

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house where they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

Before He ascended, Jesus instructed the apostles to wait for the Spirit to come. The Pentecost event is that moment. Perhaps the disciples waited and wondered about what He really meant. Now we know.

Three signs accompanied this moment – wind, fire, noise. More importantly, the effect His Spirit produced, as they were transformed. They began speaking and carrying out the mandate to go, preach, teach and baptize, yes, to evangelize.

In our parish community today, it is the same Spirit who unites us in prayer, teaches and transforms us, and in a few minutes will send us to do the same thing. Where would we be if that transformation had not taken place? Who do we know waiting to be brought back to the faith, to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ? How will they know about Pentecost today if we do not do our part?



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.

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27, 2023

8:30 am Catherine Skillman by her Family
8:30 am The Morhart Family by the Family
8:30 am Russell Stroupe, Sr. by his Daughter
4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children
4:30 pm Richard Avena by his Wife
4:30 pm Dorothy Devaney by Linda Wynd

Sunday, May 28, 2023

8:00 am Mary & Frank Stankunas by Deacon Gary
8:00 am Lawrence Redmond by MCW
8:00 am Jo-Ann Augustine by Scott & Cindy Ernst
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am John J. Lewis by his Family
10:00 am Michael Gabler by Kris Duritza & Alyssa Lewis
10:00 am Ruth & Jack Young by their Family

Monday, May 29, 2023- Memorial Day

8:30 am Virginia Sanquini by Jeannine Mazur
8:30 am Edward F. Rogers by the Rogers Family
8:30 am Earle Heckerth, Jr. by the Lewis Family

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

7:30 am Jonathan Miller (3rd Anniversary) by Grandma
7:30 am Michelle Wilson by the Kipel Family
7:30 am Jane Brace by the Kipel Family

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

7:30 am Edward F. Lyons (23rd Anniversary)
by his Wife
7:30 am Donald Cusson by Gerard & Mary Ann Manning
7:30 am Denise Glowacki by Sandy DeGrande

Thursday, June 1, 2023

No Mass

Friday, June 2, 2023

7:30 am Josephine Crawford by the Family
7:30 am Daniel Murphy by Tom Rogers & Family
7:30 am John Liskowitz by Lori Haviland

Saturday, June 3, 2023

8:30 am Lucilla Settaducati by Lucia & Joseph Nitti
8:30 am Frank Donahue by Marlene & Michael Martin
8:30 am Jerry Dymek by the O'Keefe Family
4:30 pm The Taylor Family by Rose Taylor
4:30 pm Norah Elizabeth Bruther by her Mom & Dad
4:30 pm Martin Freeman by his Wife, Joanne Freeman

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:00 am Chris Piccini by Betty Scrivanich
8:00 am Patricia Brunner by Michael Brunner
8:00 am Robert E. Driscoll by Mike & Eileen Mahoney
9:30 am Dominick & Josephine DeStefano by the Family
9:30 am Michael Gabler by John & Tina O'Donnell
9:30 am Bill Schoppell by Luann & John Quigley
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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Joyce Rizzitello and Joseph Romano.



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, Angelina 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, 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, 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, Marybeth Richards, Joel Rivera, Taryn Rotondi, Christina Roundtree, Christian Russo, Donna Schwear, Slotnick Family, Rob & Katie Spawn, Susan Suagee, Norma Summers, Sadie Svenson, Marie Tashjian, 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.



Ladies,

Curious about Walking with Purpose?

Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a women's study that dives into the Catholic faith in a way that is not intimidating or overwhelming.

WWP will reveal your Catholic faith in a new way—giving you the answers and tools you need to live in a world of uncertainty.

At WWP we learn how to face life's uncertainties and "walk" through life with peace, joy, and purpose.

JOIN US FOR A

WWP SUMMER SAMPLE.

Join us for some or all gatherings: July 11, 18, & 25

7pm, St. Denis Parish Center (School Building Cafeteria)

Lessons provided. No cost, simply Open Your Heart.

Email your name to Allison at

allisonpenkethman@gmail.com to sign up.

(Full WWP Study starts in Oct--

go to www.wwpnjshore.com for more info.)

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.

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.

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.



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy LS3 Nora N. Honrath, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, USMC 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, 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, USMC Corporal Patrick Bednarski, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES FOR LIFE!

Many thanks to all who supported the Mother's Day Rose Sale! You helped raise almost \$1,800 dollars that will be donated to the Good Counsel Home in our diocese which serves pregnant moms and babies in desperate need of a home.



