

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023

“Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth... For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

How beautiful the message of St. Peter to the newly baptized, and to us. As we experience the joy of Easter time on this Good Shepherd weekend, we acknowledge the fact that we belong to His flock, walk in company with Him, and know of His care and protection. As I reflect upon Jesus’ ‘figure of speech’ we resolve to listen to His voice in a society and culture that still seems far distant.

As the beautiful prayer poem of St. Teresa of Calcutta states: ‘this is between you and God anyway.’



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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](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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 29, 2023

8:30 am Colleen Larkin by Peter & Sharon Wilson  
 8:30 am Jane M. Wegelin by Linda & Larry Nolan  
 8:30 am John Pade by Ann Lewis  
 4:30 pm Leo Cunningham by his Family  
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife  
 4:30 pm Bernice & Frederick Kile by the Kile Family

### Sunday, April 30, 2023

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Gloria Bruno & Antonio Calco  
 by Patrick Lewis  
 9:30 am Michael Gabler by Mary Maralla  
 9:30 am Min & Jim Tessitore by Gloria Smith  
 10:00 am Gertrude Calabrese by Nancy & Paul Sutor  
 10:00 am Barbara MacClean  
 by Michelle & Steven Schneider  
 10:00 am Rev. Joseph Miele by Carol Rizzi

### Monday, May 1, 2023

7:30 am Nada Justinic by John & Ellie Fox  
 7:30 am Michael Gabler by Fran Weeks  
 7:30 am Robert J. Dougherty by the Honrath Family

### Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by her Family  
 7:30 am Matt Piccini by Alberta Scrivanich  
 7:30 am Theresa Shwahla by Evelyn Tuttle

### Wednesday, May 3, 2023

7:30 am Kayla Bruton (6 year anniversary)  
 by her Grandmother, Mona Kirk  
 7:30 am Martin Freeman by his Wife, Joanne Freeman  
 7:30 am Tony Picinich by Betty Scrivanich

### Thursday, May 4, 2023

No Mass

### Friday, May 5, 2023

7:30 am Eleanore Stankunas Smith by Deacon Gary  
 7:30 am Michael Gabler by Ed & Helenbeth Matyas  
 7:30 am Patricia Brunner by Michael Brunner

### Saturday, May 6, 2023

8:30 am Joseph & Janice Racioppi by the Family  
 8:30 am Marie Sans by the Pechkis Family  
 8:30 am Cathy Shalloo by the Bayberry Garden Club  
 4:30 pm Leo Cunningham by his Family  
 4:30 pm Michael Gabler by Mary Lou Guarini  
 4:30 pm Walter "Whitey" & Stella Wojton  
 by Daughter, JoAnn

### Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am John Nielsen by his Sister  
 9:30 am Michael Gabler  
 by the St. Denis Religious Education Office  
 9:30 am Eileen McKeever by Betsy & Jim Rice  
 10:00 am Norah Bruther by her Mom & Dad  
 10:00 am George Brown by the Forcillo Family  
 10:00 am Mary & Jimmy Fosco by Scott & Cindy Ernst

**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 Maryanne Gross.



especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrich, Vincent Azzollini, Baby Lucy, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Edith Bean, Eileen Beesley, Belle & Ashton, Bernadette Bevan, Stanley Bevan, Joseph Bick, Lois Borton, Holly Boyd, Cathleen Brenner, Borgias Family, Lois Brookes, Karen Brown, Eileen Byrne, Stephen Byrne, Barbara Cabrera, Campbell Family, Sean Campbell, Mary Carstens-Lockenmeyer, Amanda Castro, Andrew Chermak, Albert J. Cifelli, Mark Clarkin, Elizabeth Clos, Christine Coburn, Mary Collins, Mary Conlon, Jimmy Conrey, Rick Constrisciano, Thomas P. Coyle, Linda Custode, Mary Damico, Duane Danish, Lauren Davis, Rose DeMarco, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Frank Dugan, Lisa Dunfee, Thomas Evans, Thomas Fahey, Gail Fallon, Chris Faraca, Joseph Fiamingo, Christine Fields, Steve Ford, Nannette Forkan, Denise Frank, Norma Friel, Mary Anne Gearing, Katherine Geiger, Nicole Giambrone, Sharon Goettle, Johnny Gondek, Baby Kelly Grace, Phillip Graceffa, Julianna Grusso, Angeline Hart, Irene Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Teresa Hayes, Thomas Hayes Jr, Beverly Heinz, Sandy Heitner, Katie Holbrook, Jimi Hood, Lori Hurd, Baby Cayden Joseph, Gordon Justin, Eugene Karpinski, Jim Kazenmayer, Haley Keating, Marian Keefe, Catherine Kelleher, Robert Kelleher, Regina Kiesche, Bill Koch, Esther Koch, Tanner Koch, Bridget Korn, Christopher Kurtanick, William Liao, Barbara Liggett, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Joan Lipscomb, Nick Ljuljana, Frank Lopez, Linda Lowery, Barbara Magda, Ed McCullough, Michael McGonigle, Helen McGowan, Michael McNulty, Claire Meachum, Frank Meidenbauer, Nair Messias, Ronnie Micciulla, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Marylee Monsell, Mary Moran, Elizabeth Morgan, Margaret Mullin, Nancy Murphy, Pauline Naturile, Nesbitt Family, Jack Noble, Jennifer Noble, Neil O'Callaghan, Catherine O'Connor, Sue O'Connor, Gerald O'Keefe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Charlotte Pentek, Tony Picinich, Mike Pierce, Lisa Pirrello, Marty Pirrong, Samara Pirrong, Timothy Michal Przywara, Vera Raffetto, Windell Rainey, Leanna Rawson, Al Ricciardi, Joel Rivera, Taryn Rotondi, Christina Roundtree, Christian Russo, Donna Schwear, Slotnick Family, Rob & Katie Spawn, Susan Suagee, Norma Summers, Sadie Svenson, Marie Tashjian, Sondra Thompson, Cindy Tomkins, Jim Trischitta, Paul Tuyp, Phyllis Van Salders, Riley Veazey, Dee Vulgaris, Siobhan Vuono, Stephen Whyte, Kathy Wicks, Karen Williams, Marilyn Woerner, Patricia Wolfe, Albert Wood, Butch Wright, Linda Wynd, and Werner Ziesmer.



