

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023

“But the gift is not like the transgression. For by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many... For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

Our journey of Lent begins today, with our familiar practices of prayer, sacrifice and good works. Our customs and devotions mark the way we will live this time of penance and reconciliation. The Word of God, telling of the fall of our human ancestors and the temptations of Jesus in the desert are familiar to us.

May we take a minute to reflect upon the teaching of Paul in his letter to the Romans. Look at the words he uses, the ‘grace of God’, the ‘gracious gift’, ‘overflowing for the many’, that’s us.

We begin this time seeking the ‘abundance of grace’ and the ‘gift of justification’, which Jesus won for us, and offers us today. May we move from words to allow the grace of God fill us. May we live each day this week thanking Him for the gift and treasure, the grace of this season.

‘The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.’



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.

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

8:30 am William Consovoy by Lucia & Joseph Nitti
 8:30 am Margaret Kennedy by Bill Meehan
 8:30 am William Nicholas Kleinmann by Kim Sackett
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:00 am Andre V. Bellusci by the Gahm Family
 8:00 am Martin Freeman by his Wife, Joanne Freeman
 8:00 am Dorothy Devaney by Ron & Terry DePasquale
 9:30 am Claire D'Agostaro by Donna & John Kuchinski
 9:30 am Alice Brady by Patti, Ray & Fallon Family
 9:30 am Mary Hanley by Patti, Ray & Fallon Family
 10:00 am Juanita DeJesus by the Caruso & Trinita Families
 10:00 am Pater Casazza by Mr. & Mrs. James Pedler
 10:00 am Timothy Thrash by John Burke

Monday, February 27, 2023

7:30 am Maria Mircovich by Alberta Scrivanich
 7:30 am Michael Gabler by Jane Wehner
 7:30 am Nancy Nolan & William O'Brien

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:30 am John M. Kolon (19th Anniversary)
 by his Wife, Kay Kolon
 7:30 am John Kessler, Jr. by Hank & Cathy Trost
 7:30 am The Clancy Family

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

7:30 am Joseph Abitante by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Jr. by his Sisters
 7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by Gene Bialas

Thursday, March 2, 2023

No Mass

Friday, March 3, 2023

7:30 am Paul Waltsak by his Family
 7:30 am Cecelia Burke by Dawn & John Burle
 7:30 am Roger Brandell by Jackie Lyons

Saturday, March 4, 2023

8:30 am Edward N. Bookrajian, MD by his Daughter
 8:30 am Patricia Brunner by Phil Brunner
 8:30 am Carmela Nativo by the Bruther Family
 4:30 pm Kathryn Hillhouse by her Family
 4:30 pm Daymon Thatch by his Family
 4:30 pm Elizabeth A. Dunn by Gerard Dunn, Sr. & Family

Sunday, March 5, 2023

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter
 9:30 am Rosemary Hunt by the Ziesmer Family
 9:30 am Fr. Joseph Miele by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society
 10:00 am Roger Salerno by Courtney & Phillip Harmon
 10:00 am Peter Casazza by Mr. & Mrs. James Pedler
 10:00 am Edward L. Clark by Cheryl & Frank Spillane

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Janice Riccelli and Kathleen Meyer.



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 Giambone, 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'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, Susan Suagee, Riley Veazey, 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, 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. 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.

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

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.



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. Nikole 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.

DRAWN TO YOU

*A Women's Lent Retreat Hosted by
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

\$30 Includes Light Breakfast and Lunch

Please make checks payable to:

St. Denis Altar Rosary Society

To register Contact Eileen Ziesmer

(732) 223-0287 eileenziezmer@gmail.com

Registration appreciated by Monday, March 27

DEMENTIA / ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP- Manasquan United Methodist Church is having a Dementia/Alzheimer Support Group for families and caregivers every 3rd Monday of each month at 5 pm. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please have them join. All are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES/ DIOCESE OF TRENTON- If you or someone in your family is in need of food, rental assistance, mental health/addiction services, or domestic violence services, we are here to help! Call 1-800-360-771.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF- Catholic Relief Services will support emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey. Caritas Internationalis, in coordination with authorities, is bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. To make a donation, please click the CRS link on our parish website.

