

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

“You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down... would that you might meet us as doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!”

A new and special time of prayer has begun. Silently and sneakily, an enemy has redirected our lives since early March. Our lives have been altered and we were summoned to consider what is of real importance – our family, our health, including our spiritual life. This is our advent infected by the virus.

As we begin the period of hope and expectation, may we look to the Word of God, find a time for prayer and reflection each day. We ask, why is this advent to be different? The answer is found in the events of the past months. We need the Lord more than ever. We cannot afford to wander, we need fear, that is, respect for the Lord who saves. We come as beggars, asking that the Lord come down to support and abide with us. Our mantra, the final words of the bible ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’

“You, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay, the work of your hands.” Remake us during this advent.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *By appointment only.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28, 2020

8:30 am Clorinda DeJohn by the Family
8:30 am Theresa Walsh by Barbara Sembler
8:30 am Eileen Freibolt by Denise Spina
4:30 pm Frances Casagrande by Colleen Manganello
4:30 pm Thomas Trezza by his Wife & Son
4:30 pm Jeanette & Ernest Petermann by the Strucich Family

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Theresa Fabian by Gerald & Beth Helfrich
9:30 am Christopher Collinson by Carl & Donna Scagliuso
9:30 am Jack Grace by Mary & Mike Fabean
10:00 am Cecelia Bookrajian by her Daughter
10:00 am Patricia Herrmann by Carol & Joe Hill
10:00 am Susan Warnick by Cathy Shaloo
11:00 am Michael A. Herman & Zachary J. Herman
by the Family
11:00 am Elizabeth Martin & Patricia Morrison
by the O'Mullan Siblings & Families
11:00 am Josefa & Ludwig Wichowski by Lee

Monday, November 30, 2020

7:30 am Zachary J. Herman by his Family
7:30 am Mary Gorman by Kate Geiger
7:30 am John & Claire Kessler by John

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

7:30 am Deceased of the Riehm & Geiger Families
by Kate Geiger
7:30 am Edwin L. Coyle by the Dellegrippo Family
7:30 am Robert Francis Closkey by Joe & Carol Hill

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:30 am Leo Quigley, Sr. by LuAnn & John Quigley & Family
7:30 am Don Adams
by Debbi & Bill Kovash & Ruby, Danny & Louie
7:30 am Eileen Mahoney by Eileen & Mike Mahoney

Thursday, December 3, 2020

No Mass

Friday, December 4, 2020

7:30 am Vincent Intintola by his Family
7:30 am Marcus Coyne & Thomas O'Connor by the Family
7:30 am Elizabeth Kula Szewski by Katie & Joe Oehme & Family

Saturday, December 5, 2020

8:30 am Michael Millisits by Bill & Jeanne Buble
8:30 am Marguerite Bossone by the Faas Family
8:30 am Mary E. Gillick by Ed & Henlenbeth Matyas
4:30 pm Patricia Herrmann by Kay Kolon
4:30 pm Susan Warnick
by St. Denis Religious Education Program
4:30 pm John Duffy by John & Barbara Ryan

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 am Jack Riester by Mary & Mike Fabean
8:00 am Alfred Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
8:00 am Mark Dooley by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Edwin Coyle by Anne & Raymond Lambert
10:00 am Gail Cruwell by Eileen & Jim Rochford
10:00 am Patricia Herrmann by Eileen & Jim Rochford
11:00 am John M. Kolon by his Wife
11:00 am Bernice Knezo by Catholic Daughters, Ct. St. Denis
11:00 am The Krempecki & Wichowski Families by Lee

Please note:

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially
Judith Schafer.



