

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021**

“As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him and asked, ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’... ‘You know the commandments’... He replied, ‘Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have rich treasure in heaven, then come, and follow me.’”

The scene is easy to visualize, the conversation clear and simple, but the challenge is awesome. Am I willing to take the place of the man, approaching Jesus and asking the same question? Like Him I can probably respond that I too try to observe the ten commandments or the two great commandments of love of God and neighbor.

Perhaps Jesus is indicating that I too am lacking one thing. What is it? The man was asked to forfeit his riches and treasures. What is my one thing, what is my treasure which can be the barrier to eternal life?

Jesus looks at me today and He loves me too.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *By appointment only.*

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**Saturday, October 9, 2021**

- 8:30 am Elmer & Mildred Lintner
by the Linter Family
- 8:30 am Karl Blum by Susan Meehan
- 8:30 am David Miller by
St. Denis St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 4:30 pm Leo Cunningham by his Family
- 4:30 pm Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter
- 4:30 pm Kay Quigley
by Luann & John Quigley & Family

Sunday, October 10, 2021

- 8:00 am Janet Mangan by Jacki & Emmett Walling
- 8:00 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Sr. by MCW
- 8:00 am Joseph Walsh by Brian & Patty Reilly
- 9:30 am Hugh Boyle by his Family
- 9:30 am Marie R. Crowe by Maryann Crowe
- 9:30 am Rosemary Bergin
by Circle of Friends of Jersey City
- 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, October 11, 2021

- 7:30 am Robert Gorski by JoAnn
- 7:30 am Lolly Griffith by Evelyn Tuttle
- 7:30 am Joyce Amato by Eileen Kelly

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

- 7:30 am Joan Tumbas by Peter Fredericksen
- 7:30 am Jim Maywalt by Evelyn Tuttle
- 7:30 am Kevin Brophy by the Lynch Family

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

- 7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by her Family
- 7:30 am John Bianci by Mickey Britt
- 7:30 am Kathleen Loftus by Sheila Ruckert

Thursday, October 14, 2021

No Mass

Friday, October 15, 2021

- 7:30 am Jean Marconi by Sandy & Jim Freeman
- 7:30 am Larry Hodge by Mickey Britt
- 7:30 am Patricia Mitchell by Hank & Cathy Trost

Saturday, October 16, 2021

- 8:30 am Irene & Ed Zinser by Jane Bessemer
- 8:30 am David Miller by Lynn & Bill Motzenbecker
- 8:30 am The Intention of the Moxley Family
by Peter & Sharon Wilson
- 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife
- 4:30 pm Nancy Charlesworth by her Daughters
- 4:30 pm Ellie Kidd by her Coworkers

Sunday, October 17, 2021

- 8:00 am Lajos Zsofka by Connie & Ben Forcillo
- 8:00 am Kathleen White by Philip & Maureen White
- 8:00 am Richard Ballack by Christopher Bauer
- 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
- 10:00 am Vincent Garetano by Lois Danese
- 10:00 am Kathleen Haughney
by Michele & Jeff Kellner
- 10:00 am Matthew Yourkawitch
by Scott & Cindy Ernst



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Gordon Justin, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Donna Morgan, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondek, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, David Smith, Marie Woodrow, Elizabeth Clos, Reverend Joseph Miele, Gail Fallon, William Pavincich, Patsy Pindar, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chernmark, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Hank Przybylowski, Werner Ziesmer, Cathy Hodgkiss, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, the Stoute Family, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
THE ISKRA & HRANKOWSKI FAMILIES
REQUESTED BY MCW

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!

