

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

“If there is any encouragement in Christ, and solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory, rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interest but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus.”

In almost every letter of Saint Paul, we find a series of teachings, like a litany to instruct his communities. Colossians, Corinthians offer us his clear insights. In Philippians today we find great virtues equals encouragement, solace, compassion and mercy. When these are present he experiences joy. Notice these are directed outward, quite distinct from selfishness and self satisfaction.

Often people state ‘you have an attitude’ and it is considered in a negative way. Paul teaches us to have a ‘Christ attitude’, one which encompasses the litany he offers us. Paul teaches, Christ models, we follow.



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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 & 11:30 AM Facebook Mass - 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: *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 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.

**Saturday, September 26, 2020**

8:30 am Mary Gillick by Eileen Ziesmer
 4:30 pm Carrie Newell by her Mother
 4:30 pm Catherine Beddes by Sandy DeGrande
 4:30 pm George Floyd by Susan Bertucci

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:00 am William Williamson by Maryann Crowe
 8:00 am Chris Smith by Heather Rodes
 8:00 am Christopher Collinson by Ed Hrydenko
 9:30 am Richard L. Landrigan by the Balioni Family
 9:30 am Louis Loriquet by his Family
 9:30 am Brant O'Neill by Terry McCormick
 10:00 am Arthur Barber by Kathleen Barber
 10:00 am Kathleen Mitchell by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Robert Closkey by the Prince Family
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, September 28, 2020

7:30 am Richard Avena by his Wife
 7:30 am Patrick & Laurie McCabe by James McCabe
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by the Garruzzo Family

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

7:30 am Michael A. Herman & Zachary Herman
 by the Family
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by Fran & Paul Weeks
 7:30 am Patricia Herrmann by Gene Bilas

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

7:30 am Anthony & Catherine Rotonda by the Family
 7:30 am Margaret Bishop (17th Anniversary) by her Daughter
 7:30 am Barbara Palumbo by John & LuAnn Quigley & Family

Thursday, October 1, 2020

No Mass

Friday, October 2, 2020

7:30 am Stephen Sciarappa by Mom, Dad & Sisters
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Ken Kleinlein by Deacon Gary

Saturday, October 3, 2020

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 8:30 am Catherine Paci by Father Bill
 8:30 am John Hearn by Mary & Mike Fabean
 4:30 pm Ellen M. Boyle by Sean & MaryEllen Boyle & Family
 4:30 pm Dina Jannone by Sandy DeGrande
 4:30 pm Intentions of the Family of George Floyd
 (for Healing & Peace) by Susan Bertucci

Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Bridget Gowen by the Garruzzo Family
 9:30 am Joseph Fischer by Frank & Kathleen Culley
 9:30 am Alana Edelmann by Frank & Kathleen Culley
 10:00 am Joseph & Jessica Strucich by their Grandparents
 10:00 am Alexander Moskov by the Moskov Family
 10:00 am Patricia Herrmann by Carol Rizzi
 11:00 am Carrie Mace Forsythe by Carolyn & Sal Berardesco
 11:00 am Aurea Allen by the DeGenova Family
 11:00 am Frank T. Reilly by the Family

Please note:

**The Sunday, 11:00 am Mass intentions
 will be prayed for at the 11:30 am Facebook Mass.**

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 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, 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, 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, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, 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, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Mary Daidone, Donna Morgan, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondok, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Ann Tamaro, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Peggy Lahr, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Richard Ludwig and James Treger.





WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANK WLADICH
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE, PAT WLADICH



Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First-Fridays only, from noon to 1 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.

CORONAVIRUS DISPENSATION INFORMATION- The Bishop has written to all the Faithful of the Diocese of Trenton as follows: *Given all current public health and safety reports, I am extending the dispensation from Sunday obligation to attend Mass beyond the aforementioned September 7 date listed in our Diocesan Directives "until further notice." The faithful are certainly encouraged but not required to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes whenever possible or to participate in outdoor or live-streamed parish Masses offered online until the dispensation ceases "to keep holy, the Lord's Day."* With this in mind, we will be suspending our 11 am Mass at the Church and will continue our "Facebook Mass" which is at 11:30 am.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS- As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time:
FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

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Message from Fr. Bill

Firstly, I am having meetings with those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These introductory sessions have "no strings attached." If you know any adult interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and any Catholic adult who is interested in completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please have them contact me at the parish office 732-223-0287 ext. 308.