Special thanks to John Newman of *Bouquets to Remember* in Manasquan for generously supporting our

rose sale, allowing us to honor the gift of our mothers while collecting vital funds used to assist women & children in crisis. Thank You!

OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE in Toms River provides shelter, support and services for vulnerable youth, enabling them to unlock their potential by learning skills to empower them to build successful lives. Please support our youth with a financial contribution so they can be safe today and empowered tomorrow! Please give to our Appeal and help us plant the seeds that allow them to grow bright futures. Your gift helps youth at risk to become healthy, resilient and productive members of our community. You can donate on the secure website <https://www.oceansharborhouse.org/ways-to-help/donate-now/>

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

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.

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 and click on "Online Giving".



May 21, 2023

Weekly Collection- \$9,237.00

2nd Collection
(Catholic Communication Campaign)- \$1,772.00

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.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2023-24- All new students entering the 1st grade this Fall and all returning students must complete a new registration form each year in order to keep our records up to date. New students must provide a Baptismal certificate. All transfer students from other religious education programs should also include a copy of the Baptismal certificate, proof of any sacraments received, if not at St. Denis, and a letter or progress report showing what level has been completed to date. Download the form from the St. Denis Church website <http://www.churchofstdenis.org/> under the Religious Ed tab. If you require any further information regarding the Religious Education program, please do not hesitate to contact the Religious Ed office at (732) 223-1161 or email: office@stdeniscgd.com We thank you for your interest in choosing to further your child’s Faith Formation at St. Denis Parish.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES– A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. Contact your pastor for additional information and referral. The fee is \$90 per session, but, if needed, financial assistance is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

SAVE THE DATES- Friday Evening and Saturday, October 20-21, 2023 at Holy Innocents Church in Neptune. Please join us for a Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza, New York Times best-selling author of “Left to Tell” and Rwandan genocide survivor. Immaculee brings a message of forgiveness, healing and hope. She will share her witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary. More information will follow this summer.



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:

Female deodorant, mayonnaise, Spam, canned fruit, & Ramen noodles.

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!



WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ERNEST BADARACCO
REQUESTED BY
HIS WIFE, RITA & HIS FAMILY

“THE CHOSEN” SEASON THREE DISCUSSION- We will continue our discussion on Season Three of “The Chosen” on the following Wednesdays: May 31; June 7, 14 and 21. 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.

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!

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.

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, June 15, 2023 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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



CAREGIVERS NEED CARE TOO!

Join Us for a Caregiver Support Group

When: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Where: St. Denis Parish Center (*school building*)

The Caregivers Support Group is a group supporting individuals who are caregiving through illness of a loved one. The group offers friendship and fellowship. It will meet once a month on the third Tuesday of the month.

When we allow others to support us, we will find we can do much more in supporting and encouraging those who are in our care. Please consider joining us to find out more and let us help! *Group to be run by* : Kat Verdi MAT, CADDCT, CDP, HTM Caregiver Coach & Dementia Consultant

HEALING MASS– All are invited to a Healing Mass on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 165 Bethany Road in Holmdel. The celebrant will be Fr. John Baptist Bashobora (Fr. Bash). He is a Catholic priest from the Diocese of Mbarara, Uganda. He travels the world preaching “The Good News” and shares his deep love for the Lord with others. For more information please visit www.affbf.org

A NIGHT OF MERCY AND HEALING- WHEN: Thursday June 8th at 7:00 pm WHERE: St. Pio of Pietrelcina Chapel 103 Washington Ave. Lavallette WHO: Our Celebrant is Fr. Joy Chacko; prayer teams are NJ Campus graduates/students of Encounter School of Ministry. Come join us for a Mass with healing prayers. All are welcome! CONTACT: Dawn-Rusinko@yahoo.com for more information.

KATERI DAY CAMP- Make a difference in the life of a local child this summer. For over forty-six years, The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have provided low-income Monmouth County children with a safe, enriching summer at Kateri Day Camp. You can help a child this summer! Key components that make our camp valuable are: *Full-day camp for 7 weeks allows parents to work and know their child is safe *We provide transportation, breakfast, lunch, and snack to each child *Each child receives daily swimming lessons and literacy *Each child can take home as many books as they enjoy reading. Your donation will have an impact on a child’s life. \$80 = one day of camp • \$400 = one week of camp • \$2,800 = full seven weeks of camp. Get some friends together and sponsor a local kid at camp! Visit www.collieryouthservices.org/camp to donate online or mail your contribution to: Collier Youth Services *Campership Appeal* P.O. Box 300 Wickatunk, NJ 07765-0300.

