

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

“I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus... My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may have to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ.”

Paul’s words of encouragement can be considered the best wish for any Christmas card. It is easy to presume one’s well wishes, but he tells us this is his prayer, yes, even his prayer for us at this moment.

May we take just a moment to consider ‘what really matters’ and address ourselves as we live this second week of advent.

What in my opinion really matters? Politicians make their pitch. Educators define certain goals. Business executives look at bottom lines and profit. How few reflect on the state of their souls, their relationship with God and what He expects of them.

I am sure that the last mentioned is what really matters. Don’t you agree?



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *By appointment only.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:30 am Mary Kerrigan by the Kerrigan Family
 8:30 am Thomas O'Connor & Marcus Coyne
 by the Family
 8:30 am Charles J. Capone by Ann & George McIntyre
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:00 am Eileen Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Ernest F. DelGuercio
 by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Neil J. Henry, Sr. by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am Anne Helfrich by Bunker & Sari Mundie
 9:30 am William Olear by Ed & Helenbeth Matyas
 9:30 am Wesley Kingsley by Chris & Ed Mutch
 10:00 am Dr. Christopher Brown
 by Michele & Jeff Kellner
 10:00 am Dennis Datillo by the Mulligan Family
 10:00 am Nicholas Sciarappa by Carolyn & Allan Sabol

Monday, December 6, 2021

7:30 am John Kolon by his Family
 7:30 am Dorothy Miller by MCW
 7:30 am Consalacion Anarcon by St. Denis Parish

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

7:30 am Brendan Smith by Edna Lennon
 7:30 am Michelle Matthews by Lorene & Eliot Colon
 7:30 am A Special Intention

Wednesday, December 8, 2021- Immaculate Conception

7:30 am Geraldine Maywalt by her Husband
 7:30 am Jack Simes by his Family
 7:30 am AnnaMae & John Hearn & Marion & Jim Langan
 by the Langan Family
 12:00 pm Thomas Mahady & Bill Burkhardt
 by Julia Mahady & Kay Burkhardt
 12:00 pm Vincent Garetano by Joan & Mario Valeriani
 12:00 pm Kelly Ann O'Donnell by Liz & Bill Oliver

Wednesday, December 8, 2021- Immaculate Conception

7:00 pm Rose & Jack Feeney by the Family
 7:00 pm Susan Thompson
 by the Cramer & Hughes Families
 7:00 pm Andrew Critelli by CDA, Court St. Denis

Thursday, December 9, 2021

No Mass

Friday, December 10, 2021

7:30 am Frank Falco (7th Anniversary)
 by his Daughter & Family
 7:30 am Adrienne Kupselaitis
 by Dawn Burke & Carrie Kupselaitis
 7:30 am Stephanie Smith by Susan Schreck

Saturday, December 11, 2021

8:30 am Anne Shea by Peter & Sharon Wilson
 8:30 am Sue Thompson by Cindy Moskov
 8:30 am Nicholas Bopf by Frank & Susan Walsh
 4:30 pm Ruth & Clem Danish by the Danish Family
 4:30 pm Jim Maywalt by his Friend, JoAnn
 4:30 pm Thomas S. Coyle
 by Barbara Roche & Louis Nieves

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Bill Driscoll by Theresa Driscoll
 9:30 am Marie Hamilton
 by MaryLynn Morris & Cindy Ernst
 9:30 am Dennis Lafferty by David Thatch & Family
 10:00 am Nicholas Sciarappa by Gloria & Dave Smith
 10:00 am Luisa Malatesta by Pat & Mario Gentile
 10:00 am William Olear by Angela & Frank Garofalo



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 Chermark, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Hank Przybylowski, Werner Ziesmer, Cathy Hodgkiss, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Paul Weeks, Regina Kiesche, the Stoute Family, the Nesbitt Family and the Campbell Family.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
specially Susan Curran.

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.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet in the church at 9:00 AM on Sunday, December 12, 2021 for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. After Mass we will go to the Breakers in Spring Lake for breakfast. Donation is \$30.00. If you have not already signed up to attend please call 732-528-9255. You can make a donation for our Christmas family at that time.

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.

PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED- We are in need of volunteers to run the projectors at the weekend Masses in the main church. Please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287 if you can be of help. Thank you.

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. Click on the "start shopping" button.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others- educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Your donation to the second collection next weekend will be greatly appreciated.