As we enter into October, there are a few things to be aware of. We will be having the Blessing of Animals on the front steps of St. Denis Church, at 12:30 pm, next Sunday, October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. We normally "socially distance" for the well-being of our pets, so that is nothing new to this outdoor event. We will expand to be out into the expanse of the parking lot as well, as there is plenty of room to spread out. Also, we commit ourselves anew to the sanctity of all human life next Sunday, which is Respect Life Sunday. We will have information to share throughout the month, but I ask you to read the message of the Bishop elsewhere in the bulletin, regarding the call to pray the rosary. With this in mind, I remind you of our annual Rosary Rally for Life which will be outside in front of the rectory on Saturday, October 10th at noon (please bring a chair if you need one). All are invited, as there is plenty of space to spread out. We will give witness to our Faith as we ask Mary's intercession for all Americans to Respect Life. We will petition our Lady to intercede for our country that we may all live the life that God gave us, according to The Way that God gave us through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address.

CONCERT TO SUPPORT THE CENTER IN ASBURY PARK- You are invited to purchase tickets for a first live performance of *The Foes Of Fern* since the release of their new LP "Carpe Diem". The concert will take place in a beautiful, large enclosed yard (weather permitting) in Asbury Park. There will be ample free parking for cars and bikes. All Covid protocols will be followed. Ticket prices: VIP package-\$75 includes premium location, a swag bag of the CD, and a T-shirt. General admission- \$35. Proceeds from the show will be donated to The Center. Please contact Michael Roland at mroland@thecenterinap.com or 732-774-3416 X121 to purchase tickets.

JERSEY SHORE AIDS WALK- The Center in Asbury Park is holding a Jersey Shore Aids Walk on Sunday, October 4, 2020, to support the mission of The Center. The walk is a fun opportunity to raise funds and awareness for people living with HIV/AIDS. Walk with us, organize a team of family and friends, support a team, or donate. Our priority is to keep everyone SAFE. The entire event will be outside. We will be social distancing and wearing special AIDS Walk masks. Our 2020 fundraisers were cancelled due to COVID-19 and so we need your support more than ever to help our clients and residents as they navigate this pandemic. Please go to the Jersey Shore AIDS Walk website at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/thecenterinap/jerseyshoreaidswalk/> to register/donate today. Please join us : The Center in Asbury Park 806 3rd Ave. Asbury Park Registration: 9 am Walk kick off: 11am. If you have questions please contact Patsy at 732-774-3416 x115 or quinnpv@optonline.net.



**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ZACHARY J. HERMAN
REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY**

FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CATECHISTS/TEACHERS NEEDED
FOR VIRTUAL CLASSES, GRADE 6
VIRTUAL CLASSES ARE TWO TIMES A MONTH
ON MONDAYS, 6:30 PM-7:45 PM
Also, program volunteers for the office
and hall monitors are needed.
Are you willing to help our children be all they can be?**

**Religious Education (CCD) classes
are on Monday afternoons and evenings
or Sunday mornings on an alternating schedule.
If you have not yet registered your child, please do so asap.**

**We are open with a Religious learning program that
meets in class with all social
distance recommendations and/or virtually.
But some of our long time teachers will
be unable to teach this year.
Are you able to help?
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.**

**Please contact the
Religious Ed Office to volunteer
(732) 223-1161 or stdeniscd@verizon.net**



**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)**

Until further notice:

**There will be curbside pick-up of
prepackaged food with social distancing.**

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Please note adjusted pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM – 3PM and

3rd and 4th Saturdays from 10AM – 12noon

At this time, donations may be dropped off curbside by the pantry during regular pantry hours or on the rectory front porch, under the overhang. Over the last few weeks we have had many neighbors visit the pantry. We are low on many items, in particular those items listed below:

Hot chocolate, bottled juice, pepper, dish detergent and (new) large plastic shopping bags (from grocery store).

