

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

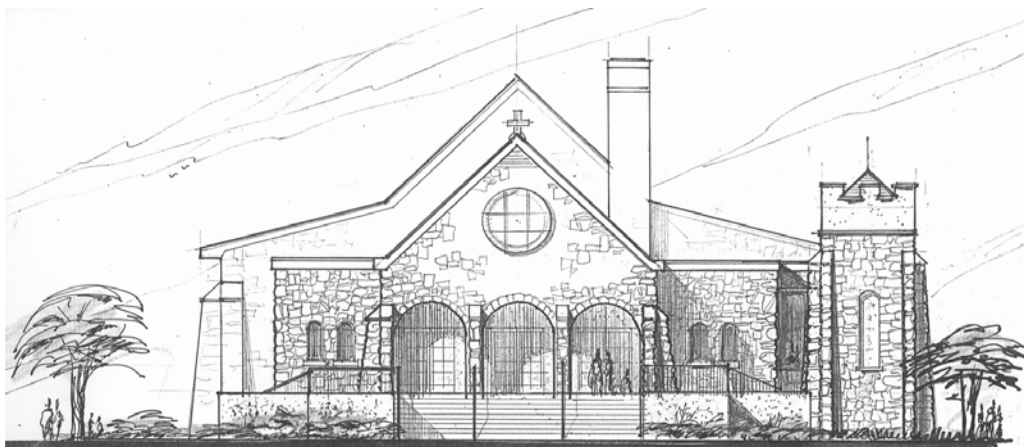
“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God.”

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said ‘Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings.’ We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was ‘anointed’, the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message ‘good news.’ He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah’s prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

‘Come Lord Jesus.’



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16, 2017

- 8:30 am Phyllis Misch by Erna O'Malley
 8:30 am Anita Matyas by her Family
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 17, 2017

- 8:00 am Deceased of the Mandio & Manzi Families
 by the Family
 8:00 am Edwin T. O'Connell by Edmund Boylan
 9:30 am George Perk, Jr. by his Family
 9:30 am Bernard Danese by his Wife, Lois
 10:00 am Sister Anne Maureen Lyons
 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph at St. Rose Parish
 10:00 am Mary Cocozza by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cocozza
 11:00 am Phyllis Misch by Sister Josephine Wade
 11:00 am Aurea Allen by the DeGenova Family

Monday, December 18, 2017

- 7:30 am Viola Prieth by her Daughter
 7:30 am Helen Esposito by Theresa Welle

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

- 7:30 am Jack Simes by his Family
 7:30 am John & Mary Blihar by the Simes Family

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

- 7:30 am Henrietta & Ben Rybicki & Mary & Tara Jolly
 by the Jolly Family
 7:30 am Dr. Donald & Mary Lintner by the Family

Thursday, December 21, 2017

- 7:30 am Mickey Larocca by the Donovan Family
 7:30 am Mr. Devereaux by Anna Gaffney

Friday, December 22, 2017

- 7:30 am Tony Pipoli by Theresa Welle
 7:30 am Agnes Haddad
 by Tommy, Jackie Rogers & Family

Saturday, December 23, 2017

- 8:30 am Nelia Claudio by the Leonard Family
 8:30 am Daniel Bergin by the Simes Family
 4:30 pm Lillian Smith by Bonnie Smith
 4:30 pm Laura & Adolph Macho by the Pilot

Sunday, December 24, 2017 (4th Sunday of Advent)

- 8:00 am David Zocchi by his Parents
 8:00 am Marie Bernice Kile by the Kile Family
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Lillian Smith by Dave & Gloria Smith
 10:00 am Leonard Alszczyk by Maryann Konopka

Sunday, December 24, 2017 (Christmas Eve)

- 4:30 pm Edward Windas by his Family (church)
 4:30 pm John & Jack Kolon by the Family (church)
 5:00 pm Thomas Crawford by his Family (chapel)
 5:00 pm Janice Racioppi by her Family (chapel)
 7:00 pm Joseph & Viola Ziella by Michele & Jim Conrey (church)
 7:00 pm Phyllis Misch by Eileen Wade (church)
 10:00 pm Richard McCrum by Pat Werdann (church)
 10:00 pm Angela Gorecki by Kathleen & Brian Marzolla (church)



PRAY
FOR THE SICK

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 Najjar, 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 Giambrone, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Marilyn Chapman and Eileen Olson.



