

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

“Thus the Lord passed before him and cried out, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.’ Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, ‘If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company... receive us as your own.’”

We make the sign of the cross, we invoke the name of the Trinity, knowing we are a people of faith. The loving God, the creator, the redeeming Son and the animating Spirit, the one God in three persons.

May we take a moment to meet with Moses and his conversation in response to God’s self-revelation. That trinitarian God reveals Himself, speaking of a merciful and gracious One, rich in kindness and fidelity and the absence of anger and wrath.

Today think about those gifts God possesses and showers upon us. I am afraid we fail to know and love that God who like, with Moses, asks us to bow and worship.

As you make the sign of the cross, think about it as your worship of God.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 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

Monday, June 5, 2023

7:30 am Rose Abitante by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Michael Gabler
 by Rosemary, Sylvia & Otto Schmidt & Family

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

7:30 am Kathleen Joyce by the Fink & Hub Families
 7:30 am Joe Lyttle by Barbara Lyttle
 7:30 am Sherry Doyle by Jim O'Neill & Family

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

7:30 am Paul Weeks by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am William Lee by Betty & Bob Bennett
 7:30 am John Kirk (1st Anniversary)
 by his Wife, Mona Kirk

Thursday, June 8, 2023

No Mass

Friday, June 9, 2023

7:30 am The Sarullo, Bugliaro, Schellar & Burke Families
 by the Bugliaro Children
 7:30 am Elizabeth Ann Taylor by St. Denis Parish
 7:30 am Joseph Pflieger by St. Denis Parish

Saturday, June 10, 2023

8:30 am The Avena & Barone Families by the Family
 8:30 am Honorable N. Peter Conforti
 by Nancy & Bob Morgenstern
 8:30 am Pauline Convey by Megan, Ray, Lou & Rose
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 11, 2023

8:00 am Peter Zocchi by his Mom & Dad
 8:00 am Courtney Nerenberg by Maureen Johnson
 8:00 am Jerolim Crvic by Gordon Justin
 9:30 am Jack Kolon by his Mother, Kay Kolon
 9:30 am Jack Kobes by his Wife, Carol
 9:30 am Bill Truex by Bob & Barbara Gilbert
 10:00 am Rita Durham by a Friend
 10:00 am Patricia Dombal by a Friend
 10:00 am Nancy Bernhardt by a Friend

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 Eileen Beesley and Calvin Larkin.



especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrich, Vincent Azzollini, Baby Lucy, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Edith Bean, 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 Chermack, 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 Giambone, 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, 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.



our military, 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.



FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUTETS— Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day. On Father's Day and continuing for the next two days, we will have special Mass intentions for our fathers, both living and deceased. This weekend and next in the church and chapel, you will find 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.wvme.org or call the rectory office at 732-223-1161 for more information.

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.

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.

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".

BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION— Next weekend our second collection will be used towards replacing two air conditioner units at Our Lady Star of the Sea Beach Chapel. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



May 28, 2023

Weekly Collection-

\$12,457.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



“THE CHOSEN” DISCUSSION- We will continue our discussion on Season Three of “The Chosen” on the following Wednesdays: 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.

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@stdenisccd.com We thank you for your interest in choosing to further your child’s Faith Formation at St. Denis Parish.

GARDEN NEWS- WE NEED YOU! We are looking for someone to manage email communication. We have an updated email list and just need someone to coordinate getting the word out to the members with an update or two each week. We are also looking for people to join the garden group for this year’s growing season. Contact the Rectory Office if you can help with either or both.

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

LASAGNA LOVE- What started as a mother and daughter feeding families in their community has grown into a national movement with over 5,000 volunteers across the country, all making and delivering home-cooked meals. The mission is not only to help address the incredible rise in food insecurity among families, but also to provide a simple act of love and kindness during a time full of uncertainty and stress. To request a free lasagna delivery: 1. Visit lasagnalove.org 2. Get matched to a local lasagna mama or papa 3. Coordinate a delivery day & time 4. Get a safe contactless delivery 5. Sign up again the next month.



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:

Tea, cooking oil, crackers, & mustard.

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!



First Fridays, from noon to 1 pm, in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord. All are welcome!

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.

TELEFRIENDS & IN-HOME RECREATION PROGRAMS-

The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at Family & Children’s Services in Long Branch has meaningful volunteer opportunities for adults who are currently looking to make a difference in another person’s life. The programs provide a friendly connection for isolated and homebound adults. Volunteers connect with clients once a week through a scheduled friendly phone call or home visit. Volunteers are matched with clients based on mutual interests to provide companionship, along with health and well being checks. Do you have the heart to serve and want to make a difference? Are you feeling isolated, alone and would like to engage in friendly communication? Do you know someone who would benefit from these programs? Call 732-728-1331 for information or contact us online at https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/_home/about-fcs/.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

“I am the good shepherd...I know mine and mine know me” says Jesus in the Gospel. The Good Shepherd is concerned about, cares for and protects the sheep, and fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship requires us disciples to “lay down our lives”.

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but rather commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us and loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very “stuff” of our everyday living and loving-in our families and in our service to the poor.

To those served, Vincentians are expected to give the same deep and serious thought that they give to their own families. Sharing does not consist merely in the distribution of material goods; it also implies that our personal resources and potential of mind and heart and time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, and in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness, on the part of the Society’s members to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.

