

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023**

“If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.”

As we reflect on this teaching of St. Paul, written perhaps only twenty years after the resurrection of Jesus, discover the model and pattern for living our faith. Reread the lengthy list of virtues to guide our every step - encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility. These words are constantly repeated by Pope Francis in his weekly audiences. They are reminders of the building stones for families, parishes, and all Christian churches.

Paul sent his letter to a community, but I need to look into my heart to make sure I have these gifts for the good of my community.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:30 am Gabriel Bevilacqua by Ric and Gerri Venino
 8:30 am Eleanor Boyce by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mele
 8:30 am James Michael Kelly by Jeanne and Bill Buble
 4:30 pm Margaret Bishop by Jackie Lyons
 4:30 pm Marguerite Bossone by Dominic and Family
 4:30 pm Leola Dingley by the Dingley Family

Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:00 am Stephen Sciarappa by his Mother and Father
 8:00 am Catherina Grzetic Crvic by Gordon Justin
 8:00 am Lisa Beairsto Berentsen
 by Eileen and Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am Aurea Allen by her Family
 9:30 am Ruth Connolly by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society
 9:30 am Nicolo Tarabocchia by Betty Scrivanich
 10:00 am For The People of The Parish

Monday, October 2, 2023

7:30 am Matt Piccini by Betty Scrivanich
 7:30 am Carrie Forsyth-Mace
 by Carolyn and Sal Barardesco
 7:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua
 by Michelle and Ruben Yarnus

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7:30 am Mildred and Louis Tassini by their Family
 7:30 am Ellen M. Boyle by Sean and Mary Ellen Boyle
 7:30 am Steven Ringo by the DeGenova Family

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:30 am Donald Dickerson by His Family
 7:30 am Patricia Brunner by Phil Brunner
 7:30 am A Special Intention of the Kehoe Family
 by Mary and Jim Cashman

Thursday, October 5, 2023

No Mass

Friday, October 6, 2023

7:30 am Jack Simes by his Wife
 7:30 am John Kessler by Robert and Katherine Sargent
 7:30 am Toni Jean Matson by Jackie Lyons
 7:30 am Diane Trybus by Joanne Parker

Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:30 am Christopher "CJ" Halowach
 by Perry, Paulette and Gabriel Boquel
 8:30 am Daniel C. McCormick by St. Denis SVDP
 8:30 am Stephen Kelleher by Peter and Meg McCarthy
 4:30 pm Leo Cunningham by His Family
 4:30 pm Raymond Kostek by Steve and Kim Kostek
 4:30 pm Norah Bruther by her Family

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:00 am Jimmy Racioppi by Mike and Denise Helm
 8:00 am Al Prinzi by his Wife
 8:00 am Ernst Wachsmuch by Eileen and Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter
 9:30 am Benedict Petraitis by Denise Mesaros
 9:30 am Colleen Nielsen by Cathy Wolfe
 10:00 am For The People of The Parish

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
 especially Jeanne Wellinghorst, Claire Vitale,
 Linda Nolan and Gary Walsh.



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, 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 Nannette Forkan, Denise Frank, Norma Friel, Barbara Gearing, Mary Anne Gearing, Katherine Geiger, Nicole Giambone, Sharon Goettle, Johnny Gondek, Baby Kelly Grace, Phillip Graceffa, Julianna Grusso, Angelina 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, Celina 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 Naturile, Nesbitt Family, Jack Noble, Jennifer Noble, Bob O'Brien, 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, 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, Eileen Zemo, and Werner Ziesmer.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHEESECAKE SALE-

Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis is having its annual Cheesecake Sale Fundraiser. Delicious cakes, pies, & cookies are also being offered. Here are just a few of the things we do with your donations: Award a scholarship to a young woman entering a Catholic high school, provide First Communion outfits for families in need, "Adopt a Family" - help a family at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, and collect items for the Tutwiler Clinic in Mississippi. Cheesecake sale brochures and order forms are available at the rectory office during regular business hours. Please make checks payable to: CDA-Court St. Denis 1497. Orders need to be in by 10/12/2023 delivery of cakes will be in early November. We will contact you when they are ready for pick-up. The Catholic Daughters thank all parishioners for the continued support throughout the year. We couldn't do any of this without you

TUTWILER CLINIC, WHERE CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY-

The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis is supporting a precursor to "The Giving Tree" for the needy children assisted by the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, Mississippi, where Santa comes early, so to speak. The first week in December there is a great celebration where children from 70+ families receive gifts, all donated by those who can. During the month of October we will be collecting the following gifts: dolls, board games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, infant and preschool toys, children and infant clothing: lightweight jackets, hoodies, for adults: gently used clothing in large sizes. We will collect through Sunday, October 30th. Look for collection boxes in the gathering space of the church and also at the chapel. For more information about this worthwhile endeavor visit <http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/>.

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.

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.