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.



Advent Happenings

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

Dec. 19 Youth Group Christmas Movie Night
6:00-8:00 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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS- Pre-Christmas Fun this Tuesday the 19th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Christmas Movie Night with hot cocoa and popcorn! Come comfy and bring your sleeping bag as we “Camp-In” and enjoy this “night before Christmas” ... get it?!

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.

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.

OPLATEK, the Christmas wafer, is available once again this year. If you wish to share in this Christmas tradition with your family, please stop by the rectory office during regular business hours. We once again thank Mileto Polish and Italian Gourmet from Point Pleasant for donating the Oplatek for our parishioners.

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

A Message from Father Bill

Happy Gaudete Sunday! As we celebrate this 3rd Sunday of Advent, we are reminded Christmas is near! And this year Christmas is nearer than ever. Next Sunday is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. This is a unique phenomenon. This begs the question: How many times can we receive Holy Communion in a day? The answer is twice on a calendar day. So, you can go to Mass Sunday morning and then again Sunday evening, if that is how you wish to schedule your Sunday worship and Holy Day of Christmas obligation. Just be aware that next Sunday morning, on the 24th, there is no 11 am Mass. So to lay it out basically, you choose from the following scenarios, as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas.
Option #1 – Saturday evening + Sunday evening
Option #2 – Saturday evening + Monday morning
Option #3 – Sunday morning + Sunday evening
Option #4 – Sunday morning + Monday morning
However you choose to celebrate, may God bless you and yours and may you carry the Rejoicing of this 3rd Sunday of Advent into the Exultations of the Christmas Season!

FAITH IN ACTION- Have you received hope, comfort and love at a time in your life when you needed it most? Do you feel it’s time to give to others the blessings you have received? There are hospice patients in your area that would benefit greatly from your companionship and encouragement. As a VITAS volunteer you would be trained in how to work with hospice patients and their families. Your assignments would suit your schedule and your location. Find out more about our amazing team of caring VITAS volunteers by calling Rev. Fred Whitehurst at VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® of Jersey Shore at 732-389-0066.

SINGLES JOURNEY is a support and discussion group for adults over 40 that are widowed, divorced or never married. We meet Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the Spiritual Center, Room 10, of St. Mary’s Church in Colts Neck on Rt. 34. We have facilitators that alternate every week to discuss different topics and challenges. We share our experiences and offer fellowship and support. We do not accept fees.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP- St. Rose Parish has a great group of young adults that get together for fun and fellowship from time-to-time. All local young adults are welcome. Check out their Facebook Page: Belmar Area Catholic Young Adults.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS NEED YOU! Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune is growing, and the patients need ministry now more than ever. Have you ever considered serving the Lord as a Eucharistic Minister? Our volunteer ministers serve for about an hour on one morning per week during week days or one Saturday or Sunday per month. Will you visit patients, bring them the Eucharist, and share the healing love of Christ? Please call the Pastoral Care Office during regular business hours at 732-776-4165 or 732-776-4991 to inquire about ministry opportunities or to set up an appointment to come talk with Father Evarist Kabagambe, Catholic Chaplain.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website. The bulletin is posted on the website on Friday mornings. To see the list of intentions visit www.churchofstdenis.org and click on the "weekly bulletin" link.

HEALING MASS—The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group of Holy Cross Church invites all to a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave. and Rumson Road in Rumson at 8:00 pm. Rev. Alex Enriquez will be the celebrant. The next Healing Mass will be on January 22, 2018. For information call 732-345-8400.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES— Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. The service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.