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andrich, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Mary Jane Schaaf, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Robert Kelleher, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Cathleen Brenner, Nick Ljuljana, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Baby Kelly Grace, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John

Najar, 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 Azzolini, Scott Burdett, Joan Lipscomb, Baby Lucy, Stephen Whyte, Christine Fields, Chris Faraca, Kathy Larkin, Gordon Justin, John Jonason, Estelle Jonason, Jim Kazenmayer, Frank Meidenbauer, Sean Campbell, Joel Rivera, Jimi Hood, Al Ricciardi, Eileen Beesley, Beverly Heinz, Pauline Naturile, Haley Keating, John Fossani, Paul Borden, Mary Daidone, Donna Morgan, Dennis Datillo, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Randy Farmer, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, John Gondok, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Ann Tamaro, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Rev. Joseph Miele, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE- We are not able to have our normal "Christmas Giving Tree" displayed in our church this year, due to the pandemic. Instead we now have a "*Virtual Christmas Giving Tree*" on our parish website (www.churchofstdenis.org). We invite you to look through the pages and see the Christmas wishes that were shared with us. The information has a summary list of agencies we are helping, and the instructions for the way that they would like us to help them this year, with changes made necessary by the pandemic. The pages also give a detail of the *Christmas "Wish List"* for those we are reaching out to as we try to spread Love and Hope and Christmas Joy by showing we care by living our Faith in Jesus Christ, born for everyone on Christmas Day. All gifts are needed by Sunday, December 13th.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP) is a Catholic Faith study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Join us at any time! **We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ.** Please visit www.wwpnjshore.com for specific study descriptions, details and to register.

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

SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY; BEGINS DECEMBER 15-*Simbang Gabi* is the Filipino custom of offering a nightly Mass each day for nine nights prior to Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the festive, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. The novena of Masses signifies the nine months our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God and our mother, too. This special novena is recognized by the universal Church as an authentic devotion to our Blessed Mother and has been prayed every year in the Philippines since the 1600s. In the Diocese of Trenton which covers four counties, every county has formed an organizing committee to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given an opportunity to pray this novena. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, Simbang Gabi in Monmouth County is **not** cancelled but will be very different this year from the way it had been celebrated in the previous years. All nine Masses are open to the public and will be celebrated in one host parish—St. Benedict Catholic Church in Holmdel—which can seat up to 170 people, following social distancing guidelines. No seat reservations are required. Those who choose to stay home can watch the livestreamed Simbang Gabi Mass on St. Benedict's YouTube channel. All Masses will be in English and will start at 7:00 pm from December 15 to December 23, except Saturday, December 19, to allow some time for the sanitizing of the space inside St. Benedict's church building after their usual 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass. The Simbang Gabi Mass on Saturday, December 19, will start at 7:30 pm.

Message from Fr. Bill

Happy First Sunday of Advent. I give God thanks for our past Liturgical Year and ask Him to bless us in our New Year of Liturgical Worship.

This week, I wish to share with you a message from our bishop. Please see below.

Preparing for Christmas during COVID -
A message from Bishop David O'Connell, C.M.

The COVID pandemic will not take away Christmas 2020! It will, however, change the way we celebrate it, especially in our churches and parishes, if current circumstances continue as they are or worsen. Because COVID is a highly contagious airborne virus, the prospect of large (or larger than usual) crowds gathering indoors this winter for long periods of time without ample ventilation and proper social distancing, as well as the necessity to sanitize churches between Masses, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedules will be affected, especially in parishes where there is only a single pastor or priest assigned. The COVID pandemic's maximum one-third occupancy restrictions in churches coupled with the need for social distancing will limit the space available for parishioners to attend Christmas Mass as usual. Church schedules will also have to accommodate required cleaning.

Parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton have been dispensed from the holy day obligation because of the COVID pandemic this year. In addition to the restricted "in church" occupancy with required social distancing at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, parishes will also offer live-streamed Christmas Masses along with those broadcast on television to support the faith of those who cannot attend church this year. Those who are not feeling well or who are in a high-risk category should remain at home and take advantage of the on-line or televised celebrations of Christmas Mass.

Parishes will determine the number and times of Christmas Masses they will be able to offer this year. Please listen for announcements or check parish websites for schedules.

None of us want the restrictions or adjustments we have had to make because of the COVID pandemic. Please God, it will end soon. Although different from past Christmases, parishes will do their very best to assist the faithful in celebrating the Lord's birth with faith and joy.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.



