

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2023

Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them ... And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, 'Lord it is good that we are here.'

In the gospel we become a fourth person to ascend the mountain, we witness the raising of a little girl, we enter the garden of Gethsemani as Jesus prays to His Father. They were the special trio, and we join them. Lord, it is good that we are here to witness and bolster our faith. Moses representing the law, and Elijah the prophets of the old testament, find Jesus as the lawgiver of the law of love and the fulfillment of the promises.

May Peter's words reflect our attitude as we prepare for, come to, and celebrate the Eucharist every week. Jesus revealed His divinity and power, and our presence with Him, allows that power and grace to fill our lives. We don't just go to mass, but we listen attentively to the word of God, are graced with the gift of the Eucharist, and have the unique opportunity to grow in holiness.



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, 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
 8:30 am Jaboslav Kravchuk by Nadia Jaworiw
 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 Kegelman V
 by Michael and Nancy Quigley
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, August 7, 2023

7:30 am Fred Weeks by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am Josephine DeStefano by Her Family
 7:30 am Lenny Sullivan by Mom and Dad

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

7:30 am David Zocchi by Mom and Dad
 7:30 am Nathan J. Belger by
 Grandma and Grandpa Hagen
 7:30 am Elaine Greenan by John and Carol Terzano

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

7:30 am Rita McGrath by John and Carol Terzano
 7:30 am Christine Mutch by Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Margaret Duffy by Pat Wladich

Thursday, August 10, 2023

No Mass

Friday, August 11, 2023

7:30 am John McNamara by Claire McNamara
 7:30 am Mary Reddington by Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Michael Gabler by John and Carol Terzano

Saturday, August 12, 2023

8:30 am Maryanne Gross by Bayberry Garden Club
 8:30 am Margaret Duffy by Maryann Nuzzo
 8:30 am Barry Coyle by Susan Meehan
 4:30 pm Rose and John Cafone Sr by their Children
 4:30 pm Michael Patrick McClain Sr by
 The Flanagan Family
 4:30 pm Walter Whitey and Stella Wojton by
 Daughter Joann

Sunday, August 13, 2023

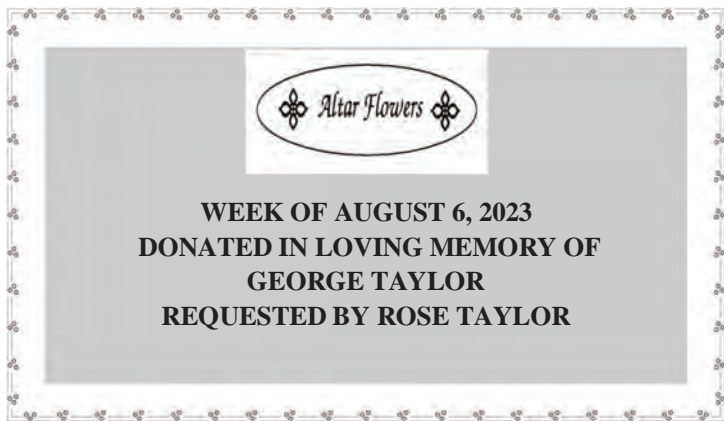
8:00 am For The People
 9:30 am Dorothy J. Allotta by Jerry and Debbie Perez
 9:30 am Harry Joseph Kegelman V by
 Michael and Nancy Quigley
 9:30 am Erma O'Malley by Cathy Wolfe
 10:00 am Patricia and Robert Dombal by
 Patricia and Mario Gentile
 10:00 am Leola Dingley by The Dingley Family
 10:00 am Roger Brondell by Carol Rizzi



**Pray For
The Sick**

especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrlich, 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, Baby Aubrey Rose Cirinia, 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, Robert Mullin, Nancy Murphy, Pauline Naturelle, 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.



MARY'S CHILD PRO-LIFE MINISTRY (Save the Date of OCTOBER 29!)-Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry is pleased to announce our honorees for this year's Champion for Life Dinner: Deacon Richard Weber of St. Rose parish as our Champion for Life and Fr. James Whalen, who assists at St. Teresa of Calcutta parish, as our Life Time Achiever. Please save the date—October 29, 2023, when we will honor them at Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake Heights. Reservation flyer will be posted in our parish bulletins in August!



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

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.

CATHOLIC RADIO- Tune into 89.3 FM to hear the Gospel message, live call-in shows, devotions, speakers, inspirational music and more. WFJS 89.3 FM Catholic Radio is an EWTN affiliate reaching Monmouth and parts of Ocean Counties. Listen on-line at www.DomesticChurchMedia.org. Free apps are on your iPhone and Blackberry. Call or write for your FREE Program Guide: WFJS PO Box 7509 Trenton 08628.

