

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 20, 2022**

“Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.”

The final day of the church year when we acclaim Jesus as our King and Redeemer. When they placed the inscription INRI above His crucified head, they gave us an inscription which tells us everything.

This year we observed the platinum anniversary of her majesty Queen Elizabeth. Born into a royal family she has maintained that title and role for seven decades. Born into the family of God by baptism, and anointed with the chrism made us priest, prophet and king, we too realize how special we are. We try to live up to the expectation of that holy gesture, as we follow unreservedly Jesus our King.

May we reverently pray, ‘Thy Kingdom Come.’



# 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:** Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

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

**BAPTISM:** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VISIT US ON FACEBOOK-** Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis](http://www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis). You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**

8:30 am Al Ambacher by the McMurdo Family  
 8:30 am Raul Cartagena by Bridget Sawitsky  
 8:30 am Rev. Joseph Miele by Ron & Terry DePasquale  
 4:30 pm John Bishop by his Daughter  
 4:30 pm Mary Ann Schachter by her Godmother, JoAnn  
 4:30 pm William Pavincich by Jim & Daria Campbell

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

8:00 am Gertrude Simmet by her Family  
 8:00 am Sheila Crawford by the Sutor Family  
 8:00 am Richard Finnerty by Jane Freely  
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Jack Kolon by his Mother  
 10:00 am Dr. Donald and Mrs. Mary Lintner by the Family  
 10:00 am Rose Garozzo by Betsy & Jim Rice & Family

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by her Family  
 7:30 am Robert J. McLean by Bill & Jeanne Buble  
 7:30 am Maureen Tomney by Jackie Lyons

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

7:30 am The Sarullo, Bugliaro, Burke & Schellar Families  
 by the Bugliaro Children  
 7:30 am Lois Beltrane by Joan Brannick  
 7:30 am Maureen Tomney by Terry McCormick

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

7:30 am Frank Leonard by his Family  
 7:30 am Hank Przybylowski, Jr. by Marie Regan  
 7:30 am Fal & Deanna Arnone by Pat Werdann

**Thursday, November 24, 2022-Thanksgiving**

NO MASS

**Friday, November 25, 2022**

NO MASS

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**

8:30 am Robert Sprengel, Sr. by Joe Massaro  
 8:30 am Carmen Tulsa Cruz by Saint Denis Parish  
 8:30 am Les Eslinger by the Family  
 4:30 pm William Pavincich by Ron & Terry DePasquale  
 4:30 pm George Taylor by Ron & Terry DePasquale  
 4:30 pm Jeanne Harrington by the Mullin Family

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

8:00 am Richard Finnerty by Betty Marx  
 8:00 am Thomas Roche by Michael & Pam Budalich  
 8:00 am Nada Justinic by Gordon Justin  
 9:30 am Rose & Antonio Rottino by Mary Rottino  
 9:30 am Jo & Frank Crann & Kay Till by Kathy Crann  
 9:30 am Clorinda DeJohn by the Family  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**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.

**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. Questions call 732-359-8434.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://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, 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, 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, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Mucciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Catherine Kelleher, 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, 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, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Elizabeth Clos, Gail Fallon, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermak, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Werner Ziesmer, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Regina Kiesche, Colleen Nielsen, Mary Carstens-Lockenmeyer, Rob & Katie Spawn, Jack Noble, Jim Racioppi, Sondra Thompson, Barbara Liggett, Gerald O'Keefe, Jimmy Conrey, Norma Summers, Vera Raffetto, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Christine Frauenheim, Margaret Mullin, Johnny Gondek, Celina Koch, Marilyn Woerner, Diane Padluck, Theresa Sergel, Sr. Mary Ann O'Connor, Joan Harriman, Sharon Goettle, the Nesbitt Family, the Slotnick Family, and the Campbell Family.



**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
RUSSELL HILBERT  
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place First Fridays, 12-1 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.

**HELP AT MASS: PROJECTIONISTS-** We have a need for volunteers to help with the projection of lyrics and prayers at Mass. This is a great service opportunity for students and a chance for parents and children to work together. You can choose your Mass and the frequency of volunteering. Contact the office for training with Deacon Gary.

**ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP** 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 Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE-** Ladies, you can join us at any time! Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can be relative to our everyday lives. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another. We offer two day/time options for our gatherings: Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm or Wednesdays, 12:15-2pm. We meet at the St. Denis Parish Center (school).

**We don't actually exercise—  
we "walk" on a faith journey together.  
Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ.  
For more info, visit [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com)**



our military, 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 Capt. Philip 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, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.

**ST. DENIS GIVING TREE-** The Giving Tree, the Christian symbol of unconditional and selfless love, is once again displayed at 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, now through December 4. 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 on it, the weekend of December 10th & 11th. We truly appreciate your tremendous support as do the worthy charities and families benefitting from the Giving Tree.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND WREATH SALE-** The Catholic Daughters will hold their annual Poinsettia & Wreath Sale on the weekend of December 3th & 4th after all Masses. Beautiful 12"-15" flowers with 6-8 blooms (still only \$10) and lovely decorated live wreaths (\$30) will be for sale. Order forms will be included in next week's bulletin. Pre-ordering is strongly encouraged. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the CDA's many charitable endeavors and scholarships.

**THANK YOU!** Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis thanks all who purchased items from their "Cheesecake Sale". The fundraiser was very successful due to the support of our wonderful parishioners and friends.

**ANNUAL 50/50 RAFFLE AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses on November 26th & 27th. Cost of the ticket is \$10.00. Drawing is at St. Denis cafeteria at 9 pm on December 3rd. Winner will receive 50% of gross sales. Also, the Knights will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets for \$5.00 each. Net proceeds will be used for KofC charity programs. Did you know we donate about \$20,000 to local charities yearly such as Holy Innocents Society, St. Denis Church and St. Marks Church, Madonna House, etc. If you are interested in joining a dedicated group of faithful Catholic men seeking to do good, just ask us how.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION-** Our second collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Currently 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection funds programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**October 30, 2022**

Regular Collection- \$9,786.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**





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

**ST. DENIS BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**Join us on: Thursdays**

**Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the Rectory Office**

**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!**

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. DENIS**– Our parish will host a support group for all types of caregivers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6-7 pm in the Parish Center. This will be a judgement free safe place to share, to learn and/or to just listen. The session will end with an Expressive Meditation & Healing Art Session that will be a reminder that you deserve time for yourself. It will be facilitated by Kat Verdi, Caregiver Advocate and Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer. Kat's mission is the 3E's– *Educate, Empower, and Encourage* caregivers. Rsvp's are appreciated (732-223-0287) but walk-ins are welcome.

**ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP – AN INVITATION**–Teens are invited to join a high school youth group at our neighboring parish of St. Mark, Sea Girt. They meet on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. There are always lots of games, service opportunities, food, and friendly high school students from our local area.

**VOLUNTEER WITH COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**– Coastal Habitat for Humanity welcomes you to join their volunteer team. Together we can create a world where everyone has a safe and affordable place to live! For information on how to get involved, please email Kim Sambade, Director of Development and Volunteers Services at: ksambade@coastalhabitat.org.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**– The St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry would like to thank all the generous parishioners who helped us with our Thanksgiving Dinner food drive! We are so grateful! We couldn't do what we do without you!



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

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

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

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

**Pantry hours:**

Tuesdays: 1PM–3PM and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: 10AM–12 noon

**This week's needed items:**

Cookies, instant mashed potatoes, ketchup, boxed milk,  
and snacks (regular size bags, not snack size).

Thank you.

**TELEFRIENDS & IN-HOME RECREATION PROGRAMS**– The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at Family & Children's Services in Long Branch has meaningful volunteer opportunities for adults who are currently looking to make a difference in another person's life. The programs provide a friendly connection for isolated and homebound adults. Volunteers connect with clients once a week through a scheduled friendly phone call or home visit. Volunteers are matched with clients based on mutual interests to provide companionship, along with health and well being checks. Do you have the heart to serve and want to make a difference? Are you feeling isolated, alone and would like to engage in friendly communication? Do you know someone who would benefit from these programs? Call 732-728-1331 for information or contact us online at [https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/\\_home/about-fcs/](https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/_home/about-fcs/).