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**



Fridays of Lent at noon followed by
Exposition and Benediction (until 1 pm)
&
Fridays of Lent at 7 pm
in Saint Denis Church



WALK WITH MARY ON HER WAY OF THE CROSS... At the Annunciation, it was announced to Mary, to her surprise and awe as a mere teenager, that she was chosen by God to be the Mother of God's only Son. Rooted in an unwavering faith in God and in God's plan, her human response to that divine call was a life changing, world changing "YES!". Her journey as Mother of Our God would take her from a simple room in Nazareth to the foot of a cross on Golgotha. All are welcome as we accompany Mary on her last walk with Jesus...her Son, her Body and Blood... as we pray the Stations of the Cross... **Monday, February 27, 11 am & 7 pm in St. Denis Church.**

ARE YOU A WOMAN RETURNING TO COLLEGE? Scholarships are available from the Woman's Club of Spring Lake. Eligibility for scholarship consideration by the Woman's Club of Spring Lake is open to female residents of Monmouth County who have had an interruption in their education, who are now seeking an initial associate's or bachelor's degree and who are currently enrolled or newly registered at an accredited two or four year institution. Applications and info are available at: www.womansclubofspringlake.org. Applications are due by April 1, 2023.



Francis House of Prayer • 84 Walnford Road - Allentown, NJ 08501 invites you to: **REVIVED BY THE EUCHARIST** on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 9:30 am-2 pm. 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 :

Canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail) & tissues
Thank you.

RESOURCES FOR CATHOLIC MARRIED COUPLES

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)



Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism— read more at uscbb.org under "Resources":

1644 The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh." They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving." This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

DIOCESE OF TRENTON YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

All young adults (18-39) of the Diocese of Trenton (and beyond) are invited to the annual Young Adult Retreat at St. Raphael's Church in Hamilton N.J. on March 4, 2023. The day will include inspiring talks, fellowship, breakouts, prayer and more." Please visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/yaretreat for more information.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our Society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis-in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teachings were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God.

The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who may strive to serve the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to "have ears to hear the cry of the poor", to "have eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived", and to "have hearts that bring God's love to the poor" through generosity and love. The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others- especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

How is Lent going so far? Perhaps it snuck up on you and here we are at the First Sunday of Lent. Perhaps you found you already goofed up a Lenten promise you made, or you ate meat on Friday, just the other day. Perhaps you haven't given yourself the space to get into the season. No drama, just pick it up from here. There is so much in store for you this Lent. Be open to the invitation of God and the grace God wants to share with you. (Check our parish Lent Schedule and prayer aids and the Lenten reflections offered in this and the last two bulletins.) The virtue of religion/piety, and any virtue is worthwhile to pursue for our participation in our own lives that Jesus came to make sure we could have every opportunity "to live life to the full" – life with/for God and others. I share a Q & A with *Andrew Whitmore, a theology professor, husband, father, and author of Ascension's Sainly Habits: Aquinas' 7 Simple Strategies You Can Use to Grow in Virtue*. I highlight incremental progress. Be kind to yourself in-and-amongst your 40 hard (take a hard look at God's mercy and Jesus' teaching – "Go, and sin no more") how are you 1% better since you started Lent, be accountable, give it all you got. Embrace the uniqueness of lent

Q: What is virtue and why is virtue worthwhile to pursue? Virtue is a perfection of our character, a human excellence, that we attain by doing what we were made for. Who doesn't want to be excellent? Virtues are character traits that enable us to act with ease, promptness, creativity, and joy. Virtues are deliberately cultivated habits of choosing what is best for us which ultimately transform us into better people. When we practice being good and push ourselves to be good more perfectly, the virtues become second nature. Rather than fretting over what to do, we will quickly intuit it and make choices with ease. Rather than appearing boring and predictable, we will be creative and bring true life to our activities and encounters. Rather than begrudgingly carrying out our responsibilities, we will be filled with a sense of fulfillment and contentment.

Q: Why is virtue relevant to us today? While virtue isn't a popular topic today, the virtues are always relevant because all of us seek happiness. The human excellence that comes with virtue is that which helps us to live satisfied lives. Whereas sin causes us to act against our purpose, become frustrated, and feel empty, virtue helps us to become what God planned for us to be from eternity. As St. Augustine says, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Virtue is the most direct path to attaining true happiness.

Q: Is it even possible to be virtuous in a sinful world? Absolutely. With God, all things are possible (see Matthew 19:26). Fortunately, virtue is not an all-or-nothing proposition but admits of degree. What does this mean? It means that we can make **incremental progress** in growing in virtue through daily prayer, studying the Bible, receiving the sacraments, participating in Mass, and reading stories of the saints who are role models and teachers for our own pursuit of virtue. Virtue *is* possible. It is a process of self-discovery that is fun and exciting. You will be amazed at the progress you have already made!

