the Bardsley Family
 11:00 am Carrie Mace-Forsythe by Carolyn & Sal Berardesco
 11:00 am Emil DeJacomio by the DeJacomio Family
 11:00 am Martha A. Farinia by Claudine & Sophie Remy

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.

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!



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrlich, 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,

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SAVE THE DATE!!!
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD
AND FUN on SATURDAY,
October 13th 5pm to 8pm
St. Denis Cafeteria

50/50 and Door Prizes too!
Adults- \$15 and Children - \$10
Contact (732) 223-0287 with any questions.

TUTWILER CLINIC – Where Christmas Comes Early- The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct. St. Denis is supporting a precursor to “The Giving Tree” for the needy children assisted by the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, Mississippi, where Santa comes early, so to speak. The first week in December there is a great celebration where kids from 70+ families receive gifts, all donated by those who can. We are collecting the following gifts (unwrapped please) – basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, board games, African-American dolls for ages 2-12, baby toys, hoodies, socks and Christmas sweaters for kids. We will collect until October 28th. Look for the boxes in the gathering space of the church and chapel. For more information regarding this very worthwhile endeavor visit their website <http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/>

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



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

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.

RAFTS- “Recovery Advocates For The Shore” located in Manasquan, is a non-clinical, non-profit, peer-based community organization serving the recovery needs of individuals and their families struggling with behavioral or substance addiction. It is free of charge. 1-833—2BSOBER www.raftsnj.org

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.

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.

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.)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!! - Our next meeting is Friday October 5th from 7-8:30 pm at the church. In January, at the Diocesan Youth Conference, we were blown away by the great praise music they had. On October 5th we will have a similar experience of praise in church and then have some food and fun downstairs in the church. Even if you don't like to sing, everybody can listen and use the power of music to pray in a new and awesome way. Try it you'll love it.

ST. DENIS JUNIOR CHOIR– All youth of the parish from 2nd grade through high school are welcome to join. New members are always welcome! You do not need to know how to read music. All music and materials will be provided. Practices are held Wednesdays in the church from 6:30-7:15 pm. We will start to prepare for our Christmas Mass very soon. Please contact: Caroline Woodrow at carolinenj@aol.com for additional information.

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.



**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
and

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. Also needed are used/new material shopping bags and sturdy brown bags with handles. ***Items that are highlighted are especially needed at this time.** 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. We thank you for your generosity!




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 *

EMMAUS MEN'S GROUP– Men of the parish are invited to the first Emmaus Group meeting on Saturday, October 13th. We'll begin with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by bagels and coffee in the school cafeteria and a presentation by Fr. Bill, and then time for discussion. Men of the Emmaus group from the Church of Epiphany will come as well. What a great opportunity to come together (even if you just want to listen). Practical matters of the faith will be discussed.

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? 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**



In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the model of a little child to illustrate His point about embracing the "least among us". Children are innocent and without pretensions. They embody what "least of all" means. This also illustrates to what extent a disciple is to become the "servant of all" by receiving even the "least of all." The self-emptying that enables one to receive the "least of all" describes the disciple. This is how we receive Jesus, by receiving the least. No one is insignificant. So, this begs the question-are we really able to hear the cries of the poor and the most oppressed? Are we alert, "listening", to the special needs of our times and to perhaps unique approaches to addressing those cries in ways that enhance rather than diminish the self-worth of those in need. If you are interested in helping those in need, please come to one of our general meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church) The next meeting is 10/2/18.

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.



**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY & JOHN WALTERS
REQUESTED BY SHIRLEY COLLIS & FAMILY**

CORe Strength - "All He Wants is You!" Mondays: September 24th and October 1st, 11 am or 7 pm OR Catch up on Saturday, 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 eileenbiesmer@gmail with questions.

JOIN US FOR R.C.I.A.-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults- We are just beginning the classes for those adults in our community who are considering becoming Catholic and for those Catholics who were never confirmed. Could this be YOU? **The R.C.I.A. group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30- 7:15 pm, September thru April.** It's not too late to join us... Contact: Eileen Ziesmer at eileen-ziesmer@gmail.com or 732- 223-0287 for information.