The Walking with Purpose (WWP) 2022/23 season has come to a close.

Our relationships with Jesus and our sisters-in-Christ have grown so much!

We have committed our hearts to learning and growing in Holy Scripture and we are ready to set the world on fire!

We are so grateful to Father Bill for his continued support of WWP.

WWP is a bible study for all women and we hope you will join us October 2023 for our next WWP Season.

For more information and to register, please go to [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com)

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet in church on Sunday May 7, 2023 at 9:00 am for recitation of the rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. All are welcome to join us for a May crowning of the Blessed Mother after the Mass.

**Reminder:** Members will meet for dinner at the Shrimp Box on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4 pm. The cost is \$30. If you haven't already made your reservation, please call the rectory at 732-223-0287.

**COME JOIN THE JERSEY SHORE CHORALE**, a diverse group of men & women of all ages, many with professional music backgrounds, performing a wide variety of favorites from the classical (Vivaldi, Mozart) to Broadway show tunes, (West Side Story, Les Miserable) and so much more. The Jersey Shore Chorale's exquisite harmonies accompanied by a piano, flute, strings and woodwinds kicks off the delightful Spring season on Sat. May 6- 7pm at Greenbriar 1, 1 Darley Circle, Brick OR Sun-May 7- 4pm at United Methodist Church, 23 Church St., Manasquan. Tickets sold at the door. Adults: \$15. Seniors: \$10. Students & children are free. For more information call 732-223-0287.

**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!



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. Nik-kole 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 ENS Michael Zimmerman, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, US Army 2nd Lt. Allison M. Ingraham, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Sgt. Jordan Basile USMC, PFC Neil Horenburg USMC, US Army Airborne Private Zachary Hoyle, Army 2nd Lieutenant Brendan Ertle, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.

**MOTHER'S DAY-ROSES FOR LIFE!** Mary's Child Pro-Life and St. Denis Elizabeth Ministries will be selling beautiful long stem roses *after all Masses (Main Church and Beach Chapel) on Mother's Day weekend, May 13&14* in honor of all MOTHERS! Let us be thankful for the gift of motherhood, and also remember the **Blessed Mother** on this special day! A \$3 donation/long stem rose is appreciated and proceeds will be used to assist pregnant women & children in crisis, and for education about the dignity of all human **LIFE!** If you would like to help sell roses after a particular Mass please contact Rachel Hendricks at [thehendricks7@gmail.com](mailto:thehendricks7@gmail.com) or call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.



**MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS-** May 14th is Mother's Day. Beginning on Mother's Day weekend and continuing for the next two days, we will have special Masses in honor of all our mothers, both living and deceased. You will find special Mother's Day cards and intention envelopes in the gathering space of the church and the vestibule of the chapel. We ask that if you do not have a need for the card, only take the intention envelope in the basket marked "Intention Envelopes." You may list multiple names on your intention envelope. All envelopes should be returned to the rectory by Friday, May 12th. They will be placed on the altar and the intentions will be remembered at the Mother's Day Masses.



