

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021**

“Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him.’ So they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.’ He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said in reply, ‘Master, I want to see.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has saved you.’ Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.”

The blind beggar had a certain insight calling out to Jesus for compassion and pity. Probably, for the benefit of those around, He asked the question, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’

The answer was obvious.

Jesus sees us as beggars, people in need. Each one of us is a Bartimaeus, but I wonder if Jesus is that close to us. Do I hear Him calling me, asking me to tell Him my need? Where am I still blind to what He wants of me, deaf to hear His voice calling me, slow to spring up like the blind one? As He responds to my request, aware of His pity and compassion, do I follow Him on the way?



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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 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

Monday, October 25, 2021

- 7:30 am Ann Laskowski by her Goddaughter, JoAnn
 7:30 am Clay Warnick by his Family
 7:30 am Anthony Gervasio by St. Denis Parish

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

- 7:30 am Patricia B. Henry by Jason & Linda Stanco
 7:30 am Richard Sorrentino by his Family
 7:30 am Theresa Iorio by Jim & Michele Conrey

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

- 7:30 am Catherine Donohue by Kay Kolon
 7:30 am Rose & Jack Feeney by the Family
 7:30 am William Olear by Angela & Frank Garofalo

Thursday, October 28, 2021

No Mass

Friday, October 29, 2021

- 7:30 am Anthony & Catherine Rotonda by the Family
 7:30 am Jim Geiger by Kate Geiger & Family
 7:30 am Bridget Gowen by Matthew Gowen

Saturday, October 30, 2021

- 8:30 am John Zanko, Jr. by the Zanko Family
 8:30 am Carol Reich by the Larney Family
 8:30 am Frank Carr by Kevin & Lynn Reynolds
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 31, 2021

- 8:00 am Julian Smith by Deacon Gary
 8:00 am Lois Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am John Nolan by Philip & Maureen White
 9:30 am Rosemary Bergin by the Brew Family
 9:30 am Nicholas Sciarappa by Connie & Ben Forcillo
 9:30 am Dora Blanchett by the Wynd Family
 10:00 am Grandville "Skip" Magee by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Nicholas Huth by Drena Oty
 10:00 am Theresa Zaccasnini by Patricia & Mario Gentile

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Joanne Lawson.



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 24, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL & CATHERINE MURPHY
REQUESTED BY KAY KOLON**



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/>.

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.

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.

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!

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.



Pray for the Military

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.



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 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

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘*It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.*’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care/.”

ACTIVITIES: 40 Days for Life Sept 24 – Oct 31. To learn more, visit 40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury. To participate on Friday’s contact meyerjim1953@gmail.com, otherwise contact Monmouth4Life@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 USCCB: respectlife.org

ACTION CENTER –Act now to stop the most extreme Abortion Bill Ever!! Visit www.votervoices.net/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: eileenziezmer@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
3rd and 4th Saturdays from 10AM – 12 noon

Items needed at this time:

Paper towels, tissues, Spam, vegetable oil,
crackers, instant mashed potatoes

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

Thank you for your kind and generous donations.

**RECOVERY CORNER-
LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE WEEKLY POD-
CASTS-** Check out "City of Angels Recovery
Radio"[https://play.google.com/store/apps/
details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan) Download the



above app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10am and 10pm. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.

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.

GRANDPARENTS' GUILD- All grandparents and seniors are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Saturday, November 13th at 3:00 pm. Moving forward, our meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month rather than on the 2nd Sunday. The meetings will continue to be held at the St Denis school building. We are committed to our vocation of serving as role models for our youth, especially our grandchildren. "You are an important presence because your experience is a precious treasure...Your maturity and wisdom, accumulated over the years, can help younger people in search of their own way, supporting them on the path of (spiritual) growth... (Pope Francis, Speech to a Gathering of Senior Citizens, October, 15, 2016.) Come join us as we support each other in this awesome ministry. For more information contact St Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287.

Grandparents' Prayer

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit to show me the best ways to share my faith with my grandchildren. Allow them to see how much I treasure my relationship with you, Lord, and my connection to the Catholic Church. Make me an authentic witness to my faith. Amen

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



The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves everyone living in the parish neighborhood, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. Our conference recognizes our responsibility toward all of our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.



“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

Starting: October 21, 2021 and continuing weekly

Morning Sessions: 10 am-11am

at the St. Denis School Multi Purpose room.

Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 /

eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you

plan to attend or with any questions!

All are welcome!



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 at 7:30 pm or Wednesday 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 Tuesdays of the month in the school building, from 6-7 pm. For more info contact the St Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

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 3, 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.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet in the church on Sunday, Oct. 31st at 9:00 am for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd at 12 noon in the cafeteria of school building. Please bring your lunch and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

This week I share with you “A View From the Pew” explaining our new Caregiver Support Network (CSN).

VIEW FROM THE PEW

By: Parishioner Kat Verdi, MAT, CADDCT, Senior Living Healthcare Transition Advocate & Dementia Consultant

On Wednesday, September 22nd St. Denis’ special collaboration and initiative hosted a **Meet & Greet** for the launch of the newly installed **CAREGIVER SUPPORT NETWORK (CSN)**. We offered two sessions, 10am and 7pm. We decided on two sessions to accommodate our community.

Although it was a slightly thin attendance it was a wonderful success! We were thrilled to see the attendees engage and share their experiences. Many took notes and they left with helpful takeaway tips that they can now implement in their lives. We ended the evening with a lovely applause and much gratitude that this wonderful initiative is now part of the community. The feedback (some in the parking lot) was very well received and appreciated. So needless to say Wednesday September 22nd, 2021 was a great and productive day at St. Denis!

