

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

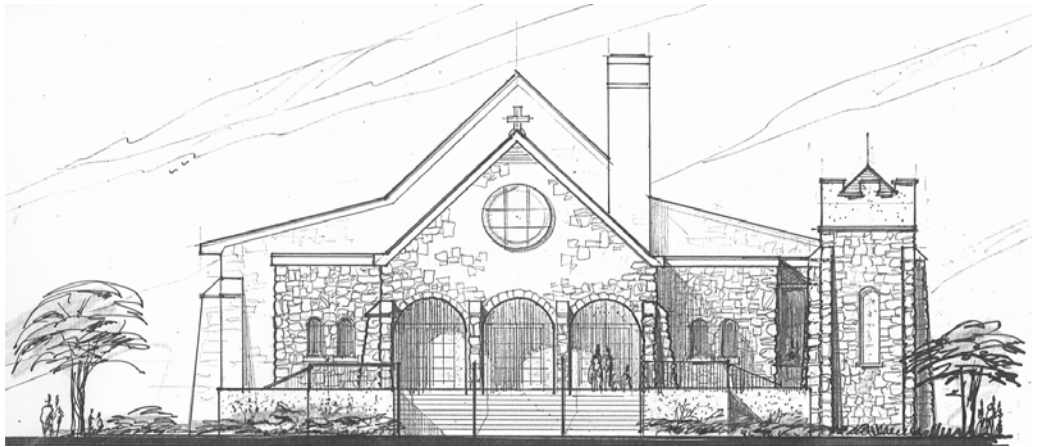
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 24, 2017**

**“Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God. You shall conceive and bear a son, and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High.”**

The great moment in the history of salvation, began with the visit of the angel Gabriel and the invitation to be the mother of Jesus. It is not surprising that Mary hesitated, questioned and then consented. Wouldn't you? Her response 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say' redirected the course of human history.

The celebration of the Bethlehem event tonight, allows us not just to recall what happened, but to imitate Mary and permit the Lord to touch our lives in a truly special way. Our traditions and customs are rich as we relive Jesus' entering our lives again. The Simbang Gabi celebration of Filipino Catholics or Las Posadas of Latin Catholics lead us to the stable cave to meet and adore the Lord of history, the Lord of today. We have been praying 'Come Lord Jesus' for the four weeks of advent. Today, we welcome Him with joy.

As we celebrate this special night, may we be ready to open our door not just to Joseph and Mary, but Christ who comes to us.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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](http://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.





## 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

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS-** There will be no Holy Hour on Friday, December 29, 2017

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS-** So far, so great! Our Youth Group had a great Fall season. Teens from our parish got together to have fun and fellowship. From the first ice-breaker back in September- "the Human Knot" - to the Christmas Movie Camp -In get together this past week, we have been given the opportunities to get to know each other better and to get to know God better. We have talked about discipleship in real life. We try to live this year's slogan: "Pray like a Champion Today." We also put our faith to work for the good of our senior parish members by visiting with them, doing some yard work together, and even caroling—the stuff Youth Groups are made of, and the way that our teens show forth that they are the Church and disciples of Jesus. As the members of the Youth Group celebrate the Birth of Christ and all the happenings of the Christmas season, we look forward to our first meeting of 2018 – January 14th in the cafeteria of the school building from 6:00 -7:30 pm. We have lots of plans for the New Year, so come and be a part of the action (and bring your ideas too, as we grow the Youth Group).

**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.



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

Thomas Hubert Burke  
Kensley Grace Guido  
Ryan Joseph Frank Rinaldi  
Landon Thomas White  
Maple Tara Wilson

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

### A Message from Father Bill

Merry Christmas to you! May the joy begun by the birth of our Savior that night long ago be ever fresh and effective in your life this Christmas. I pray God's blessing to you, and through you, to all you will visit during Christmas.

I am thankful to you for all the gifts of presence and support (works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual), which you have shared with me and each other, and our brothers and sisters in many ways. In particular, thank you for your support of the "Giving Tree" and thank you to Sister Josephine Wade for her coordination of this major endeavor. Thank you also to the many people who volunteered to sort and distribute the presents.

We have three Christmas presents for you: 1. The book "Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (And Still Does)" by Scott Hahn. This easy-to-read book is great to take with you as a companion during the Christmas season to reflect and rejoice in our Catholic faith and the joy that Christ's birth brings to us. Scott Hahn is a well known Catholic author who has a unique style and a unique back-story (convert to the Catholic faith). 2. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is a 'bookmark' like information card with reflections for the 12 days of Christmas (not the song, but rather the Liturgical Season of Christmas). 3. We still have calendars, donated by our local funeral parlors, for 2018.

