

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

“Mary said to the angel: ‘How can this be, since I do not know man?’ The angel answered her: ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you, hence the holy offspring to be born will be called the Son of God... Mary said, ‘I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done unto me as you say.’ With that the angel left her... The word became flesh and he made his dwelling among us.”

Because we are caught up in so many activities, it is easy for us to miss the importance of the visit of the messenger to Mary. She was being asked to redirect the history of the world. She raised a logical question, and through the Spirit, was answered, for our well being she said ‘yes.’

Did you ever wonder what the young Jewish girl was doing when Gabriel came? Was she praying, doing household chores? Was she startled, afraid or curious? Before she went to assist Elizabeth did she tell her parents or Joseph? How would I react or respond? The great Saint Bernard said, ‘Hurry up Mary, the world is waiting for your answer.’

The same Lord wishes to make His dwelling with us. Are we ready?



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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.

**Saturday, December 19, 2020**

8:30 am Maureen Meehan by Susan Meehan
 8:30 am Jermina Berkenbush by the Wynd Family
 8:30 am Cheryl Davis by Linda Werdann & Pat Werdann
 4:30 pm Adolph & Laura Macho by the Macho & Pilot Families
 4:30 pm Derry Quigley by Luann & John Quigley
 4:30 pm Mary McKearney by the Scotto, Lotito & Casals Families

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:00 am Agnes Gempp by the Langan Family
 8:00 am Dr. John Shea by John, Denise & Riley Shea
 8:00 am Marguerite Bossone by Marilyn Allen
 9:30 am Susan Warnick by Eileen & Catie Ziesmer
 9:30 am Richard Ludwig by Ray & Martine Gabler
 9:30 am Ben Danese by the Family
 10:00 am Dr. Donald & Mrs. Mary Lintner by Anne Lintner
 10:00 am Patricia Herrmann by the Sheehan Family
 10:00 am John Fritz by Jerri & Jeffrey Aversa
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 21, 2020

7:30 am Richard Anderson by Ellie & John Fox
 7:30 am Mary O'Connor by the Family
 7:30 am Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Trenton
 by St. Denis Parish

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

7:30 am Leo LaForgia by the Bertucci Family
 7:30 am Marguerite Bossone by the Bertucci Family
 7:30 am Frank Bugliario by Gene Bialas

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

7:30 am David Zocchi (Beloved Son) by his Mom & Dad
 7:30 am Carol Rielly by Linda Wynd & Pat Werdann
 7:30 am Mary Lou Moskov by the Moskov Family

Thursday, December 24, 2020– Christmas Eve

7:30 am Jerry & Catherine Breen by Maryann Crowe
 7:30 am Alex Romanelli by the Sy Family
 7:30 am Madeline Maclver by the Sy Family

Christmas Eve

2:30 pm (Church) For the People of the Parish
 3:00 pm (Chapel) Dr. Donald & Mrs. Mary Lintner & the
 Intentions of Their Six Children
 by Anne Lintner
 3:00 pm (Chapel) Anthony Chrisafuli by Cheryl & Frank
 3:00 pm (Chapel) James Walter by Sheila Ruckert

Thursday, December 24, 2020–Christmas Eve

4:30 pm (Church) Edward Windas by the Family
 4:30 pm (Church) John & Jack Kolon by the Family
 4:30 pm (Church) Deceased of the Koch & Rice Families
 by Betsy & Jim Rice
 5:00 pm (Chapel) Deceased of the Bookrajian & Rizzi Families
 by Carol Rizzi
 5:00 pm (Chapel) Thomas Crawford by the Sutor Family
 5:00 pm (Chapel) Lucy Soriano and Lucy & Frank Falco
 by Daughter & Family
 5:30 pm Facebook Mass
 10:00 pm (Church) Michael A., Zachary J. Herman &
 Dorothy Donechie by the Family
 10:00 pm (Church) Joseph Wojciechowski
 by Godmother, Christine Elio
 10:00 pm (Church) Annamae & John P. Hearn
 by the Langan Family

Friday, December 25, 2020-Christmas Day (Church)

