

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2023

“Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”

Parents joyfully remember the first words spoken by their baby. How many words we hear each day on radio and television. How many words do we speak to others. Jesus used parables to teach and compares His word to a seed that is sown, but with a purpose, to produce fruit, not to return empty.

We recall famous speeches – ‘Ask not what your country can do for you’, ‘Four score and seven years ago’, ‘We have a pope’. They echo throughout the ages.

What about the word of God? We hear it proclaimed at mass, do we listen loosely? We hear the pleas of the poor, the homeless, the victims of abuse. Do we respond with kindness and compassion?

We are told ‘think before you speak’, yet the Lord has spoken, we now must think.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

## STAFF

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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, July 15, 2023

8:30 am Christine Mutch by Cathy Cafone  
 8:30 am Lucy Oliverie by the Zappulla Family  
 8:30 am Dr. John Shannon by the Heuser Family  
 4:30 pm John F. Donohue by his Daughter, Kay Kolon  
 4:30 pm Pauline Heyder by Deacon Gary  
 4:30 pm Leola Dingley by the Dingley Family

### Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00 am Mildred Hynes by the Deane Family  
 8:00 am Dennis Rhodes by Kevin & Fran Kearns  
 8:00 am Charles Santorella & Anthony Esposito  
 by Kevin & Fran Kearns  
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Thomas O'Reilly by the Young Family  
 10:00 am James A. Blauvelt by Gloria & Greg Aroneo  
 10:00 am James Blauvelt, Jr. by Gloria & Greg Aroneo

### Monday, July 17, 2023

7:30 am Althea Bormida  
 by Colleen, Rick, & Helena Vermeulen  
 7:30 am Marie Steven by Doug & Mickey Bohrer  
 7:30 am Thomas Beirsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney

### Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:30 am Christine Mutch by Maureen & Art Jacobus  
 7:30 am Andrew Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw  
 7:30 am A. Tina Fusilli by Beth & Doug Hunt

### Wednesday, July 19, 2023

7:30 am Andrew Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw  
 7:30 am Parama Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw  
 7:30 am Sonia Heiber by Nadia Jaworiw

### Thursday, July 20, 2023

No Mass

### Friday, July 21, 2023

7:30 am John "Buddy" Donohue (4th Anniversary)  
 by his Sister, Kay Kolon  
 7:30 am Virginia Westphal by Gerrie McDermott  
 7:30 am Christine Mutch by Gary & Cathy Negra

### Saturday, July 22, 2023

8:30 am Kay Farrel by the Heuser Family  
 8:30 am Theresa Sergel by Jean Lennon-Eslinger  
 8:30 am Harold Zuber by Maryann Crowe  
 4:30 pm Walter "Whitey" Wojton (25th Anniversary)  
 by his Daughter, JoAnn  
 4:30 pm Victor Avon by his Son  
 4:30 pm Donald Dickson by his Family

### Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am William Rottino by Mary Rottino  
 9:30 am Richard Ples by Bill & Mary Ellen Bell  
 9:30 am Frank Wall by Colleen Carton  
 10:00 am John Fritz by Jeffrey Aversa  
 10:00 am Marie Rose Policastro by Jeffrey Aversa  
 10:00 am Donald Aversa by Jeffrey Aversa

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Msgr. Frederick Valentino, Stephen Kelleher and Betty Pechkis.



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, 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, Carol Dillon, 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, Shawn Herenburg, 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, Douglas McCartney, 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.)

**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 kicked off our summer program, "Fearless" with Chris Stefanick.** Our "Fearless" program will consist of several 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: **July 25th, Aug. 8th, Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th.** For more information, contact St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287.

**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.



our military, especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy LS2 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, USN LTJG 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, 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.