November 14, 2021

Weekly Collection- \$10,953.00

November 21, 2021

Weekly Collection- \$10,267.00

2nd Collection- Camp. for Human Devel.- \$1,798.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

ST. DENIS GIVING TREE-The Giving Tree, the Christian symbol of unconditional and selfless love, has returned 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, through December 5th. 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.



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

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 until December 13th (St. Lucy Day - patroness of the visually impaired).

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified. Thank you!



Pray for the 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 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.




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.

CONFESSIONS have resumed in the church on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:15 pm, beginning Saturday, November 27th.

GRANDPARENTS' GUILD- The Grandparents' Guild is excited to initiate this most wonderful season of Advent by encouraging our grandchildren to continue attending Mass for the next three weeks as we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ on Christmas Day! As you enjoy with them the fun traditions leading up to this blessed day, perhaps you might share the following invitation with them. "The Most High God requests the honor of your presence at the entry of His Son into the world. This unprecedented event will be followed in two locations: Heaven and Earth. The event will take place on December 25, and you are encouraged to spend the next four weeks preparing for the festivities". (*WAU 2017*) So let's take up his invitation and do everything we can to be alert and ready to receive Jesus and His gifts. Jesus has given us a whole month to get ready! Welcome to Advent- a season of hope and expectation. Enjoy the decorating, family gatherings, shopping, and fun gifting!

Important note, there will *not* be a Grandparents' Guild meeting on the 11th of December, but rather, we will celebrate our ministry by attending a luncheon at Scarborough Fair in Sea Girt. Kindly contact St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287 for more information.

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

Thank you all for being so generous with your donations to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to distribute 25 turkeys and the items that went with them to make Thanksgiving dinners. Our neighbors were very appreciative. We have enough food to do it again at Christmas!

This weeks list of needed items :
 Laundry detergent, dish detergent, hot chocolate, popcorn, ketchup, boxed milk, large bags of chips/pretzels, shampoo and paper towels.

Thank you.



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


Shep Arthur Gordon
 Cayden James Laracuenta
 Liam Patrick Walker

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

SHARE THE WARMTH... Please donate new or gently used children's coats to benefit the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). Items may be donated at the following locations: 71 Wyckoff Ave. in Manasquan, the gathering space of the church or on the front porch of the rectory office. If you are unable to drop off the coats, you may call the rectory office to arrange for pick-up. Please have all donations in by December 8th. Thank you.

SAINT JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE, 400 Route 35 North in South Mantoloking offers the following: **QUIET BY THE FIRESIDE-** On December 9th this evening will provide the busy person an opportunity to contemplate Jesus, the Incarnate Word, through reflection in a quiet and prayerful environment. There will be a Christmas sing-along and refreshments after the program. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.** Please call 732-892-8494 for reservations. Arrival is 5 pm/departure is 8 pm.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



"I am the good shepherd... I know mine and mine know me" says Jesus in the Gospel. The Good Shepherd is concerned about, cares for and protects the sheep, and fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship requires us disciples to "lay down our lives".

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but rather commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us and loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving-in our families and in our service to the poor.

To those served, Vincentians are expected to give the same deep and serious thought that they give to their own families. Sharing does not consist merely in the distribution of material goods; it also implies that our personal resources and potential of mind and heart and time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, and in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness, on the part of the Society's members to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration.

If you have an interest in learning more about helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings in the school building.

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



WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JIM & GERALDINE MAYWALT

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.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.” Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995

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

- * **The Mission of Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry** is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.
- * **ACTION CENTER** –Go to www.notaxpayerabortion.com Tell Congress they must not force Americans to subsidize the taking of innocent life. We oppose any bill, including any appropriations bill, that expands taxpayer funding of abortion. The Hyde Amendment has saved nearly 2.5 million babies and mothers in difficult circumstances from the tragedy of abortion. We urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to ensure that the Hyde Amendment and all similar life-saving appropriations riders remain in place during the 117th Congress and beyond.
- * **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

As we have finished up the last liturgical year and begin this new one, I have been keeping the theme of “Experience the Faith” as a “point-to-ponder”. It is in the experiencing that we have the opportunity to encounter God and be changed. Every free-and-open encounter with God does lead to becoming more and more the people God calls us to be. We pray to respond to God’s gracious invitation to experience our relationship with God anew this Advent. As St. Charles Borromeo wrote: “This holy season teaches us that Christ’s coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, I, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ... When we remove all obstacles to His presence He will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with Him the riches of his grace.”

