

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018**

“The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses: Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the Lord bestowed it on the seventy elders, and as the spirit came upon them they prophesied... ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord would bestow his spirit on them all. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.’”

On the day of our baptism, when we were anointed with the Holy Chrism we were told that we participate with Jesus as - priest, prophet and king. A prophet is a spokesperson for God. We read from the Major Prophets in the Old Testament, and know the teaching of the minor ones, as Micah, Amos, Hosea and others. Some say the age of prophets ended at the close of the first testament.

No, that is not true. Because we too are called to witness to Christ, we too are spokespersons for the Lord, His prophets today. We speak as witnesses by our actions. We speak as teachers of His word. We bring the call to conversion to a needy world. We find the witness of prophets in Saint Archbishop Oscar Romero, Blessed Stanley Rother and the religious martyrs of El Salvador. They are the prophetic voices, calling out for justice, an end to oppression, as agents for peace.

‘Would that the Lord would bestow...’ He has, now it is our turn.



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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 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 Jaelyn 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 DeJacomo by the DeJacomo Family
 11:00 am Martha A. Farina by Claudine & Sophie Remmey

Monday, October 1, 2018

7:30 am Stephen Sciarappa by his Family
 7:30 am Anthony & Catherine Rotonda by the Family
 7:30 am Jane Zimmermann by Trudy & Bill Ward

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

7:30 am Mary & Patrick Meenaghan by the Meenaghan Family
 7:30 am Fr. John Gibbons & Family by the Estate
 7:30 am Felicia Leo by Jane Bessemer

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

7:30 am Frank Corrigan by Agnes Conlan
 7:30 am Donna Disimile by the Rimmel Family
 7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family

Thursday, October 4, 2018

7:30 am Bridget Meenaghan by the Meenaghan Family
 7:30 am Fr. John Gibbons & Family by the Estate
 7:30 am For the Intentions of Amy, Ann, Melissa, Kevin & Scotty
 (in Memory of Gram)

Friday, October 5, 2018

7:30 am Thomas Whyte by the Meenaghan Family
 7:30 am Thomas McClenahan by Mr. & Mrs. Matt Gowen
 7:30 am William Truex by Anne & Ray Summers

Saturday, October 6, 2018

8:30 am Mary & Coleman Curran by the Meenaghan Family
 8:30 am Richard Michaeline by Kathy Bugliaro
 8:30 am Tessa Harley Delesdernier by Kathy Bugliaro
 4:30 pm Thomas Bairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 4:30 pm Ellen Boyle by Frances & Amanda Pilot
 4:30 pm Nora Kelly by Frances & Amanda Pilot

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:00 am John McNamara by his Family
 8:00 am Colleen Grady by her Daughter, Son-in-law,
 Grandchildren & Gail Fallon
 8:00 am Mark Wall by the Manasquan Beach Department
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Raymond Kane by John & Dawn Burke
 10:00 am Margaret & Mary Checton by the Warnick Family
 10:00 am Cecilia A. Burke by the Kerrigan Family
 11:00 am Aurea Allen by the DeGenova Family
 11:00 am Joseph Strucich & Jessica Joynes by their Grandparents
 11:00 am Carrie Mace Forsythe by Cindy & Scott Ernst

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Jane Zimmermann, William Truex, Patrick Campbell Leo Quigley, Jr. and Florence Jolly.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, 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, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, 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, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, 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, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Kathy Perusi, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Kathy Kleinlein, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Thomas J. Mahoney, Victoria Margadonna, Christopher Pindar, Christine Fields, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



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

Lucy Agnes Calabrese
Ophelia Wren Ebeling
Olivia Marie Gibbons
Kyle Patrick Kircher
Christopher Edward Koos

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE SALE NEXT WEEK-END! Raffle tickets will be sold next weekend (Oct. 6 & 7) at all Masses, including at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel. First prize is a 2019 VolvoXC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,215! Other prizes include ShopRite gift cards in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750 & \$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 committee will be helping out. If you would like to help sell raffle tickets at a particular Mass, we'd LOVE to have you. Contact Rachel Hendricks at thehendricks7@gmail.com or 732-223-1658.

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/>



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 Major Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd 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, 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.

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 Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 am on the front steps of the church. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend with their pets.



CORE Strength - "All He Wants is You!" Last date-Monday: October 1st, 11 am or 7 pm. 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. For more information contact Eileen Ziesmer at 732-223-0287 or eileen-ziesmer@gmail.com with questions.

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 coming as well. What a great opportunity to come together (even if you just want to listen). Practical matters of the faith will be discussed.

ST. DENIS JUNIOR CHOIR- Youth of the parish, 2nd grade-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, 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 information.

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 7:00-8:30 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, you can listen and use the power of music to pray in a new and awesome way. Try it, you'll love it.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 12:00 noon in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Please bring your lunch and we will provide dessert. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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. 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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOTBALL RAFFLE— Volunteers are selling \$5 raffle tickets for the **NJ GIANTS vs WASHINGTON REDSKINS** football game that will be played on Sunday, 10/28/18 at 1:00 pm. Tickets will be sold

after Masses this weekend and also the weekends of 10/13 & 10/14 and 10/20 & 10/21. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help needy families in our local area.



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 – 4:00 PM

3RD & 4TH SATURDAY: 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON


Items needed: individual chips/snacks for lunch boxes, canned fruit, oatmeal, regular coffee, regular instant coffee, small bottles of oil, grape jelly, hot chocolate, regular & decaf tea, cookies, pretzels & snack foods, pancake mix & syrup, canned beef stew, Spam, canned chicken, sugar, salad dressing, baked beans, male & female deodorant, dish liquid, laundry detergent, paper towels, and tissues. Also needed are used/new material shopping bags and sturdy brown bags with handles. 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. Thank you.



