

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023**

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus...keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

When we receive a greeting card, we often hastily read the message, but respond with silent gratitude for the sender, their thoughtfulness in sharing their message with us. Consider this as you reread the message of St. Paul.

In offering encouragement to the Philippians, he exhorts them in their prayer to include, as all prayer should, both requests, gratitude and need. The fruit of prayer is the peace of God. As he completes this teaching he offers himself as a model as teacher and witness. The church asks us to accept Paul as a pattern and write our own message mirrored in the words he included in his card.



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. 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, October 7, 2023

- 8:30 am Christopher "CJ" Holowach
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
4:30 pm Ethel Langguth 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

Monday, October 9, 2023

- 7:30 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Sr. by his Daughters
7:30 am Christopher Holowach
by Barbara & Richard DeGroot
7:30 am Msgr. Frederick Valentino by Carol Rizzi

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

- 7:30 am Doris Mattessich by Betty Scrivanich
7:30 am Stephen Kelleher by the DeGenova Family
7:30 am Msgr. Frederick Valentino by Gloria Smith

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

- 7:30 am Robert Gorski by JoAnn
7:30 am Denis P. Duggan by Bonnie Smith
7:30 am Joan Tumbas by Peter Frederiksen

Thursday, October 12, 2023

No Mass

Friday, October 13, 2023

- 7:30 am Veronica Pfeifer by Fran Weeks
7:30 am Chris Mutch by Luann & John Quigley & Family
7:30 am Ruth Connolly by the Heinrich Family

Saturday, October 14, 2023

- 8:30 am Maria Mattessich by Betty Scrivanich
8:30 am Edmund & Irene Zinser by their Daughter, Jane
8:30 am Christine Mutch by CDA, Ct. St. Denis
4:30 pm Marilyn Bialas by her Family
4:30 pm Charles McCauley
by Barbara Roche & Lou Nieves
4:30 pm James Drumgoole by Janet Verga

Sunday, October 15, 2023

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Christine Mutch by CDA, Ct. St. Denis
9:30 am Michael Gabler by Bob & MaryLynn Morris
9:30 am Theresa M. Shwahia by the Prince Family
9:30 am Christopher Schwartz
by Cathy, Mary & Joyce
10:00 am Kevin Walsh by Carol Rizzi
10:00 am Roberta Neary by Carol Rizzi
10:00 am Richie Budkal by Tom & Gerri Bleach

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.

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



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/>.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet in the Parish Center on Thursday, 10/12/23 at 6:00 pm. Members will attend the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, 10/15/22 in celebration of Catholic Daughters Sunday. New members are always welcome to join.

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.



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.



"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."

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

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".



September 24, 2023

Weekly Collection: \$10,016.00

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:

Taylor Ann Law

&

Michael Paul Margadonna

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

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!

10TH ANNUAL "WHITE MASS" FOR ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS will be celebrated at St. Luke Church, 1674 Old Freehold Road in Toms River on Sunday, 10/15/23 at 2 pm. Join us as we praise and honor St. Luke, the Patron Saint of Physicians. This celebration is for healthcare workers of all faiths, their family, and friends. Feel free to wear your white lab coat or other work attire as you wish. There will be a blessing of the hands. A reception will follow immediately after Mass. The "White Mass" is named for the traditional white coats and uniforms worn by medical personnel and is a special way to recognize all healthcare staff.

TWO-DAY RETREAT- IMMACULEE ILBAGIZA, RWANDAN GENOCIDE SURVIVOR BRINGS MESSAGE OF FORGIVENESS, HEALING, AND HOPE. She will share her witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked outside. The retreat will be held at Holy Innocents Church, 3544 West Bangs Ave. in Neptune, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21, 2023. Friday: Retreat 5-9 pm, Sat: Mass at 9 am, Retreat: 10 am-1:30 pm. Tickets: Individual-\$57, one plus a guest- \$76. Register directly at www.Immaculee.com or email bibleholyyinnocents@gmail.com.

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 trentoncur-sillo.org or email any questions to trentoncur-sillo@gmail.com. For more information please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287.



**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 8, 2023
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL & MARY KOLON
REQUESTED BY
KAY KOLON**

ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE, 400 Rt. 35N in South Mantoloking invites you to:

October 27-29, 2023 - BEREAVEMENT: A JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO HEALING - Using the New Day Journal, we will explore what to expect in bereavement, and how to work through it from mere survival to healing and new excitement about life. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. \$15 book fee to be paid to presenter. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$400

November 3-5, 2023 - COME TO THE QUIET - A SILENT RETREAT - Come and experience the shore in all its fall beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Massage therapy will be available. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF, CSAC, NCAPS-II) Cost: \$400
5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Kim Lorenzen, BA, MA, DRE) Cost: \$400

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

**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.

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.



ST. DENIS RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, 10/9/2023. The office will reopen Tuesday, 10/10/23 at 8:30 am. We wish all our parishioners and friends a very happy holiday.

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.”

