

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 27, 2023

“He asked his disciples: ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter said in reply: ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

The all important question as we speak about Jesus. In our world we find people describing Jesus in so many ways. People have their opinion – teacher, Son of Mary or the carpenter’s son. He is the miracle worker, the visiting preacher in the synagogue. ‘What a friend I have in Jesus’, He is the just judge. All are correct descriptions. They tell us about Jesus.

Today He asks me – who am I for you? Pause for a moment and think about your answer before you presume or speak. The final answer is: Jesus Christ is my personal Savior, and without Him there is little meaning in my life. As Peter made his response and was blessed by the Lord, so my response seeks His grace and blessing. Tell someone else who Jesus is for you, and like Jesus, ask who Jesus is for them.



# 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.

**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.

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**

8:30 am Anna Piccivich by Betty Srivanich  
 8:30 am Barry Coyle by MaryAnn Crow  
 8:30 am Nancy Bourne by the Wynd Family  
 4:30 pm Ken O'Donnell by His Family  
 4:30 pm Thomas F. Roche Jr. by Barbara Roche  
 4:30 pm Geri Morganteen by Barbara Roche

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

8:00 am For The People of The Parish  
 9:30 am Erma O'Malley by Pam Patullo  
 9:30 am Kathleen Fisher by Mary and Charles Kavanagh  
 9:30 am Laura Holdren by Barby Menna  
 10:00 am Hugh Gallagher by The Donovan Family  
 10:00 am George D. Reid, Sr. by The Prince Family  
 10:00 am Dr. Charles Mahoney by Carol Rizzi

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

7:30 am Ronald A Williams by Rita M. Windas  
 7:30 am Susan Tighe by Helen and John Nugent  
 7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by Gene Bialas

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

7:30 am Marion Kostek by Steve and Kim Kostek  
 7:30 am Marie Stauder by Sandy DeGrande  
 7:30 am Frank Culley by Maureen Nulty and Family

**Wednesday, August 30, 2023**

7:30 am Brian Venables by Jane and Mark Pellicchia  
 7:30 am Ruth Chieco by Susan Chieco  
 7:30 am Frank Culley by JeanMarie and Frank McMahon

**Thursday, August 31, 2023**

No Mass

**Friday, September 1, 2023**

7:30 am Betty Ann Pechkis by The Pechkis Family  
 7:30 am Nancy Bourne by Jack and Debbie D'Agostaro  
 7:30 am Gabriel Bevilacqua by Hank and Cathy Trost

**Saturday, September 2, 2023**

8:30 am Elizabeth Bronikowski by Her Family  
 8:30 am Nancy Bourne by the DeGenova Family  
 8:30 am Joan Harriman by Bill and Jeanne Buble  
 4:30 pm Joseph Riccardo by Bill and Mary Ellen Bell  
 4:30 pm Richard Avena by His Wife  
 4:30 pm Frances Wolf by Adelaide

**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

8:00 am Daymon Thatch by His Family  
 8:00 am Ivan Crvic by Gordon Justin  
 8:00 am McCreesh Family by Carolyn McCreesh  
 9:30 am Marie Kerrigan by Dawn and John Burke  
 9:30 am Norah Elizabeth Bruther by Mom and Dad  
 9:30 am James O'Connor by the O'Connor Family  
 9:30 am Blanche Millis by Debbie and Bill Kovash  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish



**Pray For  
The Sick**

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, Gloria Cancellien, 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, Marge Covey, Thomas P. Coyle, Linda Custode, Mary Damico, Christine Danish, 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 Giambro, 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, Mary Moran, Elizabeth Morgan, Margaret Mullin, Robert 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, 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.



Sanctuary  
Candle

WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2023  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ANDY AND BOB  
REQUESTED BY MCW

**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. A reservation flyer will be posted in a future parish bulletin!



**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.

**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>.

**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](http://www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GADD2023)



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.

## 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 for more info. Life Recovery Bible Weekly Podcasts by City of Angels Recovery Radio <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coanj>



"In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that's the way new leaves grow."

## St. Denis Bereavement Support Group

If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance this series will offer support, prayer and will work on answering your questions about loss, grief and coping with both. which gives potential for renewal of self and hope.

