

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023

“God said, ‘Ask something of me and I will give it to you.’ Solomon answered: ‘Oh Lord, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. Give me therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. Because you have asked for this... for understanding so that you may know what is right – I do as you requested.’”

There is the adage ‘be careful what you ask for, you may just get it.’ Although Solomon was endowed with many gifts, he asked for the gift of understanding. It is one of the gifts of the Spirit for us. From it flow kindness, forgiveness, joy and hope. We have just witnessed the coronation of a king. What is he asking for?

When I approach my God in prayer, what do I ask for? Do I go before Him with great confidence? What do I really need, what is my basic want in prayer? Did Jesus not say, ‘ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and it shall be given to you?’



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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, July 29, 2023

- 8:30 am The Parish Family of St. Martha Church
in Pt. Pleasant
4:30 pm Rosemary Vorbach by K of C #3231
4:30 pm Elizabeth Stankunas by Deacon Gary
4:30 pm Karen & Patricia Monaghan by the Easton Family

Sunday, July 30, 2023

- 8:00 am Maurice Fitzgibbons by Kevin & Fran Kearns
8:00 am Anthony Comforti by Kevin & Fran Kearns
8:00 am Lounna Meo Kevin by Fran & Kevin Kearns
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Ruby Clark by Patrick Lewis
10:00 am Louise Anderson
by Cheryl & Frank & Janet & Brian
10:00 am Roger A. Brandell by Charlotte & Jay Madison

Monday, July 31, 2023

- 7:30 am Betty Kessler by her Daughters
7:30 am Christine Mutch by Gene Bialas
7:30 am Lynn Kieleby by Julia Walsh

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

- 7:30 am Anna Piccinich by Betty Scrivanich
7:30 am Bruno Bartelloni by Anna Dobin
7:30 am Mary Reddington by Gene Bialas

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

- 7:30 am Ronald Belka by his Family
7:30 am Christine Mutch by the Horvath Family
7:30 am Brian Keith Benbrook by His Family

Thursday, August 3, 2023

No Mass

Friday, August 4, 2023

- 7:30 am Patricia Brunner by Phil Brunner
7:30 am Dorothy Devaney by Suzanne LaChapelle
7:30 am Brenda Newell by John and Carol Terzano

Saturday, August 5, 2023

- 8:30 am Peg McHugh by the Hagen Family
8:30 am J. Barry Coyle by Bill Meehan
8:30 am Consuelo D. Chiara by Meghan and John Scott
4:30 pm Dr. Donald and Mrs. Lintner by the Family
4:30 pm Leola Dingley by the Dingley Family
4:30 pm John Kessler Sr., Claire Kessler and
John Kessler Jr. by the Family

Sunday, August 6, 2023

- 8:00 am Rachel, James and Margaret Kearns
by Kevin and Fran Kearns
8:00 am Alice Stankunas by Deacon Gary
8:00 am Joan S. Micioni by the Easton Family
9:30 am John Nielsen by his Sister
9:30 am Joseph Ferguson by Colleen Carton
9:30 am Harry Joseph Kegelmann V
by Michael and Nancy Quigley
10:00 am For the People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Richard Kohrmann.



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, Dule Campbell, 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, Constance & Hugh Doherty, 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, 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, Celine 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, Gloria Moore, 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'Keeffe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Charlotte Pentek, Tony Picinich, Mike Pierce, Mickey Pindar, Lisa Pirrello, Marty Pirrong, Samara Pirrong, Timothy Michal Przywara, Vera Raffetto, Windell Rainey, Leanna Rawson, Al Ricciardi, Marybeth Richards, Joel Rivera, Patricia Rodgers, 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.



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

Eleanor Margaret Garbolino
&

Weston Michael Turner

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH THE NEW JERSEY CHAMBER SINGERS- Thursday, August 10th, 7 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan. Come and enjoy music, food, beverages, and Schubert Mass in G. The first half of the program will be solos and small groups from the ensemble. The second half will be a sing through of Schubert's Mass in G. All will get a chance to sing, including the audience. \$10 at the door supports this event. Schubert scores will be available for those who wish to sing.

