

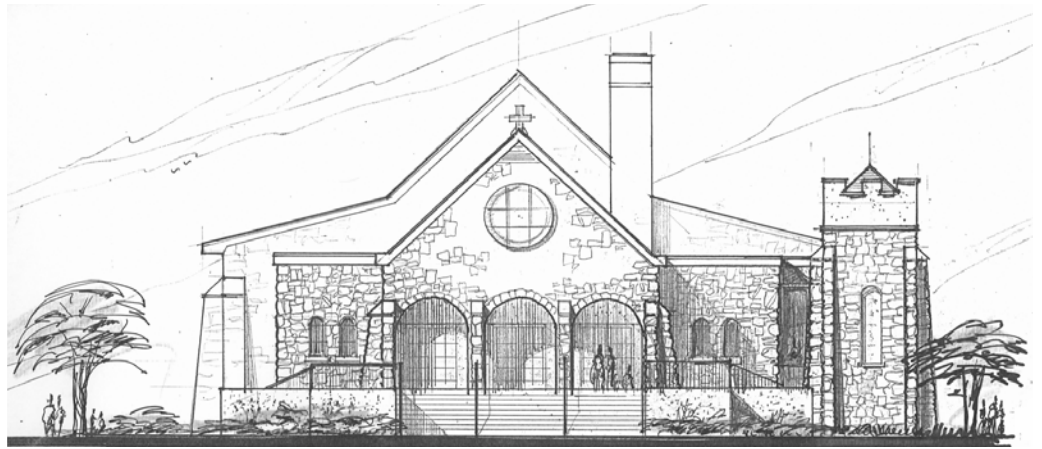
HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018

“Brothers and sisters:
Indeed, the Word of God is
living and effective,
sharper than any two
edged sword, penetrating
even between soul and
spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to discern
reflections and thoughts of
the heart... ‘Good teacher,
what must I do to inherit
eternal life?’...Jesus,
looking at him, loved him
and said to him, ‘you are
lacking in one thing.’”

How important it is that we
listen carefully to the
proclamation of the word at
mass each week. It is read for
our instruction, formation
and growth in the Christian
life. Try to identify with the
people who meet Jesus in the
gospels. I pose the same
question about my
responsibility as I seek
eternal life.

The teaching of Jesus of
observing the commandments
are quite clear and we surely
try to keep them. As Jesus
informed him that he was
lacking one thing, I ask myself
what is lacking in what the
Lord asks of me. Is it a deeper
prayer life? Is it how I can
better my family life? Is it
how I show my concern for
others, for the poor, for those
in need? These are penetrating
questions as I reflect on His
Word today.



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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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8:30 am John & Annamae Hearn by the Family
 8:30 am Donna Marie Disimile by Jane Tully
 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 4:30 pm Fred Cole by the Family
 4:30 pm Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter
 4:30 pm Ellen M. Boyle by Sean & Mary Ellen Boyle

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 am Marie Dibble by Sean & Mary Ellen Boyle
 8:00 am Thomas Redman by Yordania Cortinas
 8:00 am Michael Dinardi by Patricia Trezza
 9:30 am Joan Makley by JoAnn Schwarzbek
 9:30 am Karin Krenek by the Herman Family
 9:30 am Dolores Hogan
 by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Jeanette & Ernest Petermann by the Family
 11:00 am Matthew McNulty by Cindy & Stan Gutkowski
 11:00 am Dexter Kinnaird by Ted & Claire Schlich

Monday, October 15, 2018

7:30 am Father John Gibbons & Family by the Estate
 7:30 am Louise Birritteri by a Friend
 7:30 am The Intentions of Chris Faraca by Danielle Adams

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

7:30 am Theresa Gabler by the Gabler & Funsch Families
 7:30 am Donald Dickson by Marilyn & Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Eileen Donohue by the Krueger Family

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

7:30 am Sister Julia Ladzinski by the Lago Family
 7:30 am Stanley Boruszkowski by JoAnn Korb
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Thursday, October 18, 2018

7:30 am George & Juliette Kornmeyer by the Family
 7:30 am Father John Gibbons & Family by the Estate
 7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family

Friday, October 19, 2018

7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 7:30 am James T. Brown by Peggy & John Healy
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8:30 am Louis Matyas by the Family
 8:30 am William T. Tobias by the Mulligan Family
 8:30 am Matthew McNulty by Joe & Joanne Conklin
 4:30 pm Catherine Rotonda by Frances & Amanda Pilot
 4:30 pm Nicholas & Josephine Oleksik by the Danish Family
 4:30 pm Marion Fittin by the Kerrigan Family

Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:00 am Joseph Zanko, Sr. by the Zanko Family
 8:00 am Florence McManus by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society
 8:00 am Michael Dinardi by Patrick Trezza
 9:30 am Mary Funck by the Prince Family
 9:30 am Joan Makley by Lois Schneider
 9:30 am Francis Kehoe by Joan & Jim Coyle
 10:00 am Frances Pless by Bill & Mary Ellen Bell
 10:00 am Jim Perez by Donna & Jimmy Gahm
 10:00 am Claire Kessler
 by the Manasquan River Yacht Club C Team
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

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 Donald Dickson, Robert Steinel & Frank Reilly.