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 Holy Trinity and the Mystery of God. It is good to be in awe of the Almighty, One God, Trinity of Persons. One Divine Substance, Three Distinct Persons. Eternal Relationship. Awe of the Lord is the first stage of wisdom, as the Bible relates. Awe is fundamental to the human experience – awe in the natural sense and awe in the supernatural sense. Humans are the only “animals” for which awe produces “goose bumps” and other calculable phenomena. To ponder the Trinity as more than the human mind can take in, is a special type of prayer – “apophatic”. It is a way of learning by what God is not. God is not fully definable, God is not finite, God is not exhausted by our prayers/sin/etc. We spend time in “centering prayer” with this type of experience in mind. Try it. Sit for five minutes in total quiet in the presence of God, knowing God is totally other. Just “reach out” to God, in what the medieval classic describes as the “Cloud of Unknowing”. This type of prayer is so “righting” for me. It is peaceful, humbling, mysterious, without emotion yet filled with awe, and invigorating to sense the infinite God present in my very finite life. Celebrate the Holy Trinity with this type of prayer and you can always reach out to me for “coaching” in this or any type of prayer.

What is not a mystery is the parking situation during the summer months. By the Beach Chapel the town has lots on Third Ave. and Fourth Ave. The Borough allows people to park for free for Sunday 10am Chapel Mass ONLY if you park at the Third Ave. lot, nearest the Chapel. You must have a permit or pay if you go to the Fourth Ave. Lot. The Borough now has a computer driven system. When a car drives past the camera, the license plate reader runs the plates through the system. If you use the app and pay or if your plates are registered as having a valid permit, you do not get a ticket. Otherwise, the system notifies the police to issue a parking ticket. This system does not get “turned on” at the Third Ave. lot until after Sunday Mass. So, visitors should pay as soon as they arrive at the lot, but “locals” coming for Mass and leaving directly after do not have to worry, only for the Third Ave. lot. All this was just explained to me on Pentecost Sunday. I did not know this beforehand.

Our next few “Buildings and Maintenance” collections will go towards replacing two Air Conditioner Units for Our Lady Star of the Sea Beach Chapel. The short of it is that the salt air has slowly destroyed all the units and we only have one unit that kind-of works. The “marine-environment” units will be arriving in a few weeks. I ordered them a few months ago, but supply issues remain a problem.

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!

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**



THE 2024 MASS BOOK AND SANCTUARY LAMP CALENDAR will open Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:00 am. Intentions will be taken at the rectory office. Please be aware that there is a limit of 4 Masses and 4 Sanctuary Lamps per person. There are still 2023 Masses (daily & Saturday morning) and Sanctuary Lamps available.

DOWNEY SIDE– Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. Call 732-359-8434 for more information.



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

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS- Monday, June 12 9:30AM – Noon “Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart is the extraordinary remedy for the extraordinary needs of our time.” Does this sound like a recent statement? Actually, it is almost 100 years old. Pope Pius told us this in 1928—it is still true. Come and be strengthened by this truth as we focus our love on the love of the Sacred Heart. Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$20

IN-PERSON ONLY GOD’S EVER-PRESENT LOVE IN MOTION Wednesday, June 14 9:30AM – 1PM We all yearn to be aware of the presence of God in our daily lives, no matter where we are or what we are doing. God invites you to come as you are. We will experience His ever-present love through Centering Prayer, music, and movement. Come feel your heartbeat and let the Spirit move you! Led by Bernadette Citarella. Donation: \$25 includes lunch.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS Wednesday, June 14 & Friday, June 16 9:30AM – 2:30PM Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

5-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT Begins 7PM – Ends 10AM (June 25–30 Sunday to Friday) (July 21–26 Friday to Wednesday) (July 30– August 4 Sunday to Friday) Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly. Donation: \$425; \$75 non-refundable deposit.

7-DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREATS Begins 7PM – Ends 10 AM June 2 - 9, June 18 – 25, July 2 – 9, July 12 – 19, August 20 – 27, September 22 – 29 Liturgy, spiritual direction, and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly.

Donation: \$600; \$100 non-refundable deposit.

7-DAY CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT Begins 7 PM Ends 10 AM August 6–13 Sunday to Sunday A Centering Prayer retreat invites you to go more deeply into the silence and stillness, which facilitates growth in Contemplative Prayer and attentiveness to God’s Word. The schedule provides many communal Centering Prayer periods, which are usually preceded by 20 minutes of Lectio Divina. Donation: \$600; \$100 non-refundable deposit with registration.

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=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.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE-Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION in celebration of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, will take place on Sunday, June 11th, following the 12 noon Mass at St. Joseph Church in Toms River. A Eucharistic Procession, just like Eucharistic Adoration, is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The supreme act of adoration and the source and summit of the Christian life is the celebration of the Mass, and that celebration is prolonged and intensified through Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass. In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world, not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the world. A parish community that undertakes a Eucharistic Procession has made the decision to publicly proclaim its belief in Jesus’ True Presence in the Eucharist. By this public witness of faith, the parish invites people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. (excerpt from “Eucharistic Processions” published by the Knights of Columbus). All are invited to participate. We will be processing down Hooper Ave, through Washington Street and down Main Street to Huddy Park (approx. 1 mile) where we will have a short worship and prayer experience. We will then process back to St Joseph’s Church and conclude with benediction around 3:00 pm. This year Corpus Christi, as well, marks the beginning of the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival – the year of the Parish. Hope to see you there!



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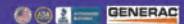
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