

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

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
October 17, 2021**

“James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ He replied, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.’ Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink?’... When the ten heard this they became indignant at James and John.”

We spend a lifetime trying to get ahead. At work we strive for a promotion, in school we work to learn and receive good grades, at home we want to make it nice for everyone, including ourselves. In each case there is some sacrifice for achievement. What about my spiritual life? Do I strive to grow in holiness, to ‘get ahead’ spiritually?

Like the ten, I too become indignant or jealous and envious. What is the remedy? When good things happen for others, make sure to rejoice with them, share the joy of their accomplishments, support them in their endeavors.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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.

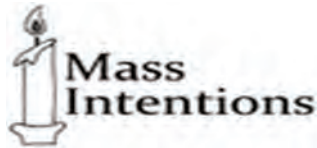
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis). You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**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

**Monday, October 18, 2021**

7:30 am Karl Blum by Bill Meehan  
 7:30 am Stephen Lowe by Catherine & Thomas King  
 7:30 am Phyllis Sheppard  
 by Richard & Carol Gennaro

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

7:30 am Patricia Mathieson  
 by Catherine & Thomas King  
 7:30 am The Mellody & Lennon Families  
 by Harry Mellody  
 7:30 am Charles Capone  
 by Mr. & Mrs. George Croake

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

7:30 am Nancy & John Charlesworth  
 by Catherine Campen  
 7:30 am Carolyn McIntyre by Joan & Mark Clarkin  
 7:30 am Robert F. Munoz by the Blok Family

**Thursday, October 21, 2021**

No Mass

**Friday, October 22, 2021**

7:30 am Peter King by Catherine & Thomas King  
 7:30 am Jim Maywalt by John Pascale  
 7:30 am Dominic Pascale by John Pascale

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**

8:30 am Roland Briere by Peter & Sharon Wilson  
 8:30 am Robert F. Munoz by the Galdieri Family  
 8:30 am Charlotte Burke (1st Anniversary)  
 by Mary & Dan Burke  
 4:30 pm Josephine & Nicholas Oleksik  
 by Christine & Duane Danish  
 4:30 pm Thomas Nixon by Barbara Roche & Lou Nieves  
 4:30 pm Paul Tortorella by Barbara Roche & Lou Nieves

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

8:00 am Elizabeth Nolan by Philip & Maureen White  
 8:00 am Richard Ballack by Michael & Marlene Martin  
 8:00 am John LaSpina by Patricia & Patrick Trezza  
 9:30 am Ann Lingle by Gloria & Dave Smith  
 9:30 am Marie M. Hamilton  
 by Carolyn & Sal Berardesco  
 9:30 am Mildred Coughlin by Joan & Mark Clarkin  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish



**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, 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 17, 2021  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
CDA, COURT ST. DENIS #1497**



**OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road in Allentown, NJ [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) or 609-877-**

**0509.** Please check for registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in person unless otherwise indicated.

**ENTERTAINING ANGELS A DAY WITH DOROTHY**

Wednesday, 10/20/21 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM We will become acquainted with Dorothy Day's life story by viewing the film *Entertaining Angels* in order to notice her courage, call and fidelity. What an amazing person, with so much to tell us today. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

**THE WISDOM PATTERN WITH RICHARD ROHR**

8 Mondays 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
November 1 January 3 March 7 May 2  
December 6 February 7 April 4 June 6

Richard Rohr, OFM helps us to see how order, disorder and reorder is a universal pattern which opens us to transformation as individuals and as communities. We will use Rohr's book, *The Wisdom Pattern*, as well as excerpts from his daily meditations, as our guides for prayer and discussion this year. We will also spend time in contemplative prayer each session. Donation: \$150

**FAMILY OF ORIGIN RETREAT GROUND OF GRACE, GRIST FOR CONVERSION (In-Person Commuters Only)**

7:00 PM Friday-1:00 PM Sunday November 5 – 7 Friday to Sunday. This retreat time is an invitation to claim the grace of God at work in our family stories. Retreatants may want to bring significant family pictures to use as part of their prayer. Donation: \$175/\$75 non-refundable deposit with registration. All meals included.



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.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet in church at 9:00 am for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2 in the cafeteria of school building. Please bring your lunch and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome.



**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 the church hall of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan. 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. 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.

**WORD OF LIFE**

**"The church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. USCCB**

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**ACTIVITIES:** 40 Days for Life Sept 24 – Oct 31. To learn more, visit [40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury](http://40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury). To participate on Friday's contact [mej-erjim1953@gmail.com](mailto:mej-erjim1953@gmail.com), otherwise contact [Month4Life@hotmail.com](mailto:Month4Life@hotmail.com). If you are unable to attend, please commit to 40 days of prayer/rosary for the unborn.

Visit our Websites: [dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

**ACTION CENTER** –Act now to stop the most extreme Abortion Bill Ever!! Visit [www.votervoicenet/USCCB/home](http://www.votervoicenet/USCCB/home) to tell your elected officials that you oppose this heinous legislation.