9:30 am Julius & Josephine Bogdziewicz by Carol Bogdziewicz
 9:30 am The Sarullo, Burke, Schellar & Bugliario Families
 by the Bugliario Family
 9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lorenzo
 by Janice, Matthew & Janine Riccelli
 11:00 am Viola & Joseph Ziella by Michele & Jim Conrey
 11:00 am Janice Racioppi by the Family
 11:00 am Kathleen Platt Fischer by Mary Ev & Ron Ernish

Saturday, December 26, 2020

8:30 am- No Mass
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00 am Michael Parcaro (51st Anniv.) by Mona & John Kirk
 8:00 am Geraldine Waeglein by Erin Croake
 8:00 am Dr. John J. Shea by the Faas Family
 9:30 am Susan Warnick by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society
 9:30 am Ben Danese by the Family
 9:30 am Marguerite Bossone by Paulette, Perry & Gabriel Boquel
 10:00 am Patricia Herrmann by Steve Marshall & Family
 10:00 am Scott Remmey by the Remmey Family
 10:00 am Richard Policastro by Jerri & Jerry Aversa
 11:00 am Marie Bernice Kile by the Family
 11:00 am Dr. John Shea by Terry McCormick
 11:00 am Jack Monett by Terry McCormick

Please note:

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



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 Fahy, 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 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, 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 Gondek, Lois Borton, Roddy Pilot, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, David Smith, Rev. Joseph Miele, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.



Christmas & New Year Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24, 2020

St. Denis Church- 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 10:00 pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel- 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm
Facebook Mass – 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Masses

Friday, December 25, 2020

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

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31, 2020

St. Denis Church- 4:30 pm
Facebook Mass- 7:00 pm
Friday, January 1, 2021

St. Denis Church- 9:00 am, 11:00 am
(No Masses at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel)

Confessions

Please Call the Parish Office for an Appointment

Message from Fr. Bill

I wish you a Merry Christmas! I am thankful for the gift of the Parish of St. Denis, especially during this year of the pandemic. The Parish is a gift to so many because of how we all live in the blessings given to us by almighty God and living our discipleship. The Parish a gift because in living our discipleship, the grace of God is experienced through, with, and in each of us for the love of God and neighbor.

The spiritual works of mercy we give (to the world really) as a parish is a gift. This gift is seen through our celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and all the intentions offered. This gift is seen in the celebration and reception of the sacraments. And the prayer support is gift through the prayer experienced through the many opportunities at church and in your homes (called the Domestic Church). This year has been so different and difficult and the “essential service” of prayer is a gift we provide, a gift I have personally experienced so superabundantly. I thank you for your gift of prayer for me, as pastor, and know of my prayer for God’s blessings for all of you this Christmas. I am thankful for all the parishioners who give the gift of time and faith in their spiritual works of mercy to the glory of God and the good of others, both living and deceased.

The corporal works of mercy the parish gifts each other, and others with, is also a way the parish is gift. Each day of the pandemic, gifts of food for our food pantry have appeared at the door of the rectory. It is an amazing witness to me, each day, of the parish as gift. I am thankful for all the kindness you have shared with me personally. I am thankful to all the volunteers in all the myriad of works they do at the parish. I am so edified by the volunteers of the parish. Thank you for being a gift to the parish and to others, through the outreach of our parish.

The gift of the parish happens through the generous donations from each and every one of you. During the pandemic, we have received so much support once we grappled with what life looks like during the pandemic. Even with all the stress and strain we have each experienced, so many parishioners thoughtfully send in donations (through mail and online – which has more than doubled since March). But, even with these generous donations and the cut backs I implemented and the PPP loan we received from the government, we are still about 20% less in donations than in previous years. With that in mind, and with the advice of the Finance Council, I sent a Christmas letter to everyone this year asking that if things are better and you are financially more secure, would you help in donating to the parish to help with the shortfall we experience.

As we come to the end of this year, I hope you avail yourself of one of the calendars that we have at the church and chapel. I am thankful to our funeral homes who generously donated them to us again. May the parish calendar help each of us to have a tangible reminder of the gift that is the Parish of St. Denis. And as we remember the birth of Christ, the greatest gift ever given, may we all have “peace on earth and good will towards all.” Merry Christmas.



WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK CAMPBELL
&
THE CAMPBELL & ZITA FAMILIES

REQUESTED BY THE 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:

Salt , canned chicken, Spam, dish detergent

Please do not leave perishables on the rectory porch. Instead, deliver them to the Food Pantry (church basement) during pan-

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- Due to the declining membership of our Altar Rosary Society we are requesting five or six additional parishioner volunteers to wash and iron the purificator cloths used during the Eucharist. It is not a difficult job, which is done in your own home, approximately once every eight weeks. We will explain the details. If you are interested please call Claire Moynihan at 732-528-9265 or Fran Weeks at 732-223-6710. Thank you for your response.

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.

HANDBAGS TO HELP- Vincent's Legacy, the St. Vincent de Paul/Trenton Council furniture ministry which gives away donated quality furniture and household items, is launching its new fundraising initiative, "Handbags to Help." Since 2010, the furniture ministry has served 500+ families, providing \$600,000+ worth of furniture and household goods, and accumulating \$250,000+ in value of volunteer hours. Additionally, this ministry was a 2017 recipient of the NJ State Governor's JEFFERSON AWARDS for public service. Please consider donating your gently used designer handbags to help us continue to help others. Contact handbags.to.help@svdptrenton.org for more information.

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



The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves everyone living in the parish neighborhood, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. Our conference recognizes our responsibility toward all of our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT– Christmas is just around the corner, which is a great time to reflect on how your Advent has been going. Have you been growing closer to Jesus, and more ready to welcome Him into your heart and home? Wherever you may be in terms of spiritual preparations, you are invited to participate in the last night of our LIVE, online Advent Mission with Ralph Martin, tonight (Sunday) from 8-9 pm. You can still register at www.renewalministries.net/advent. Ralph has been presenting inspiring insights from the saints on the spiritual journey, as found in his book *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. Tonight's them will be *Basic Stability*.



RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS–The Rectory Office will be closed December 23rd, 24th & 25th. The office will reopen Monday, December 28th at 8:30 am. We wish all our parishioners a very Merry Christmas!

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information contact trentoncursillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

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.



our military, especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy E3 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, 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.



We welcome into our parish family the following children who were brought to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Benjamin Joseph Duffy
Lucia Rose Gruosso
Penelope Ryan Calabrese
May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE- Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at respectlifetoday.org. You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and our world.

COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE is open once again. New store hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-4 pm & Sunday, 12pm-4 pm. While closed the Restore was cleaned and sanitized thoroughly. There have also been changes made to the layout of the store to facilitate social distancing. Please note that masks are required of shoppers and staff. There will be a limit to the number of shoppers permitted in the store to ensure social distancing. All donations are cleaned and sanitized. Upholstered furniture is further treated with Steri-Fab, an EPA registered nonresidual spray that deodorizes and disinfects. The Restore is located at 1105 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park.

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.

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| December 6, 2020 | |
| Weekly Collection - | \$10,350.00 |
| 2nd Collection (Debt)- | \$2,595.00 |
| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ! | |



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 to pick some up, or see the priest at the altar after Mass. We thank Mileto Polish and Italian Gourmet from Point Pleasant for supplying the Oplatek for our parishioners.

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS-The Center in Asbury Park is looking for front desk volunteers on the following days: Monday: 10:00 am - 1:00pm, Wednesday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Facial masks and distancing ourselves from one another is required. If you can volunteer, please contact Michael Roland at 732-774-3416 x121.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- During the Covid 19 pandemic, in addition to on site services, Catholic Charities has established Tele Health and Tele Mental Health services. Call 800-360-7711. In the event of a medical or mental health emergency, please call 911. Food pantries are experiencing a 50% client increase. Pantries distribute prepackaged food bags mornings in Burlington (9:30-11:30) Mercer and Ocean Counties (9-12) Go to www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org for directions and information on additional services.

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)** January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th

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.

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 Boyce, SSJ

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.coanj>



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.

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!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, “Let it be done to me as you say.”

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