

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

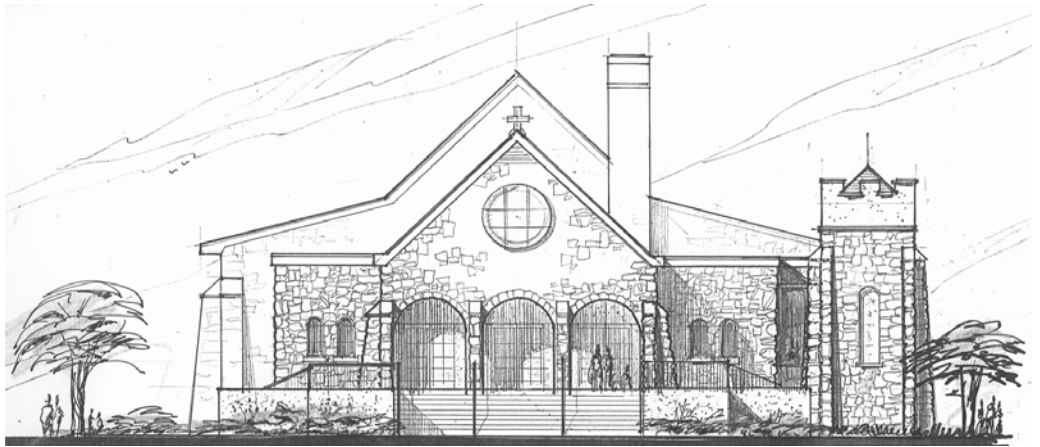
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2017**

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart.



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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](http://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 23, 2017**

- 8:30 pm John P. DeGenova by the Danish Family  
 8:30 pm Don Daniels by Terry McCormick  
 4:30 pm A Special Intention for Jimmy Collis  
 by Mom & Dad  
 4:30 pm Frank & Rita Landrigan by Maryann Crowe

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 8:00 am Arthur J. Kowaleski by Beverly & Paul Miller  
 9:30 am Kathy O'Brien by the Sheehan Family  
 9:30 am The Bielinski & Jurek Families  
 by the Wilczewski Family  
 10:00 am John McFadden by Patricia Connolly  
 10:00 am Irene DeGenova by the DeGenova Family  
 11:00 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family  
 11:00 am In Honor of the Living & Deceased Members of  
 St. Aloysius High School Class of 1957

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

- 7:30 am Mark J. McCabe by Pat & Paul McCabe  
 7:30 am The Hoblitzell Family by Carol Hoblitzell

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

- 7:30 am Carrie Newall by her Mother  
 7:30 am Deborah Ann Gerung by Peter & Sharon Wilson

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

- 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family  
 7:30 am Richard Avena by his Family

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

- 7:30 am Mary Stewart by Kathy Whille  
 7:30 am Ramona K. White by Helen Guarcello

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

- 7:30 am Margaret Bishop (14th Anniversary)  
 by her Daughter  
 7:30 am Zachary Herman by the Wynd Family

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

- 8:30 am Frank Saveriano by Darren & Jen Mahoney  
 8:30 am Anne & Albert Weierman, Sr.  
 by the Furlong Family  
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

- 8:00 am Catherine & Anthony Rotonda by the Family  
 8:00 am Ruth LaVecchia by Kathleen O'Hara  
 9:30 am Carrie Forsythe Mace by her Family  
 9:30 am Richard Hester, Sr. by Marlene & Michael Martin  
 10:00 am Hugh Mahoney by the Bartholomew Family  
 10:00 am William M. Malley, Sr.  
 by the Bartholomew Family  
 11:00 am Joseph Strucich by his Gandparents  
 11:00 am Aurea Allen by the DeGenova Family

**Pray For  
The Sick**

especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Marie Gallagher, 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, Colleen Grady, Richard Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Edna Moore, 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, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, 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, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Anthony DeMarco, Jr., Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Rita Badaracco, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Ernie Donnelly, 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, Dorothy Myers, Claire Kessler, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS** – Those in need of these specially-approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the deacon (if present at Mass) or the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the minister's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.

**Pray  
for the  
Military**

especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. 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, Navy HM3 Kevin John Kircher, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, 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 3rd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, FN Joseph Beattie, Coast Guard, Taylor Nesbitt, E3 Navy Airman Devon Webster, Navy Chief Petty Officer James DeLuise, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, and Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman.