CSN (Caregiver Support Network)- The purpose of this group is to serve as a resource for all caregivers. It is to create a safe, no judgment zone, respectful solid network of support and sound information for one another. I am honored to give back to my parish and to the community. I will lead CSN (Caregiver Support Network) with the support of St. Denis and Eileen Ziesmer, Pastoral Associate. The group will also offer an informational series with an array of vetted and credentialed professionals that can provide helpful tools and tips that can be of value to anyone caring for a loved one.

Lastly, my personal mission is to shine the spotlight on the unspoken heroes, the caregivers themselves, who more often than not put themselves last. The goal is to discuss and reiterate three crucial topics for caregivers: **Self Preservation, Asking for Support** and the **Realization of their Situation**. Self Preservation is the importance of self care and it’s absolutely imperative. Caregivers can’t always do it all by themselves. It’s perfectly acceptable to ask for support and help from others. Caregivers have many roles and responsibilities. Lives can abruptly change in a blink. Therefore, a well informed caregiver is able to face the reality of their loved one’s situation and is prepared to either advocate for them or make difficult decisions for their loved ones.

*As mentioned we are looking for feedback to decide the future of the best time to meet. I believe as the word spreads of this group the attendance will grow. I look forward to seeing familiar faces meeting new ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Wainford Road in Allentown, NJ www.FHOP.org

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

“A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES” Tuesday, November 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM The letter to the Hebrews reminds us we’re not alone (Heb. 12: 10-2). Each of us is given a “great cloud of witnesses” as we run toward our life’s goal. What does this mean and who are these witnesses? As we begin the month of November, a time of remembrance and thanksgiving, it is good to pause and to name the presence of the love that surrounds us and know the grace of accompaniment. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

DOROTHY DAY SERIES- THE RECKLESS WAY OF LOVE ZOOM ONLY 3 Wednesdays: November 3, 10, 17 7:00 – 8:00 PM Where did Dorothy Day receive the strength to stay true to her God-given call despite her own doubts and inadequacies and the demands of her active life? What was the unquenchable wellspring of her deep faith and her love for humanity? We will read her short book, *The Reckless Way of Love*, to discover her heart’s journey. Donation: \$50.

EXPERIENCE THE LORD’S PRAYER ANEW ZOOM ONLY Thursday, November 4 9:30 – 11:30 AM Let’s take fresh a look at The Lord’s Prayer. With open eyes, ears, minds and hearts, we will experience the Our Father in a deeper way than we ever considered. Pope Francis’ *Our Father: Reflections on the Lord’s Prayer* will be used as a basis for our program. Donation: \$15, includes materials.

TIME TO SET THE TABLE Thursday, November 4 1:00 – 3:30 PM Meister Eckhart tells us, “If the only prayer you pray your entire life is, ‘Thank you,’ that will be enough.” As the Feast of Thanksgiving approaches, come away from all you are *doing*; savor a time of *being* as you set a table of gratitude for you and your God. Donation: \$20.

SAINT JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE, 400 Route 35 North in South Mantoloking offers the following:

October 28, 2021 – THE JERSEY SHORE- A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE – Being at the Jersey Shore is a time for fun and relaxation, a time for enjoying the company of family and friends, a time for making memories and appreciating the beauty of nature. Being at the Jersey Shore can also be a spiritual experience. This retreat will help us to recognize what the wind and waves, the ocean and seashore, can teach us about God and our relationship with him. As the first disciples discovered, the Lord enjoys walking along the shore! Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:00 am/Departure: 2:30 pm. (Presenter: Fr. Tom Iwanowski) Cost: \$60

November 5-7, 2021 – THE SHACK – Thousands of people have read *The Shack* and seen the film, finding in the story a message of hope in the face of impossible tragedy. The Shack presents an unforgettable encounter with a Divine Love that promises to never leave us. We will view the film and then unpack its meaning, unlocking its graces for our own lives. Mass included. Arrival: 6:00-7:00pm/Departure: 1:00 pm. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost \$350 Please visit on the web: www.sjbsea.org for info.

BE OUR GUEST AND SHARE A MEAL– All are invited to a free Friendship Supper prepared and served at the Manasquan Presbyterian Church located at 16 Virginia Ave. The supper will take place on Wednesday, October 27th at 6 pm in MPC Fellowship Hall. For more info contact admin@fpc.org. Everyone in the community is welcome!

LASAGNA LOVE– What started as a mother and daughter feeding families in their community has grown into a national movement with over 5,000 volunteers across the country, all making and delivering home-cooked meals. The mission is not only to help address the incredible rise in food insecurity among families, but also to provide a simple act of love and kindness during a time full of uncertainty and stress. To request a free lasagna delivery: 1. Visit lasagnalove.org 2. Get matched to a local lasagna mama or papa 3. Coordinate a delivery day & time 4. Get a safe contactless delivery 5. Sign up again the next month.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS– Afghan refugees are being housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton has been asked to assist in this humanitarian crisis by identifying and mobilizing legal representation for immigration, helping to coordinate wellness activities for the children and their families and assisting in the coordination of donations and volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please visit web: <https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/afghan-refugees-humanitarian-crisis> to learn more about volunteer and donation opportunities.

HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH– If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the Hotline at 732-929-0660.

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



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