

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirty-second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021

“Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the Lord, the God of Israel says, ‘The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’ She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well... ‘Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury... for she from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.’”

The old and new testaments make us quite aware of responsibility toward the poor and marginalized, widows, orphans and aliens. Today we find both Elijah and Jesus reflecting upon women who are now deprived of their husbands.

Every parish community can provide names and faces of women who are both in need, or who make great contributions through prayer, presence or service. What a blessing, yet we sometimes overlook or ignore their state in life, as vital members of our communities. We pray for them and thank God for their presence.

The women of the scriptures today gave of their last jar of flour and drops of oil and were provided for by God. The two cents contributed to the temple treasury far exceeded the huge amounts provided by the surplus of some.

May we express our gratitude for all gifts given from the heart and provide especially for those in need



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. 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, November 6, 2021

8:30 am All Souls Novena
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 7, 2021

8:00 am All Souls Novena
9:30 am All Souls Novena
10:00 am All Souls Novena

Monday, November 8, 2021

7:30 am All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:30 am All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

7:30 am All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 11, 2021

No Mass

Friday, November 12, 2021

7:30 am Rose & Jack Feeney by the Family
7:30 am John Tesauro by Mike Renehan
7:30 am Intentions of Thomas Rogers by the Family

Saturday, November 13, 2021

8:30 am William Olear by Frank & Angela Garofalo
8:30 am A Special Intention by a Parishioner
8:30 am Josephine Morabito
by Donnamarie DeGenova & Family
4:30 pm Patrick Campbell by his Family
4:30 pm Charles Nielsen by his Daughter
4:30 pm Edward P. & Cathleen Carey by the Family

Sunday, November 14, 2021

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Carrie Mace Forsythe
by Carolyn & Sal Berardesco
9:30 am Lillian Hausmann by Mario & Joan Valeriani
9:30 am Ann Lingle by Gloria & Dave Smith
10:00 am John J. Mosca by Benny & Mary Salerno
10:00 am Sean W. Burke
by the Cocozza & Burke Families
10:00 am William Hawes by Carol Rizzi

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.

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

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!



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 Giambone, 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, 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 Chermack, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Hank Przybylowski, Werner Ziesmer, Cathy Hodgkiss, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, the Stoute Family, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Cailiosa Cobb.



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.

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.



We welcome into our parish family the following children who were brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism:
 Briella Rose Hannafey
 Gunner Cole Kelly
 Lillian Grace McBride
 May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



Ladies, Join us! 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. **We gather on (most) Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm and/or (most) Wednesday afternoons, 12:30 pm. St. Denis (School) Parish Center.** To find out more details and register, go to www.wwpnjshore.com

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.

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. As you watch the videos, 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. The 11am meetings will be at the church hall of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan and the 7 pm meetings in the St. Denis cafeteria. Pastor Mary and Fr. Bill will take lead on alternating weeks and "co-host" the discussion. We will meet on Wednesday, Nov 17.

St. Denis Bereavement Support Group— "In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow." 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-11am at the St. Denis School Multi Purpose room. Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 or eileen-ziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**

ST. DENIS GIVING TREE— The Giving Tree, the Christian symbol of unconditional and selfless love, is returning to St. Denis to help the less fortunate celebrate Christmas. Our Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Space, as well as at the Beach Chapel, November 19th–December 5). We ask that those willing and able take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the suggested gift. Kindly return the unwrapped gift, together with the tag taped onto it, the weekend of December 11th & 12th. We truly appreciate your tremendous support as do the worthy charities, and families, benefitting from the Giving Tree.



SAINT DENIS CHOIR— Rehearsals for the choir have begun. They are being held in the church at 7:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. New members are always welcome to join the choir.