**READING BUDDIES PROGRAM**– The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at Family & Children's Service in Long Branch has a meaningful volunteer opportunity for adults 55 years and older who love children and books. Committed volunteers will read to pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students during school hours for one hour, once a week. We serve 15 public schools in Monmouth County and need volunteers in your area. No previous teaching experience is required; training will be offered, and books are supplied. Please show your concern for our children by sharing your time and becoming the rainbow between a child and reading. Call 732-728-1331 for more information or submit an application online at [https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/\\_home/about-fcs/](https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/_home/about-fcs/).

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



Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be bought with money, our minds often center more on money than love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant-but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it.

Our goal as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is to enable money to be a servant of the poor, but also to demonstrate the love of Christ to those we help. But, let money become our master, let it take first place in our lives and it can become a tyrant. It can harden our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence.

Millions of “dollars” passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the “patrimony of the poor” and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor. The parishioners of St. Denis, in their generosity, continue to make it possible for us to make every dollar a “good servant” for the poor.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting (date to be announced) in the Parish Center.

If you need assistance, please call the hotline at 732-223-1383.

## PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The rectory office will be open Monday and Tuesday only this week.

Morning Mass is at 7:30 am

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only.

Nothing is scheduled at the parish Thursday and Friday.

Our regular parish schedule resumes Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*



**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-SAVE THE DATE!** We are hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Sunday, 20 November at 4 pm in the church. The prayer and fellowship opportunity will give us a great chance to get to be with

our fellow Christian sisters and brothers in the congregations that make up our Ministerium (from Brielle to Spring Lake) and also meet the police officers from our communities, who are invited as part of the "Faith and Blue" initiative in our county.

## WORD OF LIFE

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. 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, "An Adoption Love Story"

**THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD 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—**

*Join us at our monthly Mary's Child Meeting held on November 21<sup>st</sup>, (the third Monday of each month) at 7:30PM at St Margaret's church basement. New members always welcome!*

**SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS** at [www.humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org). Our legislators have begun to bring abortion legislation to a vote without customary comment periods and discussion before voting. We need to mobilize quickly and respond immediately to their actions. Please sign-up directly for action alerts.

**HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION** -- If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Wrenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **VISIT OUR WEBSITES:**

[dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry)

USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Please make every effort to attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service this Sunday at 4pm in the church as we give thanks to God and as we host our brothers and sisters in our local faith communities along with the men and women of our local Police Departments. There will be a reception with fellowship to follow! Also, please take the time to participate in the Giving Tree and Toy Drive (please see info on flyers and elsewhere in this bulletin).

I hope that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. We will have a different schedule this week. We will have daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and then again on Saturday. There will be no Mass on Thursday nor Friday. This week the office will only be open on Monday and Tuesday. Please take this into account as you plan any office needs you may have. Also, I will be off Tuesday through Friday. Things will resume as usual on Saturday. I give thanks to all parishioners for your support of our parish through your prayer and participation in the life of St. Denis. As the local synod brought forth, those who come to pray each Sunday and are involved in some aspect of our parish life, outside Sunday Mass, have the most joy and benefit from the parish and have a sense of belonging and are encouraged to live a faith life actively and meaningfully. I give thanks that we continue to strive to build a vibrant Catholic Christian Community of Faith, Hope and Love. I also give thanks to the way in which our parish impacts our local towns and builds up the Body of Christ through our mission in our Ministerium. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

## **FAITH AND BLUE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE—**

In addition to our annual Giving Tree, we will be joining with the Manasquan and Sea Girt Police Departments, as well as the churches in the Manasquan Ministerium, to collect toys and gift cards for children in need. The donations will benefit the Monmouth County DCP&P and the Navy League Angel Program. Toys must be unwrapped and gift card amounts should not exceed \$25. The donations will be collected in our parking lot on December 10, 11 am-3 pm. For more information call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.



**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.

## **REMEMBER SAINT DENIS PARISH WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE-**

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. [Instructions to support St. Denis:](#) Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) Choose your charity: Church of St. Denis, Manasquan Click on the box marked "yes". You must start at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) so that the charity gets donations. Click on the "start shopping" button.