**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JOHN & MARY WALTERS  
REQUESTED BY SHIRLEY COLLIS & FAMILY**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm.** Come join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction in Saint Denis Church on Fridays. Spend a few minutes praising, thanking and just being with Jesus.

**THE ST. DENIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** practices on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the church. New members are welcome to join.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**— Our second meeting is **this Sunday**, September 24th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the cafeteria of the school. We'll have fun, friends, and food and explore new ways to connect with God! Bring your phone. Really. Tell your friends and bring them along.

**THE DANIEL PLAN- GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH- JOIN US... and CHANGE YOUR LIFE TODAY!** The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on The Five Essentials: **Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends**. The program is an innovative approach to optimizing your health in each of these life areas, setting goals, and providing support and encouragement. **WHO:** Anyone looking to improve his/her health **WHEN:** Wednesdays, beginning September 27th at 7:00 pm **WHERE:** St. Denis School Building **LEADER:** Monica Butler **Contact Eileen in the parish office with any questions (732)- 223-0287.**

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 12:00 noon in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Bring your lunch and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



*"Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted."*

**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 12 session 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: **Wednesdays**

**Morning Sessions: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at the St Denis Parish Office**

**Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 / eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!**

**MESSAGE FROM FR. BILL**

A great big thank you to everyone for your support for the collection for the Shrine, Parish, and School of the True Cross, Dickinson, Texas. We collected over \$10,000 for the parish. So many of you wrote inspirational and compassionate notes to the people of the parish that we will send along with our donation for their needs after Hurricane Harvey.

Also, a great big thank you to all who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner and the drawing of the Super 50/50 such a huge success and so much fun. The winner of the 50/50 is from PA, and their relative owns a summer house in Manasquan. They won just over \$21,000. So many people helped to sell 50/50s after Masses and elsewhere around town. I thank you all (in particular I have to recognize the Sniffens, the Ryans, the Cabreras, Ms. McCormick, Sister Mary and Paul Garvey for selling so many tickets). I also thank all the parishioners who bought tickets and spread the word about the 50/50. As for the dinner, a huge group of people helped make it such a fun night. I greatly appreciate everyone who put it on their calendars and came to spend the time and share great food. I am grateful for the generosity of all the parish ministries and organizations that donated door prizes. Thanks to Joe Leone for donating the meatballs, sauce, spaghetti, and bread. Thanks to the Garruzzo Family for donating the salads and many of the other supplies and also for working in the kitchen. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their donations and all the team work in the kitchen. Everyone told me how great the servers were, their attentiveness and politeness: so thank you members of the Doves and students from our Religious Education Program who served. Also, thanks to Eileen Ziesmer for all her coordination and work along with the Holy Helpers who answered the call to help in so many vital ways. Without all the participation of so many people, the event would not have been so successful, so thank you one and all.

**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!

**NEARLY NEW USED CLOTHING SALE** will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Osborn Ave. & Main St. in Manasquan on: 9/28, 4-7 pm, 9/29, 9 am-4 pm, & 9/30, 9-11 am. 9/30 is Saturday-Stuff-A-Bag-Day! There will be clothing for men, women & children, as well as shoes, handbags, costume jewelry and a designer boutique. Don't forget to check out the "Christmas Corner". All proceeds will be donated to local charities.

**A DAY OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER**, presented by The Church of Epiphany in Brick, will take place October 16, 2017, 9:30 am-3:00 pm at San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave. in Long Branch. The donation is \$35 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is October 6, 2017. The Church of Epiphany's Magi invite you to delight in the Lord by becoming more deeply rooted in faith. To join them for this day of reflection and prayer please contact Mary Kellenberger at makck43@yahoo.com or 732-223-4243.

