

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021**

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the ends of the sky... But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

The vision portrayed in the gospel, and the apocalyptic vision of Daniel, can be both alarming and frightening. For how many centuries Christians have reflected upon these words and often dismissed them?

But wait! How many persons who have heard them are not with us now because of the pandemic? The numbers who have died have been measured with the numbers who perished in the military conflicts of the last century. We pray for them who ask our prayer.

When will these things occur?
Am I ready?

As we draw close to the end of the church year, consider the frailty of our lives, the nearness of our meeting the Lord and His judgement that awaits us. May we be ready to go to meet Him.



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.

**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 Coccozza & Burke Families
 10:00 am William Hawes by Carol Rizzi

Monday, November 15, 2021

7:30 am Joseph Ziella by the Conrey Family
 7:30 am Kathleen Connelly by John & Tina O'Donnell
 7:30 am Thomas Rogers by Marilyn & Bob Healey

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

7:30 am Louis Merrill by Sharon Knight
 7:30 am Rocco Zito by Luann & John Quigley & Family
 7:30 am Robert Tonnesen by the Paradise Family

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

7:30 am Ann Zito by Luann & John Quigley & Family
 7:30 am Stephen Lowe by Catherine & Thomas King
 7:30 am Ann Collins by Charlotte & Jay Madison

Thursday, November 18, 2021

No Mass

Friday, November 19, 2021

7:30 am John J. Bishop by his Daughter
 7:30 am Patricia Mathieson
 by Catherine & Thomas King
 7:30 am Thomas Rogers by Adelaide Avena

Saturday, November 20, 2021

8:30 am Gertrude Simmet by her Family
 8:30 am Nancy & John Charlesworth
 by Catherine Campen
 8:30 am Stanley J. Niedzwiecki by Ted
 4:30 pm Jack Kolon by his Family
 4:30 pm Marilyn Bialas by her Family
 4:30 pm Dr. Donald R. & Mary T. Lintner by the Family

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:00 am Robert White by Maureen & Philip White
 8:00 am Timothy Hughes by Marlene & Michael Martin
 8:00 am Dr. Andrew Spiteri by Jeanne & Bill Buble
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Adam N. Ginther by his Family
 10:00 am Sheila Crawford by the Sutor Family
 10:00 am Thomas O'Connor by his Family

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!



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, 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 Chermak, 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 James Lewis.



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.



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

Cameron Thomas Kelleher
and

Tessa Elizabeth O'Keefe

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



walking with purpose

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

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT will be our 2nd collection next weekend. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



October 24, 2021

Weekly Collection- \$9,183.00

2nd Collection (World Mission Sunday) - \$1,761.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

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.



CALLED BY NAME- Reminder- Today, please submit names of men, ages 16-40, who you think would make a fine priest by placing your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket. You may also drop off the card at the parish office during business hours. Please continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and in our diocese, especially during these weeks of prayers for vocations.

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.

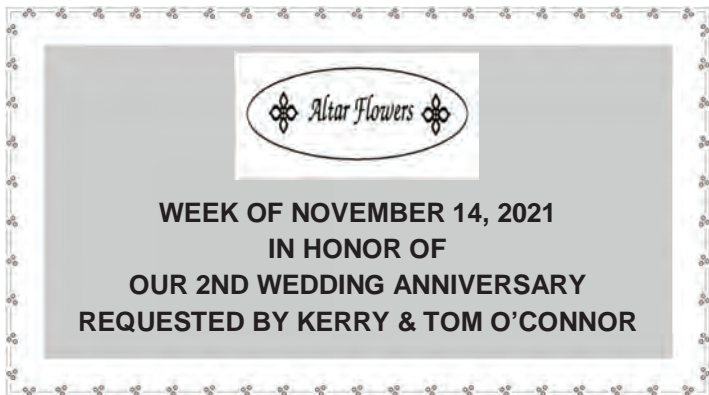
MEN'S GROUP- *Pursue the Way, the Truth, the Life* is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the school building, from 6-7 pm. For more info contact the St Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

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 eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**



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.



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".

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.

THANK YOU ST. DENIS PARISHIONERS– Father Bill received the following letter from Father Peter Weiss of All Saints Church in New Orleans, LA:


Dear Fr. Bill,

I wish to thank you and the wonderful parishioners of St. Denis Parish for their most generous donation of \$5,013.00 towards our parish's Hurricane Ida repairs. This donation will be a great help as we prepare to replace the roof on our school building. I thank you and the great people of Saint Denis Parish for your kind support. As an expression of our gratitude a Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for the parishioners of your great faith community.

*In Saint Joseph,
Father Peter Weiss*

CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND WREATH SALE– The Catholic Daughters will hold their annual Poinsettia & Wreath Sale on the weekend of December 4th & 5th after all Masses. Beautiful 12"-15" flowers with 6-8 blooms (still only \$10) and lovely decorated live wreaths (\$25) will be for sale. Order forms will be included in November 28th bulletin. Pre-ordering is encouraged. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the CDA's many charitable endeavors and scholarships.

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.



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.

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.

To learn more about our St. Vincent de Paul Society, please attend our next meeting 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 14, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARILYN BIALAS
REQUESTED BY HER FAMILY**

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.