Please know that your donations are being received with sincere gratitude. Thank you!



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

Jameson Thomas Bazzini

Isla James Dixon

Henry William Edwards

Miles Thomas Groves

Everett McFarland Shinn

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

HARVEST FOOD DRIVE, SPONSORED BY HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL MINISTRY, FOR THE CHURCHES OF THE MINISTERIUM. This food drive that will benefit the Manasquan Food Pantry, Hope Community Food Pantry and St. Denis St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will take place Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the Manasquan Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. Please donate items needed for holiday meals: boxed instant potatoes, canned turkey gravy, canned vegetables, 40 oz. canned yams, Stove-top turkey stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, Jiffy corn muffin mix, canned fruit cocktail and seasonal cookies. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

GIVING GARDEN UPDATE- As we near the end of another great year for the Giving Garden at St. Denis, we thank you for your donations of berry containers. We will not be needing any more this year since we have a large number of them left. Thank you very much for your generosity!

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



St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our Society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis-in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teachings were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God.

The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who may strive to serve the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to "have ears to hear the cry of the poor", to "have eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived", and to "have hearts that bring God's love to the poor" through generosity and love. The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others-especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings when they resume.

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: **October 1, 2020**

Morning Sessions: 10am-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! We will be gathering with all social distancing safety precautions.

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD...PRAISE AND SING Come, praise our Lord with contemporary Christian music. 30 minutes of prerecorded music with lyric sheets provided. First Friday at 7:30 pm in St. Denis Church. For more information call Allison Penkethman at 732-528-4976.

OCTOBER PSALM STUDY (newest addition to our Lutheran/Roman Catholic Holy Inspiration series)- Pastor Mary, Fr. Bill and Dr. Barbara Rosoff will co-lead a virtual series on Psalms 8, 86 and 118 on Oct. 6, 13 and 20 (10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.). As with the Psalm 23 series, participants may join via Google Hangouts Meet or dial in for audio only. Dr. Rosoff is a friend of Pastor Mary’s who has presented previously at Holy Trinity. Among her other academic credentials, Dr. Rosoff has an undergraduate degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis as well as 2 doctorates, one of which is in education. Barbara is a woman of faith with a full knowledge of Hebrew and many spiritual insights to share. We look forward to this joint Catholic/Lutheran/Jewish ecumenical and interfaith Bible study.

PROTECTING LIFE IN SOUTH JERSEY- Join Good Counsel Homes for a free online event on Thursday, 10/1/20 at 7 pm (6:45 pm login start time) for the benefit of the mothers and babies of the Riverside Home. Listen to featured speaker Catherine Hadro, EWTN *Prolife Weekly* news anchor. Learn how a small band of proliferers created a new home near the most dangerous city in America, knowing the odds against an abandoned pregnant mother surviving alone in the current circumstances. Learn how Good Counsel is determined to keep its home open in South Jersey. For information and registration help, and to place an ad in the virtual journal, please contact Tara Ingebritsen at: tara_ingebritsen@goodcounselhomes.org or 757-817-7115.



Ladies, 2020 has been a challenging year. But God, in His Divine Providence, has given us the solutions needed to face the challenges. Join women, just like you, this October as we learn more about our faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**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**



our military, especially Navy Lt. 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, 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.

CHEESECAKE SALE- The Catholic Daughters are taking orders for delicious cheesecakes and other dessert items which are distributed by Ashley Farms, Inc. The cheesecakes come in assorted varieties and are precut into 12 generous servings. They are being offered at \$25. Order forms are available at the rectory office during normal business hours. Orders must be received by October 5th. Prepayment is required by cash, or checks made payable to CDA, and must be included with order. Orders will be available for pick up at the St. Denis school building in November, before Thanksgiving. Please call Chris at 732-742-4703 with questions. The cheesecakes are good to have for the holidays and make great gifts! The Catholic Daughters appreciate the support that our parishioners always give us with our fundraising efforts. Thank you!

