

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023**

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.”

How could you respond if you opened your mail today and found the sender offering such praise of three things - faith, labor of love and hope in Jesus Christ. Initially I might say ‘who me?’, but like the people in this letter of Paul, we too have been chosen. This is my chance to look within, asking if my faith is growing, if my service to others is a labor of love, and where lies my hope.

As I wrestle with the answer, I remind myself that I am truly loved by God. The more aware of this love, the more I want to respond generously with the same gratitude which marked the first verse of this letter to the Thessalonians - and to me.



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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.

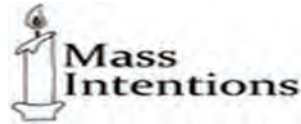
RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

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.

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

- 8:30 am Christopher "CJ" Holowach
by Richard & Joyce Tipaldi
8:30 am Paul Waltsak by his Family
8:30 am Madison Gerhard by Mary Lou & Mike Pych
4:30 pm Irene Cauda by Bonnie Smith
4:30 pm Suzanne D. Jenkins by Philip & Maureen White
4:30 pm Christine Mutch by her Friend JoAnn Korb
4:30 pm Rob Spawn by his Mom

Sunday, October 22, 2023

- 8:00 am Paul Waltsak by his Family
8:00 am Sal Zocchi, Jr. by his Mom & Dad
8:00 am Lois Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
9:30 am For the People of the Parish
10:00 am Barbara McNally by Eileen & Jim Rochford
10:00 am Joan Harriman by the Reilly Family
10:00 am Edward Rogers by Owen & Maura McCarthy

Monday, October 23, 2023

- 7:30 am Robert McCutchan by the Ziesmer Family
7:30 am Elizabeth D'Antonio by Denise & Mark Olear
7:30 am William Kleinhans by Karen Deegan

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

- 7:30 am The Sarullo, Bugliaro, Schellar & Burke Families
by the Bugliaro Children
7:30 am The Mellody & Lennon Families
by Harry Mellody
7:30 am C.J. Holowach by Andie Hansley

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

- 7:30 am Ann Laskowski by her Godchild JoAnn
7:30 am Veronica Szenzenstein
by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family
7:30 am Lawrence Pater, Sr. by the Tuckerton Group

Thursday, October 26, 2023

No Mass

Friday, October 27, 2023

- 7:30 am Catherine Murphy Donohue
by her Daughter, Kay Kolon
7:30 am Richard Kohrmann by Mr. & Mrs. Laurie Pollard
7:30 am Maureen Lago by St. Denis Parish

Saturday, October 28, 2023

- 8:30 am Christopher "CJ" Holowach
by the McCarthy Family
8:30 am Margaret Duffy by Barbara Kittle
8:30 am Frank Davis by Mira & Rick Strucek
4:30 pm Leola Dingley by the Dingley Family
4:30 pm Lois Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
4:30 pm Elizabeth O'Donnell by Philip & Maureen White

Sunday, October 29, 2023

- 8:00 am Bridget Gowen by the Gowen Family
8:00 am Sr. Carol Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
8:00 am Thomas Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
9:30 am Christine Mutch by Suzanne Bongiovanni
9:30 am Walter Jawidzik by Maureen Stanley
9:30 am Jim Geiger by Kate Geiger & Family
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 Sister Helen Francis Coakley,
Rob Spawn, Merc Paton, and John McDermott.



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 Giambrone, 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 Mesias, 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, Tina O'Donnell, 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, Katie Spawn, Susan Suagee, Danny Suskevich, Sadie Svenson, Laurie Syby, 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.



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) is Wednesday, 11/2/23. Our deceased loved ones will be remembered in a Novena of Masses beginning on that day. Special intention envelopes for this Novena are included in the monthly packets and are available at the exits of the church and chapel. Please send the names of your deceased loved ones to the rectory by Friday, 10/28/23 so they can be placed on the altar during our All Souls Novena of Masses.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED— Our Religious Education Program is in need of a catechist for a 7th grade class on Mondays, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm. Please call the Religious Education Office at 732-223-1161 if you can be of help.

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

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.



our military, 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.



"Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted."
**Monday November 6, 2023,
 All Souls Remembrance Mass
 7:00pm at St. Denis Church**

We will remember in a special way the souls of the loved ones who have passed away in our parish during this past year. We pray for parishioners, family and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them as well. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one to be displayed and blessed at the Mass.** Please join us even if the loss of your loved one, family member or friend was not from this parish or passed away more than a year ago. If you would like their name placed in our intention book please send their name in and email: eileenziezmer@gmail.com Please contact Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287 with any questions.

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 Church 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. 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.”

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.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION— Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less fortunate in our area. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. **Please make checks payable to St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thank you.



October 8, 2023

Weekly Collection-

\$10,733.00

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:

Georgia Gwen Buddle
Sloane Elizabeth Eppich
Riley Quinn Machiaverna
Kyle William Moser

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!

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE- Behold HIM, I make all things NEW-Join us for the 2023 BEHOLD HIM! Conference organized by the New Jersey Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Connect with others who share your desire to hear God's calling and live a transformed life. Exciting opportunities await you in Middletown! The conference will take place on October 27-28, 2023, at Saint Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown. Don't miss this wonderful and inspiring experience! There will be dynamic speakers, anointed worship, a healing service, workshops, and Eucharistic Adoration and Procession. Register today at www.DOTCCR.org.