**MOTHERS' MEMORIAL MASS-**A special Mass will be celebrated for all mothers and their families who have suffered the loss of a child of any age (pregnancy loss, stillbirth, infancy, childhood, or adulthood). The Mass will be on the Tuesday evening after Mother's Day, **Tuesday May 16, 2023, 7:00pm at St. Denis Church, Manasquan.** The names of children being honored and remembered will be collected when families arrive and will be read during this special Mass. Come to honor & remember these children through a special celebration of the Eucharist. **No RSVP necessary... All are welcome!** A light reception & fellowship will follow the Mass. This is sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministries of the Churches of St. Denis and St. Dominic. Questions, contact Rachel at [thehendricks7@gmail.com](mailto:thehendricks7@gmail.com)

**ONLINE GIVING-** To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For information or to sign up, go to our parish Website [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) and click on "Online Giving".

**BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION-** Next weekend our second collection will be used for the repairs and maintenance of the parish buildings. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**April 23, 2023**

Weekly Collection-

\$7,897.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place First Fridays, from noon to 1 pm in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.

**CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON ON OUR WAY TO PENTECOST-** Join us these upcoming weeks as we explore the theology of the sacraments and discern our spiritual gifts and callings and think more deeply about the relationship we have with Jesus. "The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday". These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung." (USCCB)

*Below are our Easter Season Parish Adult Faith Opportunities and Services*

Jesus: Bridegroom of Every Soul (1) hour each in St. Denis Church. Un-packing the book of the Song of Songs as the Love Song from Jesus to us. Mondays- May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 11am and 7pm

Look Up: What the Ascension of the Lord Means for Us

(1) hour St. Denis Church Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> 11am and 7pm

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Service (Ecumenical)

St. Denis Church (1Hour) Monday May 22 11 am and 7pm

Believe, Belong, Become-Sacraments of Initiation (1) hour

at the Parish Center (St Denis School) Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 11am and 7pm

Lessons from St. Rita's Life :Vocations of Marriage, single life and Religious life. Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am and 7pm at the Parish Center (St Denis School) (1) hour

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit- (1) hour at the Parish Center (St. Denis School) Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 11am and 7 PM

**SACRED TRIBUTE**, a musical sharing of gratitude, benefits African Mission Caritas Chamber Chorale, directed by Barbara Sanderman, will present two concerts of sacred *a cappella* choral music, entitled *Sacred Tribute*, for the benefit of Adorno Fathers' African Mission. Through the music, *Sacred Tribute* offers thanks to God and to all who make it possible for Caritas to support the African Mission. A diverse selection of choral music will provide a feast for the ears. The concert will be presented Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 4 pm at St. Catharine Church, 215 Essex Ave., Spring Lake. The concert is free and open to the public. The entirety of a freewill offering will benefit the Adorno Fathers' African Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. Caritas Chamber Chorale is dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor through the art of sacred music. For more information, please visit [www.caritaschamberchorale.org](http://www.caritaschamberchorale.org) or call 732.718.0775.



**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

This week's needed items:

Mac/cheese, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, Dinty Moore beef stew, snacks (potato chips, pretzels, regular size bags, not snack size)

Donations can be dropped off at the shopping cart in the gathering space of the church. For monetary donations please make checks payable to: SVDP/St. Denis Conference. On the memo line please write: "Food Pantry". Thank you!

**EASTER FLOWERS WERE DONATED IN MEMORY/HONOR OF** The Petti and Soda Families. Today's bulletin contains only a partial listing of names of those loved ones who were remembered or honored with Easter Flower donations. Other names appeared in the four previous bulletins. Thank you to all who donated to this special collection.



**"THE CHOSEN" SEASON THREE DISCUSSION-**Get ready fans!!! We will continue our discussion on Season Three of "The Chosen" on the following Wednesdays: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 31; June 7, 14 and 21. (one week break May 24). We will meet at 11 am in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church meeting room and we will also meet at 7 pm in the St. Denis Cafeteria. So, choose the time that is best for you and watch the episode before you attend a discussion of the show and its impact on us. (We began with a discussion on Season 3, Episode 1 on April 19th).

**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.

**ST. PETER SCHOOL IN PT. PLEASANT BEACH OFFERS ENHANCED WORKING FAMILY FRIENDLY PRE-K PROGRAM-** St. Peter School's high quality, well-rounded Pre-K programs focus on early learning skills in a Christ-centered, loving, nurturing environment. \*Pre-K and Pre-K 4: 5 full-day options and part-time options depending on family needs \*Family affordable (compare and you'll see!) \* Focused on Kindergarten readiness \* Integrated with award winning K-8 St. Peter School Academics (Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 2016 & New Jersey School of Character 2020) \*STREAM Pilot School \*Little Saints Athletic Program \*Same convenient drop off and pick up times as St. Peter School. For more information visit [stpschool.org](http://stpschool.org)

### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the Gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris is 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person-to-person help to those who ask for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and they also thank all who donate so generously to the Society. If you would like to donate to our ministry, checks can be made payable to "SVDP/St. Denis Conference" and placed in the shopping cart in the gathering space of the church (envelopes available). At the Beach Chapel, please drop them in the collection basket."