**WEEK OF JULY 9, 2023**

**WERE DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
VINCENT GREENE**

**(1 Year Anniversary)**

**REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY**

**We apologize that this was not  
posted in last week's bulletin.**

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTING!** Members of the Grandparents' Guild honor the role of grandparents in the month of July. Our month-long celebration will reflect on the model of St. Joachim and St. Anne's untiring love and devotion to Jesus and each of us. Pope Francis has selected this year's theme to be, "His mercy is from age to age." We will have a slide-show presentation illustrating grandparents with their grandchildren before Masses. We will have a table for pictures of our deceased grandparents or great grandparents. Be sure to have your picture framed for placement on the table. On the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, we will conclude our celebration with a special blessing.

**A REMINDER FROM THE GRANDPARENTS' GUILD-** There will be an important meeting for all members of the Grandparents' Guild on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of July in preparation/set up details for the upcoming celebration of the Feast Day of Sts Anne and Joachim which will take place on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July at the 9:30 Mass. Anyone willing to assist with the setup, will kindly meet on Saturday, July 22, 2023 after the 4:30 Mass. Please continue to bring your pictures of your deceased grandparents/great-grandparents for our Remembrance Table for a special blessing on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may contact the Rectory for more information at 732-223-0287.

**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.

### **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**



WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
 THE BOOKRAJIAN & RIZZI FAMILIES  
 REQUESTED BY CAROL RIZZI

**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!

**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 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@stdeniscd.com](mailto:office@stdeniscd.com) We thank you for your interest in choosing to further your child’s Faith Formation at St. Denis Parish.

**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 info and to register for this event online visit us at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing), or call your local parish office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.



**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:

Apple juice and cereal

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!

**CALLING ALL “20 SOMETHINGS”- A SPECIAL BEACH EVENT JUST FOR YOU!**- Local parishes along the Jersey Shore invite all 21-28 years old to a sunset discernment Emmaus walk on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on the beach by the Avon Pa-



vilion. Get to know your fellow 20 something Catholics and have a great conversation and some fun and food too. Bring a beach chair and a topic you are discerning and want to share. Names will be picked out of a hat and you can partner up with someone and chat about it. While walking you can invite Jesus to inspire you! Don’t feel like walking? No problem, do it sitting on the beach while watching the sunset. There will be ice cream at the pavilion and of course Kan Jam. Feel free to bring something fun as well! Developed by 20 somethings for 20 somethings. Your 20’s are a great time to invite God into your life to help you chart your course!

**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)

**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 [trentonkursillo@gmail.com](mailto:trentonkursillo@gmail.com) or 609-396-8447 x14.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves everyone living in the parish neighborhood, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. Our conference recognizes our responsibility toward all of our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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, August 17, 2023 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. **The July meeting has been canceled.**

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



**BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**-Young children of Monmouth County helped through the Division of Children Services need our help for "Back to School" items. A box for your donations is in the Church and Chapel and at the Rectory. We need all donations by the end of

July. Items will then be provided to the case workers to have enough time to deliver to their families in August, so the children will be ready for the first day of school in September. All school supplies are needed: backpacks, lunch boxes, pencil cases, notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, glue, markers, and rulers.

**LOVE LIFTS US UP LETTER OF APPRECIATION-**

Recently, we have been blessed with many donations, money gifts, as well as other items. We received some lovely crocheted items (handmade of course), as well as donations of pac n' plays and other things. And, we were also richly blessed, through the generosity from the Roman Catholic congregation at St. Denis Church in Manasquan, to receive some 30-40 packages of diapers and wipes and other items that have been stored in LLUU's storage unit on Rt. 33. This effort was made possible through Dr. Lorette Sciarappa, (Dr. Lorette is a member at St. Denis, and has been attending our LLUU meetings recently). We thank Dr. Lorette and the congregation at St. Denis for their kindness. If interested, anyone can visit our website to learn more about the ministry of LLUU. Our website is: LLUU.org. If people visit the site please encourage them to find the testimony link as it contains "Thank you" notes from people whom our organization has blessed.