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 Heizerling, and USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023
DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANK WLADICH
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE, PAT WLADICH



***"You shall obtain
all you ask of me
by the recitation
of the Rosary."***
The Mother of God




As part of the 106th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima appearing to the children, the America Needs Fatima organization is coordinating 22,000 Rosary Rallies across America on October 14. We will be holding one at St. Denis on Saturday, October 14 at Noon outside the Rectory by the Stations of the Cross Monuments, Rain or Shine. Feel free to bring a chair if you like.

In "The Secret of the Rosary", Saint Louis de Montford said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the Anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.

THE TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS- The Franciscan Friars and Secular Franciscans invite YOU to celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis. Join us for a Candlelight Service as we remember St. Francis' passage from death to new life! Tuesday, October 3rd at 6 pm at St. Peter's Church 406 Forman Ave. Pt. Pleasant Beach. Reception to follow. To RSVP call St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287.

BLOOD DRIVE-The Woman's Club of Manasquan will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive in the St. Denis gym on October 21st from 9AM—2PM. Registration is now open at www.redcrossblood.org.



September 18, 2023

Weekly Collection:	\$10,822.00
Second Collection (Parish Debt)	\$4,347.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



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

- Layla Maureen Buhowski
- Melanie Star Campbell
- Bianca Louise Colicelli
- Samantha Vail Dobzelecki
- Frederick Shekhets Fox
- Paxton Vincent Kelly
- Lainey Kate Kwiatkowski
- Milo John McTighe
- Taylor Poppy Rankin
- Riley Edward Savoth
- Oliver Matthew Wenthe

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.


JOIN US FOR RCIA-Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and wants to change that? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of becoming a full member of the Church.

When: Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00pm

Where: St, Denis Rectory Office

For information about becoming Catholic please contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732)223-0287 eileenziezmer@gmail.com

HENRY B. KING WALKATHON-SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2023 9-11 AM- SPRING LAKE PAVILION SOUTH BOARD-WALK- Again, we are pleased to announce the commencement of our 2024 campaign. We are planning our next mission to Honduras in mid April 2024, April 13th-20th. Our first event will be the walkathon and the donation cost is \$20. This includes a t-shirt, a bottle of water and an energy bar. Can't make the Bike/Walkathon event but would like to make a donation through our GoFundMeAccount? You can access the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/henry-b-king-medical-brigade-2022> Or you can send a check payable to HBK Medical Brigade and send to: HBK Medical Brigade c/o Scott Abercrombie 606 Homestead Road Brielle, NJ 08730 Thank you for helping the sick and poor of Honduras!



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:
 Plain White Rice, Male Deodorant , Detergent for Clothing And Cookies.
 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!




**WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
 LEWIS, GEARING AND
 DIADONE FAMILIES
 REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY**

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!


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

I would like to thank all the wonderful parishioners and friends who sent me cards, text messages, and called me during my recent recovery from surgery. The well wishes were greatly appreciated and meant so much to me. I am truly grateful to my coworkers and the volunteers who covered my duties in the office while I was away. My heartfelt thanks also goes to Father Bill for his many phone calls that always cheered me up and brightened my day. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful parish!



*Sincerely,
 Betsy Rice
 Office Manager*

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



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked, "Who 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 that are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and trust.

To learn more about helping those in need come to the Society's next meeting on October 19th, at 7pm in the Parish Center.

If you need assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 732-223-1383.



The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4th. Because of his love of animals, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 1st at 12:00 pm on the front steps of the church. Parishioners and friends are invited to attend with their pets... rain or shine.

ST DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY-The first meeting of the season and luncheon will be on Tuesday October 3, 2023 at 12 noon in the Parish Center. We will have a luncheon at that time. New members are always welcome.



Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can strengthen us to be the women we are called to be. Together we create an

authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another. *We are so much more than a Bible study!* It's never too late to join us. Offered at St. Denis Parish Center on Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm or Wednesdays, 12:15-2pm (virtual options too!). We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. For more info and to register visit www.wwpnjshore.com

MEN'S GROUP AT ST. DENIS- We kicked off our Fall Program for the Men's Group at St Denis "**Who Am I To Judge**", with Dr. Sri on Tuesday, September 12. We hope you will consider joining us! Bring a friend or family member. Remember if you miss a meeting, no big deal, just join us for the next one. You can always watch the video on your own to catch up what you missed.

OVERVIEW OF THE MEN'S GROUP AT ST DENIS

Purpose: To enrich the lives of Men by providing opportunities for men to enjoy a sense of brotherhood and spiritual growth.

Fall Agenda: "Who Am I To Judge"-Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love-with Dr. Edward Sri available on Formed.org

Expectations:

1. Watch a 30 minute video (at your convenience) prior to attending our meeting, as we will discuss the video during the meeting.
2. There is a Study Guide for Who Am I To Judge, with several pages for each session. You should bring your Study Guide to the meeting.

MEETING DATES: The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Again, no worries if you miss a Meeting, you can still watch the videos and join us for the next meeting.