**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.

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

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021, a special  
All Souls Mass 7:00pm  
at St. Denis Church**



We will remember in a special way the souls of the loved ones who have passed away in our parish during this past year. We join together to celebrate Mass particularly to pray for, honor and acknowledge all who have died and suffered loss during this pandemic. We pray for parishioners, family and friends who entered into eternal life this year. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one to be displayed and blessed at the Mass.** Please join us even if the loss of your loved one, family member or friend was not from this parish or passed away more than a year ago. If you would like their name placed in our intention book please send their name in and email: [eileenziemer@gmail.com](mailto:eileenziemer@gmail.com) Please contact Eileen Ziesmer 732-223-0287 with any questions.



**ALTAR SERVER NEWS!!!** We will be having altar servers again at the parish as we begin our new Church Liturgical year in Advent. In preparation, we will be having training of new altar servers and re-training of "old" altar servers on two different days/times. We ask that a parent stay during the

training to assist their child in finding the correct size for the alb that they will be wearing and for the discussion on scheduling altar serving. Please choose one of the days (or come to both if you would like): Monday, 1 November and/or Tuesday, 2 November. The training will take place in the church from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. If these two dates do not work well for you, please contact Fr. Bill at the rectory, 732-223-0287.



**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  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**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.

**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/>.

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



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, "Who are you looking for?" It could be asked, "What are you looking for?" Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

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.



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

Cruz Dean Cronin  
Faye Lynn Teresa Spaeth  
James Parker McGowan

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

***"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](http://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.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY-** Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers. Thank you in advance for your generosity to next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Envelopes are included in your monthly packets and are also available at the exits of the church and chapel.



**September 26, 2021**

Weekly Collection- \$9,123.00

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !***

**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.



**MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

Today I share with you the financial report for the fiscal year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. This yearly report is prepared by each parish throughout the diocese, and sent to the diocese as well as shared with the parishioners. This report allows me to make a few comments about where we have been and where we are going, with fiscal responsibility in mind, regarding the mission of the parish.

First, I thank you all for your support during the pandemic. There are many of you who have gone above-and-beyond their normal giving so as to help the parish in its operations. I am also thankful to those who have left the parish in their will. I am thankful for the members of the finance council who have helped me in making decisions for the well-being of the parish. Being as conservative as possible in spending along with the mandatory cancelations of programs/gatherings during the pandemic have also contributed to a solid fiscal year. Many factors have led to a surplus of funds at the end of our last fiscal year.

We have continued to pay down the church mortgage with \$605K remaining as of the end of June, but actually to date is \$504K remaining at the beginning of October! Although we still owe money to the bank and owe money in our diocese, we are also paying those debts down little by little. I am grateful for the ability to be able to slowly get us out of debt.

As with all parishes, buildings and maintenance is a thing, especially with boilers dating back to the 1950's and air conditioners at the Jersey Shore corroded by salt air and such. So please know that we will be having to do some maintenance work over the next several months. This fact is why I have started the "Building and Maintenance Collection". All the moneys collected go directly to paying things off. In the coming weeks, we will have the "grand-opening" of a new meeting room at the school on the second floor. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the cost has been covered without having to utilize existing parish funds. We are also continuing our discussions with the borough regarding the ongoing renting of the gym. We do benefit from the renting of the gym and we hope to be able to continue into the future.

Overall, our financial report is so positive. I have spoken to several pastors who are in such difficult situations, and I pray for them and their parishioners. As I have said before, I did not become a priest in order to run a business. Human Resources, Income, Debt, Fiscal Reports, Renting Property, Flood Studies, HVAC and other Maintenance, etc. never appealed to me, otherwise, I would have gone into those individual professions. I am thankful for the support I receive from the finance council, the diocese, our CPA, bookkeeper, and bank professionals – I could never do this without them. It is a responsibility I do take seriously, with the future always in mind. I ask that you continue to pray for the well-being of our parish and continue to support our mission with the time, talent, and the treasure you can. I thank you for your support.

**ST. DENIS RC CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

**REVENUE**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$648,439
EASTER	20,751
CHRISTMAS	96,781
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	75,459
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	18,062
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	78,130
DONATIONS	14,700
INVESTMENT INCOME	5,445
PERQUISITES/OTHER	<u>181,128</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	1,138,895

**EXPENSES**

SALARIES	307,566
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	158,190
PROFESSIONAL FEES	19,226
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	1,687
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	166,449
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	22,346
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	16,448
OFFICE SUPPLIES	17,097
RELIGIOUS ED SUPPLIES	21,072
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	605
INFO/COMMUNICATIONS	6,598
TRAVEL/TRANS EXPENSE	509
OPERATION OF PLANT	13,098
UTILITIES	108,456
SUPPLIES	5,692
BUILDING REPAIRS	24,980
CONTRACTED SERVICES	107,252
INSURANCE	142,378
INTEREST ON DEBT	30,858
OTHER	<u>117,038</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,053,469</u>

PARISH EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$85,426</u>
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CHURCH MORTGAGE PAYABLE	\$605,036
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UNPAID DIOCESAN PAYABLES	\$2,086,994
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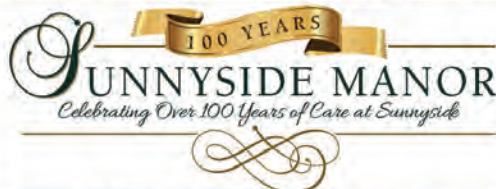
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