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.

DID YOU KNOW- For those impacted by Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) The Holy Innocent's Society of the Diocese of Trenton is sponsoring a weekly virtual prayer group. The group will meet via Zoom every Monday at 10:00 am. For more information or to register, email: holy_innocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org with the subject line "ALS". Please include your name and telephone number.



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. Nik-kole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, 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.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES (PCS)

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. The fee is \$95 per session if privately paying, \$25 per session if receiving PCS financial assistance, or health insurance if it is applicable and you choose. Contact Father Bill for additional information and referral.



GUARDIAN ANGEL DINNER DANCE- All are invited to attend the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, Guardian Angel Dinner Dance on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:00-10:00 pm at the Merion in Cinnaminson, NJ. For more information please visit www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GADD2023

HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH OF THE VISITATION- This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Visitation Parish in Brick. The parish will conclude its anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell. This will be followed by a 3 course sit down luncheon. There will be entertainment and dancing with Bob Kulik. Bob toured with the group "The Happenings" for 28 years as a singer. Some of their hits included; See You in September, Go Away Little Girl, I Got Rhythm, Breaking Up is Hard to Do, Why Do Fools Fall in Love, and so many others. When: Sunday, October 15, 2023 Mass: 11:00 AM Visitation Church Luncheon: 1:00 ~ 5:00 PM Where: Clarion Hotel ~ 815 Rt. 37, Toms River Cost: \$40.00 per person. Tickets are on sale now at the Visitation Rectory Office, or by visiting the website at visitationRCchurch.org The luncheon will be open seating, however paid tables of ten will be reserved. Time to get your group together and reserve a table now! For additional information, please email dpatetta@visitationRCchurch.org.

WHY BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER-The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group. Companionship visits in patients' homes or facilities in Monmouth County, pet therapy, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Holmdel office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. Training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team on 3 consecutive Thursdays: September 21, 28, & Oct 5, 2023 10 am-3 pm. Advanced registration is required. *Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions at 23 Main Street in Holmdel.* To register or for more information please contact the Rectory.

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!


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@stdenisccd.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, or call your local parish office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023.

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!


GARDEN NEWS– We no longer need plastic containers for our Giving Garden. We thank you all for your generous donations.



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:
 Salt, Canned Chili, Black Beans, Pinto Beans, Coffee, Jelly, Vinegar, Tissues and Dish Detergent
 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!

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.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Vincent de Paul was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737, but Pope Leo XIII honored him as patron saint of all charitable societies in 1885. It was the deathbed confession of a dying servant which opened Vincent’s eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This was a crucial moment in the life of a man from a small farm in France, who originally became a priest with little more purpose than to have a comfortable life. The Countess de Gondi-whose servant he had helped-persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries who would work among the poor tenant farmers and country folk. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, Vincent returned to be the leader of that group-now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in small towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity to help the sick in the city. He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was also zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse and ignorance among them. Remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a quick tempered and testy person-even his friends said so. He said later in life that except for the grace of God he would have been “hard and repulsive, rough and cross.” But, he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others, and would become the patron saint of our Society which bears his name.

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.

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



Ladies, Walking with Purpose
is so much more than a Bible study!

It's where faith flourishes and friendships blossom.
We hope some of these recent WWP NJ Shore survey results
inspire you to join us for our next WWP season

My Catholic faith is stronger: 91%

My relationship with Christ is stronger: 94%

Prayer lives have improved since starting WWP: 98%

My appreciation for the sacraments has grown: 92%

Would recommend WWP to a friend: 99%

The next WWP NJ Shore season starts October 2023.

Please go to www.wwpnjshore.com for more information

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: **Aug. 8th, Aug. 22nd, Aug. 29th.** For more information, contact St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287.

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.