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.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS "TAKE ACTION"- Our local Junior Girl Scout Troop 1454 will embark on their Bronze Award "Take Action Project" that will positively impact the community and address the root of an issue and create a lasting effect. Troop 1454 Bronze Award project, titled "Give the Gift of Sight!" will address the growing need in our community for the visually impaired. Please join us by donating your gently used glasses for this worthy cause. Junior Girl Scout, Jenna Balioni, a parishioner at St. Denis, has created a dropbox in the entrance to the Church and Chapel and also at the Rectory. We hope you will support Jenna and her troop in their journey to help the community and this worthy cause. We will collect from Nov. 20 - Dec. 13th (St. Lucy Day - patroness of the visually impaired).

WORD OF LIFE

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew (see bulletin insert). It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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 I share with you some thoughts from Miranda Hart; a comedian from Great Britain. Why? Because they are positive and realistically helpful. I love to share with you thoughts and sayings from the saints or other Catholic sources, but I have been saving these great sayings from Miranda's newsletters for just the right time. There is a saying in the field of psychology, "we act out of our last dominant thought." I always say we need great lines from the Bible or from the saints that we can have right at-the-ready in our thoughts in any situation, which will be dominant. It is from this positive dominant thought which we can then choose to act in a more positive fashion, rationally in the midst of an emotional moment. Please make sure you have at least one or three dominant pithy phrases in your conscience at all times. "Take courage, get up, Jesus is calling you" is a good one. "God doesn't make junk" is a classic paraphrase of lots of scripture verses such as - "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ... everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (Isaiah 43) and other versus like "You have been purchased at a price (Jesus' sacrifice for you) (1 Corinthians 6).

Below are from Miranda Hart, who does a lot to support people with chronic illnesses. My niece, who has a chronic illness, is inspired by her Catholic Faith, and also inspired by the positivity of people like Miranda. So without further ado:

You know something is right for the world when what helps someone else helps us too. As Aesop said (the Greek writer, not the skin care brand!!): "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

Every time you are loving, every time you follow kindness, you are doing what you were put on the earth to do, and you are making a difference.

So much emphasis is put on education, careers, achievements, goals, desires, as we continue to be stuck in a culture that leads us to believe that those are the only things that will bring us pleasure and joy. As Jim Carrey said, "I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer."

What matters is being loving and kind. If you get to do that in a job you love and fulfils you then that's of course a mighty blessing. But nothing will make you feel better than hitting the pillow at night knowing you made a difference with an act of kindness, even if that was simply smiling at the bus driver.

Cultivate what matters, what you truly care about and what you want to be remembered for.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES—A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor for additional info and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 community liaison at 732-245-1740.

GIVING TUESDAY- On November 30, 2021, Catholic schools from across the Diocese of Trenton are participating in Giving Tuesday, the global day of charitable giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday is a day of charity that fosters connection and generosity which helps you bring real change to your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation. Help support our Catholic Schools this Giving Tuesday by sharing your resources; a donation to the Catholic school of your choice, pledging to volunteer your time at a school, or sharing a prayer in support of Catholic education! Visit www.LeadinFaith.org to learn more and show your support!

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT- On Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 pm, come join the Jersey Shore Chorale (formerly the Georgian Court Chorale) at United Methodist Church, 23 Church St. in Manasquan to uplift your spirits for the Christmas season. This diverse chorale of men and women of all ages will perform a variety of seasonal favorites from the classical Handel’s Messiah to traditional carols” Do You Hear What I Hear?”, “Feliz Navidad”, just to name a few and accompanied by piano, flute, strings and woodwinds. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults: \$15. Seniors: \$10. Students and children are free. For more information call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Are you interested in volunteering your time to serve the Coastal Habitat for Humanity mission to create a world where everyone has a safe and affordable place to live? We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the ReStore in Asbury Park. Hours: Wed.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm, Sun., 12 pm-5pm (weekend hours needed, flexible schedule). For information about how to get involved, please call the rectory office during business hours at 732-223-0287.

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.

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.



OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford 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.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN REIMAGINING LIFE, ADJUSTING TO CHANGE IN-PERSON ONLY November 18 – 19 7 pm Thursday – 4 pm Friday This retreat is for women over 50 who are adjusting to change in their lives. There are times in our life journey when we are visited with sudden or unwanted change. God invites us to reimagine our lives and become aware of what brings hope and energy to this time of life. God invites me to “Follow my bliss.” What am I passionate about now and what is true for my authentic self? God is still creating me! Take some time for yourself and God before the holidays begin. Donation: \$100/\$50 non-refundable deposit with registration. Overnight rooms are full, however, commuters are welcome. Meals and workbook included.

DAWN – DAY – DUSK – DARK MERTON’S BOOK OF HOURS Monday, November 22 9:30 am – 1:00 pm Merton’s *A Book of Hours* gathers some of the most beautiful and insightful passages in his writings arranged as prayers to be offered at dawn, midday, dusk and night hours of each day. They are simple and elegant as is Merton at his best! Our souls long to live in union with God. This little book gives us a way that is brief and quite manageable for the ordinary, busy person at work in the world. It will be a good opening for your Advent Season. Donation: \$25, includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY Monday, Nov. 29 9:30 am – 1:00 pm We will travel through Advent this year with Thomas Merton’s *Advent and Christmas*. It is a perfect companion for this busy and stressful season. So let’s begin this Holy Season together doing what we can to make it more peaceful and prayerful. I can’t think of a better way to make the Season Holy! (and Jolly) Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book; Zoom: \$20



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