

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

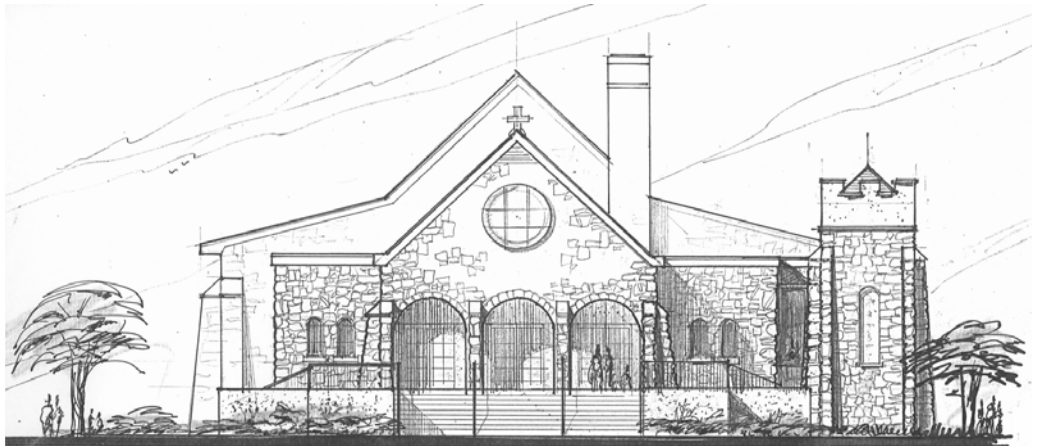
“Jesus said to His disciples: ‘Be constantly on watch, stay awake. You do not know when the appointed time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge each with his own task, and he orders the man at the gate to watch with a sharp eye. Look around you.’”

We begin a new season of grace, the wonderful time of preparing the way of the Lord, recalling His coming in history, His abiding presence among us now, and looking to discover the way He enters our lives. This year we have four full weeks to live advent.

Like the person in Mark’s gospel, the Lord has entrusted each of us with distinct, yet important tasks. My work is different from others, and if I fail to do it, it will remain undone. How am I going to begin this time of prayer?

I can make a resolution not to get caught up only with the material things in our consumer oriented society. My prayer with my family, my reflection on the scriptures, will certainly point me in the right direction. As I consider what I am going to do, I want to include others, the elderly, the sick and the poor, those alone or lonely, to make their lives better. They are part of God’s gift for me to take care of.

May the closing words of the Bible become my mantra each day, simply repeating three words prayerfully ‘Come Lord Jesus.’



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM– 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 & 11:00 AM- 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: Every Saturday from 3:30 until 4:15 PM - St. Denis Church. Also by appointment.

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.

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, December 2, 2017**

- 8:30 pm Phyllis Misch by Pam Padulla
 8:30 am Elizabeth A. Jansen by Carol & Ralph Cabrera
 4:30 pm David Millerschoen by Larry Cunningham
 4:30 pm Margaret DiSalvo by her Family

Sunday, December 3, 2017

- 8:00 am Jeff Raley by Maureen Birch
 8:00 am Jean Zoch by Maryann Crowe
 9:30 am Alfred Koepe by John & Eileen Gamberg
 9:30 am Allison Courvoisier by Sister Josephine Wade
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am Emil DeJacomio by his Mother & Sister
 11:00 am Nicholas Franks by his Family

Monday, December 4, 2017

- 7:30 am Pat O'Keeffe by her Family
 7:30 am Licinio Reverendo by Michael Budalich

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 7:30 am The Sarullo, Burke, Schellar &
 DeMarco Families by the Bugliaro Family
 7:30 am Jerome Pong by Denise & Kenn Yee

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 7:30 am John Michael Kolon by his Wife
 7:30 am Joseph & Evelyn Dougherty by the Family

Thursday, December 7, 2017

- 7:30 am Kenneth Colangelo by MCW
 7:30 am Joseph Jeffrey Pinnella, Sr. by MCW
 7:00 pm Jane Creaby by the Jacobus Family
 7:00 pm Roseleen Kaminski by her Family

Friday, December 8, 2017- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30 am Gerry Maywalt by Jim Maywalt
 7:30 am Virginia & Angelo Taborelli by the Family
 12:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Strigliabotti by the Family
 12:00 pm Emil & Anna Taborelli by the Family
 7:00 pm Angela McNeill by the Prince Family
 7:00 pm Phyllis Misch
 by Fr. Bill & Staff of Saint Denis Parish

Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 8:30 am Irene DeGenova by the DeGenova Family
 8:30 am Thomas Dinyovszky by Cass Gaska
 4:30 pm Jeff Raley by Maureen Birch
 4:30 pm Phyllis Misch by Cathy Wolfe

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 8:00 am Joseph Justinic by Gordon Justin & Eleanor Fox
 8:00 am Nada Justinic by Gordon Justin & Eleanor Fox
 9:30 am Adrienne Kupselaitis by Dawn Burke & Family
 9:30 am Alfred Koepe by John & Eileen Gamberg
 10:00 am Bill Driscoll by his Family
 10:00 am Sister Anne Maureen by Sister Mary Elizabeth
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Marie Gallagher, 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, Joseph Siple, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Colleen Grady, Richard Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Edna Moore, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Anthony DeMarco, Jr., Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Ernie Donnelly, Anita McCudden, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Claire Kessler, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Kathy Perusi, Alan Singer, John Danczuk, Linda Custode, Marty Pirrong, Edward Romanko, Harold Hoppe, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

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.



especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. Honrath, Navy MIDN Nora N. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Captain David Smith, Senior Airman John J. Kosequat, Navy HM3 Kevin John Kircher, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Army Captain Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 3rd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, Coast Guard FN Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, E3 Navy Airman Devon Webster, Navy Chief Petty Officer James DeLuise, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Army, Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman and Matthew Van Pelt, Army.

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!



**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Friday, December 8, 2017

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Friday, December 8, 2017-

7:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

The Rectory Office will be closed December 8, 2017.



Advent Happenings

Visit FORMED throughout Advent. Access is through our parish website.

Dec. 3 Youth Group Advent Meeting in school building
6:00-7:30 pm

Dec. 5 Advent Reflection in St. Denis Church
11:00 am and 7:00 pm *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation- The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses: Dec. 7-
7:00 pm, Dec. 8- 7:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Dec. 9 Advent Recovery Retreat in Msgr. O'Connor Hall
10:00 am-1:00 pm

Dec. 9 St. Nicholas Festival in school building 5:30 pm

Dec. 10 Christmas Carol Festival in St. Denis Church
3:00-4:00 pm

Dec. 12 Advent Reflection in St. Denis Church
11:00 am and 7:00 pm *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

Dec. 15 Advent Mommy & Me Get Together in school building
11:00 am

Dec. 16 Advent Mommy & Me Get Together in school building
10:00 am

Dec. 16 Youth Group Caroling at Sunnyside Manor 2:00 pm

Dec. 19 Confessions with Adoration and Quiet Prayer
in St. Denis Church 6:30-8:00 pm

Dec. 20 Area Penance Services- St. Elizabeth Church in Avon
at 3:00 pm and Holy Innocents Church in Neptune 7:00 pm



OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

will be the second collection on the weekend of December 16th & 17th. Envelopes have been provided in the monthly packets and are also available at the exits of the church and chapel.

This is a wonderful way to honor our loved ones, both living and deceased. Your generosity will help us to beautifully decorate our church and chapel for the Christmas season.

MESSAGE FROM FR. BILL

God Bless you this Advent. As we enter this Holy Season, I invite you to take a copy of the Magnificat Advent Companion to assist you in your prayer. Also, I invite you to take a copy of the reflection (bookmark-sized) reflection on "Mary's Immaculate Conception." Both are available on the information table. This feast of Our Blessed Mother is celebrated every December 8th and is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. This Feast is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be: Thursday evening Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm as well as Masses on the 8th at 7:30 am, noon and 7:00 pm. Let us gather to celebrate Mary, the Immaculate Conception and ask her intercession for our country.

This week you will also note that the yearly calendars are out for your use in 2018. I am thankful for the work and ministry that our local funeral homes do for people in their time of loss and I am thankful to them for sponsoring these calendars.