PRAY
FOR THE SICK

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, Michael Simko, Chris Faraca, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



**WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN, MAE & LIL MURPHY
REQUESTED BY KAY KOLON**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm Come join us in adoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in the church. on Fridays.

A NIGHT OF PRAYER in reparation for the healing of all victims of abuse and the sanctification and renewal of bishops and priests is being sponsored by the Trenton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. This prayer will happen simultaneously in each of the four counties of our diocese on Monday, October 15th at 7:30 pm. Our parish musicians and choir are participating in our Cohort 20 hosted event for Ocean County at St. Martha's Church, 3800 Herbertsville Rd, Pt. Pleasant. All are welcome.

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS- The Christian Communities of Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. Mark and St. Denis Catholic parishes will 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 (11 am) and Church (7 pm) (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.)



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.

Recovery Corner

Addiction is not a moral failing. There is help. Anyone affected by addiction is welcome each Thursday at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm as we support one another by applying what scripture says about recovery. Call 848-333-7085 for information.



FAMILY EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ADDICTION SERIES- Available Mondays, 7:00 pm, at 67 Atlantic Ave. in Manasquan Recreation Annex.

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

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

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 or visit their website <http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/>

CINDERELLA CHEESECAKE SALE-The Catholic Daughters are taking orders for delicious cheesecakes which are distributed by the Cinderella Cheesecake Company. They come in assorted varieties and are pre-cut into 16 slices. The cheesecakes are being offered for \$23.00 and \$26.00. Order forms are available at the rectory office during normal business hours. Please call Chris at 732-742-4703 with questions. Orders must be received by Friday, October 26th. Prepayment is required and checks should be made payable to: CDA. Orders will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 13th, 4-6 pm, in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. The cheesecakes are good to have for the holidays and make great gifts!

HELPING OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND CONGREGATION-

There are many older people living in our parish... in our neighborhood... who are in need of a little help to continue living with dignity and independence at home. If you can spare just a few hours a week, you can be involved in this ministry. Call and find out more... Contact the Caregiver office www.caregivervolunteers.org or (732) 876-3900 for information. St. Denis will be hosting a Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey Orientation Training on Wednesday, October 24th 11am-12:30pm in the St. Denis School building cafeteria.





Ladies, COME JOIN US! *Walking with Purpose* transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. We meet Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm in the St. Denis School Building, cafeteria. We are studying the book, Opening Your Heart, the foundational faith study designed for women. We welcome you to learn how the scriptures and sacraments apply to our everyday lives. Interested in learning more or registering? Please visit www.wwpnjshore.com

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 are on Fridays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the library of the school building 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 jennifermahoney@gmail.com.

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE– THANK YOU! Tickets still available! Many thanks to all of you who bought a raffle ticket and to all of the volunteers who helped to sell them at the October 6th & 7th Masses. If you missed out or want to purchase more raffles, please stop by the rectory office during regular business hours by October 31st. Raffles are \$10 each (cash or check made payable to NJRTL). First prize is a brand new 2019 Volvo SUV. Other prizes include Shoprite gift certificates (\$1,000, \$750, \$500). The drawing is November 16th, winner does not need to be present. All proceeds go to NJ Right to Life for educational efforts. Hopefully, we'll get a winner from St. Denis Parish.



**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: canned fruit, pasta sauce, beef stew, macaroni and cheese, salad dressing, male and female deodorant, razors, dish liquid, laundry detergent and tissues. 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.

Sincere thanks to all who have been reading the bulletin and donating the items that are depleted or very low. Our needy neighbors are very appreciative to receive these basic foods and personal care/home items. God Bless!



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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOTBALL RAFFLE– Volunteers are selling \$5 raffle tickets for the NJ GIANTS vs WASHINGTON REDSKINS football game (including parking pass) that will be played on Sunday, 10/28/18 at 1:00 pm. Tickets will be sold after Masses next weekend, 10/20 & 10/21. They are also available at the rectory during normal business hours. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help needy families in our local area.

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



More than simply obeying the Commandments, Jesus gently tells the young man in the Gospel that he lacks *one thing*, and so he should give away "all that he has" and then have "treasure in heaven." That is, come to Jesus empty handed. This doesn't mean that we *literally* sell everything; we all have family and social obligations that make having things a necessity. What Jesus is saying is that we can't let possessions divide our hearts. Too often, possessions possess *us*. God wants *our all* so that God can give all in return. Our Lord was saying in effect to the young man, "With all of your possessions what positive good have you done to others? Have you gone out of your way to help and comfort and strengthen others?" The Lord knows that there are many and varied ways in which we can help and comfort and strengthen others.

If you have an interest in helping, comforting or strengthening others, please come to one of our general meetings, which are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month (no meeting on Oct. 16) at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of the church). Our next meeting will be Nov. 6th.

