

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

“John testified further, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

We are well aware of Pentecost and the event which gave life to the church. The event at the Jordan speaks of the same Holy Spirit, present at Jesus’ baptism. Think about the words in John’s gospel. The Spirit was visible like the wind, noise and fire at Pentecost. It descended upon Jesus and remained, leading the gospel writer to write ‘He is the *Son* of God.’ Later the centurion would echo this same profound statement.

At our confirmation the same Spirit came, and remains, but we are slow to make that special presence *and* power visible. John said he didn’t know Him. Do we? He made us to know, love and serve Him. We are sent to make Him known, loved and served.



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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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: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

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, January 14, 2023**

8:30 am Constance Edwards by the DeGenova Family
 8:30 am Philip & Winifred McDermott
 by Philip McDermott
 8:30 am Carolyn Meehan by her Family
 4:30 pm Richard Finnerty by Ann Lewis
 4:30 pm Patricia Czismadia by the McManus Family
 4:30 pm Colleen Donovan Russoniello
 by the Shine Family

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:00 am Florence Fox by John & Ellie Fox
 8:00 am Roger Salerno by Kevin & Fran Kearns
 8:00 am Dolores Moruzzi by Linda & Larry Nolan
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Jacqueline Varygiannes by her Family
 10:00 am Mary Alice Coglan by the Hippe Family
 10:00 am Peter Casazza by the Schneider Family

Monday, January 16, 2023

7:30 am Joseph Justinic by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am Michael Gabler by Betty Thatch
 7:30 am Paul Christopher Gensch by Mary Gensch

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

7:30 am A Special Intention for Joe & Mary Daidone's
 8th Wedding Anniversary by the Family
 7:30 am Jacqueline Varygiannes by her Family
 7:30 am Noreen Reilly by the Palihnich Family

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

7:30 am Michael Bialas by his Family
 7:30 am Michael Gabler by John & Donna Kuchinski
 7:30 am Maria A. Neves by Mary Kate & Chris Mason

Thursday, January 19, 2023

No Mass

Friday, January 20, 2023

7:30 am Michael Gabler by Joan & Mark Clarkin
 7:30 am James Clabby by Joan & Mark Clarkin
 7:30 am Ellen Visone by Lauren Herrmann

Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:30 am Jack Murphy by Joan & Trip Brannick
 8:30 am Martin Freeman by his wife, Joanne Freeman
 8:30 am William J. Looney by Cheryl & Frank Spillane
 4:30 pm Kathleen White by Philip & Maureen White
 4:30 pm Mary Coghlan by the McManus Family
 4:30 pm Derek Courtney by Reene & Dennis O'Neill

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:00 am Lou Barood by Fran & Kevin Kearns
 8:00 am Joan Jolden by Gloria
 8:00 am Teresa Brennan by Marilyn & Bob Healey
 9:30 am Arthur Martone by his Family
 9:30 am Kathleen O'Hare by Ted & Margaret
 9:30 am Frank Vega by his Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

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.

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!



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, 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, 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, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambrone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Bernadette Bevan, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Catherine Kelleher, 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, 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, Bill Koch, Doris Abruzzo, Sandy Heitner, Joseph Pastore, Christine Coburn, Julianna Grusso, Frank Dugan, Lori Hurd, Lois Borton, William Liao, Marylee Monsell, Norma Friel, Tony Picinich, the Borgias, Patricia Wolfe, Marian Keefe, Elizabeth Clos, Gail Fallon, Lois Brookes, Andrew Chermack, Mark Clarkin, Duane Danish, Werner Ziesmer, Thomas P. Coyle, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Jim Trischitta, Regina Kiesche, Colleen Nielsen, Mary Carstens-Lockenmeyer, Rob & Katie Spawn, Jack Noble, Jim Racioppi, Sondra Thompson, Barbara Liggett, Gerald O'Keeffe, Jimmy Conrey, Norma Summers, Vera Raffetto, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Margaret Mullin, Johnny Gondek, Celina Koch, Marilyn Woerner, Diane Padluck, Theresa Sergel, Joan Harriman, Sharon Goettle, Rick Constrisciano, Barbara Cabrera, Linda Wynd, Katherine Geiger, Christopher Schwartz, the Nesbitt Family, the Slotnick Family, and the Campbell Family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially John Kessler, James Hendricks, Robert J. Perry and Roger Brandell.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every First Friday, 12-1 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.



WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE DECEASED OF THE
BOOKRAJIAN/RIZZI FAMILIES

REQUESTED BY CAROL RIZZI



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Please join the women of Walking with Purpose for Adoration, Opportunity for Reconciliation and Discussion, "How Can I Conquer My Fears?" Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 pm-9 pm, St. Denis Parish Center (School Cafeteria). For more information about Walking with Purpose, go to: www.wwpnjshore.com

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS-The first meeting of the year has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 18th at 6 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome to join!