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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



## RECOVERY CORNER

Monday 7PM "SMART Recovery for Family and Friends"...Education and support using current concepts and a workbook, continuously cycling through the year. Right things, not wrong things. Presently just virtual on Zoom.

Thursday 7PM "Life Recovery Bible Study"...The 12 steps of Anonymous Recovery framed in their origin in holy scripture along with corollary readings. An education and support program featuring scripture and workbook assistance to enlighten and empower those seeking recovery from substance or behaviors. Presently just virtual on Zoom. Call the rectory office for more information.

Thursday 10AM "Life Recovery Bible Study"...Same as above but specializing in corollary readings from the 12 Gifts, the 12 Laws, the 12 Missteps of recovery and other corollary readings. Presently just virtual on Zoom. Call the rectory office at 732-223-0287 for more information.

Life Recovery Bible Weekly Podcasts by City of Angels Recovery Radio

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coanj>  
Download this app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10AM and 10PM. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & BEYOND-** Fr. Todd Carter, Pastor of Holy Innocents Church in Neptune will be the trip Spiritual Advisor for a 10-day round trip to the Holy Land, November 10-19, 2023. Air and land prices start at \$3,890 (per person, per double occupancy), single room (limited in number), \$600 supplement. Reserve your spot with a \$500 deposit ASAP. Final payment must be made by 9/1/23. For more information call the St. Denis Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

**RETREAT-** St. Catharine's Classics invite all to their 12th annual retreat "Prayer-God's Gift To Us" on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 9 am-3 pm, at San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Ave. in Long Branch. The cost is \$60 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. For registration info please call St. Denis Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

**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 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**

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

As disciples of Christ, we look to new, innovative ways to carry out our mission of spreading the Good News.

By virtue of our Confirmation, and the call of the Holy Spirit, we are called to invite others to join in the Communion we share and come to know Christ and develop their own relationship with Jesus. We invite through our words and deeds. We will use our words and deeds through the "Thy Kingdom Come" Initiative. This is an ecumenical prayer effort to pray for five people, by name, to come to know Jesus in their lives. Since it began in May 2016, this movement unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbors and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days leading up to Pentecost, in their own way. As the website states: "It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call." In my personal list, I also include people who are Christian, but have not responded with their "Yes" to God's call in a while, or only at Christmas. I invite you to go to [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global) and sign up - there is a great interactive map to see all who have already registered throughout the whole world. Also, at the website, you can download the 2023 Novena and the 2023 Prayer Journal, young kids can watch "The Cheeky Panda's cartoon" and teens/young adults can watch videos done by their peers who have taken part and have rekindled their relationship with Jesus. The Novena begins on Thursday, 18 May (the day of the Ascension of the Lord, which we now celebrate on the following Sunday in New Jersey). We will have an ecumenical prayer service at 7pm on 22 May in the church and it is opened to the Manasquan Ministerium. Please get serious about participating by asking the Holy Spirit who you should pray for.

We also pray for the children receiving their First Holy Communion. We ask God to inspire in them the desire of Communion and the desire to work for communion in their lives of discipleship. We pray that God bless them and lead them to the altar for the rest of their lives, each and every Sunday as God has called/invited us to, and never willfully give up the ability to receive the life giving gift of Jesus present Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist that He Himself gave us and told us to "do this in memory of Me."

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** will be observed on Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life --- especially religious orders serving in our Diocese and societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas,  
Court St. Denis #1497**

**THE CHRISTINE MUTCH  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Announcing a \$1,000 scholarship to a girl who is graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2023. The family must be registered in St. Denis Parish.

Please submit applications no later than May 15, 2023.

Send completed application to:  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
90 Union Avenue  
Manasquan, NJ 08736

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending in Fall of 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must submit a paragraph entitled "Why Catholic Education is Important to Me"



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

&

Charlotte Grace Rutledge

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**God Bless Our 2nd Graders  
As They Receive  
First Holy Communion:**



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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>James Agnese</i>      | <i>Emily Kelly</i>            |
| <i>Gianni Amato</i>      | <i>Owen Kenny</i>             |
| <i>Kylie Armas</i>       | <i>Jack Kilbride</i>          |
| <i>Grace Baldino</i>     | <i>Harrison Kokes</i>         |
| <i>Alivia Barlow</i>     | <i>Kierstin Kritch</i>        |
| <i>Natalie Booth</i>     | <i>Maeve Lackey</i>           |
| <i>Everett Brown</i>     | <i>Charles Leone</i>          |
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