CATHOLIC/LUTHERAN DIALOGUE-This fall and spring we will be having discussions based on the video series "The Chosen". It will be a great opportunity for members of both communities to come together and continue our dialogue of faith using "The Chosen" as our basis for discussion. This fall, we will be focusing on the first four episodes of Season 1, and for Advent we will talk about the Christmas special. Then, in the spring, we will discuss the remaining 4 episodes of Season 1. The videos are available from "The Chosen" app and you can also view them on YouTube. Please view the videos before coming to the discussion. Also, as you are watching the videos, have a notebook and pen by your side to jot down your notes about impressions and questions that arise. Especially: What drew your attention in that episode and why? What was something new you encountered in this drama? What "rang true" and what did not from your experience of reading/hearing of the Gospels? We will meet at 11am and again at 7 pm, so you can pick which time works best for you. All of the morning meetings, at 11am, will be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall. All of the evening meetings, at 7 pm, will be held in the St. Denis cafeteria. Pastor Mary and Fr. Bill will take lead on alternating weeks and "co-host" the discussion. So, mark your calendars! All of our meetings will happen on Wednesdays. We will meet on Wednesday Oct. 20, Nov 3, and Nov 17. So, watch the videos and get ready to have a great conversation that will inspire us as *the chosen* disciples of Christ in our day and age as we reflect on those chosen by Christ, as seen in this intriguing series.



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy E3 Nora N. Honrath, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Major Sean Fessenden, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC 2nd Lt. Philip Cahill, USMC 2nd Lt. Joanna Smith-Cahill, Navy MIDN Michael Zimmerman U.S. Naval Academy, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Allison M. Ingraham at West Point Academy, Lt. Col. Ivan Ingraham USMC, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Robert Halmi, U.S. Army, Corporal Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"Everywhere this (Sacred Heart of Jesus) holy image was exposed to be honored, He would pour fourth His graces and blessings. This blessing was, as it were, a final effort of His love. He wanted to bestow upon men during these final centuries such loving redemption in order to snatch them from the control of Satan, whom He intended to destroy." In 1675, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque spoke about the souls devoted to His Sacred Heart.

October 16th – Feast Day of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Jesus appeared to this saint giving her the mission of encouraging and teaching a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This included a Holy Hour on Thursdays to reflect on how the Apostles abandoned Him during the Agony in the Garden. Jesus also encouraged receiving communion on 1st Fridays. The parish of St. Denis is fortunate to have a beautiful stained glass window depicting Jesus' appearance to this saint.

Activities: 40 Days for Life Sept 24 – Oct 31. To learn more, visit 40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury. To participate on Fridays contact meverjim1953@gmail.com, otherwise contact Month4Life@hotmail.com. If you are unable to attend, please commit to 40 days of prayer/rosary for the unborn.

Public Rosary Prayers—October 13th 8:30AM – All invited to say rosary at Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Catherine's church Spring Lake. October 13th 7PM –All invited to on-line rosary—register in advance www.lifeneteducation.org/3krosaryforlife/

ACTION CENTER –Act now to stop the most extreme Abortion Bill Ever!! Visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home to tell your elected officials that you oppose this heinous legislation.

NJ Right to Life Car Raffle!

Raffle tickets will be sold next weekend (October 16 & 17) at all Masses, including Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel! **First prize is a 2022 VolvoXC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,340! Other prizes include Shop Rite 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, book of 10/\$100. If you would like to help sell raffles at a particular Mass, we'd LOVE to have you! Contact Ray Gabler at rjgabler@gmail.com or call 732-890-8008

FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY? Need Help? Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732-747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.



THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Our deceased loved ones will be remembered in a Novena of Masses beginning on that day. Special intention envelopes for this Novena are included in the monthly packets and are available at the exits of the church and chapel. Next weekend there will be a collection bin for the intention envelopes. You may also send the names of your deceased loved ones to the rectory no later than Friday, 10/29/21. The names will then be placed on the altar during our All Souls Novena of Masses.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place First Fridays, from noon to 1:00 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.

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.

THE UPPER ROOM DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE offers the following programs in person or via Zoom. Time: 6:30–8:30 pm Fee for most programs: \$25–\$50 (sliding scale) Registration with full payment is due one week before each program:

Men's Spirituality Group- Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual. Facilitator: Frank Coyle Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 Time: 7:30-9:00pm Fee: \$10 (per session)

Healing Work of Releasing Negative Emotions-Practical tools to unlock un-serving emotions and long held attitudes from life's challenges and traumas. This month – Transforming Frustration and Disappointment to Cultivate Patience. Presenter: Grace Conte, M.A. Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 Time: 7:00–9:00pm Fee:\$20 (per session)

To register for a program please email office@theupperroom.org at least one week in advance.