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



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE SARULLO, BURKE,
SCHELLAR & BUGLIARO FAMILIES

REQUESTED BY THE BUGLIARO FAMILY

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

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY HELPERS- As we are St. Denis Parish, we have the honor and privilege of having St. Denis as our patron saint and intercessor. St. Denis was invoked along with thirteen other saints during the period of the Black Death that devastated Europe from 1346-1349 they later would be known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Let us pray, asking the Holy Helpers to intercede for all people at this time: **FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS**, who served God in humility and confidence on earth and are now in the enjoyment of His beatific vision in Heaven; because thou persevered till death thou gained the crown of eternal life. Remember the dangers that surround us in this vale of tears, and intercede for us in all our needs and adversities. *Amen*



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

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

Until further notice:

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

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Please note adjusted pantry hours:

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

Donations may be dropped off curbside by the pantry during regular pantry hours or on the rectory front porch, under the overhang. The following items are needed at this time:

**cooking oil, vinegar, beef stew, popcorn, shampoo,
tooth brushes, toilet paper & paper towels**

Please do not leave perishables on the rectory porch. Instead, deliver them to the Food Pantry (church basement) during pantry hours. Thank you for your generous donations.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA-The St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again be selling wreath sponsorships through "Wreaths Across America" to be placed on the final resting places of service members interred at Atlantic View Cemetery in Manasquan. Wreaths sponsorships are \$15.00 per wreath with \$5.00 of each purchase returned to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their charitable endeavors. Due to the Pandemic, all sponsorships must be made online at "Wreathscrossamerica.org". Once on the website, select "fundraising", then select the wreath purchase you wish to make. After the wreath selection, go to "select group you wish to support" and type in NJ0035P. That will ensure that the St. Vincent de Paul Society will receive credit for the purchase, and the wreaths will be delivered to Atlantic View Cemetery. Continue to follow the remaining directions to complete the purchase. The cutoff date for wreath sponsorships is December 2, 2020. For more information, please contact Neil Scully at (732) 456-2123.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VINCENT'S LEGACY- Launched by the Diocese in late 2016, Vincent's Legacy collects quality gently used furniture and household items to provide to those in need. Legacy volunteers arrange to view, pickup, clean and deliver donated items. Originally focused on Monmouth and Ocean Counties, Vincent's Legacy has expanded throughout the Trenton Diocese. If you have furniture or household goods to donate, please contact Vincent's Legacy volunteers at furniture@svdpntrenton.org. If you are able to help, visit the website or call 609-557-7837.

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS IS BACK IN ACTION- We are happy to report that we are slowly resuming our transportation and grocery shopping services. We are slowly accepting new receivers into our programs. We will be performing outdoor assessments with masks in order to ensure the safety of all our volunteers and receivers. If you know of someone who could use our services or would like to speak with a staff member, please call 732-505-2273.

**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.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings when they resume in the new year. Meetings are postponed at this time due to the pandemic.

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



Advent Happenings 2020

Come Let Us Adore Him!

**Though we may be social distancing...
God never does!**

**Let's journey closer to Christ together
as a parish this Advent season!**

For Your Personal Spiritual Journey:

Magnificat Advent Companion and other handouts can be found on tables in the Church gathering space and by the doors of the Chapel.

FORMED.org—for Advent Reflections sign up through our parish website (access code: PDZVN8)

USCCB.org— the US Bishops Website has many Advent offerings

Online Advent Retreat- We are participating in a **LIVE, online Advent Mission that will help us build a solid foundation for the spiritual journey! Each Sunday in Advent, from 8:00-9:00 pm ET, Dr. Ralph Martin will teach and answer questions on the first stages of the spiritual journey, as found in his book *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. This Advent Mission is for everyone! You are welcome to read the book if you wish to go deeper with the content being discussed, *but that is not necessary* to participate in this Advent Mission. **To participate, please register for free at www.renewalministries.net/advent. You will be emailed a link after registration is complete.****

For Your Communal Spiritual Journey:

**Dec. 2nd, 9th and 16th (Wednesdays) –
10 am or 7 pm at St. Denis School**

It's A Wonderful Life... in Christ- an Advent faith study based on the 1947 classic Frank Capra film will be led by Eileen Ziesmer.