One way we “remove all obstacles to His presence” and experience the power of Christ is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. With the pandemic, many people have not had the opportunity to go to confession, but now is the time to consider preparing for Christmas and experiencing anew God’s Love and Mercy. Below are a listing of confession opportunities in our immediate area, or you can also make an appointment with me, but I ask you make the appointment before Dec. 23rd.

St. Denis:

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm
Dec. 20 & 21: Noon-1:00 pm and also 6:00-7:00pm
both Monday and Tuesday.

Holy Innocents:

Dec. 16: 6:00-7:00 pm

St. Mark's:

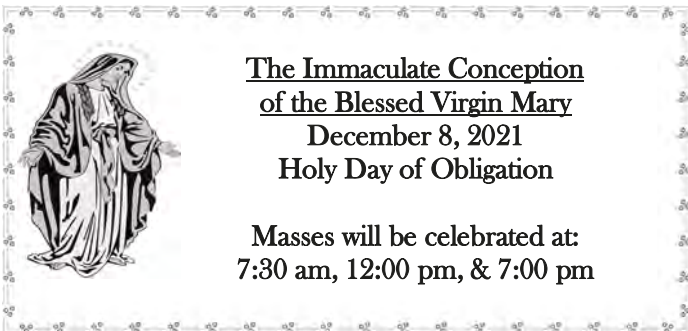
Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm.
Thursday: After 7:30 am and 11 am Masses.

St. Rose:

Saturdays: 4:00-4:50 pm
Every Monday from 7:00-7:45 pm.
(during weekly Holy Hour)

COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY runs on volunteer power. We offer a variety of opportunities and a flexible schedule. We would love to have you join our team. To learn more call 732-898-4094. Coastal Habitat for Humanity is located at 1105 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park. Please shop, donate or volunteer.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- Afghan refugees are being housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton has been asked to assist in this humanitarian crises by identifying and mobilizing legal representation for immigration, helping to coordinate wellness activities for the children and their families and assisting in the coordination of donations and volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please visit web: <https://www.catholiccharitiesrenton.org/afghan-refugees-humanitarian-crisis> to learn more about volunteer and donation opportunities.



The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8, 2021
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be celebrated at:
7:30 am, 12:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

ADVENT HEALING & PENANCE SERVICE WITH FATHER PIO MANDATO- Father Pio Mandato will be at St. Dominic Church, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick the evening of December 17th for a special Advent Healing and Penance Service. Confessions begin at 5:00 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 pm, followed by a conference. Individual blessings with the glove of St. Padre Pio will be offered to everyone attending at the end of the service. If you have any questions, please call the St. Dominic Rectory Office at 732-840-1410.

COLLEGE-AGE RETREAT- JANUARY 7-9, 2022 will take place at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point. This retreat is designed to bring young people together of college-age (17-22). So, whether you are in college or working, come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost: \$140 per person Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Some financial aid is available. High school seniors are welcomed.

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



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.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT RELIGIOUS STORE- Experience the peacefulness of our store while picking out devotionals that will help you along your faith journey. The store carries a diverse variety of gifts for friends, family and clergy. There are rosaries from Italy, statuary, Miraculous Medals, wall plaques, holy cards and many books to help you grow in prayer and faith. The store is located at the lower level of the parish center, 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. A chair lift is accessible. For more information visit on the web: www.stleohegreat.com/store.

Christmas & New Year Schedule



Confessions in St. Denis Church

Saturdays - 3:30 pm-4:15 pm or by Appointment
 Monday, December 20, 2021 12:00 pm-1:00 pm & 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
 Tuesday, December 21, 2021 12:00 pm-1:00 pm & 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Advent Reflection in St. Denis Church

Monday, December 13, 2021
 11:00 am -12:00 pm or 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24, 2021
 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

Saturday, December 25, 2021
 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 Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022
 St. Denis Church- 8:30 am



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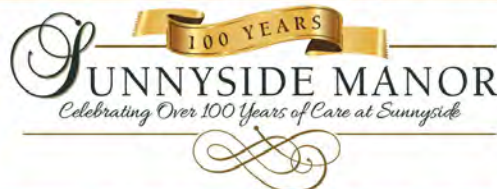
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