We welcome into our parish family the following children who were brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
Leonardo Christopher Curatola  
Chloe Dawn DeLuca  
Juliette Sue Sherry

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE-**Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours. For more information please call the office at 732-223-0287.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION RETREAT DAY-** The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by *Joyful Praise*, speakers, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speakers, Bill and Jennifer Maher, have been married for 27 years and have 8 living children. They both have worked in the Dioceses of Trenton and Newark for over 16 years, facilitating groups and giving talks on marriage and family life seen through the lenses of Theology of the Body, helping married and engaged couples embrace the beauty of the Catholic Church's teaching on human sexuality. They will share: "*Marriage and the Family Lie at the Heart of Unleashing the Gospel*". Date & time: Saturday, 12/10/22 9 am-2 pm. Mass- 9 am, celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher Place: Church of St. William the Abbot 2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Rd in Howell. Admission: \$20 includes box lunch - pay at the door. Reservations are necessary-must select a box lunch from selections listed on CWOZ website [www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org) or you can also register by phone-please leave your phone number, spell your last name and select a box lunch: 1. *Turkey/Provolone* 2. *Ham/Swiss* 3. *Chicken/Roasted Pepper & Mozzarella* or 4. *Grilled Vegetables*. Call 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, 12/6/22

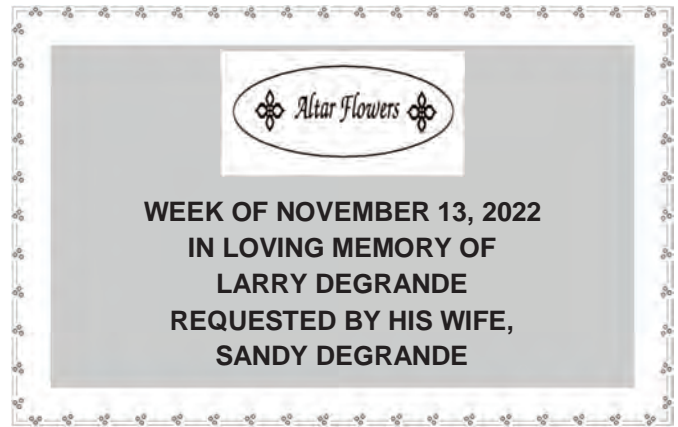
**JERSEY SHORE CHORALE CONCERT-** On Sunday, December 4 at 4pm come join the Jersey Shore Chorale, a diverse chorale of men and women of all ages, many with professional music backgrounds, performing a wide variety of seasonal favorites from the classical (Vivaldi's Gloria) to traditional carols (It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas, O Holy Night, Sleigh Ride and so much more). The Jersey Shore Chorale's exquisite harmonies and a joyful singalong accompanied by a piano, flute, strings and woodwinds will kick off the magic of the Christmas season at United Methodist Church, 23 Church Street in Manasquan. 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.

**National Eucharistic Revival**

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Sunday, Nov. 27 9 am – 2 pm Deep in your heart you have made a promise to yourself to make this season of Advent meaningful. Keep that promise and join us on this first Sunday of Advent as we, through prayer, silence and the beauty of nature, prepare our hearts for God's great promise to us, the gift of Jesus. Liturgy at noon. Donation: \$25, lunch included. Zoom \$20

**THE JOY OF ADVENT** Monday, Nov. 28 9:30 am – 1pm Travel through Advent this year with *The Joy of Advent, Daily Reflections from Pope Francis*. These are perfect companions for this busy and stressful season. We begin this Holy Season together doing what we can to make it more peaceful and prayerful. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book. Zoom: \$20

**ADVENT – ONE DAY AT A TIME** Tuesday, Nov. 29 9:30 am – 1 pm Advent is the beginning of a new Church year. But we aren't promised a whole year, are we? Each day is given to us – singly – as a gift. So, each day it's important to listen to what God is saying and to pay attention to what God is doing. The quiet of Advent – the stillness of hunkering down for an imminent winter – are the perfect conditions for listening and focusing. Let us go forth together one day at a time on our Advent journey to Jesus. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom \$20

**TRINITY MEANS RELATIONSHIP (ZOOM ONLY)**

Wednesday, Nov. 30 9:30 am–noon Come and explore together how the Holy Trinity is grounded in relationships. Richard Rohr is our guide as we reflect on portions of his book, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* and his daily meditations which will help us understand how "God is the dance and...we're all invited in." Donation: \$20





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