

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 18, 2020**

“I have called you by your name, given you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me... We give thanks to God for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love, and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ... Knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.”

Piecing together these words of Isaiah and Paul, may we reflect upon them. Perhaps we can create an image, as we picture someone – a family member or friend, a religious sister, brother or priest, a fellow parishioner – to whom we wish to direct these words, for they seem to describe them well.

We move now to ourselves, and wonder, how well do they apply to me? I know I have been chosen and called. My baptism tells me this. The follow up is so important as we live our faith and produce our labor of love.

Think of Paul’s word that you are ‘loved by God’ and the response He wishes and expects from us.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Facebook Mass - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: Evening before: 7:00 PM & day of: 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM-St. Denis Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *By appointment only.*

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

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm at St. Denis Church. Parents must complete the required preparation with the priest or deacon and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**

8:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 8:30 am Donald McCahill by his Daughter
 8:30 am Matthew McNulty by Joe & Joanne Conklin
 4:30 pm Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter
 4:30 pm Diana Friedman by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 4:30 pm Nicholas Kopidlowski by Sandy DeGrande

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:00 am Albert Schildwachter by Angela Miller
 8:00 am Chris Smith by Judy DaMico
 8:00 am Richard Ludwig by Peg & Ray Thorn
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Patricia Herrmann by the DeGenova Family
 10:00 am Susan Warnick by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Intentions of John Charlesworth by his Daughters
 11:00 am Henry Bradley by his Family
 11:00 am Frances Curto by John & Sue Ellen Olsen
 11:00 am Robert Springer by Gene Bialas

Monday, October 19, 2020

7:30 am Sal Zocchi, Jr. (Beloved Son) by his Mom & Dad
 7:30 am Juliette & George Kornmeyer by the Family
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by Joan Smith

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:30 am Joseph Pangaro II by his Family
 7:30 am Patricia Herrmann by the Newbury Family
 7:30 am Marguerite Bossone by Jane & Ed Donovan

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

7:30 am Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by the Garruzzo Family
 7:30 am Richard Sorrentino by his Family

Thursday, October 22, 2020

No Mass

Friday, October 23, 2020

7:30 am Elizabeth D'Antonio by the Olear Family
 7:30 am George (Rives) Holder by Heather Rhodes
 7:30 am Andrew Kastner by the Lago Family

Saturday, October 24, 2020

8:30 am Susan Warnick by Barbara Liggett
 8:30 am Robert Smorol, Sr. by the Dudek Family
 8:30 am John Carroll by the Provda Family
 4:30 pm Kathryn Kroeger by her Sister
 4:30 pm Thomas J. Woods by the Nolan Family
 4:30 pm Anne Gilmartin by Bill Meehan

Sunday, October 25, 2020

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Patricia Herrmann by the Faas Family
 9:30 am Marilyn Simonetti by Susan Meehan
 9:30 am Fred Bauer (10th Anniversary) by his Family
 10:00 am Clay Warnick by his Family
 10:00 am Bette Hinkle by the Remmey Family
 10:00 am George Schofield by Kate Geiger
 11:00 am Linda Damen by Ozzie & Diane O'Keefe
 11:00 am John Vronis by Phyllis & Gabe Bevilacqua
 11:00 am Vocations to the Priesthood

Please note:

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

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the deacon (if present at Mass) or the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the minister's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Reverend Vincent Coppola.



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, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Marie Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Brian Alberse, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Anita McCudden, Catherine Kelleher, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Tanner Koch, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Bridget Korn, Vincent Azzollini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Mary Daidone, Donna Morgan, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondok, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Ann Tamaro, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Rev. Joseph Miele, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



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

**We don't actually exercise—
we “walk” on a faith journey together.
Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ.
For more info, visit www.wvnpjshore.com**

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

OCTOBER PSALM STUDY-log-in information- Pastor Mary of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan, Fr. Bill and Dr. Barbara Rosoff will co-lead a virtual series on Psalms 8, 86 and 118 on Oct. 6, 13 and 20 (10-11 a.m. and 7-8 p.m.). As with the Psalm 23 series, participants may join via Google Hangouts Meet or dial in for audio only by using these recurring links/phone numbers:

10am:
<https://meet.google.com/aaz-hwrw-dfd?authuser=0&hs=122/>
+1-401-526-8330 PIN: 538 278 432#

7pm:
<https://meet.google.com/fep-uqkn-zuh?authuser=0&hs=122/>
+1-916-318-8732 PIN: 414 097 184#

Dr. Rosoff is a friend of Pastor Mary's who has presented previously at Holy Trinity. Among her other academic credentials, Dr. Rosoff has an undergraduate degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis as well as 2 doctorates, one of which is in education. Barbara is a woman of faith with a full knowledge of Hebrew and many spiritual insights to share. We look forward to this upcoming ecumenical and interfaith Bible study.

LAST CALL-RCIA— Someone can always begin to learn more about the Catholic Faith and start their journey to full membership in the Church. As we begin this year's preparations for the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, I make this “last call” for people who are interested this year in becoming Catholic or who are Catholic and need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, please call Fr. Bill by 16 October- 732-223-0287 ext. 308.



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

Message from Fr. Bill

For my message this week, I wish to share the following:

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT:

On Thursday, October 8, the NJ legislature will propose a “Reproductive Freedom Act” “to protect reproductive freedom” and to “help protect and expand New Jerseyans’ ability to receive reproductive health care, such as birth control, and pregnancy-related care, **including abortion.**” I have addressed this matter directly and personally with the Governor. The New Jersey Catholic Conference has issued the following joint statement of NJ Bishops:

October 5 Statement of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on the Reproductive Freedom Act

The Catholic Church believes and teaches that all human life is sacred from conception to natural death. For that reason, we, the Bishops of each of the dioceses in New Jersey, join in voicing the strongest possible opposition to the “Reproductive Freedom Act.” Without minimizing other serious threats to human life and dignity evident in contemporary American society, the Catholic Church consistently maintains that “the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.” (USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, “Introductory Letter,” 2020).

When informed of the text of the USCCB document early in 2020, Pope Francis observed that the right to life of the unborn “is the most fundamental right. This is not first a religious issue; it is a human rights issue.” (Pope Francis to American Catholic Bishops, USCCB Region IX, January 16, 2020).”

As the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, we urge all Catholics and people of good will to reject this proposed legislative initiative in our state and to contact your State legislators to vigorously express opposition to its passage.

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.

Please note— We are only able to accept EFT (electronic funds transfer), MasterCard and Visa payments. We are not able to accept American Express. Thank you.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION— Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less fortunate in our area. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. **Please make checks payable to St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thank you.



October 4, 2020

Weekly Collection-	\$8,71500
2nd Collection (Debt)-	2,476.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



**WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DECEASED MEMBERS OF
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, CT. ST. DENIS #1497
BY
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, CT. ST. DENIS #1497**



**FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
HAVE BEGUN.** If you have not yet done so,
please register your child as soon as possible by
contacting the Religious Education Office at
(732) 223-1161 or stdeniscdd@verizon.net.

USHERS NEEDED- Our parish is in need of ushers, especially as we enter into the holiday season. To learn more about this ministry, please attend a meeting on Monday, October 26th at 6:30 pm in the church or contact Fr. Bill at 732-223-0287.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT, INC., (NCHLA) -Since our founding in 1974 we have: Enabled the grassroots to advocate at the federal level for pro-life legislation; Educated citizens about the need for a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; Created pro-life legislative networks to assist dioceses, state Catholic Conferences, and Catholic lay groups; Worked closely with the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in support of their pro-life legislative agenda. Visit www.humanlifeaction.org and click on "Take Action" on the right end of the options on the top of the screen. Choose "Action Alerts", for current pending legislations that we need to take action on to preserve the sanctity of human life. Explore the sight and learn more about these important issues and inform your conscience in a manner that we are meant to as Disciples of Christ.