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 *

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, thru December 19th 7:30 pm** Where? St. Denis school building Leader/Facilitator: Monica Butler, Daniel Plan volunteer

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



This past Thursday, September 27, was the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul—the patron saint of our society. The gospel of that day reminds us of the Beatitudes: “How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs. Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land...” showing God’s great love for all of us. For Vincent, love was always very concrete, very practical—love in practice. “Let us love God, my brothers and sisters,” he urged, “let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brows.”

We are called to follow Christ as servants of the poor. The “sweat of our brows” can come in many forms; visiting the poor and elderly in their homes, helping to provide food to the hungry, helping the widow or single mother, or working in the Vincent’s Legacy furniture ministry. These are ways of being on the front lines ministering to the poor.

As St. Vincent says, we must first do and then teach. He also said that “love is inventive to the point of infinity.” Be inventive in dealing with the problems of the poor. Being on the front line in laboring for the poor, Vincentians are among the first to know their real needs. It will not be the psychologists or economists who study the need of the poor by examining the data they receive. The Vincentian volunteer will know ahead of them because the poor will tell them directly.

If you think that you may have some sweat or inventiveness in you that you’d like to share with the poor, 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.

Novena in Honor of St. Denis October 1-9

PREPARATORY PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God! With trust, I beseech You to graciously grant me, through the merits and intercession of St. Denis, our Patron Saint, the petition which through him I humbly place before You, devoutly saying, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Vouchsafe graciously to hear it, if it is to Your greater glory and the salvation of my soul. Amen

PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. DENIS

O God, Who conferred Your saving faith on the people of France through Your holy bishop and martyr Denis, and did glorify him before and after his martyrdom by many miracles. Grant us, through his intercession, that the faith practiced and preached by him may be our light on the way of life, so that we may be preserved from all anxieties of conscience, and if by human frailty we have sinned, we may return to You speedily by true penance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVOCATION OF ST. DENIS

Glorious servant of God, St. Denis, with intense love did you devote yourself to Christ after learning to know Him through the apostle St. Paul. Preaching His saving name to the nations, and bringing the knowledge and love of God, for Who's sake you did not shrink from martyrdom. Implore for me a continual growth in the knowledge and love of Jesus, so that my restless heart may experience that peace which He alone can give. Help me by thy powerful intercession with God to serve Him with a willing heart, to devote myself with steadfast love to His service, and thereby to attain the eternal bliss of heaven. Amen.

PRAYER

My Lord and my God! I offer up to You my petition in union with the bitter passion and death of Jesus Christ, Your Son, together with the merits of His Immaculate and Blessed Mother, Mary Ever Virgin, and of all the Saints, particularly with those of the Holy Helper, St. Denis, in whose honor I make this novena. Look down upon me, merciful Lord! Grant me Your Grace and Your Love, and graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

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.

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



August 26, 2018

Weekend Collection- \$14,165.00
Average Envelope Donation- \$24.96

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Message from Fr. Bill

View from the Pew: I give you a view from the pew from Allison Penkethman

The *View from the Pew* led me to a *view from the table*.

The Lord led me to a Catholic faith study last year that changed my life. The ministry, *Walking with Purpose*, starts with the book named, "Opening Your Heart;" and the blessings I experienced from this faith study were in abundance! As I sat at my small group table, I saw hearts opening to our Catholic faith in new and beautiful ways.

Together, we began to understand our faith for what it is meant to be. Every week we learned about the sacraments, scripture and saints and how all of these treasures can be relevant today. As the table leader, I watched God's hands tenderly soften the hearts of women. As the study concluded I saw friendships blossom. I witnessed women's lives change, as God became the center of their lives, filling each of us with joy peace and serenity.

The Lord was tugging on my heart to bring this women's ministry to Saint Denis parish. Father Bill graciously agreed...

Next week, the faith studies of *Walking with Purpose* will begin. The foundational study, "Opening Your Heart," will be offered on Tuesday evenings at the St. Denis School Building cafeteria, from 7:30-9:00pm beginning October 2. There is also a daytime option at St. Mark's parish in Sea Girt on Wednesdays at 12 noon beginning October 3. The second book from the *Walking with Purpose* ministry, "Keeping in Balance," is also being offered at St. Mark's at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Lastly, "Blaze," a faith study for middle school girls will meet on Friday evenings beginning October 12, 6:30-7:30pm at the St. Denis School Building. For more information about these faith studies, please visit our website, www.wwpnjshore.com

To clarify, *Walking with Purpose* does NOT involve walking or exercise. Instead *Walking with Purpose* is a Catholic women's ministry that aims to bring women into a deeper 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 Roman Catholic Church.

The Catholic faith studies from *Walking with Purpose* will guide each of us into a deeper relationship and conviction for Jesus resulting in peace, joy and serenity.

Ladies, let God open your heart to a fuller understanding of all the many treasures of the Catholic faith and, I promise you, He will bless you and fill you with His grace.

Peace be with you,
Allison Penkethman

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!

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD... PRAISE & SING Come, praise our Lord with contemporary Christian music. 30 minutes of pre-recorded music with lyric sheets provided. Every First Friday at 7:00 pm in Saint Denis Church. For more information call Allison Penkethman 732-528-4976.



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD AND FUN
in the ST. DENIS CAFETERIA!
SATURDAY, October 13th 5pm to 8pm
A PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE
FEAST OF ST. DENIS

Enjoy a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
(with green and side salads, soda/water, coffee and dessert!)

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