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**

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 Shubert's Mass in G. All will get a chance to sing, including the audience. \$10 at the door supports this event. Shubert 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.

THE MONITOR MAGAZINE- HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET? The Monitor Magazine and TrentonMonitor.com offer food for your faith journey throughout the year. Subscriptions options start at \$15 for a year of full digital access...Or, for \$25, get full digital access and home delivery of the magazine. Order your subscription via a convenient and secure web page... dioceseoftrenton.org/monitor-subscriptions.



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.



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.

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.



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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
especially Neil Iden



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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Recycle-America have joined forces to provide a new service. Now, someone will come to your door to collect your clothing and shoes. All items will be donated to those in need in our local community. Pickups in Monmouth County are made on Wednesdays. To schedule a pickup, email racworld2015@gmail.com or call 609-906-0004. Please call or email three days prior to pick up day. Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org. or call 800-360-7711.

HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH- If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the Hotline at 732-929-0660.

THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, “Who are you looking for?” It could be asked, “What are you looking for?” Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God’s love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

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!

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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.

BLOOD DRIVE-Woman's Club of Manasquan will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive in St. Denis gym on October 21st from 9AM-2PM. Registration for this drive is now open at www.redcrossblood.org. If you have questions please contact the Rectory Office

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-LIVING OUT GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. Why does the Church want to encourage Natural Family Planning...because she wants couples to have as many babies as humanly possible?? **No!** In fact the Catholic Church encourages people to be both generous and responsible stewards of their fertility. In this view of "responsible parenthood" married couples carefully think about the just reasons they may have to postpone pregnancy. When making decisions about the number and spacing of children in their family, they weigh their responsibilities to God, each other, the children they already have, and the world in which they live. Responsible parenthood is lived within the structures that God has established in human nature. The nature of sex, which is both life giving (pro-creative) and love giving (unitive), reflects a divine plan. That is why the Church teaches that husband and wife must not actively intervene to separate their fertility from their bodily union. NFP methods respect the Divine plan and are at the service of authentic married love.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

St. Bonaventure wrote: Look not to the light but rather the raging fire that carries the soul to God with intense fervor and glowing love. The fire is God...fired by Christ in the ardor of his loving passion."

We must start with this truth: Christ's love for us, first – always starting here. This is where we need to start and end our day and look to this raging fire throughout our day, to center us and fuel us with grace and power. Knowing/experiencing/praying that God loves us first and with a love likened to "raging fire" allows my heart to be "carried" to God. We are called to pray/reflect intensely, fired by Christ's loving passion for us, then, we will truly want to "make a return to the Lord" by living a life of fervor. I share with you a prayer for fervor by St. John Henry Newman (British, hence the different spelling for fervor). Use his prayer or your own prayer of offering to ask God to continue to enkindle in you the fire of God's love.

I am asking for fervour, I ask for all that I can need, and all that you can give. In asking for fervour, I am asking for effectual strength, consistency, and perseverance; I am asking for faith, hope, and charity in their most heavenly exercise. In asking for fervour I am asking to be rid of the fear of man, and the desire of his praise; I am asking for the gift of prayer; I am asking for that loyal perception of duty, which follows on yearning affection; I am asking for sanctity, peace, and joy all at once. Amen

READING BUDDIES PROGRAM- The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at Family & Children's Service in Long Branch has a meaningful volunteer opportunity for adults 55 years and older who love children and books. Committed volunteers will read to pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students during school hours for one hour, once a week. We serve 15 public schools in Monmouth County and need volunteers in your area. No previous teaching experience is required; training will be offered, and books are supplied. Please show your concern for our children by sharing your time and becoming the rainbow between a child and reading. Please submit an application online at https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/_home/about-fcs/.

THE WEDDING SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR CATHOLICS- Do you know someone who is recently engaged or seriously dating? *The Wedding Survival Guide for Catholics*, a joint publication of the Diocese of Trenton and Stress-Gone Publishing, is an essential guidebook for Catholic parents, grandparents, engaged couples and all who treasure the beauty and sacredness of Catholic weddings. This book covers every aspect of wedding and reception planning, offering a vision for Catholic marriage like no other while minimizing stress and maximizing effective communication and family harmony. Get your free copy from your parish while supplies last, or from Amazon (\$17.95) <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0BM99FV2R>.



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!!*

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.

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

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".



July 23, 2023

Weekly Collection: \$9694.00

Second Collection DOT Retired Priests: \$3534.00

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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