DIOCESE OF NORWICH OUTREACH TO HAITI- At Masses on August 12-13, parishioners will hear about the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's mission serving the poor of Haiti. The second collection will be dedicated to this ministry in Haiti. Funds from this collection will support the thousands of families in the poverty stricken area of Christ the King in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Your gifts can help provide medical care, nutrition supplements and food, education scholarships, support for orphanages, and efforts to rebuild the medical clinic. For 40 years, the ministry has been serving some of God's poorest, faith filled Haitians, in the values of the Gospel, providing sacramental and spiritual support through its programs and relationships with twins in both the US and Haiti. Conor Brooks is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and has been a volunteer with Outreach to Haiti for more than ten years. He comes to share Christ's mission and invite you to be a part of our diocesan ministry. Our Haitian brothers and sisters are struggling with severe food shortages, political unrest, and the uncertainties we are all facing with this virus, but more challenging in Haiti where health care is meager. We hope the Holy Spirit will speak to you for prayerful support of Outreach to Haiti and we thank you for your generosity. For more information about this ministry please visit www.outreachtohaiti.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. "The Church teaches that the sacrament of marriage symbolizes Christ's relationship with His Church. What is this relationship but one of total, faithful, permanent, and fruitful love!" This year's theme for NFP Week is: "Marriage: One Flesh, Given and Received" When couples live their vocation according to Church teachings, especially with regard to the transmission of life, many benefits can be reaped. Indeed, married couples who use Natural Family Planning (NFP) report that among these benefits is their mutual growth in holiness and consequent deepening of their respect and awe of God's gifts of human sexuality, marriage and family. These are gifts that call for praise!

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For further information, articles on the faith and the science of it, visit: nfp@uscgb.org. Or, you can contact me for more information. (I did a Master's paper on this topic.) Or, you can contact one of our local practitioners including one of our parishioners or another local woman, Kaitlyn Rohan, a member of St. Dominic's Parish and an NFP instructor for the diocese. Kaitlyn works for a platform called Whole Mission. They teach individual and group classes virtually. Here is the website <https://www.mnfp.com/about>

All couples should investigate NFP, if they haven't before. May God bless all couples as they support the gift of life and discern, with God's grace, how to live their Sacrament for the good of their family, the Church family and society.

HYMN SING- Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30pm Old Fashioned Hymn Sing for Unity with the Community at the Church of Brielle, 821 Riverview Drive. Join with others in the Manasquan Ministerium for this uplifting event.

NFP AWARENESS-Modern methods of NFP are not all related to the "rhythm method" of decades ago! Many years of medical and scientific research have helped couples and medical professionals to more fully understand a woman's complex fertility cycles in order to provide very reliable methods of family planning and since a woman's reproductive health can affect many other aspects of health, today's NFP methods offer better comprehensive woman's healthcare! NFP is not only reliable but it is the only authentic method of family planning. Since NFP methods are not contraception, their effectiveness works both ways for achieving and postponing pregnancy. When couples wish to achieve a pregnancy they can time sexual intercourse to the fertile window of the menstrual cycle, thereby optimizing the possibility of becoming pregnant. When wishing to avoid pregnancy, studies show that couples who follow their NFP method's guidelines correctly, and all the time, achieve effectiveness rates of 97-99%. Today begins Natural Family Planning Awareness Week!



Summer Adult Faith Opportunities

St. Denis Men’s Group Summer Program
“Fearless” with Chris Stefanick

Come to all or just one or two sessions
August 8, August 22, August 29

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

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 10th 10am & 7 pm

Session 2: Taken and Blessed

Thursday, August 17th 10 am & 7pm

Session 3: Broken & Given

Thursday, August 24th 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!!*

**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 bish-
ops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit
www.usccb.org/freedom for information on religious liberty.

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 AND MAINTENANCE COLLEC-
TION-** Next weekend our second collection will be used to
wards replacing two air conditioner units at Our Lady Star of
the Sea Beach Chapel. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



July 16, 2023

Weekly Collection- \$10,593.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



Saint Denis Choir
is in need of members.

The choir sings at the
9:30 am Mass on Sundays.

Practices are held on the
1st and 3rd Sundays
of the month
after the 9:30 am Mass.

The first practice
is scheduled for
Sunday, 9/17/2023.

If you are interested
in joining,
please see our
Director of Music Ministry,
Mark Mataranglo,
after Mass or email him at
labradog07@comcast.net

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!

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.

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