**Showing of the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*-
Thursday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00 pm in St Denis Church.
All are welcome, study goer or not...bring a cushion!**

Confessions

You are encouraged to call the Parish Office and set up an appointment for Confession with Father Bill to prepare your heart for the Christmas Season.

**Join us for Adoration from 12:00-1:00 pm
every Friday during the Advent Season-
December 4th, 11th and 18th**

“For onto us a child is born, a son is given us; upon His shoulder Dominion rests, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:5



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT-

November 29, Week 1: Join our first-ever LIVE, online parish Advent Mission tonight, from 8-9 p.m. Eastern Time! If you are registered, you should have received a link via email. If not, there is still time to register, at

www.renewalministries.net/advent. Other parishes and individuals from around the world will be joining with us this Advent, while Catholic evangelist and author Ralph Martin takes us through the first stages of the spiritual journey using his book *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. For those who have been journeying with Jesus for a long time, it's an opportunity to ensure your foundations are still strong, and for those who are newer in their faith life, it's an opportunity to discover the basic decisions and practices necessary to make further progress in the spiritual life! This week's theme is Basic Decisions. You don't need to have read *The Fulfillment of All Desire* in order to fully participate in the mission, although if you would like to dive deeper with the information, it certainly is encouraged!

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

PLEASE DON'T FORGET 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 Choose your charity: Church of St. Denis, Manasquan Click on the box marked “yes”. You must start at smile.amazon.com so that the charity gets donations. Then click on the “start shopping” button. It's that simple!

ONLINE GIVING- To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For additional information or to sign up, go to our parish Website www.churchofstdenis.org and click on “Online Giving”. For those who wish to use the online giving service but do not have internet access, please contact the Parish Office at 732-223-0287 for assistance.

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


DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION– Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



November 15, 2020

Weekly Collection - \$9,480.00

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 am-11 am at the St. Denis School Multi Purpose room
Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 / eileenziessmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! We will be gathering with all social distancing safety precautions.

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.coan>



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

LESSONS AND CAROLS CONCERT- Capital Singers of Trenton (CST) celebrates the sounds of the season with its virtual Lessons and Carols concert, Winter Songs XIV, which will be streamed virtually on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will include guest appearances by the Trenton Children’s Chorus Training Choir and soloist Rev. William N. Heard, pastor of Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church in Camden. CST serves as the choral voice of the capital region under Artistic Director and Conductor Vinroy D. Brown, Jr. and usually rehearses and performs at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Trenton. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.capitalsingers.org or call 609-434-2781.

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

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

THE MONITOR MAGAZINE– HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET? The Monitor Magazine and Trenton-Monitor.com offer food for your faith journey throughout the year. Subscriptions options start at \$15 for a year of full digital access...Or, for \$25, get full digital access and home delivery of the magazine. Order your subscription via a convenient and secure web page... dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions. For assistance call 609-406-7131. Monitor-Subscriptions@DioceseofTrenton.org

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD? Text the word “freedom” to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for info on religious liberty.

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!

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.

THE GUILD OF OCEAN MEDICAL CENTER is a 501 (C3) organization that raises money to benefit the needs of our community and our community’s hospital. 100% of the net proceeds go towards these causes. Donations are being accepted for their current mission “Project Paul” to provide masks for the protection of the community and civil service workers. Donations can be made by: *PayPal-Contributions at paypal.me/guildofomc *Checks– Payable to The Guild of Ocean Medical Center c/o Sharon Dymnioski 53 Church St. Manasquan 08736 Please note in the memo section-“Project Protection” *Credit Card–to pay using a credit card, please call the following– Sharon Dymnioski at 732-233-2519. Thank you in advance for your support.

FYI– This wonderful organization kindly donated boxes of face masks to be used by the St. Denis Food Pantry volunteers. We are very grateful to them for their 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 contact Sister Elizabeth Engel at 732-359-8434 or email sister.engel@gmail.com.

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 The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: **888-296-2965**

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