**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.

**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!

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**- On World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to the 2nd annual Diocesan Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund. The collection be held in all parishes of the Diocese of Trenton on July 22-23, 2023. This year there are 85 retired priests of the Diocese. Please remember them in your prayers and be as generous as your circumstances allow.

**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".



July 2, 2023

Weekly Collection-	\$12,818.00
2nd Collection- Holy Father-	\$2,716.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you for all the prayers and kindness that you have shown my family and me at the passing of my mother, Maureen. It means a lot. Even before her passing, so many of you asked of her well being and sent along best regards, even baked goods! I truly have been overwhelmed by your support and thoughtfulness.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed thus far to the Building and Maintenance project for the summer. As a reminder, we are collecting donations that will be used expressly for the replacing of two air conditioning units for the Beach Chapel. Although ordered months ago, these units are slated to be delivered in the next week or two. Thank you for your patience. We will use the next collection for this project as well. It is necessary, not only for cooler air in the summer heat, but also for the dehumidification that is needed throughout the summer weather. People have responded so generously thus far. Thank you! If you have not yet considered donating, we would appreciate it greatly. We have another project for the summer as well. We are thankful for the many "helping hands" from the Men's Group who have been helping spruce up some rooms in the school-come-parish center. We are slowly revamping the rooms so as to keep up with our ever expanding programs we have that use the building as a parish center, and as the young children use the building as a school for religious education. I am still trying to get a good price to redo the bathrooms on the first floor. I continue to get bids. The first two were so expensive. I want to get the bathrooms adult/kid/AD approachable. As it is now, it is in the original set up meant for children in the school only. As we move all of our parish programs (educational as well as social) into this incredibly important building, we need to keep improving its appearance and its adaptability for our growing needs! (A great problem to have.) Another project that is on the horizon is the work needed to rehab the basement of the church. I have been trying very hard, and have succeeded in getting funding for this project. I have requested and received moneys from a fund of the USCCB set aside for flood remediation after Super Storm Sandy (not the same thing as flood repair following the storm that the parish also received, thanks to Fr. Ed Blanchet's coordination). I found out about this money a few years after my arriving. We will get \$78K for this project: improving our sump-pump situation (we have many), improving dehumidification, and water-proofing the foundation on the north side where water weeps through the wall. We ask St. Joseph the Worker to pray for us as we build the Kingdom of God and fix the buildings in our care.

We conclude our celebration for Grandparents and the Elderly next week with the World Day of Prayer. We invite all grandparents to bring their grandchildren to church and celebrate! We will have a special blessing as we recognize grandparents as a blessing in our lives.



**Summer Adult Faith Opportunities**

**Walking With Purpose Summer Sample**

Join us for some or both gatherings: July 18, July 25  
7pm St. Denis Parish Center (School Building Cafeteria)

**St. Denis Men's Group Summer Program**

"Fearless" with Chris Stefanick

Come to all or just one or two sessions

July 25, August 8, August 22, August 29

6-7 pm St. Denis Parish Center (School Building Cafeteria)

**Living GRACIOUS-ly Shifting Spiritual Perceptions -**

Eileen Ziesmer

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10am & 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> 10am & 7pm 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.**

Come to 1 session or 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!!*

**NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS-** Please visit: [njcatholic.org](http://njcatholic.org) for so much information on how the Catholic Church interacts with the State in matters of social justice. You can sign up for "Take Action" in order to notify our state representatives of the social justice response that we take on so many issues.

**National Eucharistic Revival**

"To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist - the "source and summit of our life."

Learn more about it:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)



We welcome into our parish family  
the following children who were brought  
to the Lord through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
Kellen Thomas Marchetti

&

Thomas Campbell Scott

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**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.

**OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER,** a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House, 84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net): Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!



All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

**THE BEATITUDES- JESUS' EARNEST PLEA & BEST PLAN FOR HAPPINESS** Tuesday, September 12

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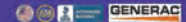
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