Q: Do we need virtue in a modern world? Is virtue passé? Virtue is timeless because human nature has not changed...what made people excellent a thousand years ago makes us excellent today—and will continue to make us excellent in another thousand years. So, virtue is always relevant.

Q: Virtue is hard, so why bother? As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, and difficulty." How true this is today when seeking to raise responsible children, maintain good health, pursue higher education, and serve the impoverished. Pursuing virtue can be added to this list!



**SAVE THE DATE—
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023
SAINT DENIS PARISH FISH FRY**
to be held in the Parish Center, 5-8 pm.
Be sure to see next week's bulletin for details.

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet in the church on Sunday, March 5th for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. The business meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7th at 12:00 noon in the Parish Center. Bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided.



BLESSING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE, ADOPT OR FOSTER A CHILD- Are you currently pregnant, or are you and your spouse hoping to conceive, adopt or foster a child? If so, please attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the 'Beach Chapel' (Our Lady Star of the Sea), on the corner of 3rd Ave. and East Main St., Manasquan. A very special blessing will be offered to you by Fr. Bill Lago along with a blessed St. Gerard medal and prayer card. The St. Denis parish family wishes to support and encourage you as you live out God's plan for your family. No need to RSVP... just come to this Mass! Family and friends are welcome...Spread the word! Additional blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards will be available to take home to friends and family after the Mass. This blessing is supported by the St. Denis Elizabeth Ministry. Any questions, contact Rachel Hendricks thehendricks7@gmail.com.



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 special second collections in March:

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. For the two second collections in March, no envelopes have 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.

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION– Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



February 12, 2023

Weekly Collection-	\$8,827.00
2nd Collection– Building Repairs-	\$17,172.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Experience the Uniqueness- Lent 2023

The Unique Gift of Ecumenism

Soup and Scripture” Ecumenical Series –“Grace In Every Season: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8”

Wednesdays at noon, Manasquan Presbyterian Church, March 1 thru March 29th

February 22nd- Ash Wednesday- Pastor Jim Dunson, Manasquan Pres .

Eccles. 3:1-2a “A time to be born and a time to die”

March 1st- Fr. Bill Lago, St. Denis Church,

Eccles 3:2b-3a “a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal”

March 8- -Pastor Lou LaFazia, Church in Brielle,

Eccles 3:3b “A time to tear down and a time to build up”

March 15- Pastor Javier Barroso, Manasquan United Methodist Church,

Eccles: 3:7 “a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to keep silent and a time to speak”

March 22 –Pastor Mary Farnham, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Eccles 3:6 “a right time to search and another to count your losses, a right time to hold on and another to let go”

March 29 –Pastor Joe Gratzel, First Baptist Church,

Eccles 3:6 “a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance”

Ecumenical Good Friday Service –Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1:00 pm

The Unique Gift of Our Relationship with God- Parish Lenten Adult Faith (Fr. Bill)

Three Mondays, March 6th, 13th & 20th, 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

The Unique Love of God-

Parenting in the Lent Journey – Make the most of being a family for Lents 40 Days

Friday, Feb. 24th 11am & 7pm (St Denis School)

Reflections of the Intimacy of the Union with Christ- St. Katherine Drexel

Thursday, March 2nd, 11:30 am and 7 pm, St. Denis Church (E. Ziesmer)

Parish Lenten Reflection – “**The Stations of the Cross with Mary**” (CDA)

Monday, February 27th, 11 am and 7 pm, St. Denis Church

Join in a unique reflection/meditation on the Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross – In St. Denis Church

Fridays of Lent at noon followed by Exposition and Benediction (until 1pm)

Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

Lenten Materials for the individual:

“The Magnificat Lenten Companion” – daily reflections and prayers

“Hope for Renewal” reflections by Pope Francis

“Journey of the Heart” reflections by Henri Nouwen

“Praying With Jesus This Lent” daily meditations The Word Among Us

“Formed” – online videos/ebooks/movies/etc.

Access through our website (www.churchofstdenis.org code PDZVN8)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Drop-in times for Confessions in Church as follows:

Monday, March 27th from 11:00 am – 1 pm and 6 pm-8:00 pm

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm or by appointment during Lent up to Wed. April 5

LENTEN REGULATIONS- During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from *Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023* --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week.

Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE. The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.



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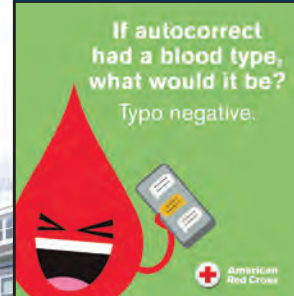
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