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

ALL DONATIONS TO OUR FOOD PANTRY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME, WE ARE EXTREMELY OVERSTOCKED ON DRY PASTA AS MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO VISIT THE PANTRY ONLY HAVE ACCESS TO MICROWAVES OR A SINGLE HOT-PLATE. SOME HAVE MEDICAL CHALLENGES OR DO NOT HAVE THE POTS OR COLONDERS TO PREPARE THIS FOOD IF THEY ARE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING. PLEASE CONSIDER CANNED OR MICROWAVABLE DRY PASTA MEALS. **Items needed at this time: canned chili, canned fruit, baked beans, ketchup, mayonnaise, decaf instant coffee, hot chocolate, laundry detergent, paper towels, and men's shampoo.** 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 be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations. Thank you.

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



WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOM & DAD
REQUESTED BY ANN DEJACOMO**

VNAHG VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED- VNAHG was founded by volunteers in 1912. Today, our volunteers continue to be an important compliment to our health care professionals, administrators and office staff. If you have a few hours a week and a will to make a difference, we invite you to join our dedicated volunteers in service to our community. Bring the joy of volunteering into your life. For more info please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteers at 732-224-6933 for Monmouth County and Colleen Del Vacchio, BSW, Manager of Volunteers at 732-592-3622 for Ocean County.

VINCENT'S LEGACY HELPNG HANDS— The Trenton Diocesan Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has launched an exciting initiative to provide gently used furniture and household goods to our neighbors in need called Vincent's Legacy. Its mission is to ensure every family has a comfortable, functioning home. Please visit its Crowd Source funding site, <https://youcaring.com/svdpVincentslegacy> to learn more about this important ministry and prayerfully consider a \$5 donation.

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: 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



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord."

Let us ask for the grace to help others better know the love of the Lord. We can often help to "know the love of the Lord" through corporal and spiritual works of mercy and this may be done through showing love and your own gift giving to the poor through our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, so thank you so much for your gifts to others through the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Denis.

If you have an interest in joining or learning more about the SVdP Society, our meetings are the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Msgr. O'Connor Hall. There will be no meeting on 12/19/17 due to the Christmas holiday. Hotline number: 732-223-1383

Join the ST. DENIS email list!
It's easy!

Receive our newsletter and
event notifications!

Text

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to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

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.**

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU RETREAT

Save The Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!

Saturday, January 20, 2018

1:00-4:00 at St. Denis School Building Cafeteria
Share in 4:30 pm Mass with fellow retreat attendees
No cost

Let's give those resolutions a fighting chance. Goal setting, accountability, journaling...get healthy with a faith based program. Based on the five essentials of The Daniel Plan (Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends)

We will discuss:

- Using your faith to get you healthy
- The Daniel Plan Plate
- Staying hydrated
- Fitness tips
- Accountability

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers! Contact Eileen at (732) 223-0287 or eileenziemer@gmail.com for information or to let us know you are coming!



November 19, 2017

Weekend Collection -	\$13,216.00
Average Envelope Donation -	\$24.33
2nd Collection- (Human Development)	\$3,247.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$10.28

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.



RAFTS- "Recovery Advocates For The Shore" located in Manasquan, is a non-clinical, non-profit, peer-based community organization serving the recovery needs of individuals and their families struggling with behavioral or substance addiction. It is free of charge. 1-833—2BSOBER www.raftsnj.org

ROCKIN' AT RAFTS HOLIDAY DANCE—Join us on Saturday, December 30, 2017, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm for a sober social. There will be food, a DJ, and dancing. The dance will take place at the RAFTS headquarters, 67 Atlantic Ave. in Manasquan. No smoking is allowed on the property. Sponsored by RAFTS (Recovery Advocates for the Shore)

COMMUNITY THERAPUTIC YOGA is designed for cancer patients, arthritis sufferers, or individuals with other health issues who would benefit from a gentle and modified exercise program. In this class we will utilize various techniques and modifications to yoga postures for physical and medical challenges. Moving slowly into and out of postures we will stretch, tone, and strengthen muscles. Each class includes breathing exercises, posture exercises, and relaxation techniques. The class will take place in the St. Denis school building on Fridays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost is free to members of the community with health issues who would benefit from a modified exercise program. Call Bobbi at 848-459-4255 or Ronnie at 732-859-2601 for more information. This program is not associated with the Manasquan Recreation Department.

