

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twelfth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
June 25, 2023

“But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one-man Jesus Christ overflow for the many... ‘Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.’”

How well, or how rarely, do we recognize and acknowledge gifts? Our next breath we just take. Someone on a ventilator depends totally on it. The gift of work can be laboring or fulfilling. An unemployed or disabled person wishes to change the situation. We can multiply examples.

St. Paul reminds us of the greatest gift which we often just presume or take for granted. Our predecessors rejected the Lord, wandered away from Him. But God in His goodness sent the Savior to restore us to His friendship, wipe out the fault, and allow us to live in communion with Him. This is the gift of grace, ‘amazing grace.’

As the Father saw our need He took action. Today may we acknowledge His generosity, treasure that gift, remembering that grace is an unmerited gift offered to us, and accepted with deep gratitude. ‘How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.’



# 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.

**RIE 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.

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

8:30 am Frederick Kile by the Kile Family  
 8:30 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by his Wife, Jane & Family  
 8:30 am Catherine Shalloo by the Kroupa Family  
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife  
 4:30 pm Bill Driscoll by Theresa Driscoll  
 4:30 pm Michael Gabler  
 by Angela & Doug Duritza & Family

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Joseph Pstrak by Deacon Gary  
 9:30 am Gail Decker by Caroline & Sal Berardesco  
 & Scott & Cindy Ernst  
 9:30 am Bill Truex by Bob & Barbara Gilbert  
 10:00 am Viola & Thomas O'Reilly by the Young Family  
 10:00 am The Mylod Family by Eileen & Jim Rochford  
 10:00 am George Keelty by Marilyn & Bob Healey

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

7:30 am Martin Freeman by his Wife, Joanne Freeman  
 7:30 am Jack & Mary Blihar by the Simes Family  
 7:30 am Marie Schwasta  
 by Friends at Walking With Purpose

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

7:30 am Dr. Carl Lepis by the Kroupa Family  
 7:30 am Elmer Schmieder by Claire Sciarappa  
 7:30 am Herbert Schwarz by Susan Schreck

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

7:30 am Ernest Badaracco by his Wife, Rita & his Family  
 7:30 am Nicholas Sciarappa by his Family  
 7:30 am Joan Harriman by Claire Sciarappa

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

No Mass

**Friday, June 30, 2023**

7:30 am Dorothy Madden by the Jacobus Family  
 7:30 am Cosmo Scrivanich by Alberta Scrivanich  
 7:30 am William A. Banach by the McCarthy Family

**Saturday, July 1, 2023**

8:30 am James Greene by his Family  
 8:30 am Charles Rock by Ted Schlich  
 8:30 am Intentions of Barbara Kornek  
 by the Scureman Family  
 4:30 pm Mark Struncius by his Family  
 4:30 pm Leola Dingley by the Dingley Family  
 4:30 pm James Hendricks  
 by Friends at Pastoral Life and Mission

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by his Wife  
 9:30 am Louis Calantoni by Pastoral Life and Mission  
 9:30 am Bob Rathjens by Cathy Wolfe  
 9:30 am Karen Lyn Bednarski-Viscoto  
 by her Parents, Karen & George  
 10:00 am Mary Laskey by the Sutor Family  
 10:00 am Lynn Joyce by Tara Fosbre  
 10:00 am Richard Policastro by Jeffrey & Jerri Aversa

**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.

**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!



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 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, 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 both gatherings: July 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](mailto:allisonpenkethman@gmail.com) to sign up.**

(Full WWP Study starts in Oct--

go to [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com) for more info.)

**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.

**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.



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, USMC 1st Lt. Diego Heinzerling, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.



**ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP is growing; we had 50 men participating in our spring program.** The group generally meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center from 6-7 pm. **We are kicking off our summer program, "Fearless" with Chris Stefanick, on Tuesday, June 27th.** Our "Fearless" program will consist of 6 meetings over the summer. Each meeting starts with watching one of the videos, followed by a group discussion. All men are invited. Feel free to attend whenever you want, even if you can only make 2 or 3 meetings. Each video is stand alone, so if you miss a meeting, you can pick-up at the next meeting. Our "Fearless" meeting schedule is as follows: **June 27th, July 11th, July 25th, Aug. 8th, Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th.** For more information, contact St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287.

**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.

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**– Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in "memory of" or "honor of" someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during business hours.

**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".

**PETER'S PENCE (HOLY FATHER) SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**– The Peter's Pence Collection (Holy Father) will support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Visit [www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html) for more information.

### **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**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** takes place 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!

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2023-24-** All new students entering the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 people to join the garden group for this year's growing season. Contact the Rectory Office if you can help.

**MEALS ON WHEELS- MONMOUTH COUNTY-**Volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program. If interested, please contact Nancy at [nancyk@interfaithneighbors.org](mailto:nancyk@interfaithneighbors.org). We deliver over 1,100 meals daily, Monday- Friday with several starting points across Monmouth County. Depending on the route, meals are generally picked up and delivered between 10-10:30 am. Routes consist of approximately 6-10 stops and take one to one and a half hours to complete. We also have a "standby" volunteer list if you are not able to commit on a daily or weekly basis, but can assist on an "as needed" basis, filling in for vacations and illnesses. Thank you!

**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](http://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 (CLOSED JULY 4TH)**

**This week's needed items:**

Tuna fish and boxed milk (like Parmalat)

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!