SAINT JOSEPH VILLA ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE- Turn \$5 into \$10,000! The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill invite you to participate in their annual chance drive. The grand prize is \$10,000 (less 28% tax). There will also be 5 prizes of \$500 each. Get your tickets (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) online today by visiting <https://bit.ly/3yg4gR0>. Winners will be drawn on December 5, 2021. For more information email Development@ssjphila.org.



St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Denis Church Phone: 732-223-1383

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

There is curbside pick-up of prepackaged food with social distancing. Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383
Pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM – 3PM and
3rd and 4th Saturdays from 10AM – 12 noon

Items needed at this time:

Canned white potatoes, instant potatoes, Spam, popcorn, cookies, boxed milk, and toilet paper,

Please be sure to check the expiration dates on the food you are donating.

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.



ST. DENIS RECTORY OFFICE

will be closed Monday, 10/11/21.

The office will reopen

Tuesday, 10/12/21 at 8:30 am.

We wish all a very Happy Holiday.

R.C.I.A.—If you, or anyone you know, is a person who would like to learn more about the Faith and wants to know about the steps needed to prepare for receiving the sacraments of initiation, or if you, or anyone you know is a baptized Catholic who would like to prepare to receive the remaining sacraments of initiation, please contact Father Bill at the office (732-223-0287 ext. 308 or his email on the front of the bulletin). Firstly, it would just be a meeting to see where you are on your faith journey and just discuss the possibilities for you. After that initial “Come and See” meeting, you would discern if you feel called to pursue the preparation for and reception of the sacraments. Please spread the word. Father Bill does need to know within the next few weeks, so as to be able to give you the time needed to discuss and prepare.

MASS FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD AND THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON-

A special Mass will be held at 3 pm on October 17 in the Cathedral in Trenton. The Bishop will celebrate/commemorate the 140th Anniversary as a Diocese and we will “kick-off” the acknowledgement of this milestone at the Mass for the Opening of the Diocesan Synod. All are welcome.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be bought with money, our minds often center more on money than love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant-but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it.

Our goal as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is to enable money to be a servant of the poor, but also to demonstrate the love of Christ to those we help. But, let money become our master, let it take first place in our lives and it can become a tyrant. It can harden our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence.

Millions of “dollars” passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the “patrimony of the poor” and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor. The parishioners of St. Denis, in their generosity, continue to make it possible for us to make every dollar a “good servant” for the poor.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, **come to the Society's next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of the school building.**

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

PRAYER IN HONOR OF SAINT DENIS

(To be Prayed October 8, 9, 10)

O God, who conferred Your saving Faith on the people of France through your holy bishop 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



We welcome into our parish family the following children who were brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Grace Elizabeth Dambeck
Collins Moorea Grille
Lorenzo Giovanni Logrippa
Kelsey Rose Mortensen
May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE- Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours. For more information please call the office at 732-223-0287.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org

MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Happy Feast of St. Denis! We celebrate our patron saint at all the Masses this weekend. We join together in praising God for all God has done through, with, and in St. Denis and his two companions, all martyred in Paris about the year 250-258, on what is called the "mount of martyrs," in their honor. We also ask our patron saint to pray for our parish and all parishioners.

Our parish has a rich history and a rich present reality. Two people who bridge the past and the present are Mr. and Mrs. Griggs, who attend the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday. Each week I see them in the front pew and I recently spoke with them for this week's bulletin. For me, they are a blessing. They are a blessing for their own unique witness to the Catholic Faith as well as being a symbol of the many, many parishioners who have been a part of the St. Denis Parish Family. I see in Mr. and Mrs. Griggs an example of the call to discipleship that we all receive and that takes shape and is lived out in parish life.