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 more information call Allison Penkethman **732.528.4976**

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, call Debbie at 732-223-9823.



ST. DENIS PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

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! **Upcoming practice dates:** (Wednesday evenings, in St. Denis church) December 20, 2017 6:30-7:15 pm. For more information, please contact: Caroline Woodrow at (732) 513-0108 or by email: carolinenj@aol.com New members are always welcome!

THE CENTER IN ASBURY PARK 2017 HOLIDAY ORNAMENT- Once again The Center in Asbury Park is offering its holiday ornament. It is a great gift for your family and friends and your purchase will help support The Center. The ornament is a beautiful ceramic 3 1/4' X 2 1/4" oval, proclaiming Hope, Faith, Courage & Strength. The red ribbon in the center of the ornament is internationally recognized as a symbol of the struggle around HIV/AIDS. It is a symbol of solidarity and a commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS. Each ornament sells for \$20, which includes shipping and handling. To order, stop by The Center in Asbury Park or shop its website thecenterinap.org. For questions email cshannon@thecenterinap.com or phone 732-774-3416 X121.

WORLD-RENOWNED PHILADELPHIA BOYS CHOIR & CHORALE IN CONCERT will take place at Saint Rose Church in Belmar on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be available the St. Rose Parish Office. Tickets are \$25/General Admission. \$50 VIP tickets include a pre-concert reception at the St. Rose Parish Rectory and VIP concert seating. Tickets would make the perfect Christmas gift! For more information call the St. Rose Parish Office at 732-681-0512.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, MONMOUTH COUNTY, REACHES OUT! Our Outreach Services support local families, children, and singles in need. We make holiday gifts and baskets, distribute back-to-school supplies, and organize coat and food drives. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. Your time and talent, great or small, can make a difference. For more information call Mary Lee at 732-241-5841 or email Mary at mlee502@gmail.com.

CAREGIVER VOLUNTEERS OF CENTRAL JERSEY INTERFAITH COALITION- HELPING OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND CONGREGATION There are many older people living in our parish...in our neighborhood...who are in need of a little help to continue living with dignity and independence at home. **If you can spare just a few hours a week**, you can be involved in this ministry. **Call and find out more... For info contact the Caregiver office at 732-876-3900 or www.caregivervolunteers.org.**

CATHOLIC RADIO- Tune into **89.3 FM** to hear the Gospel message, live call-in shows, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and more. WFJS 89.3 FM Catholic Radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth and parts of Ocean Counties. Listen on-line at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org. Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS PO Box 7509 Trenton 08628, or call 609-882-9357.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

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: **1-888-296-2965** or email abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

HOLIDAY BLUES & BLUE CHRISTMAS-"Blue Christmas" isn't sad; it's a reflective worship experience, a quiet and beautiful celebration of the Incarnation. "Blue Christmas" is tailored for those whose hearts are heavy for any reason this season: loss of a loved one, unemployment, health issues, relationship break-ups, anxiety over an unsettled world. Participants will gather at the Church in Brielle on Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 pm for a joint Blue Christmas. Pastor Lou LaFazia will preside and Pastor Mary will preach. All are welcomed! *"He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew; and He cares when we are sad, and He shares when we are glad."* (Once in Royal David's City)

WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets at St. Rose weekly on Mondays (since 1982) at First Presbyterian Church of Belmar from 7:00-7:45 pm. Introduction is given and new members are always welcome. For more info call Gregory at 732-681-6238 or email gjryan@wccm.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 more information on how you can take action to protect religious liberty.

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