

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 12, 2023

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; trust in God, you too shall live... Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him... The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man’s every need.”

Our lives are marked daily by constant choices. We decide what to eat, what to wear, what to do. The choices we make address the now, but Sirach reminds us they influence the gift of salvation the Lord offers to us, yes each day.

A director of a retreat provided the following insight, speaking of our decisions. He offered several ‘decisions’ which affect our life with the Lord. We make the following decisions or choices to trust in God more deeply and live with Him. These decisions are: to pray, to forgive, to know God’s will and to love.

May we check our decisions, one each day, to assure we are alive in the Lord. Our ‘fear’ of the Lord is our respect and love for Him.



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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.

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

8:30 am Bernice & Frederick Kile by the Kile Family
 8:30 am Mary E. Sweeney by Susan Schenker
 8:30 am John Kessler by Jerry Dunn
 4:30 pm The Delaney Family by Rose Taylor
 4:30 pm Lillian & Theodore Prospero by their Son
 4:30 pm Elizabeth Nolan by Philip & Maureen White

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:00 am Josephine & Jimmy Quilter & Betty & Frank Ernst
 by Scott & Cindy Ernst
 8:00 am Ronald Witzcak (7th Anniv.) by Karen J. Witzcak
 8:00 am Intentions of the Mutch Family by Eileen & Betsy
 9:30 am Charles & Dorothy Nielsen by their Daughter
 9:30 am Claire D'Agostaro by the Pastoral Life Staff
 9:30 am Suzanne Casazza by Michelle & Steve Schneider
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, February 13, 2023

7:30 am Patricia Delatash by the Zappulla Family
 7:30 am Delia Tonti by the Zappulla Family
 7:30 am Carolyn Wallace by Bill & Jeanne Buble

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

7:30 am Dominick DeStefano by his Family
 7:30 am Linda Best by Michelle & Steve Schneider
 7:30 am Joseph Racioppi by his Family

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:30 am Edward M. Bookrajian by his Sister
 7:30 am Julian Hrankowski by her Daughters
 7:30 am Kay & Dave Morton by the Family

Thursday, February 16, 2023

No Mass

Friday, February 17, 2023

7:30 am Marjorie Asiel by Lynn & Billy Bertscha
 7:30 am James Hendricks by Peter Haas
 7:30 am Roger Brandell by Fran Weeks

Saturday, February 18, 2023

8:30 am John Robert Rathjen by Catherine Cafone
 8:30 am Richard Baus
 by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
 8:30 am Charles McCauley by Joan & Mark Clarkin
 4:30 pm Dennis Fitzgerald
 4:30 pm Maureen Tomney by Kay Kolon
 4:30 pm Barbara Brown by Patrick Lewis

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:00 am Roger Salerno by Keith Henderson
 8:00 am Benedict Petraitis by Dawn Wilson
 8:00 am Dorothy & Richard Miller by Deacon Gary
 9:30 am William Pavincich by Ed & Helenbeth Matyas
 9:30 am Antonia (Nina) DiStefano by the Family
 9:30 am Carmen Fazio by the 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every First Friday, 12:00-1:00 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.



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 Chermark, 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'Keefe, 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, Paul Gearing, Butch Wright, Carmine Basile, the Nesbitt Family, the Slotnick Family, and the Campbell Family.



Ladies, you can join us at any time!

Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can be relative to our everyday lives. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another.

We offer two day/time options for our gatherings: Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm or Wednesdays, 12:15-2pm. We meet at the St. Denis Parish Center (school).

We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together.
Walking with Purpose leads hearts to Christ.
For more info, visit www.wwpnjshore.com

ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP – AN INVITATION-

Teens are invited to join a high school youth group at our neighboring parish of St. Mark, Sea Girt. They meet on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. There are always lots of games, service opportunities, food, and friendly high school students from our local area.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE- The Woman's Club of Manasquan is having a Spring Clothing Drive on Thursday, March 16th, 9 am-5 pm at 62 Main Street in Manasquan. The clothing drive will benefit the women and children at 180 Turning Lives Around and the men at Jersey Shore Rescue Mission. Please donate SPRING clothing that is *gently* worn (or not worn) and clean.

MANASQUAN ELKS BREAKFAST- All are welcome to attend the Manasquan Elks breakfast on the second Sunday of every month, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Enjoy your choice of Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Egg Sandwich, or Omelets. Adults are \$8 and children under 5 eat free. The breakfast is held at the Elks Lodge located at 17 Stockton Lake Boulevard in Manasquan.