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



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. 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)

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

In October we celebrate the Feast of St. Denis and his companions, Sts. Elutherius and Rusticus! On Monday, the 9th, we celebrate the Feast Day along with all other Catholics throughout the world. But here, at the parish that bears his name, we continue our celebration. We will also celebrate St. Denis at all the Masses for the weekend of the 21st/22nd as we also hold our Annual St. Denis Parish Spaghetti Dinner. (Please save the date for Saturday the 21st after the 4:30 p.m. and see the order form in this bulletin.) We will have door prizes and an on-sight 50/50, great food and fun, and friendly fellowship with fellow parishioners!

It is at this event that we will also have an “open house” of sorts as we continue to improve our facilities and transform our classrooms into welcoming rooms for meetings of all sorts. We will be naming our new meeting rooms after Catholic Saints of the United States. We ask their intercession, along with St. Denis and his companions, for the spread of the Gospel and the strengthening of Faith, Hope and Love in our parish and all parishes in our country. I see our building as a true center for our parish and community. We host many meetings for the many groups of our parish as well as for ecumenical gatherings and other collaborative endeavors. We also open the doors of our parish center to the Manasquan Seniors, social outreach programs, and allow our local law enforcement to train in our facilities so that they are sharp and ready for the difficult situations they, we pray never, may have to face. All-in-all we use our parish center in so many ways, and we continue to look at using it to its maximum potential.

As we remember St. Denis and his desire to be a missionary and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Paris, we reflect on what our calling is to be missionaries here in our local area, to share the Gospel by what we say and do and hopefully, invite people to be part of our faith community. May God bless us in making this intention a reality. I offer the following novena prayer to begin on the 9th and continue for nine days:

O God, Who conferred Your saving Faith on the people of France through Your holy bishop and martyr Denis, and did glorify him before and after his martyrdom by many miracles. Grant us, through his intercession, that the Faith practiced and preached by him may be our light on the way of life, so that we may be preserved from all anxieties of conscience, and if by human frailty we have sinned, we may return to You speedily by true penance. Moreover, I beseech You to graciously grant me, through the merits and intercession of this powerful Helper, the petition which through them I humbly place before You, devoutly saying, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” Amen. (Mention your request here...) St. Denis, pray for us.

NEWS FROM ASCENSION PRESS- HOME DEVOTION

Visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions. **PRAY THE ROSARY**—Join over 50,000 fellow Catholics and pray the rosary LIVE on Ascension's Facebook page daily at 4pm.

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**



BEHOLD HIM! EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - NJ CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE-

The 2023 New Jersey Catholic Charismatic Conference is excited to celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival with the BEHOLD HIM Conference. The BEHOLD HIM Conference will be held on the weekend, October 27th and 28th at Saint Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown. With the vision of the National Eucharistic Revival that looks to aspire to inspire “a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out on mission ‘for the life of the world.’” Keynote speaker will be Bishop Joseph A. Española II an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York., Bishop Joe is the youngest Catholic bishop in the United States. He is known for rapping to young people in his community to help them connect with God. He also hosts a podcast called “Sainthood in the City.” Fr. John Gordon is Secretary for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Newark. He is a dynamic preacher, teacher and evangelist and formation director of the Pre-Theologate program at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Gilbert Rodriguez is Associate Director of Adult Faith Formation in the Archdiocese of New York with over 20 years of experience in evangelization with a heart for young adult ministry, which fueled his passion for equipping people in revival culture and Holy Spirit empowerment. The Conference will also include Holy Mass, anointed worship led by the Malachi Mission Band, Healing Service and a Eucharistic Procession. People of all ages are invited to encounter our Eucharistic Lord and enjoy fellowship with people from all over New Jersey and beyond. For more information and to register for the Conference visit www.DOTCCR.org, or call the Conference office at 732-671-0071, ext. 221



A PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. DENIS

**JOIN US FOR
A NIGHT OF FOOD AND FUN
IN THE ST. DENIS
PARISH CENTER!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st
5pm to 8pm**

Enjoy a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
(with green and side salads, soda/water,
coffee and dessert!)

With the kind support of the
**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3231,**
ministries of the parish and
the youth of the parish.

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Raffle available
and Door Prizes too!

Adults- \$20 and Children - \$10

‘Dine In’ or ‘Take Out’:

To reserve ahead, return the bottom of this form to
the Parish Office with payment by 10/17/23
Checks payable to: **CHURCH OF ST. DENIS**
or pay at the door and just call the office to reserve
732-223-0287

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.

MASS IS BORING (Thank God!!!!!!)

Tuesday, Oct. 17 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Using Timothy O’Malley’s book: *Bored Again Catholic, How the Mass Could Save Your Life*, S. Kathy will offer reflections on every part of the Mass, discovering how we can learn to pray the liturgy better as well as offering a sketch of what Eucharistic life looks like. Led by S. Kathy Burton. Donation: \$25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20

DREAMS- ALL YOUR DREAMS ARE TRUE!

Wednesday, Nov. 1 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM It has been said that dreams are God’s forgotten language. Learn to listen to your dreams and understand God’s message within them. Like God, your dreams speak the truth. Bring a dream along if you can remember! Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$30, lunch included. Zoom: \$25

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

Thursday, Nov. 2 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM Come, bring a picture, tell your story, let us comfort one another on this feast of All Souls. We ask God for the grace of peace, acceptance and strength as we come together for this morning retreat. Liturgy at 11 AM. Led by S. Marcy. Lunch included. Donation: Love Offering.



Name: _____

Phone# _____

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