**ROMAN CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS IN CONVERSATION:** for the sake of the Gospel! The night before He died our Lord prayed to His Father, *"I ask... that they may all be one... that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."* (John 17:20-23) You are invited to 3 evenings of discussion/prayer/fellowship with Roman Catholics of St. Mark RC Church in Sea Girt and St. Denis RC Church in Manasquan, and with Lutherans of Holy Trinity in Manasquan. **Mark your calendar for 11 a.m. or 7 p.m. on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays in October** (Oct. 10, 17, 24). Topic of conversation: joint Lutheran/RC *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry & Eucharist.* 10/10 – St. Mark Roman Catholic Church, 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt (Fr. Bill Lago speaks on Eucharist) 10/17 – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 6 Osborn Ave., Manasquan (Msgr. Sean Flynn speaks on Ministry) 10/24 – St. Denis Roman Catholic Church, 90 Union Ave., Manasquan (Pastor Mary Farnham speaks on Church) *"Why now? Because in 2017 we will commemorate the 500th anniversary of a reformation movement that began in deep divisions and now calls us to the continued work of reconciliation for the sake of the gospel and our witness and work in the world."* (from Intro. to *Declaration on the Way*)

**SAVE THE DATE– A UNION WITH CHRIST: A PILGRIMAGE TO MARY'S HOUSE** Bishop David M. O'Connell invites you and your family to journey with him to the holy site of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on November 4, 2017. The day will include special activities for children. More information will follow in future bulletins and at [worship@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:worship@dioceseoftrenton.org).

**WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** meets at St. Rose weekly on Mondays (since 1982) at First Presbyterian Church of Belmar from 7:00-7:45 pm. Introduction is given and new members are always welcome. For more info call Gregory at 732-681-6238 or email [giryan@wccm.org](mailto:giryan@wccm.org)

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and wants to change that? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of becoming a full member of the Church. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and faith. For info please contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287/ [eileenziesmer@gmail.com](mailto:eileenziesmer@gmail.com)



**NY GIANTS vs SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

Sunday, 10/22/17 @ 4:25 pm  
2 Tickets (section 242) and Parking –  
Value \$880

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

\$5.00 Raffle Tickets to Help Our Local Needy  
Are Being Sold After Masses This Weekend  
Drawing Will be Held 10/15/17 @ 2:00 pm

Any business owners or managers who are able and willing to sell these raffle tickets are asked to please contact Neil at 732-456-2123 or the church office during regular business hours. Thank you.



**SAINT DENIS**  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY**  
**732-223-1383**

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

**HOURS**

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

and

EVERY 3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:

10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

**Items needed at this time: sugar, hot chocolate, regular tea, fruit juice, cookies, powdered milk, ladies shampoo and dish detergent.** We are currently overstocked on dry pasta and canned soup (thank you). 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 still be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations, as we cannot use expired items. Thank you for your generosity!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR LATE AFTER-NOON FOOD PANTRY HOURS. PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE (732-223-1383) IF YOU CAN BE OF HELP.**

**ST. DENIS CHURCH- THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**



On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

St. Vincent knew himself to be sustained by God's motherly and fatherly love. He could not conceive of a harsh and dreadful God. From his boyhood, he had prayed to the all-merciful, warm, and loving Father of Jesus, an Abba (Daddy) who called all of his children beloved. Vincent rested and warmed himself in God's parental care and protection. Compassion, in Vincent's view, was God's name. Vincent once wrote: "God will take the place of father and mother for you. He will be your consolation, your virtue, and in the end the recompense of your love."

St. Vincent de Paul's gift for integrating service with a profound life of prayer is one of his greatest attractions. Vincent's mix of praying and doing has appealed to tens of thousands of believers. Vincent will be a good companion to anyone who seeks balance between action and contemplation, organizing good works and relying on divine providence, intelligent activity and trusting surrender.

Our next scheduled general meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has its general meetings at 7:00 pm, the first and third Tuesdays of every month. All are welcome to attend.



**THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** is October 4th. Because of his love of animals, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 1st, at 2:00 pm on the front steps of the church. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend with their pets.

**FAITH AND REAL LIFE-** Back to school? Back to stress? Back to feeling like you don't have time to have the faith life you really want? Join us for *Faith and Real Life*, a ministry for parents and other busy adults. Meet us at the Beach Chapel on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss tips and tricks for tending to your faith everyday. For those who are interested, we plan to walk up to Leggett's later in the evening. If you have questions or need more information please call Kate Galdieri at 609-933-4231 or email her at [kategaldieri@gmail.com](mailto:kategaldieri@gmail.com)

**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.

**HEALING MASS-**The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group of Holy Cross Church invites all to a special Healing Mass on Monday, September 25, 2017 at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave. and Rumson Road in Rumson at 8:00 pm. Rev. Bill Halbing will be the celebrant. The next Healing Mass will be on October 23, 2017. For info call 732-345-8400.