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

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FREE FAMILY BREAKFAST- Next Sunday, February 19th, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a free family breakfast. The breakfast will be held in the cafeteria of the Parish Center. The menu will consist of pancakes, eggs, fruit, juice, coffee or tea. All are invited.



ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY- CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, 8am-3pm at St. Gregory the Great Church in Hamilton, NJ. There will be a great line-up of speakers: Bishop David M. O'Connell, CM as the presider and homilist, Chris Stefanick, author, TV host and evangelist, Gerry Cooney, retired boxer, business man, radio announcer and author, and Mark Houck, speaker, author and evangelist. Pre-registration is \$45, \$50 at the door/\$25 for students. Order tickets at CatholicMenForJesusChrist.org. For more information call 609-587-4877 or visit info@catholicmenforjesuschrist

PREPARING FOR LENT-The Medjugorje prayer group invites you to a Lenten retreat Wednesday, Feb. 15, 9-11 am in the Upper Kolbe Hall, St. Peter's Church 406 Forman Ave. Point Pleasant. There will be light refreshments, all are welcome. For more info contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY-St. Mary's in Middletown is pleased to announce its continuing ministry for separated and divorced Catholics entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family" (www.catholicsdivorce.com). St. Mary's will be hosting an Information Night on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 from 7-8:30 pm in the Basement Meeting Room of St. Mary's Chapel located at 27 Leonardville Road, Middletown which can be found at the back entrance of the chapel. The Information Night will help you decide if you want to attend our upcoming 12-week program starting on March 13th on Monday nights. If you need help in finding peace, empowerment and healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope. If interested, please email: healinghearts-fromdivorce@gmail.com and one of the facilitators will reach out to you. More info can be found at: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/separated-divorce>.

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.

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**



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAE & MICHAEL PARCARO
REQUESTED BY MONA KIRK

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.

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 bythes-hore1947@gmail.com. There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of your workbook.



Francis House of Prayer • 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501 invites you to: **REVIVED BY THE EUCHARIST** on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 During the Eucharistic Revival we want to be “revived” by the Eucharist. Join Fr. Bill Lago for a presentation on a

few ways to refocus our intentionality in receiving the Eucharist. Sharing from insights by Raniero Cantalamessa, we will reflect on several ways to approach a renewed and revived appreciation of the mystery of the Mass and the august privilege of taking part in sharing in the Body of Christ. The day will include silent reflection and conversation along with lunch and conclude with a celebration of the Mass. Donation: \$35, includes lunch; Zoom \$25 To register, please call 609-877-0509 or e-mail FHOP@verizon.net



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 :

Crackers, boxed milk, pasta sauce & beef stew.

Thank you.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN TOMS RIVER- On Oct. 10, 2020, young Carlo Acutis was beatified at a special Mass in the city of Assisi, which put the late teenager just one step away from sainthood and allows us Catholics to venerate him as “Blessed Carlo Acutis.” Blessed Carlo died in 2006, at the age of 15. He was avidly interested in computers, video games and the internet. He was also a devout Catholic who went to Mass daily and persuaded his mother as well to be a regular attendee. One of his pet projects was designing a webpage, exhaustively listing these Eucharistic miracles throughout the centuries associated with the bread and wine consecrated at Mass to be the most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus. The exhibit is fascinating and inspiring. Please know that you are welcomed and invited. Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Schedule:

Wed.	Feb 15	3pm-6pm
Thu.	Feb 16	3pm-6pm
Fri.	Feb 17	3pm-6pm
Sat.	Feb 18	1pm-4:30pm & 6pm-7:30pm
Sun.	Feb 19	8am-2pm & 4pm-8pm
Mon.	Feb 20	3pm-6pm
Tues.	Feb 21	3pm-6pm
Wed.	Feb 22	3pm-6pm
Thu.	Feb 23	3pm-6pm
Fri.	Feb 24	3pm-6pm
Sat.	Feb 25	1pm-4:30pm & 6pm-7:30pm
Sun.	Feb 26	8am-2pm & 4pm-8pm

Enter the exhibit via the steps on the Hooper Ave. side of the Church. In addition to the exhibit there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the basement during visitation hours.