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

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

Until further notice:

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

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Please note adjusted pantry hours:

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

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

Tissues, cookies, instant white rice,
canned fruit, grape jelly, deodorant

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



WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

**DONATED IN HONOR OF OUR
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**REQUESTED BY
TED & CAROLYN WOJTECH**

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



Vincent de Paul was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737, but Pope Leo XIII honored him as patron saint of all charitable societies in 1885. It was the deathbed confession of a dying servant which opened Vincent's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This was a crucial moment in the life of a man from a small farm in France, who originally became a priest with little more purpose than to have a comfortable life. The Countess de Gondi-whose servant he had helped-persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries who would work among the poor tenant farmers and country folk. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, Vincent returned to be the leader of that group-now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in small towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity to help the sick in the city. He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was also zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse and ignorance among them. Remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a quick tempered and testy person-even his friends said so. He said later in life that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But, he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others, and would become the patron saint of our Society which bears his name.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the school building at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 19th.

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

“In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow.”

St. Denis Bereavement Support Group

If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance, this series will offer support, prayer and work on answering questions about loss, grief, coping and potential for renewal of self and hope.

Join us on: **Thursdays**

**Morning Sessions: 10 am-11 am at the St. Denis School
Multi Purpose room**

**Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 /
eileenziessmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend
or with any questions! We will be gathering with all social
distancing safety precautions.**



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

**Monday, November 2, 2020,
a special All Souls Mass
7:00 pm 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 photo of their 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 way more than a year ago. If you would like their name placed in our intention book please send their name in and email: eileenziessmer@gmail.com **Please contact Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287 with any questions.**

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS is Monday, November 2nd. Our deceased loved ones will be remembered in a Novena of Masses beginning on that day. We will be taking special intentions for this Novena via mail, email or by the special All Souls Novena envelopes that have been included in the monthly packets. Please send the names of your deceased loved ones to the rectory no later than Friday, 10/30/20. The names will then be placed on the altar during our All Souls Novena of Masses.

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.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS- As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time: **FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS**, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*



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

Michael Joel Bruton
Max David Contreras
Sadie Elizabeth Monti

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

VOCATION AWARENESS – FOLLOWING CHRIST AS A PRIEST-Men aged 16-35 have a great opportunity to meet other priests, learn how to pray the breviary, and also discern in a small group setting their potential vocation to the priesthood. We will also be using the book “Priests for the third millennium” by Cardinal Dolan as the focus for these gatherings to be held at Villa Saint Dominick in Pt. Pleasant. Did you know: 36 priests will be retiring over the next ten years, and as of now we will only have around 15 guys ordained in that same period. If you or you know of a young man aged 16-35 that you think may have a vocation to the priesthood, call Fr. Bill to register for the “Come-and-See” meetings, to be held **2nd Tuesday of Every Month @ Villa Saint Dominick (Point Pleasant)**, November 10th, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information contact trentoncursillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

HANDBAGS TO HELP- Vincent's Legacy, the St. Vincent de Paul/Trenton Council furniture ministry which gives away donated quality furniture and household items, is launching its new fundraising initiative, "Handbags to Help." Since 2010, the furniture ministry has served 500+ families, providing \$600,000+ worth of furniture and household goods, and accumulating \$250,000+ in value of volunteer hours. Additionally, this ministry was a 2017 recipient of the New Jersey State Governor's JEFFERSON AWARDS for public service. Please consider donating your gently used designer handbags to help us continue to help others. Contact handbags.to.help@svdptrenton.org for more information.