**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.

**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 in 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."

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To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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



WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2023  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MAUREEN LAGO  
REQUESTED BY  
THE CLARKIN FAMILY

**ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH WELCOMES YOU TO THEIR 2023 GREAT FAIR-** Dates: June 26 to July 1, 2023 at 6pm to 10pm (19 Cherry Tree Farm Road in Middletown). We are so excited for this upcoming Great Fair. There will be rides, boardwalk games, food stands, beer tent, Super 50/50 and hourly 50/50. There is something for everyone at every age to enjoy! You don't want to miss this great family event! All are welcome!

**HEALING MASS- WHEN:** Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
**WHERE:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church Rt 35 N in Lavallette  
**WHO:** Celebrants Fr. Joy Chacko & Fr. Joe Hlubik; prayer teams and Music Ministry 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](mailto:Dawn-Rusinko@yahoo.com) for more information.

**33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE** by FR. MICHAEL E. GAITLEY, MIC- Please join us for a summer 33-day retreat. Fr Gaitley, who authored 33 Days to Morning Glory, was inspired to explore St Therese of Lisieux's Offering to Merciful Love. The retreat is presented in a wonderfully readable and understandable manner. St. Therese's Little Way teaches us how we can glorify God's mercy by doing small things with great love. Each participant will listen to a 30-minute audio weekly, read a five minute passage each day, and then we will meet weekly to discuss at St. Margaret Church, Duffy Hall, located at 300 Ludlow Ave. in Spring Lake, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Wednesdays July 19 & July 26, Thursday August 3, Wednesdays August 9, August 16, & August 23. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Please email: Ruthie Wagner [ruthier2@comcast.net](mailto:ruthier2@comcast.net) or Steve Kenny [skenny17@mac.com](mailto:skenny17@mac.com)



Friends,  
My name is Kelly Walsh, and I am excited to announce I will be the coordinator of *Loaves and Fishes* for the St. Catharine community. Loaves and Fishes is a program of

neighbors helping neighbors in a time of need, providing meals during periods of short-term disruption. I have been a full-time resident for three years, and my current job is working as a substitute teacher at St. Catharine school. This is a wonderful program in which you can feed your soul as you help feed your neighbor! I encourage you to be a part of neighbors helping neighbors in any way that fits your time and talents.

I invite you to check out our website:  
[www.loavesandfishesSL.org](http://www.loavesandfishesSL.org) or email me at [loavesandfishesSL@gmail.com](mailto:loavesandfishesSL@gmail.com)

God bless,  
Kelly Walsh MS

### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Today I invite you to read the *View From The Pew* to learn what our Grandparents Guild has planned to celebrate *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*.

### View from the Pew by Ronnie Garrett

Wow, July is nearly a week away! It is indeed a very special month with at least 20 saints to honor. How awesome to realize that they are there to intercede in prayer for each of us! The Feast Day of St Joachim and St Anne (July 26<sup>th</sup>) should come to mind especially if you are a grandparent. They are the Patron Saints of all Grandparents. Members of the Grandparents' Guild of St Denis in Manasquan are honored to follow their example of untiring love and devotion to our Lord Jesus. The Grandparents' Guild strives to "Build friendships and solidarity with the goal of giving grandchildren the precious gift of our faith." (St Jude the Apostle Catholic Church.) Inspired by Pope Francis, we look forward to reaching out to our St Denis faith community to address the needs of grandparents, seniors and of course, our grandchildren. As you may recall, Pope Francis in 2021, initiated the 1<sup>st</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. From that time forward, it has been celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July closest to the liturgical memorial of St Joachim and St Anne which has traditionally been celebrated on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Our celebration this year will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will begin on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and conclude on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. On that day, there will be a special blessing for all grandparents and seniors. These blessings are extended to all of those that serve or have served as role models for our youth.

Before each Mass on Sundays there will be short Power Point presentation reflective of this year's theme for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, "His mercy is from age to age." Also, everyone is encouraged to participate in our Remembrance Table for our deceased grandparents and or great grandparents. To help celebrate their memory in prayer, you may bring a framed photo beginning on July 2nd. Kindly place them on the table next to the altar.

In addition to these celebrations, each Sunday, there will be an opportunity for children or adults to share a special reflection or memory of their grandparents after these Masses. Younger children that may be a bit shy, may choose to write a short essay, and frame it to be displayed in the Gathering Space on the last day, July 23rd.

On behalf of the Grandparents' Guild and the Church of St Denis, we welcome everyone to share in these special Masses honoring St Joachim, St Anne, all grandparents and the elderly. Please encourage your grandchildren to attend as well. Let's make it a truly "Grand Celebration."



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.

800-360-7711



## **Summer Adult Faith Opportunities**

### **Believe Belong Become- Sacramentality and Relationship with God-**

Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am & 7pm – St Denis School Building

Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00am- St. Denis School Building

### **The Experience Of Knowing God-** Eileen Ziesmer

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am & 7pm St Denis Church

### **Living GRACIOUS-ly Shifting Spiritual Perceptions -** Eileen Ziesmer

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am & 7pm St Denis Church

### **Personality Dimensions and Spirituality-** Father Bill

How personality impacts our spirituality and our relationships  
with God, self and others

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00am & 7:00pm St Denis Church

### **Life of the Beloved- Spiritual Living in a Secular World-**

**A three part study of the book by Henri Nouwen-** Eileen Z.

1 session or come to all 3- either way, there is something to share!

**Session 1: Being the Beloved** Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 10am & 7 pm

**Session 2: Taken and Blessed** Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am & 7pm

**Session 3: Broken & Given** Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am & 7pm

*Come and Share in the enlightenment of the Sunny Summer Months!*

*All of these programs count towards the Religious Education Adult*

*Faith Component.....more to be announced!!*



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