PASTORAL TALKS 2023 will take place at St. Margaret’s Church, 300 Ludlow Ave. in Spring Lake at 6 pm on the following dates: *March 1– “Journey to Our Heart Room, in Meditation” by Sr. Carole MacKenthun, R.S.M. *March 8- “The Three Glances of Christ” by Deacon Paul Vitale *March 15- “Our Young People and the Existence of God” by Msgr. Richard Liddy, Ph.D *March 22- “Living and the Modern Church” by Fr. Martin Padovani SVD, MS *March 29- “Prodigal Sons and Daughters” by Very Rev. Damian McElroy Q & A will follow in Duffy Hall. These events are free and all are welcome.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, “Who are you looking for?” It could be asked, “What are you looking for?” Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God’s love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society’s next meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Lent begins in ten days. "What are you doing for Lent this year?" This is a great question to start asking yourself now. We pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to help us reflect on our plans for Lent. Everything you do in Lent must have the expressed intention to: 1) lead you to recognize your worth in God's eyes (realizing all Christ has done to save/redeem you and give you a share in His eternal life with the Father in the Holy Spirit); 2) help you grow in zeal for "loving God and neighbor" (preparing to renew our baptismal vows at Easter which renews our identity as adopted children of God and disciples of Christ); and 3) benefit you to better yourself as a disciple of Christ (through your Lenten disciplines/devotions leading you to a stronger response to your vocation). It would not be the most spiritually pragmatic approach to show up on Ash Wednesday and not know what we are doing for Lent. This week and next, I want to share some food-for-thought as you prepare for this special liturgical season. Also, next Sunday we will have an insert with the Lenten Regulations and Lenten offerings as well as 'take-home aides' for your Lenten Journey.

Our theme this year is "Embrace the Uniqueness of Lent." 1. Be thankful to God for the uniqueness of our Catholic Spirituality that gives us the 40 days of Lent. 2. Be thankful for the unique way that God wants to lovingly and mercifully lead you through the season of Lent on a pilgrimage to Easter.

There was a workbook, now out of print, titled "What Am I Doing for Lent This Year." The workbook helped for you to take a holistic look at our life (wholeness leads to holiness). Between now and Ash Wed. take time to reflect; on a scale of 1-10 rate the following – honestly – and use some method of accountability (journaling, post-it notes on your mirror). Make a solid plan for you, always asking for God's guidance and grace to be true to where God is calling you in your unique journey. Ask yourself the following: Where are you with your health? Relationships with family/friends/God/Parish/Community/Work/Environment? Where are you with your Finances/Bettering Self/Education/Overall happiness/Self-worth/Confidence in self-with-God? What other areas are unique to you that God wants you to do a self-assessment? Next, look at the three calls of Lent and ask God for help setting reasonable goals for: renewing your commitment to Prayer, renewing yourself through Fasting, and renewing your commitment to Almsgiving (giving your time, talent and money to help others).

Recall the saying: There are always three choices in life: Give up, Give in, or Give it all you've got. Commit yourself to giving it all you've got for the next ten days as you prepare for Lent, so as to be better prepared to give it all you've got and offer up your 40 days to God for your spiritual growth, the good of others, and your preparation for the celebration of Easter, and your experience of the uniqueness of your Catholic faith and call to discipleship

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.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY AND NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2023-In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 12, 2023) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2022), the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*, 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better*, and 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage*. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples, and for newly married couples, be sure to visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page-what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the *BuildingStrongMarriages.org* initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND- Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held 2/24/23-2/26/23. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Visit: www.wvme.org for more information.

THANK YOU to all our parishioners and friends for your generous Christmas offerings to our parish. Our 2022 Christmas Collection amounted to \$75,000. Your spirit of generosity to St. Denis Parish is greatly appreciated.



Recently the company that supplies us with our church donation envelopes merged with a larger company. The transition has not gone smoothly and we have received envelopes that do not have correct dates on them or are missing altogether. The following is a list of the correct dates of our remaining

special second collections in February and March:
Feb. 12th- Building Repairs & Maintenance
Feb. 19th- Church in Central & Eastern Europe
March 5th- Parish Debt
March 19th- Catholic Relief Services

We will post in the bulletin each week what the second collection will be for the following week. Please use the envelope provided for that collection, regardless of the date on the envelope. For the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, no envelope has been provided so please use a plain envelope with your name, address and the amount of your donation written on the front, or use a check. We will be sure to credit each collection with the proper donations.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE- Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.



January 29, 2023

Weekly Collection- \$9,028.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

DRAWN TO YOU

A Women's Lent Retreat

Hosted by the St. Denis Altar Rosary Society

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

*"Arise my friend, my beautiful one, and come!
See, winter is past, the rains are over and gone."*

*Come share a day of encouragement
in your journey with Christ. Prayer, Rosary, Confessions,
spiritual talks, time to share and quiet time to reflect.*

Closing with celebration of Mass



St. Denis Parish Center 119 Virginia Avenue Manasquan

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To register Contact Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287

eileenziesmer@gmail.com

Registration appreciated by Monday, March 27

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