GRANDPARENTS' GUILD- Grandparents' Guild sends blessings of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy to you and your families. In your prayers, kindly include your intercessory prayers to St. Anne and St. Joachim, the grandparents of our Lord Jesus Christ, that their prayers may continue to bless our grandchildren and our vocation as grandparents. Reminder, our next scheduled meeting will take place on January 17th. All grandparents and seniors are invited to attend. We meet on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 11:00 AM at the Parish Center (St. Denis School Building.)

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.

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.

REMEMBER 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"

National Eucharistic Revival

"To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - the "source and summit of our life."

Learn more about it:

www.usccb.org and www.eucharisticrevival.org

MEN'S GROUP AT ST. DENIS



The purpose of our Men's Group is to enrich the lives of men by providing opportunities for men to enjoy a sense of brotherhood and spiritual growth. We have 30-40 men that participate in our programs. Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but *do we really know Him as we should?* Join us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*. This 10-week video study program is anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. We'll explore the entirety of Jesus' life - and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. The study was filmed in the Holy Land so you can experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught - the historical context, the politics, the clashing cultures, the history, and the ancient land - and see where the most significant events of his life took place, from his infancy to his ascension. **We began the Jesus study on January 10th with our introductory session, but you can easily join us for session 2 on January 24th at 6 pm.** For information, see the flyer in the Gathering Space. You can also contact the rectory or contact John at Kuchjohn102@gmail.com. We hope you can join us!

BED FRAMES NEEDED - The Furniture Bank at Holy Trinity Church in Manasquan is in need of metal bed frames, any size but king. If you have any to donate please contact the St. Denis Rectory Office (732-223-0287).



our military, especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy LS3 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 Capt. Philip 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, Sgt. Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.



CALLING ALL ADULTS IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Along with Baptism and Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Confirmation is part of the three Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. There are many reasons that people might not have had the chance to be confirmed, but that does not mean they should not be confirmed.

Any Roman Catholic adult who has been baptized and received Holy Communion but is still in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr. Bill at the rectory by February 6th so that we can begin preparations for the Sacrament at this year's celebration of the Easter Vigil (8 April).

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the priest's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.

HELP AT MASS: PROJECTIONISTS- We have a need for volunteers to help with the projection of lyrics and prayers at Mass. This is a great service opportunity for students and a chance for parents and children to work together. You can choose your Mass and the frequency of volunteering. Contact the office for training with Deacon Gary.

THE MONITOR MAGAZINE- HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET? The Monitor Magazine and TrentonMonitor.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.

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 -YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE- Are you interested in helping your neighbors in need in Monmouth County? At Catholic Charities, we rely on the time, talent, energy and passion of volunteers to keep our mission moving forward. To make a difference in the lives of children, adults, and families in our county, contact us for information at Hollis Painting: hpainting@cctrenton.org



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 & 4th Saturdays of the month: 10AM-12 noon

This week's needed items :

Canned chicken, chili, apple juice, ramen noodles, boxed sugar (no bags please), female deodorant, & shampoo.

Thank you.

**ST. DENIS RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.
THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 8:30 AM**



RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND, February 3-5, 2023
Stress in your marriage? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 3 - 5, 2023. All inquiries are confidential. Please email 3024@helpourmarriage.org for information.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION- The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friends of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. 2023 Weekend Retreat: Feb. 3rd - Feb. 5th

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be bought with money, our minds often center more on money than love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant-but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it.

Our goal as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is to enable money to be a servant of the poor, but also to demonstrate the love of Christ to those we help. But, let money become our master, let it take first place in our lives and it can become a tyrant. It can harden our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence.

Millions of "dollars" passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the "patrimony of the poor" and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor. The parishioners of St. Denis, in their generosity, continue to make it possible for us to make every dollar a "good servant" for the poor.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

If you need assistance, please call the hotline at 732-223-1383.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

This week I share with you a few reminders regarding parish procedures and practices.

Firstly, I do not ask anyone to buy me gift cards for emergency purposes for people in need. Over the holidays, a few people have told me of scams, and one person unfortunately fell for it. This brings up a few practices to go over. A. When I ask for money, I ask for cash and checks in the collection (thanks for that by the way). I have only personally approached people for money when we had the Faith to Move Mountains fundraiser, and that was by meeting in-person. I would never ask you for money/gift cards by email nor text, etc. (I don't even know how to get your information from our system. I have very few personal numbers of parishioners on my cell phone. And remember I am not connected to Facebook nor Instagram, etc). B. The scammers do get your info from the bulletin and elsewhere, not from us. We have stopped putting personal numbers in the bulletin. All contact for anything should go through our parish office and then we will contact you. It does add another layer of contact for you and more work for the office, but it is worthwhile for your safety. Almost all people who have contacted the office about a scam have in common that their phone numbers were in the bulletin at some time. C. The parish has a very active and successful St. Vincent De Paul Society. People in need are assisted through their work, and your generous support of the Society. The parish office is not equipped to be an emergency assistance agency, at all. The diocesan accounting procedures have long done away with "priest discretionary funds". Also, any petty cash is closely monitored for office use only, never allowed to be used for emergency funds. Once again, neighbors in need are directed to the St. Vincent DePaul Society and emergency cases are referred to proper state and county agencies.