**Join us on: Thursdays**

**Starting: September 14, 2023 and continuing weekly**

**Morning Sessions:**

**10am-11 at the St Denis Rectory Office**

**90 Union Ave, Manasquan**

**Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 /**

## OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the Diocesan Abuse Hotline: **888-296-2965**



THE ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP & WOMEN OF WALKING WITH PURPOSE INVITE YOU TO A



*Wine & Apps*  
*Dessert & Coffee Social*

**Friday, Sept. 8th | 6:30 PM**  
**St. Denis Parish Center**  
**with a talk by Fr. Bill on**  
***The Eucharist: what it is meant to do for you!***

*All are welcome!*


Eucharistic Revival

QUESTIONS: DEBBIE 732-513-1685 | JOHN 973-477-0063

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

**"REBUILD MY CHURCH" WITH THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS** - St. Francis of Assisi heard the voice of Jesus – asking for his help to "Rebuild My Church..." The Lord is still calling people to help follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and rebuild His Church through prayer, community, service, and living the Gospel life. Members of the Secular Franciscan Order of the St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity located at St. Peter's Church, Pt. Pleasant Beach invite you to contact us. Find out why millions of people have wanted to follow the spirit of St. Francis for more than 800 years. Is He calling you? Please email [bernardineofs@gmail.com](mailto:bernardineofs@gmail.com) Please contact Minister Dorothy O'Reilly, OFS at: **732-575-7913**



**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, Canned Fruit, 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!

## Memorial Service for Unborn Children at

### St Catherine Memorial to the unborn

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at gravesites of the unborn and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the tenth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:


Event: National Day of Remembrance

When: Saturday, September 9, 8:30am

Where: Memorial to the Unborn at the Fatima Shrine, in front of St. Catharine Church

More Info: [shorecatholics.com](http://shorecatholics.com)

**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**

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. SVDP offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person to person help to those who ask us for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join our efforts, and we 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.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023.

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

## Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House

84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501  
609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)



## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

I receive many blessings as a priest at St. Denis Parish. This week I share the blessing of being part of the Manasquan Ministerium, the group of ministers in this local area of Brielle, Manasquan, Sea Girt, and Spring Lake. I have gotten to know the men and women of our local congregations who have answered the call of God, to serve God and God's people, in their faith traditions. Each one of them, like me, have our own unique life experiences from which God has called us. And all of us have the common experience of wanting to do our part, with God's grace, to bring people closer to God and help people live their lives with God and for God, with others.

Over the last few years a few of the members have retired or moved including Fr. Russel from St. Uriel's, Pastor Reggie from Manasquan Methodist, Fr. Flynn from St. Mark's in Sea Girt (but he is here in the Villa now!), and Pastor Euson from St. Andrew Methodist in Spring Lake. This weekend will be the last weekend of ministry at First Baptist Church in Manasquan for Pastor Joe Graetzel who has served in this area for 26 years. We certainly pray God bless all these pastors. I am thankful for their collegiality and friendship and support! And we pray God will bless all the pastors who are now ministering here in our local churches including Fr. Miguel at St. Mark, Fr. Jesse at St. Uriel, Pastor Javier at Manasquan Methodist, and Pastor Andrew of St. Andrew, Spring Lake.

The ecumenical movement here in Manasquan has brought about much healing in the divide that has occurred across the Body of Christ. The healing has come about through our shared discussions, prayer, and social outreach. A spirit of collegiality in the Body of Christ has come about through our endeavors such as the Soup and Scripture Lenten Series, Good Friday and Thanksgiving Prayer Services, Giving Garden/Food Pantries, cooperativity amongst the churches in helping our neighbors in need, our work alongside the Police Departments in the "Faith and Blue" initiative, and our prayer together at Manasquan High School for the (very, very unique in our whole country) Baccalaureate Service, amongst other things. We continue to work for ecumenism, always with the prayer of Jesus in mind, "That all may be One." As we enter into the fall and have new opportunities to gather as an ecumenical community, I ask that you make every effort to attend and experience ecumenism in action and contribute your presence to making our participation an even stronger one.

### The Concert at the Garden

**Our annual Concert at the Garden is a go for Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 pm by the ecumenical garden behind the convent. Bring a beach chair and a snack to share and join in a fun night under the full moon. Any one interested in playing an instrument or singing a song please contact Fr. Bill**

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.

### PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS

Wednesdays 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

September 6 October 11 November 8 December 6

Not a series. Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Come to as many as you can.

Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

### ZOOM

#### A HEART-CENTERED LIFE

8 Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 PM

September 18

November 6 & 20

October 2, 16, & 30 December 4 & 18

No one of us takes our vision for granted. Where would we be if we could not see? In Kevin O'Brien's newest book, *Seeing With the Heart*, we have the opportunity to learn a myriad of ways to use our heart's vision, to see God, to see life, to see others and to see ourselves ever more clearly! Led by S. Marie.

Donation: \$100

### DISCERNMENT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

3 Mondays 1:00 – 2:30 PM

September 18

October 2 & 16

Walking a spiritual path can, at times, be a challenge. The clearer our vision is, the safer our journey will be. Learning the Ignatian rules of discernment aids us in detecting God's truth and staying in God's Light. Join us as we learn to bring the grace of discernment into our daily lives. Led by S. Marie.

Donation: \$45

### ZOOM

#### THE EIGHT DOORS OF THE KINGDOM MEDITATIONS ON THE BEATITUDES

4 Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 PM

September 13

November 8

October 11

December 6

The Gospel of St. Matthew shares with us astonishing words of Jesus: a promise of everlasting happiness, far removed from the usual recipes for gratification. The beatitudes reveal the face of God, made of gentleness mercy and humility, and propose the only effective path to human maturity, inner freedom and peace of heart! We will use *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom* by Jacques Philippe. Led by S. Pat Mensing.

Donation: \$60



**Summer Adult Faith Opportunities**

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

"Fearless" with Chris Stefanick

August 29

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



**THERE ARE STILL VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED FOR ST. DENIS  
RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM**

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF:**

**One Seventh Grade Teacher  
Monday Evenings 630-745 pm**

**and**

**Assistance in the Office as well as  
Aides and Hall Monitors**

**Thank you to those who have already contacted us!  
For more information please contact the**

**Religious Ed Office  
(732) 223-1161 or [office@stdeniscdd.com](mailto:office@stdeniscdd.com)**

**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)

**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

**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!

**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".



**August 13, 2023**

**Weekly Collection: \$10,924.00**

**Second Collection for Outreach for Haiti \$6,833.00**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !***



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

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%

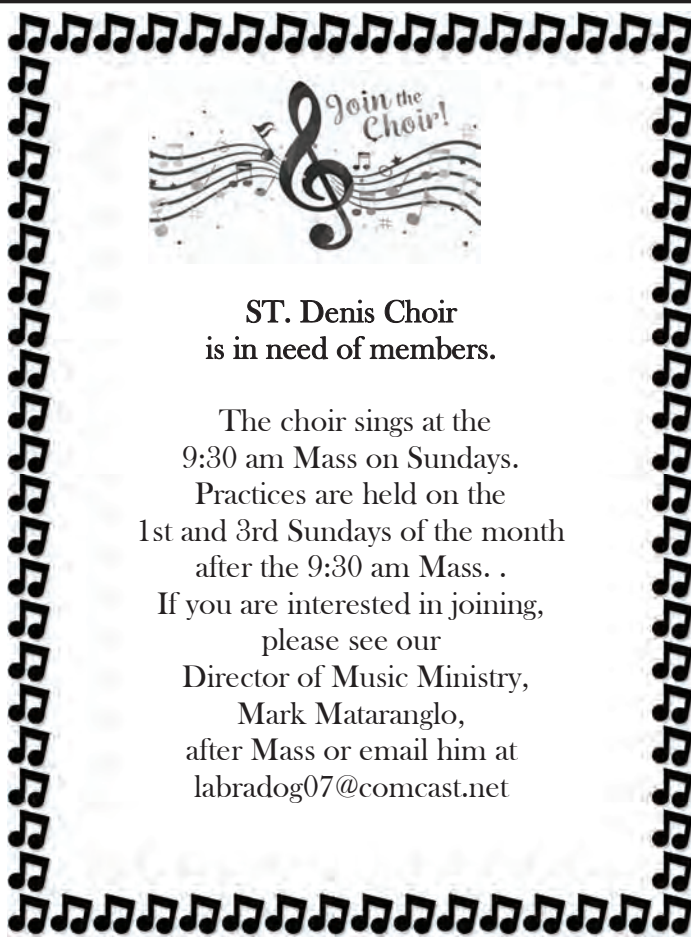
Prayer lives have improved since starting WWP: 98%

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](http://www.wwpnjshore.com) for more information



**ST. 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. .

If you are interested in joining,  
please see our

Director of Music Ministry,

Mark Mataranglo,

after Mass or email him at

[labradog07@comcast.net](mailto:labradog07@comcast.net)

**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.



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