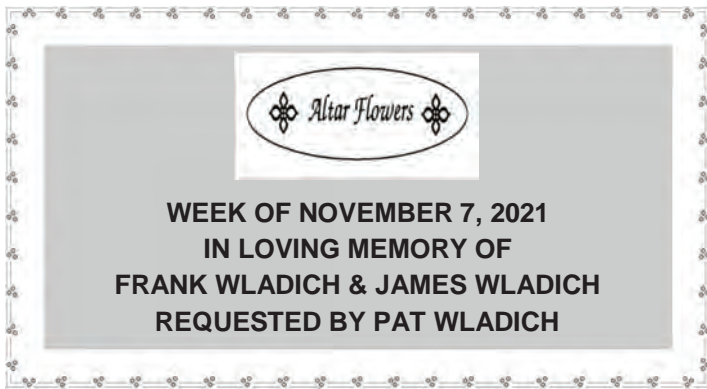


GRANDPARENTS' GUILD— Attention all Grandparents and Seniors— On Saturday, November 13th will have our next Grandparents' Guild meeting. We will meet 3:00 pm at the St Denis School building. Everyone is invited! We have much to discuss as we plan especially for the blessed season of Advent. Come and share your talents, concerns, interest, and support. As you are well aware grandparenting can be quite challenging, especially in the secular world in which live. With that thought in mind, let's recall our Mission Statement that reminds us of our vocation. "The Grandparents Guild is committed to passing our faith onto our grandchildren through our example of devotion to the Church as we share and model a Christian way of life." We gather together monthly to support each other as well. Come and learn more about the myriad of resources available to assist each of us in becoming the best version of ourselves as grandparents. Kindly remember also to mark your calendars for November 28th which is the 1st Sunday of Advent. This is an excellent opportunity to share our faith with our grandchildren as we all journey through this blessed season in anticipation of the Feast of Christmas. Let's make a concerted effort as grandparents to bring our grands to Mass *each* Sunday, especially during Advent.

Excerpt from Grandparents Handbook by Lorene Hanley DuQuin: In this season of Advent, let us be guided by the Baptist's exhortation: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!" (Matthew 3:3) Pope Francis, Angelus, December 4, 2016



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.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT SAINT DENIS will meet on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria of the school building. At that gathering, a turkey dinner will be enjoyed by the members, followed by a business meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: December 4th & 5th—Annual CDA Christmas Flower & Wreath Sale after all Masses at the church and chapel.

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.

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

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.



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 for Thanksgiving distribution:

Stove top stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce,

Jiffy corn bread mix and turkey gravy.

We are only able to accept turkey breasts due to limited space.

(No whole turkeys please).

Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted!

Thank you for your continued generosity.

RECOVERY CORNER-



LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE WEEKLY PODCASTS-

Check out "City of Angels Recovery Radio" <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coanaj> 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.

COAT DRIVE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES-

From Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, there is a request for NEW men's winter coats, sizes M and L mostly, with a few S and XL, for the Afghan refugees who are being resettled in the United States. This request presents an opportunity for each of us to stand up and assist people in need, an opportunity to reflect on the words in the Gospel of Matthew, "And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?... And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" We will be collecting coats here at St. Denis and we ask you to please consider donating a coat(s) to this cause. Donated NEW coats can be brought to the church and chapel on the weekends of November 7th and November 14th. If you are unable to bring them at Mass time, you may drop them at St. Denis rectory office during weekday office hours. Coats will be delivered to the Joint Base on Monday, November 15th. Any questions, please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287. Thank you for your generosity.

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 call 732-359-8434.

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.

To learn more about our St. Vincent de Paul Society, please attend our next meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7 pm in the school building. All are welcome.

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



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIM MAYWALT
REQUESTED BY GENE BIALAS

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 of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2021 Weekend Retreat: November 12-14, 2021

WORD OF LIFE

When considering faithful citizenship, "the U.S. bishops have reaffirmed 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.'" Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Visit our Websites: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: respectlife.org

The Mission of Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

ACTION CENTER –Go to www.prayfordobbs.com and register to pray on November 18th for a Pro-Life victory in this critical case being heard by the US Supreme Court.

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.

A Message from Father Bill

Today we kick off the "Called by Name" initiative. This is a process of invitation to men to discern a priestly vocation and was inaugurated the year before the pandemic. All of the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton are participating in "Called by Name" as a program for vocation awareness. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these men to share their gifts in the priesthood. Perhaps you know a young man in high school or someone older who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. Please recommend this person by filling out the response card found in the pews and entrances of the church and chapel. Put the cards in the collection basket next weekend or drop it off at the rectory during business hours.

For me this is an easy three step process for ALL PARISHIONERS:

1. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life – "Lord Jesus, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles in their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. May Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen"
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help inspire you to think of a man who you think would be a great priest.
3. Write the names of the men on the postcard who you think would be good candidates for the priesthood and hand in to Fr. Bill. (And certainly point anyone in my direction interested in religious life – I have a catalogue describing religious communities of men and women in the U.S. And also point out to me any men you think should consider being a deacon. Please email me or call me with these inspired beneficial suggestions.)

Please know that no one will be pressured just because you put forth their name. It is about freedom to see their life in a new way, a way of service to others in the Church. Please make every effort to pray and participate in "Called by Name." Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS– Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in "memory of" or "honor of" someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during business hours.