As we enter the Christmas season, may your days be blessed and merry and bright and if they happen to be white, please read below. Merry Christmas!

### Snowy Weather Caution:

When there is an active snowfall, I ask that you do not attend Mass at that time. I cannot guarantee when the snow removal group will come and what the state of the property will be during the times that snow is falling. Even afterwards, the snow removal company has several accounts and they get here as soon as they can. They are aware of our Mass schedule and even go out of their way to serve us based on times for Mass. But, even with all of this in mind, certainly err on the side of caution. Out of the whole year, snow does not affect us all that much, so it is not often that we use the snowfall as a legitimate reason for not attending Mass.

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**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.

**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.





SAINT DENIS RECTORY OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, 12/25/17 & TUESDAY, 12/26/17

THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN  
WEDNESDAY, 12/27/17 AT 8:30 AM

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON TUESDAY, 12/26/17.

WE WISH OUR SAINT DENIS PARISH FAMILY  
A VERY MERRY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

**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](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) and click on the “weekly bulletin” link.

**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.



**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 fruit, oatmeal, pancake mix, decaf and regular instant coffee, ketchup, instant rice, baked beans, hot chocolate, laundry detergent (greatly needed), and paper towels.** 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.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF LEO CUNNINGHAM

**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/svdpVincentlegacy> 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](http://www.volunteersignup.org/KMHMJ).

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



This time of year, when the days are so short and the nights so long, we treasure the light wherever it is from. The faith of Mary and of Joseph evokes a special light which is the Light of Christ. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought some light into the darkness surrounding the hearts of those living in poverty and brought some of the real joy of Christmas to our neighbors. Thank you to all those who took SVDP envelopes from the “Giving Tree” or helped show that “light” in some other way for those in need.

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. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2017. Hotline number: 732-223-1383.

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

Receive our newsletter and  
event notifications!

Text

**STDENIS**

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](mailto:eileenziemer@gmail.com) for information or to let us know you are coming!**



<u>November 26,</u>	<u>2017</u>
Weekend Collection -	\$13,949.00
Average Envelope Donation -	\$25.10
<u>2nd Collection-</u>	
(Catholic Charities for Puerto Rico)	\$8,525.00

**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.



**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.

**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.

**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**



**ST. DENIS PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR**

All youth from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 on Wednesday evenings in St. Denis church, 6:30-7:15 pm. For more information, please contact: Caroline Woodrow at (732) 513-0108 or by email: [carolinenj@aol.com](mailto:carolinenj@aol.com) New members are always welcome!

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE WEBSITE**- Please visit the Respect Life website of the Diocese of Trenton at [respectlife-today.org](http://respectlife-today.org). You will obtain important information concerning respect life issues in our diocese and in our world.

#### **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](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

**YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR ADULTS ASSISTING YOUNG PEOPLE** is coming to Manasquan in January. This program is designed to teach adults who regularly interact with adolescents (ages 12-18) who are experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or are in crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance abuse, AD/HD and eating disorders. The course will be presented on two Wednesdays, Jan. 3 & 10, 5:00 pm-9:30 pm. You must attend both sessions– a simple supper will be provided. Register at: <https://ymhmanasquaneveningjan2018.eventbrite.com> It will also be presented on two Thursday mornings, Jan. 4 & 11, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. You must attend both sessions, a continental breakfast will be provided. Register at: <https://ymhfamansquamorningjan2018.eventbrite.com>. Location: First Baptist Church, 47 South Street in Manasquan Cost: \$50 per person For information call: 732-223-4649 or email [fbcmansquan@juno.com](mailto:fbcmansquan@juno.com)

**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](mailto:gjryan@wccm.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**–Volunteer with “The Barn for the Poorest of the Poor”. Deliver food to Mother Teresa’s soup kitchens and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal’s shelters as well as local charities in Monmouth County: \*Drive to NYC once a month on Tuesday to deliver to 4 stops. Leave at 5:00 pm and return by 11:00 pm. A passenger is also needed. \*A backup driver is needed for a Plainfield/Newark run once a month on Wednesday. Leave at 5:00 pm, return by 9:00 pm. A passenger is also needed. \*Be a backup for supermarket pickups at 10:00 am once a month. \*Other opportunities are also available. Reply to [BARNFORTHEPOOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BARNFORTHEPOOR@GMAIL.COM)

**RESERVATIONS FOR 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. Unfortunately 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 regular business hours.

**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.churchofstedenis.org](http://www.churchofstedenis.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.

**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!