A CELEBRATION OF COLLIER– You are cordially invited to an evening to celebrate Collier Youth Services and their work to empower youth with belonging, dignity, and hope. The celebration will take place at Spring Lake Golf Club, 901 Warren Ave. in Spring Lake on Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6:00-9:00 pm. Casual elegant attire is required. No denim permitted. Visit Collier23.givesmart.com for the ways you can participate.

COLLIER 50/50 RAFFLE- Enter to win a 50/50 raffle to help support Collier Youth Services’ programs for at-risk youth. The winner will receive 50% of the amount received for all tickets sold. Tickets are \$50. You must be 18 years old to purchase tickets. The winner does not need to be present to win. The drawing will be held on June 8, 2023 at 8:30 pm during the Celebration of Collier at the Spring Lake Golf Club. For more ways to support the Celebration of Collier, visit Collier23.givesmart.com. For more information or questions visit events@collieryouthservices.org.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

We celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church and also we call to mind our own “personal Pentecost” when we received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation. The Holy Spirit comes in power – to advocate on our behalf, to pray in us, to console us and strengthen us by reminding us of all that Jesus said and did, to inspire (literally meaning “breath in us”) us to use our gifts and talents “for some good” (1 Cor 12) for the Church and society. You are unique in your faith-life and gifts of the Spirit. We call to mind Jesus’ parable of the talents and Jesus’ call for us to invest in the world around us “for some good” – to bring Christ’s Light and Life to others, to offer lives of Love and Hope. We also conclude our “Thy Kingdom Come” novena for our five people we have been praying for. Because we understand the truth that “know Jesus, know peace” we pray for our five to know Jesus, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their lives. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth”. Amen.

One group of people, men and women, young and old, from across the history of the United States, have used their gifts and talents in the Military for the well-being of our country. We call to mind all service men and women who have died, as well as all the fallen First Responders who we also remember on Memorial Day. We gather in our local towns around the cenotaphs that name all those who died, that we (and many others around the world) might be free. We must never forget. We will gather at Mass Monday at 8:30 am, before the towns in our area have their Memorial Day services. Let us join together to remember them and pray for the reward of those who “laid down their life for their friends” as we offer the sacrifice of the Mass.

We will also gather on Tuesday at 7 pm in the Church for an ecumenical prayer service for all First Responders who are currently serving our local communities, as well as remembering all who have died in the line of duty. Please come out and support our local First Responders by your presence at the prayer service. In the past, we have had a Mass for such an occasion, but since the pandemic, the numbers have waned. I am trying something new – a Liturgy of the Word prayer service – and inviting all the members of the Ministerium to be present and pray. We will have light refreshments afterwards for fellowship, and an opportunity to thank local First Responders personally.

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!

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**

MEMORIAL DAY

 Monday, May 29, 2023

There will be one Mass only on Memorial Day at 8:30 am.
The Rectory Office will be closed Monday and will reopen Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 8:30 am.

God bless all who gave the ultimate sacrifice and God Bless America!



FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS- Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day. Beginning on Father's Day and continuing for the next two days, we will have special Mass intentions for our fathers, both living and deceased. Next weekend in the church and chapel, there will be intention envelopes and Father's Day cards. The cards are provided for fathers that are living. If you do not need a card, please just take an intention envelope. We ask you to fill out the intention envelope (you may put more than one name on the envelope) and return it to the rectory no later than Friday, June 16th. These envelopes will then be placed on the altar and the intentions will be remembered at our Masses.

FATHER'S DAY GIFT- With Father's Day fast approaching, why not give your husband and yourself the special gift of a Marriage Enrichment 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 July 14-16. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Visit: www.wwme.org or call the rectory office at 732-223-1161 for more information.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD? Text the word "freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for information on religious liberty.

RETROUVAILLE- A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES- Do you know someone in a struggling marriage or considering divorce? We are a lifeline for married couples. Retrouvaille is a nationwide, three-phase program: A weekend experience, 12 post sessions and monthly meetings for marriage enrichment. This program is Catholic in origin but all faiths are welcome. For a better marriage or to find upcoming weekends near you visit HelpOurMarriage.org.



BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING 2023- All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or call your local parish office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.

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
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