I also wanted to give programming notes for some upcoming Advent events. We will have Adult Education/Reflection events each Tuesday, beginning this week with a reflection on the Sacred Scriptural references voiced in the classic advent song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. The following Tuesday will be a reflection on the Sacred Scripture and celebrations during the Twelve Days of Christmas – the twelve days following Christmas, leading up to the original celebration of the Epiphany on January 6th, nick-named "Little Christmas". And on Sunday the 10th don't miss the Christmas Carol Festival. This prayerful/joyful event will weave Scripture and Carols in a way to describe our journey through Advent to Christmas. We will have both choirs in attendance and all are invited. This will be a great opportunity to bring some family/friends to St. Denis and stay for refreshments in the gathering space.

All in all, it's the most wonderful time of the year, as the song goes. And, I pray you have an adventurous Advent.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24, 2017

St. Denis Church- 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel- 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25, 2017

St. Denis Church- 9:30 am & 11:00 am

(No Masses at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2018

St. Denis Church- 9:00 am

Please Note: On Sunday morning, December 24, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of Advent) there will be no 11:00 am Mass, only 8:00 am & 9:30 am in the Church and 10:00 am in the Beach Chapel



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- "A Gathering of Women Seeking a Peaceful and Spiritual Approach to Christmas" will take place Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 11:30 am, at the First Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. in Manasquan. A light luncheon will be served. All women are welcome!

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT, PRESENTED BY THE GEORGIAN COURT CHORALE will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2017, 7:00 pm at Dorothy Marron Chapel at Georgian Court University and also on Sunday, December 3, 2017, 4:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 23 Church Street in Manasquan. Adults: \$15 Seniors: \$10 Students: free Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 732-948-9464.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR- St. Dominic Church in Brick presents the renowned Orchestra by the Sea, conducted by Father Alphonse Stephenson on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Welcome the holiday season with the elegance and grace of Fr. Alphonse as he provides humorous and personal anecdotes perfectly tuned to the occasion. His 42-piece orchestra skillfully performs holiday classics with passion and precision that make this spectacular evening one not to be missed. For tickets (\$30 in advance, \$35 at the door) call 732-840-1410, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Checks or cash only will be accepted.

CLOTHED WITH THE SUN... THE MYSTERIOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be presented by Sharon Santos, MA at St. Martha Church in Point Pleasant on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Come spend some time this Advent with the Mother of Our Lord.



**SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY
732-223-1383**

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

HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

and

EVERY 3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:

10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed at this time: pasta sauce, canned pasta meals, canned evaporated milk, small vegetable oil, tissues, mayonnaise, regular coffee, bar soap, sugar, male/female deodorant, shampoo, and body lotion. We are currently overstocked on dry pasta (thank you). Parishioners are asked to place their non-perishable donations in the shopping cart that is located in the gathering space near the stairwell to Msgr. O'Connor Hall. **Non-perishable food may still be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations, as we cannot use expired items. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR LATE AFTERNOON FOOD PANTRY HOURS. PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE (732-223-1383) IF YOU CAN BE OF HELP.



**WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GERRY MAYWALT
REQUESTED BY JIM MAYWALT**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm. Come join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction in Saint Denis Church on Fridays. Spend a few minutes praising, thanking and just being with Jesus.

THANK YOU FROM GOOD COUNSEL HOMES- We are humbled by the extreme generosity of the parishioners of St. Denis Parish and are blessed to share that the baby bottle donations amounted to \$9,003.82. A special thank you to everyone who helped hand out the baby bottles and to Fr. Bill for his supportive words. It is through your prayerful and financial support that we are able to provide a loving home for our families. We welcome you to visit our Good Counsel Home. Contact JoAnn DiNoia at joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org or 609-387-2928. (We still have 150 bottles that have yet to be returned. Some of you may have simply forgotten to return it. If so, still bring it to church and Good Counsel Homes will receive it. If you took a bottle and were not able to participate, for whatever the reason, that's okay-you can still help. The return of the bottle will still be a donation as this is one less bottle we have to purchase. Thank you and God bless you).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Vincent's Legacy, the Trenton Diocese's SVdP Furniture Ministry, based in Wall, NJ is in need of able-bodied people to help pick up and deliver furniture and housewares in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, on the following Saturdays, 8:00 am– 12:00 noon: December 16, January 6, 13, & 20. If you have any questions, please call 609-557-7837. If interested, please go to www.volunteersignup.org/KMHMJ.