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 trentoncursillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

7TH ANNUAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL MASS AND BLESSING will be held Sunday, October 18, 2020, 2:00 pm at St. Luke’s Roman Catholic Church, 1674 Old Freehold Road in Toms River. The special blessing and Mass will be for all medical field professionals from doctors, chiropractors, physical therapists, nurses, technicians, and medical assistants to reception staff members in the industry. Healthcare workers of all faiths are welcome to attend. For info please visit <https://stlukestomsriver.org/>.

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



September 13, 2020

Regular Collection-	\$8,628.00
2nd Collection (Debt)-	\$4,035.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS– The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4th. Because of his love of animals, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 12:30 pm on the front steps of the church. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend with their pets. Please remember to remain socially distanced while attending this event.

MEN’S GROUP IS BACK!! Join us Tuesday, 13 October at 6 pm (stay tuned for place, in next week’s bulletin). We were gaining ground with a couple dozen men from the parish having great real-life faith discussions...then the pandemic. We will begin anew with our first meeting since. Be a part of this important opportunity to be encouraged in your faith and have the fellowship of other men from our parish as we take on our responsibilities as disciples of Christ.

DOWNEY SIDE– Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. For information contact Sister Elizabeth Engel at 732-359-8434 or email sister.engel@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- You are invited to the Catholic Charities Inaugural Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope Virtual Event on Wednesday September 30, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This fun and entertaining virtual fundraiser, hosted by comedian Joe Piscopo, will feature entertainment, a silent auction, basket raffles, giveaways and a Super 50/50 Raffle. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, inspired by our Catholic faith, provides trauma-focused specialized counseling, addiction treatment, domestic violence services and help meeting basic needs for over 100,000 people each year, regardless of their religion. The celebration is an opportunity to hear stories of the transforming impact Catholic Charities makes on our community. There is no charge to attend the event but, we ask that you register at www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GABOH2020. Hope you can tune in.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE will be drawn September 30, 2020 at the Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope Virtual Event. Last year’s raffle payout was over \$10,000. Donation: \$10 per ticket, \$90 for 10 tickets. Don’t miss out. Purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets today at www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GABOH2020.

COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 9TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune. For more information on sponsorships or to purchase experience raffle tickets, please contact Kim Sambade phone: 732-898-4094 email: ksambade@coastalhabitat.org Coastal Habitat for Humanity is located at 1105 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park. “Build homes, build communities and build hope.”

TAKE A STROLL THROUGH ST. PETER’S SCHOOL GIFT AUCTION. It will take place Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the school’s gymnasium, 45 Atlantic Ave. in Point Pleasant Beach. Admission is free. Doors will be open 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Calling begins at 5 pm. Adults only (18 years & up). Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing adhered to as you walk through the auction. For questions please email spsgiftauction@gmail.com.

TUTWILER CLINIC–WHERE CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY–The Catholic Daughters,



Court 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 children from 70+ families receive gifts, all donated by those who can. We are collecting the following gifts: dolls, board games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, infant and preschool toys, children’s and infants’ clothing: lightweight jackets, hoodies, for adults: gently used clothing in large sizes. We will collect through Sunday, October 25th. Look for collection boxes in the gathering space of the church and also at the chapel. For more information regarding this very worthwhile endeavor visit the website <http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/>.

THE BISHOP INVITES THE FAITHFUL TO PRAY DAILY ROSARY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE NATION-

Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., issued the following message:

For centuries, Catholics have turned to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking for her intercession in times of need by praying the Rosary. This great prayer, whose origins date before the 12th century, uses a meditative repetition of prayers that invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she leads us to consider the mysteries in the life of her Divine Son, Jesus. History has shown this to be a powerful, effective and calming prayer that has truly changed hearts and lives over the centuries of its use.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said of the Rosary that it is “the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the Rosary is beyond description.”

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton to consider making this powerful devotion part of your daily life of prayer. Please join with me in praying Our Lady’s Rosary every day between now and October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, for the many intentions and needs of our nation today, especially:

For a true respect for life in all its stages from conception to natural death;

For the strengthening of family life;

For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and for all those impacted by it;

For a lasting resolution to the racial tensions and injustices that have too long afflicted our country;

For an end to the violence and death in our cities, especially among the young;

For the victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking;

For the poor, the unemployed and those who face economic hardship, and

For so many of the other intentions and needs that we face in our country and world.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

**Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.
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