Secondly, I ask you to please register with our parish if you live in the boundaries (or update your registration if needed, or tell your 20 year-old to register on his/her own). This is important for many reasons, especially for sacramental circumstances. Marriages and other Sacraments are meant to be experienced in one's home parish, so "outside" weddings are limited (especially for the increasing numbers of couples with no follow up which leads me to having to harass them for their own preparation; they are not actually my parishioners and take a lot of time away from me for our parish). The common policy recommends weddings to be planned about a year in advance, so that the preparations are not rushed – you are preparing for a sacrament. Our 2023 wedding book is closed except for parishioners who are looking to get married in December, depending on our current calendar. Registering also gives us the information to provide you with affidavits for suitability to be a godparent/sponsor for a sacrament. Remember, your choices make you eligible or not eligible. Eligible godparents/sponsors must be both practicing and believing Roman Catholics, having already received Baptism/Confirmation/Holy Communion and, if married, must be married in the Catholic Church or have their marriage convalidated by the Church (have a religious ceremony in the Catholic Church according to the Catholic Sacrament which may occur after a civil wedding took place). Call the office if you need help with a convalidation. All these things would come to light at the time you register.

Third, we do not have open office hours Friday afternoons. I ask for people to respect this. We can make an appointment for sure, but that time is needed for uninterrupted office work. I am certainly thankful for the activity of the parish office, which starts at 8:30 am till noon and 1-4:30 pm, and make appointments for other hours too. We ask you respect the Friday afternoon time for uninterrupted work to catch up and even work ahead, so to be more available during the regular open office times.

STANDING TOGETHER FOR LIFE– On January 20th the faithful of the Diocese are called upon to pray in solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life. All are invited to a "Mass For Life" at the Co-Cathedral, St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold, beginning at 11 am. The Mass will also be live-streamed on [youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese)

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations to our Christmas Flower Collection were made in memory/honor of: Reba Bright, the Badaracco/McKeever Families, Richard Dublinski, Thomas, Helen, Thomas & Florence Walsh, the Dublinski Family, Joseph & Marie Gontarek, Gene & Gert Reilly, and Joseph & Margaret Kiernan. Other names appeared in the two previous bulletins. Thank you to all who made donations to this collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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: **888-296-2965**



January 1, 2023

Weekly Collection- \$10,741.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



“In every change, in every falling leaf
there is some pain, some beauty.
And that’s the way new leaves grow.”

**ST. DENIS BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

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: 10-11 am at the Rectory Office

**Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 or
eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**

EVENING BIBLE STUDY-The Church of Epiphany will be hosting an Evening Bible Study, *The Prophets*, part of the Great Adventure Bible Series from Ascension Press. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teachings. It will begin Monday, February 13th in the All Purpose Room (which is attached to the church) and then continue for 9 weeks until May 1st. The group meets Monday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. Registration forms are available in the Epiphany parish office or by emailing bytheshore1947@gmail.com. There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of your workbook.

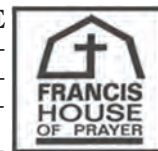
CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information contact trentoncursillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH- If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the Hotline at 732-929-0660.

CONTACT OF OCEAN AND MONMOUTH COUNTIES-The next (12-week) training class for telephone volunteers for CONTACT (24-hour crisis intervention hotline) will begin Wednesday, January 18, 2023, once a week for 12 weeks, every Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 pm. In person training will be held at St. Luke’s Church, 1674 Old Freehold Road in Toms River. CONTACT, a free and confidential service, has been assisting with the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975, by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity. Information and referrals are provided when requested. For additional training information, please call the CONTACT office at 732-240-6104.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, email racworld2015@gmail.com or call 609-906-0004. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org. or call 800-360-7711.

OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House, 84 Walnford Road in Allentown, NJ 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net



One Day - STOKING THE FLAME

WITHIN Friday, Jan. 20 9:30 AM – 12 PM

It’s clear, isn’t it, that light matters? The physical reality of short days and long nights teaches us the spiritual importance of tending our inner fire so it will never peter out. On this day, give yourself the time, space and quiet to be present to the fire of God’s love for you! Donation: \$20

LOVERS OF THÉRÈSE -Wednesday, Jan. 18

9:30 AM – 1PM St. Thérèse of Lisieux is a masterful teacher of living ordinary life with extraordinary love. We will use *The Little Way for Everyday* by Francis Broome, CSP, to help us listen to St. Thérèse’s message. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book; Zoom: \$20.

Series- THE POWER OF YOUR STORY 5 Mondays

1– 3 PM Jan. 16 Feb. 13 March 13 April 17 May 15

There is an axiom which states God loves us because God knows our story! The question is, do we? Using the wisdom of Ignatian Spirituality, as shared in Eric Clayton’s book, *Cannonball Moments*, give yourself the gift of delving ever more deeply into the heart of *your* spiritual story. Donation: \$100

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Jan. 17 Feb. 7 March 7 April 4 May 2

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