Mr. and Mrs. Griggs were married in 1953. Interestingly, Mr. Griggs was not a "cradle Catholic." He wanted to convert to the Catholic Faith, as Mrs. Griggs explained, "because he told me once we were married, we'll do everything together. And that is what we've done ever since." (For 68 years! I may add.) They were married at Mrs. Griggs' home parish of Ascension in Bradley Beach, and their first Mass as husband and wife was the next day after their wedding. They went to St. Peter's in Pt. Pleasant, where Mr. Griggs received instruction to enter the Catholic Faith. Then they met Fr. Welsh, who invited them to attend St. Denis, and the next week, they became part of St. Denis Parish, and the fabric of Catholic life here ever since.

Not able to conceive children, they wanted to be "surrounded" by children, and adopted five children through their early years. They fondly remember the baptisms that took place at St. Denis in the "old church," when the altar was at the other end of the church. (And the Quonset hut used for Masses during the building of the church.) They recalled all the sacramental and holy day celebrations at the parish with smiles and also called to mind how important it was for them when their daughter died, and her funeral Mass was held at the parish. They called to mind the good-nature of Fr. Welsh and remarked how he really gave such witness to living a very simple life, even to the point of personally not accepting money. They admired the kindness of Fr. Welsh, and then quickly they added the kindness of Fr. Stas, relating many personal stories of his kindness to them and their father. They then quickly moved into the present, relating their fondness for Fr. Ed Blanchett, and even for me. Their sharing of the "flavor" of the parish family here included the kindness of parishioners, who even if they don't know their names, will say hello to them wherever they might meet them in-and-around town. For me, this sharing is so important, because I believe this kindness and outreach of parishioner-to-parishioner must continue to be our hallmark as we "love God with all our heart...and love your neighbor as you love yourself" as Jesus taught us.

In looking around the church, I asked them what were their favorite parts of the parish church, of which they have been a part of for these many years. They remarked about the magnificent stained glass window of the Resurrection of the Lord, once in the body of the church, and now in the gathering space by the lift that they use to enter the church. Also, Mrs. Griggs beautifully described the light in the stained glass window of the Annunciation, "I love how the light shines on Mary." They both have the perfect vantage point to see that window Saturday evenings from where they sit, each and every week, in the first pew.

What are your memories of the past and present of our parish? How do you live the call to discipleship in the life of our parish? What has been meaningful to you, what parts of the church inspire you, and how has the Catholic life of the parish of St. Denis inspired you? We are all part of the history of St. Denis Parish. I am thankful for your prayers and support during my time here. As we move forward, we ask St. Denis' intercession, that we all continue to follow Christ as faithful disciples and live our Catholic culture at our parish, and in our homes, with zeal and joy and hope. Amen.



walking with purpose

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

If you had to describe life in the past year, *abundant* is probably not the word you would choose. Alone, weary, and coping is probably more like it. Why? Because we thrive in relationships. Our souls thirst for connection. We were made for community and it’s time to come back. Walking with Purpose (WWP) is more than a women’s Bible study. It is a faith community that supports, encourages, and challenges one another. It is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions as your heart is transformed by the Word of God. It is everything you need to get back to living a life that you love, and the life God has designed for you. Are you ready to start WWP or to come back to WWP? God is ready and waiting for you to show up just as you are. He wants to see you discovering your purpose while connecting with a life-giving community. And God is not the only One waiting. We are too! The abundant life awaits us, and we’ve got an open chair with your name on it. **It’s time to come back to community. We can’t wait to see you!** To find out details and register go to www.wwpnjshore.com We offer two study options: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm or Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 pm.

MEN’S GROUP– *Pursue the Way, the Truth, the Life* is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in the school building, from 6-7 pm. For more info contact the St Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

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

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION- The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel’s Vineyard’s Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For info, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Retreat: November 12-14, 2021

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

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

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 31st. Look for collection boxes in the gathering space of the church and also at the chapel. For more info regarding this very worthwhile endeavor visit the website <http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/>.



TRINITY HALL is a private school in the Catholic tradition located in Tinton Falls, for girls in grades 9-12. All are welcome to visit on 10/15/21 at 9:30 am. Meet students and staff and take a tour of the building. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to mmccue@trinityhallnj.org by 10/13/21.

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



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