**ST. DENIS CHURCH
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



As we heard in last week's Gospel, Jesus says to us that, "whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me". And you did! When you give to the St. Vincent de Paul special collections, purchase food or other gift cards for the Society, help in the SVdP food pantry, provide gifts from the "Giving Tree" or volunteer as a member of St. Vincent de Paul, you are doing it for Him. So, as we begin the joyful Advent Season this week, continue to keep in your hearts those who are less fortunate. The Lord will bless those who help in any way, those "least" who are in need.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2017. New members are welcome.



ST. DENIS GIVING TREE– It is that time of the year again when we will engage in the spirit of giving. For the next several week-ends our Giving Trees will be displayed in the gathering space of the church and at the Beach Chapel. If you wish and are able to do so, please take an ornament and purchase

the suggested gift. The offering is then to be returned with the ornament taped onto it. Please do not wrap gifts. If you want to include a female veteran in your choice from the Giving Tree, some gift ideas are: house coats (zipper fronts)-sizes medium or large, long sleeve knit shirts-sizes medium or large, pastel color cardigans-sizes medium or large, fleece tops-sizes medium or large, and perfume. If you have any questions please call Sister Josephine at 732-292-0772. All gifts are to be returned on the weekend of December 16 & 17, with the exception of the VNA gifts, which should be returned the weekend of December 9 & 10. Gifts can be returned to the church or the chapel. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS- Our next meeting for Youth Group is Sunday, December 3rd in the cafeteria of the school building from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. We will have an Advent discussion and also plenty of fun and games and food as we get ready for our trip Christmas caroling at Sunnyside Manor Saturday on December 16th from 2:00-3:00 pm.

St. Denis Elizabeth Ministry MOMMY & ME GROUP- Parents/grandparents, are invited to help us create a play-group at St Denis for children 4-years-old and younger. Please join us in the St. Denis School Building for **Mommy & Me Advent get-togethers on Friday, December 15th at 11:00 am or Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 am.** While the children play and work on an Advent activity, we will discuss ideas for the future of the playgroup including frequency of get-togethers, starting a Facebook group, potential activities or any other thoughts you may have for getting together. **SEE YOU THERE!!!!!! For more information, please contact Eileen at (732) 223-0287**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS– 2ND COLLECTION 12/9 & 12/10– Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies- often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious second collection next weekend helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.



November 12, 2017

Weekend Collection -	\$13,496.00
Average Envelope Donation -	\$24.45
Online Giving (11/9/17-11/29/17) -	\$4,605.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Recovery Corner



Are You in AA or NA? If so, you may like our one-hour meeting at St. Denis where we study a 12-step Recovery Bible. It's the best-selling Recovery Bible out there and people in recovery LOVE IT because we know our higher power is Christ and we can grow closer to Him by reading His Word! Meetings are at 10:00 am in the school building AND 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall (St. Denis basement) on Thursdays. Call 848-333-7085 for more info.

THE DANIEL PLAN- GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH- JOIN US... and CHANGE YOUR LIFE TODAY!

The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on The Five Essentials: **Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends.** The program is an innovative approach to optimizing your health in each of these life areas, setting goals, and providing support and encouragement. **WHO:** Anyone looking to improve his/her health **WHEN:** **Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm** **WHERE:** St. Denis School Building **LEADER:** Monica Butler **Contact Eileen in the parish office with any questions (732)-223-0287.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- All children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children will proceed to the church basement (Monsignor O'Connor Hall) before the first reading and return during the offertory. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. If interested, please call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

For the Love of God... Praise & Sing

Come, Praise our Lord with Contemporary Christian Music. 30 minutes of prerecorded music with lyric sheets provided. Every First Friday at 7:00 pm in St. Denis Church. For info call Allison Penkethman 732.528.4976



St. Denis Parish Junior Choir News

All youth from 2nd grade through high school are welcome to join the St. Denis Junior Choir. All music and materials will be provided. Come to a practice and have fun singing with us!
We are currently preparing to sing for Sunday Mass, Christmas Eve, and the Dec. 10 Christmas Carol Festival! (details to follow!)

Upcoming practice dates:

- (Wednesday evenings, in St. Denis church)
- December 06, 2017 6:30-7:15pm
- December 13, 2017 6:30-7:15pm
- December 20, 2017 6:30-7:15pm

For more information, please contact: Caroline Woodrow at (732) 513-0108 or by email: carolinenj@aol.com
New members are always welcome!

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10:00 am-1:00 pm

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