**2017 CHAMPION FOR LIFE!! SAVE THE DATE-** Sunday, October 22, 2017- The annual Champion for Life Award Dinner at Doolan's Shore Club. We are happy to announce that *Deacon Ed Jennings of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish* in Spring Lake is the new 2017 "Champion for Life"! We are also very excited to announce that *St. Denis' very own George Taylor* will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for all of his incredible pro-life efforts and hours and hours of pro-life prayer at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Mark your calendars now so that you can come out to honor the dedication of these two wonderful defenders of **LIFE!**



**NJ RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLES NEXT WEEK-** Raffle tickets will be sold next weekend at all Masses (including Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel). First prize is a 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$43,000. Other prizes include ShopRite gift cards in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, our state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. The cost is \$10/ticket. Members of our Elizabeth Ministry and Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry will be helping out. If you would like to sell raffle tickets, we'd LOVE to have you! Contact Rachel Hendricks at 732-223-1658 or [thehendricks7@gmail.com](mailto:thehendricks7@gmail.com).

**DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION-** Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will help reduce the parish debt. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

### **Recovery Corner**



St. Denis Recovery Ministry hosts 12-step Christian Recovery Retreats, bible study classes and week-night programs to support anyone affected by any kind of addiction. We are a confidential resource so that you get the support necessary to live amidst the insanity that accompanies addiction. Join us any Thursday at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm at St. Denis for a one hour Life Recovery Bible Study. Refreshments and confidential support. 848-333-7085.

**Be sure to join us for a "Gratitude in Recovery Retreat" scheduled for October 21, 2017, 10:00 am-1:00 pm in the cafeteria in the school building.**

**FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS (FA) Public Information Session- WHEN:** Saturdays, to be determined **WHERE:** Cafeteria in the St. Denis School Building **BACKGROUND-** Founded in 1998, (FA) is a 12-step solution to food addiction, whether one is an under-eater, overeater, bulimic, or otherwise obsessed with food, weight, or exercise. **CONTACT:** Roe B. at [ROSE10.4@gmail.com](mailto:ROSE10.4@gmail.com) or 917-532-3230.

**NJ ADDICTION SERVICES HOTLINE-** Need help with a drug or alcohol problem? For assistance and a referral to treatment please call toll-free 1-844-276-2777. Phone calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a service of Rutgers Behavioral Health Care.

**PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES-** Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. The service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE-** Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at [respectlifetoday.org](http://respectlifetoday.org). You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and in our world.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLAMBAKE** will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Belmar Fishing Club, Ocean Ave. in Belmar. The party includes wine, beer, appetizers, lobster dinner, dancing, and a 50/50 raffle. Music will be by the shore's famous *Contraband*. Tickets are \$125 and available at [catholiccharitiestrenton.org/events](http://catholiccharitiestrenton.org/events) or by calling Jennifer Leip at 609-394-5181 X1137.

**CALLING ALL WOMEN FOR AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE- JORDAN'S ROSES...** Journey with women to refresh and re-energize your lives! Join us at the Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road in Brick in the "All Purpose Room" beginning September 30th, 9:00 am-noon. We will begin with Mass at noon. Jordan's Roses will meet to share: \*spiritual insight, renewal and support \*personal reflections \*nourishment for our mind, body & soul. Refreshments will be served. Free childcare will be provided upon request with 3 days notice. All women and young ladies are invited. Sign up at [jordanroses@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:jordanroses@churchofepiphany.org)

# DONATE A BULB to our 'Memorial to the Unborn' Prayer garden



- \* Do you know of a child who died before birth or in infancy? Honor the brief, but meaningful lives of these little ones by donating a bulb to our prayer garden. Members of our youth group will be planting all of the donated bulbs this Fall

Bring Bulb  
donations to the  
Gathering Space at  
St. Denis Church

\*Bulbs accepted now  
through the end of October  
\*Look for donation basket

- \* In the Spring, our garden will be bursting with color and LIFE to remind us of the beauty and sanctity of these children.

*Honoring the lives of babies lost to  
miscarriage - abortion - stillbirth - infant loss*

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