TUTWILER CLINIC—WHERE CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY—The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis is supporting a precursor to “The Giving Tree” for the needy children assisted by the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, Mississippi, where Santa comes early, so to speak. The

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



NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE'S ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE– Raffle tickets are now available to support 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. 1st Prize- 2020 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,045; 2nd Prize- \$1,000 ShopRite gift card; 3rd Prize- \$750 ShopRite gift card; 4th Prize- \$500 ShopRite gift card. The drawing will be November 20, 2020- winners need not be present. Raffles are \$10 per ticket, or buy a book of tickets for \$100! Checks can be made payable to "NJRTL" Tickets will be available Sept. 28-Oct. 31, 2020. Please call the Rectory office at 732-223-0287 for raffle ticket purchases.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S HOUSE OF PRAYER in Watchung, NJ, with its mission rooted in the Gospel and the charism of the Sisters of Mercy, provides a sacred space, prayer experiences, and spirituality programs that help adults encounter the God of Mercy and share that mercy with others. The mission moves beyond the walls of the House of Prayer to any place where we share our ministry, reaching out during the pandemic with programs offered via Zoom so that many may benefit who are not able to visit the House of Prayer in person. All fall programs can be found at: www.msmhope.org. The major fund raiser for House of Prayer is a calendar raffle that offers 13 chances to win for only a \$20 contribution. Raffle tickets can be purchased online at the same website: www.msmhope.org.

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE TO BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH VILLA- Please help make this year's Chance Drive successful by getting your ticket online. Turn \$5 into \$10,000– 6 ways to win! The grand prize is \$10,000 and there are also 5 prizes of \$500 each. The donation is \$5 each or \$20 for a book of 5 chances. Visit the Chance Drive page at <https://ssjphila.networkforgood.com/events/21048-chance-drive-2020> or the Sisters of Saint Joseph events page at <http://www.ssjphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events/>. For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at 800-482-6510 and Development@ssjphila.org.

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

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

2020 ANNIVERSARY BLESSING HAPPENINGS-In lieu of the 2020 Bishop's Anniversary Blessing cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns, the Diocese of Trenton invites all married couples to "A Holy Hour for Marriage," a special livestreamed event to honor the sacredness of Holy Matrimony on **Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 3:00 pm**. This event is open to all married couples and their families – advance registration is not required. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 1st, 25th and 50th (or more) wedding anniversary this year. For all *Holy Hour event details* and to find a special web page created for each milestone anniversary - 1st, 25th and 50th anniversary couples, go to **Building-StrongMarriages.org**. Each page is specific to the anniversary year and offers our anniversary couples a full array of ideas, activities and resources to celebrate their milestone Catholic wedding anniversary in unique and wonderful ways. Images and links for web pages:
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/1-st-wedding-anniversary
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/25th-wedding-anniversary
www.dioceseoftrenton.org/50th-wedding-anniversary



HOME DEVOTION– Please visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions throughout the coming weeks.

PRAY THE ROSARY– Join over 50,000 fellow Catholics and pray the rosary LIVE on Ascension's Facebook page... Daily at 4:00 pm.

ST. ROSE HIGH SCHOOL FALL EVENTS– St. Rose High School in Belmar is offering daily tours, and will be hosting a Virtual Open House series in October and November. For more information about the events and admissions process, please visit www.srhsnj.com/openhouse. Are you an 8th grader? Then don't forget to sign up for the St. Rose High School Placement Test on November 14! There will be a live and virtual option for students. Information can be found at www.srhsnj.com/hspt

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP! Monthly Recurring Gifts–Making a monthly recurring gift in any amount is a simple and sustainable way to impact the future of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. We are asking that you consider making a monthly recurring gift in the range of \$10.00-\$25.00. If many folks commit to this campaign, a huge difference will occur. Online donations can be made at www.olmcapnj.org or monthly donations can be sent to: Mount Carmel School 1220 First Ave. Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Attn: Sr. Jude Boyce, SSJ

OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE WALK/FUNDRAISER– Ocean's Harbor House has been a safe haven for youth for over 30 years. It provides housing for homeless young adults, an emergency shelter and other services for young people in crisis. Join them for a 2-Mile Walk/Fundraiser on Saturday, November 14, 2020, 9am-12 pm (8am registration) in Toms River. Participants will have the option to join in person or virtually. There will be games, music and brunch. For more information or to become a sponsor please visit oceansharborhouse.org/event/steppingforward or call 732-929-0096 X200.

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