October 17, 2021

Weekly Collection- \$10,813.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



Upcoming Events



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE- This year the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by our friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in town. The service will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November

21. All are invited to attend with the other Christians in town as we give God thanks and pray for our towns and families. Please make every effort to attend. It is one of our major ecumenical gatherings that we have each year and a true witness to making a reality Jesus' prayer "That all may be One".

PALESTINE 101 SPONSORED BY HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S JUSTICE & PEACE ADVOCACY TEAM-

What is this? A deep dive into the roots of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. *When?* Sat., Nov. 13 from 2-3:30 pm *Where?* Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall located at 6 Osborn Ave. in Manasquan. Holy Trinity's Justice and Peace Advocacy Team invites you to explore the origins and manifestations of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in a conversation led by the Rev. Katherine Cunningham, a retired Presbyterian minister whose extensive involvement in this region spans 14 years. The Lutheran denomination has been working for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel through its campaign, Peace not Walls. Under the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA and its partners have been running projects related to health, education, and humanitarian aid in the occupied Palestinian territories for over 65 years. According to Katherine, "we are all shaped by what we've seen in media outlets, so it's likely that there will be many points of view as the discussion unfolds. In our time together, we'll also look at some important expressions of the Lutheran partnership there and the many ways in which the ELCA has made an important witness for justice and human rights in the region." Please attend this timely and informative discussion on Sat., Nov. 13, from 2 - 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please call the Holy Trinity Church office (732-223-0533) to register. All are welcome. Reminder: Holy Trinity's Congregation Council has recently voted to continue to require that anyone gathering indoors in our church wear a mask for the safety of all, regardless of individual vaccination status. We do not require socially distanced seating, however, but Fellowship Hall is large enough that people can spread out comfortably. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MATER DEI PREP OPEN HOUSE will take place Nov. 10th, 6-8 pm. The school offers a learning experience as individual as you! The school is located at 538 Church St. in Middletown Visit admissions@materdeiprep.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 2021- St. Catharine School in Spring Lake will host a Christmas 5k Run (live or virtual) at 9 am. Please support the SCS Athletic Department. This fundraiser provides funding for equipment, uniforms, game fees and so much more. The virtual running dates are Dec. 1st-5th. Run on your schedule, near or far. Registration and sponsorship is \$35 per participant. You will receive a SCS 5K T-shirt. Visit www.SCSChristmas5K.com or email SCSChristmas5K@gmail.com to register or for more info.

LIGHT A LIFE WALK OF REMEMBRANCE-Common Ground Grief Center, located in Manasquan, proudly presents its' 7th annual *Light A Life Walk of Remembrance* on Sat. 11/27/21. This is a great opportunity to purchase a luminary *in memory of* or *in honor of* a special person in your life. Luminaries will be displayed from 4-8 pm along Main St. in Manasquan. Folks may stroll the town to locate their luminary. NEW THIS YEAR...sidewalk chalk will be available at our info table in front of Manasquan Lighting for creating special messages and/or art in front of a luminary. **The purchaser of luminary need not be present on that day.** Luminaries are available for a donation of \$10, which helps support Common Ground's program, supporting children, teens and young adults who have experienced the death of their parent or sibling. All services are *free of cost* to participating families. Please visit the website: www.commongroundgriefcenter.org or take a flyer on the information table near the exit.

NODA "NO ONE DIES ALONE"- Be part of a rewarding ministry. Assist patients at Jersey Shore University Medical Center at the end of their life. Volunteers are needed as dispatchers, compassionate companions and Eucharistic Ministers. For more information please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

THE UPPER ROOM DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE offers the following programs in person or via Zoom. Registration with full payment is due one week before each program:

Men's Spirituality Group- Our desire is to grow in spirit and move closer to God by generating loving, supportive discussions on all things spiritual. Facilitator: Frank Coyle Date: Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 Time: 7:30-9 pm Fee: \$10 (per session)

Healing Work of Releasing Negative Emotions- Learn practical tools to unlock un-serving emotions and long held attitudes from life's challenges and traumas. Presenter: Grace Conte, M.A. Date: Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 Time: 7-9 pm Fee: \$20 (per session)

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

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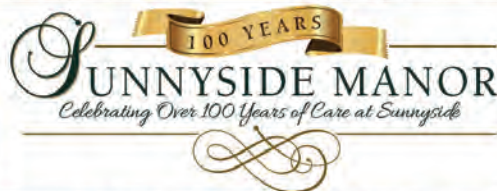
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