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



ST. DENIS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP-If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance this series will offer support, prayer and work on answering questions about loss, grief, coping and potential for renewal of self and hope. Join us on: Thursdays, **11 am-12 pm at the St Denis Parish Office.** **Contact Eileen Ziesmer at eileenziesmer@gmail.com or 732-223-0287 to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!**

SAINT DENIS SENIORS- Our Senior meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17th-our first of the year. We will begin the meeting in the convent. After our short meeting, we will then share lunch together. You may invite a friend to be with you and the gathering will begin at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided and you may bring a dessert to share with other friends. If you have any questions, please call 732-223-1710.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- All children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children will proceed to the church basement before the first reading and return during the offertory. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. If interested, call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!! - Our next meeting is Sunday, October 21st for early Halloween Fun! Join us in the cafeteria from 6:00-7:30 pm for fun and games. Wear a costume and get ready..... New people are always welcome.

GRANDPARENT GUILD-Our first meeting had a lot of great ideas and energy! We are planning for our next meeting to be held right after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 4th. Just head downstairs after Mass and we will continue our great conversations. We will have some refreshments and materials to support you in your vocation of grandparenting. If you haven't yet filled out a questionnaire, please find it on the information table and bring it with you.

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD... PRAISE & SING Come, praise our Lord with contemporary Christian music. 30 minutes of prerecorded 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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website. The bulletin is posted on the website on Friday mornings. For list of intentions visit www.churchofstdenis.org.

A Message from Fr. Bill, Did you Know, View from the Pew:

It is an "all in one" column today. Did you know that one of our parishioners just concluded her reign as Miss Delaware! Chelsea Bruce, who is from Manasquan and attended St. Denis School and the University of Delaware, beat out 13 other young women for the title of Miss Delaware 2017. I asked Chelsea to share with us about her experience, and in particular, the cause she championed – mental health. Below is her "View" and I thank her very much for sharing something so important and personal. It reminds me that with Faith, Hope, and Love we Disciples of Christ are empowered to make a difference, each in our own way. May God bless her on her path to make a difference.

"Suicide plagued my adolescent years. In my twenty-two years, I have seen the effects of suicide fourteen times. In middle school, I watched from a distance as the train schedule remained unchanged in spite of the numerous battles lost to mental illness on the tracks across from my school. I watched as close friends and I lost loved ones, as counseling programs were hastily put together, and as students with three degrees of separation from my lifelong friend spoke as though his death meant nothing because it was "self-inflicted". After the death of a young family friend who lost his father to the same illness, I knew I needed to do more than try to make people feel as though they matter. I felt compelled to make an impact on the community.

I joined Active Minds and actively worked to destigmatize mental illness as Miss Delaware 2017. I spoke to service organizations and high school students, and held a position on Delaware's Behavioral Health Consortium. As a member of the Behavioral Health Consortium, I was able to witness change in motion. I watched as members of the state community gathered to not only air their grievances, but offer insightful and thoughtful solutions. I watched as state politicians listened intently to the issues of the people, diligently took notes, and found practical ways to make effective strides for the mental health community.

When I was crowned Miss Delaware, I anticipated that people would share their stories with me. I even anticipated some may cry. However, what I had not anticipated was the amount of knowledge I would gain about the mental health community and the challenges it faces. I didn't know how greatly the year would change me. It made me more open – more open to people, more open to my feelings, and more open to the serendipity. My campaign to destigmatize mental illness enlightened me to greater issues in the community. Ultimately, my year as Miss Delaware pushed me in a different direction; I was encouraged to pursue a Master of Arts in Psychology at Columbia University.

My cursory understanding of mental illness is not enough to challenge current policy and enforce reform. Real world problems cannot be confronted by one specialty alone. Upon graduation from this program, I intend to matriculate into law school and use my Master of Arts and Juris Doctorate to effect change. I refuse to be a bystander. I will work toward social progress. I will act in the face of adversity. I will fight for the rights of all to be treated as human."

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!



Next Sunday, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As

Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work, and OFFER financial help through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for World Mission Sunday. Please make checks payable to St. Denis Church. Thank you.

ONLINE GIVING- To help support our parish more easily we offer **Online Giving!** For additional information 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.

PURE FREEDOM: What's Love Got To Do With It? This family event for parents and teens 13+ will be presented at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, 19 Cherry Tree Farm Road in Middletown on Friday, 10/19/18 at 6:30 pm. The evening includes a Chasity Presentation for parents and teens, Parenting for Purity (presentation for parents only), Confession and Adoration. A \$10 donation is suggested per student. For more information, contact Enza Cerami at livingstonesinc2018@gmail.com.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS & 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 call Rachel at 732-223-1658.

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.

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Receive our newsletter and event notifications!

Text
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to **22828** to get started.



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A SILENT SPIRITUAL RETREAT for men & women is being offered at Loyola House of Retreats in Morristown, NJ, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11, 2018. Set in the beautiful rolling terrain of northern NJ, this retreat offers a time to relax away from business problems and family worries, a time to pray and awaken the sense of the reality of God, and to grow in the precious gift of faith. To register contact Joe Leone at retreat@joeleones.com. For more info visit www.loyola.org.



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