THANK YOU-The members of the Altar Rosary Society and the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis thank everyone who attended their joint Communion Breakfast on September 9th. Jackie Lyons was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON? If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Trenton as a Permanent Deacon, a man ordained to the Ministry of Charity, Word, and Sacrament, come to an information session on Wednesday, 9/26/18 or Tuesday, 10/9/18, 7-9 pm at the Diocesan Chancery, 71 Lawrenceville Road, Trenton. Pre-registration is required by calling Deacon Michael Riley at 609-403-7134. Before registering, schedule a meeting with your pastor to discuss your call to the diaconate.



August 19, 2018

Weekend Collection- \$14,152.00
Average Envelope Donation- \$23.87

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Message from Fr. Bill

View from the Pew: I give you a view from the pew from Ronnie Garrett.

St Denis Grandparents' Guild...

Coming soon to St Denis Parish Community

Have you ever thought of grandparenting as a vocation? Well, in fact, it actually is. A vocation that ranks right up there with the vocation of marriage. This very important vocation is seen modeled by Jesus' grandparents, Sts. Anne and Joachim, parents of Mary. Mary was surrounded by **"their love and faith. In their home she learned to listen to the word of the Lord and to follow His will. St Anne and St Joachim were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary and Jesus...How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith."** (Pope Francis, *Angelus, July 26, 2013*)

Loving Christian grandparents all have their own unique notions of what their role as grandparent should be despite the demands of modern day life on themselves. Knowing when to intercede and when to take a back seat can be quite stressful. It involves being on hand when needed but never imposing oneself, never interfering...knowing when to step in and when to stand back. Realizing this can sometimes become challenging, to say the least. Grandparents may require a little support themselves from time to time, and a place to share experiences. This awe-inspiring vocation, grandparenting, is indeed an important task which often includes mentoring, teaching, storytelling, and sometimes just being quiet and lifting their grandchildren up in prayer.

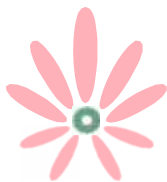
Come join us in initiating this group that will provide support and encouragement in this ever evolving, most important ministry of grandparenting. As grandchildren ourselves, we can all relate to those special moments shared with our own grandparents and the importance of passing those experiences down to our grandchildren as we share our Christian traditions and values.

Come join us for our first meeting on October 9, 2018 in the Rectory at 6:30 PM. At that time we will brainstorm ideas to bring the **St Denis Grandparents' Guild, honoring St Anne and St Joachim** to fruition. We will also look at a great resource: *The Catholic Grandparents Handbook*. By working and praying together, following in the footsteps of St. Anne and St. Joachim we can work towards building a successful, blessed ministry!

A survey has been provided for you in the Gathering Space. Kindly bring your completed survey to our first meeting on October 9, 2018, or drop them off to the sacristy before that, so that we might share your suggestions to better service your need. St. Anne and St. Joachim, pray for us.

NEARLY NEW USED CLOTHING SALE will take place at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, corner of Main & Osborn in Manasquan on the following dates and times: Thursday, 9/27 4-7 pm, Friday, 9/28 9am-1pm, Sat. 9/29 9am-11am-**Stuff a Bag Day**. Children's, men's and women's clothing, shoes, handbags, linens, outerwear and jewelry will be for sale. All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Coming to St. Denis



walking with purpose

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To Learn More and
Register: wwpnjshore.com

Open House:
Sept. 25, 7:30-9pm,
St. Denis School Building

Are you stretched and would like a way to refuel and be refreshed while making authentic connections with others?

Would you like to have a better understanding of your faith and learn more about God?

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic faith study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Opening Your Heart, The Starting Point

This 22-week foundational course is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.



Walking with Purpose will meet on Tuesdays, beginning October 2nd from 7:30-9:00pm, St. Denis School Building (other time/location options available).

For more information, contact Debbie D'Agostaro debbiedag732@yahoo.com 732-513-1685
Or register at www.wwpnjshore.com

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