TIME: 6PM TO 7PM

LOCATION: St. Denis Parish Center Multipurpose Room (formerly the School Cafeteria)



If you or someone in your family is in need of food, rental assistance, mental health/addiction services, or domestic violence services, we are here to help.
800-360-7711

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

We begin Respect Life month and prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Denis this month. During Respect Life Month, I ask that you take the time to read the articles and inserts in our bulletin and continue to educate yourselves about the Catholic Church's teaching on respect for all life as well as the Catholic Church's outreach in so many facets of respect life. The Diocese of Trenton and US Bishops websites have excellent information. I also ask that you sign up for "Action Alerts" through the United States Catholic Bishop Conference (Go to www.usccb.org/prolife and click on "Issues and Action" and then "Take Action"). Also sign up for the newsletter from the New Jersey Catholic Conference (with a wide scope of all sorts of Catholic happenings in our state). (Go to www.nj catholic.org and click on "Take Action").

Also, I ask you to "Save the Dates" for The Feast of St. Denis and St. Denis Parish Spaghetti Dinner! Although St. Denis Feast will be celebrated on October 9th, the pastor can also celebrate it on a Sunday near to the feast day. This year, our parish will celebrate the Feast on the weekend of Oct. 21/22 with our St. Denis Parish Spaghetti Dinner being held on Saturday the 21st. See the flyer to make a reservation and come out and celebrate this great annual event. Great food, great parishioners, great fun, free door prizes, 50/50, and surprises galore. Please save the date as we celebrate our Patron Saint and the parish that bears his name and receives his heavenly patronage!

"GOD AND GOGGINS" – STAY HARD, YOU'RE UNFINISHED- Men of the Parish: Save the Date! Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm in the Church. Fr. Bill will lead a discussion of the main concepts from David Goggins' books, "Can't Hurt Me" and "Never Finished" and dovetail corresponding/illuminative concepts found in Catholicism. You will never look at God or David Goggins the same way again! Carve out the hour for discussion and Q&A and some time for fellowship after.

CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN DIALOGUE – REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY READINGS-

Join Pastor Mary Farnham and Father Bill for the next "edition" of the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue which will be a reflection on the Sunday Readings from our respective traditions, almost all of which are the same. We will meet on the following Wednesdays from 11 am-12 noon at Holy Trinity Hall and from 7-8 pm at St. Denis Parish Center. Each week we'll study the Scripture for the upcoming weekend. Please mark your calendars: Oct. 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 8, 15. It is a great time for reflection on the Gospels and sharing faith and fellowship and a little food with the "food for thought."

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER- St. Marks Altar Rosary Society (Sea Girt) will be crowning the Blessed Mother as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary after the 11 o'clock Mass on October 2. Father Miguel will be reading the meditations for the rosary. Please bring your written petitions to be read during the rosary.

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**



OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House, 84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ or FHOP@verizon.net: Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION- Spiritual Direction is a monthly one-on-one conversation about your life with God. With the accompaniment of a spiritual director, you learn to deepen and enjoy your relationship with God, and to be more aware of God's presence and action in all the events of your life. Call (609) 877-0509 to make an appointment.

Donation: Love Offering.

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND

Oct. 13 – 15 7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday Please register early. These fill quickly. Donation: \$175/\$75 non-refundable deposit with registration.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAYS- Wednesdays

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Oct. 11 Nov. 8 Dec. 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.

GOD'S AUTUMN REVELATIONS

Tuesday, Oct. 3 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Dressed in its splendid colors, Autumn walks with us - bestowing her wisdom and pouring longing into our hearts if only we listen. Come explore this beautiful season which is upon us, taking her lessons to heart and risking the transformation she models for us. Where does she invite you to go? What does she encourage you to leave? Whom does God, through her, hope you'll become? Led by JoLynn Krempecki. Donation: \$25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20

A SIMPLE LIFE-CHANGING PRAYER

Friday, Oct. 6 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Examen is a daily prayer practice designed to help you notice and enjoy God's presence in your everyday life. As you grow in its daily practice you will begin to be aware of God's presence everywhere. If you would like to end every day with gratitude and hope, please come to this one-day presentation on Ignatian Examen. It's no exaggeration to say that examen changes everything. It might change things for you too! Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$25 includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

DISCOVER GOD'S PRESENCE WITHIN

Monday, Oct. 9 9:30 AM – Noon
Columbus Day is the perfect moment to set sail on your own voyage of discovery. God is ready for you and can't wait to lead you to treasures of grace which have been hidden away. Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$20

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.

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!

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> Download this app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10AM and 10PM. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends in recovery or anyone who may want to listen.

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.

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. There will be a Cursillo Women's Weekend that will take place Thursday, Nov. 9-Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023. For more information or to register for the weekend visit trentoncursillo.org or email any questions to trentoncursillo@gmail.com. For more information please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

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!

ALS PRAYER GROUP- 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY-The Sisters of Saint Joseph Center for Spirituality in Ocean Grove, NJ is seeking a "Food Prep Chef" from 10:00AM till 1:00PM and 3:00PM till 6:00PM. Salary: \$16.00 -\$18.00 per hour depending on experience. Send resume to pharrington@ssjphila.org ASAP



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