SAINT PADRE PIO HEALING SERVICE with Father Pio Mandato, FMHJ will take place on Monday, October 30th at 5:00 pm in St. Dominic Church, 250 Old Squan Road in Brick. Please come for healing for the sick of body, mind and spirit. 5:00 pm - Confessions, 7:00 pm- Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Gospel reading with a conference. After the conference, you will have the opportunity to be blessed with the glove of Saint Padre Pio. All are invited to attend and bring family and friends. A free will offering will be taken.

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:

Ramen noodles, macaroni & cheese, and crackers.

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 22, 2023
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL & CATHERINE MURPHY
REQUESTED BY
GRANDDAUGHTER, KAY KOLON**

FALL FESTIVAL- Join us for family fun at Manasquan United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 28th, 1-5 pm. There will be mobile mini golf, games, live music, food and FUN! Trunk or Treat and a costume contest will begin at 4 pm. Need more info? Call the St. Denis Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

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

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



St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our Society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis-in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teachings were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God. The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who may strive to serve the poor in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to "have ears to hear the cry of the poor", to "have eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived", and to "have hearts that bring God's love to the poor" through generosity and love. The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others-especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

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 November 16th, at 7pm in the Parish Center.

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



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.wpnjshore.com

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet in the church at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 5, 2023 for recitation of the Rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. Our business meeting is on November 7, 2023 in the Parish Center at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch and a friend. Dessert will be available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.

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)

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**

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

This weekend we celebrate our Parish Patron Saint. We recall the great missionary zeal of St. Denis; his desire to spread the Gospel to people who did not know of Jesus. We also recall his martyrdom, along with his two fellow missionaries. We ask for the intercession of St. Denis for our parishioners and all peoples in our parish's borders, yes even the summer visitors, and all the endeavors that we take part in as we also respond to the call to spread the Gospel, just like St. Denis.

This week I share with you our Financial Report. This report is given each October. The parish fiscal year is from July to June. In this past year much has happened, and I am grateful for all your support for the parish and its mission. As you will see, the report shows the continued strengthening of our financial situation. Thanks to your generosity, weekly collections increased \$22,000 or 3%. Mortgage payable balance has decreased by \$129,000. We are on track to eliminate the mortgage in two years time. Debt interest expense decreased by \$2,000. We also receive bequests from some parishioners who thought enough of their parish to include us in their will. We are truly indebted to them for their kindness and generosity.

During the past year we successfully negotiated a three year contract with the Borough of Manasquan for the use of the gym as well as successfully negotiating a twenty year contract with the Diocese of Trenton for the use of the convent, now called Villa St. Denis. We welcomed three retired priests after the complete renovation of the building took place, funded entirely by the diocese. We have also begun a restoration project for the St. Denis Church building, funded entirely by a USCCB grant. We have already replaced all of our sump pumps with a much more industrial dual-pump system and have had a drainage system installed on the northern side of the church to alleviate flooding problems in the basement. We conclude this project this month with repairs due to flooding. We have also successfully replaced two of the corroded air conditioning units at the beach chapel with new and improved and efficient units (thanks for your patience). And, we also successfully replaced the heating system in the gym (a great thanks to the Rec. Dept. participants for their patience).

As it has been in the past the parish is challenged by the rising operating costs. We successfully separated the utilities for the Villa, which will allow the diocese to take on the operating costs of the Villa more easily. We also benefit greatly from the increased volunteerism in the parish, which saves on rising operating costs. We have volunteers in the parish office and office of religious education. We have volunteers who helped in the continual improvements for our parish center, funded almost entirely by private donation. Our Holy Family Chapel has been renovated and there are new efficient air conditioners in several rooms. Four more rooms have been renovated to serve not only our Religious Education students, but also our adult parishioners who meet with increasing frequency in more and more group meetings that are occurring. We look forward to next summer, already, as we plan more renovations, including ADA compliant bathrooms on the first floor of the Parish Center.

May God bless you for your understanding of the great fiscal responsibility that we face. I am supremely blessed with the best finance council. I am so grateful for their prayerfulness, counsel and sacrifice of time and talent. I am also so grateful for your generosity and support as we strive to carry out the mission entrusted to us, to be a vibrant parish living the Gospel as disciples of Jesus.

ST. DENIS RC CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUE

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$711,065
EASTER	49,676
CHRISTMAS	75,036
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	28,923
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	26,294
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	63,555
DONATIONS	62,698
INVESTMENT INCOME	4,395
PERQUISITES/OTHER	123,864
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TOTAL REVENUE	1,145,506

EXPENSES

SALARIES	328,460
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	156,006
PROFESSIONAL FEES	50,457
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	575
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	137,722
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	26,214
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	34,114
OFFICE SUPPLIES	22,973
RELIGIOUS ED SUPPLIES	50,877
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	8,566
INFO/COMMUNICATIONS	7,601
TRAVEL/TRANS EXPENSE	3,700
OPERATION OF PLANT	13,735
UTILITIES	105,906
SUPPLIES	200
BUILDING REPAIRS	54,428
CONTRACTED SERVICES	103,962
INSURANCE	106,510
INTEREST ON DEBT	15,332
OTHER	(78,846)
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,148,492

PARISH EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<hr/> <hr/> (\$2,986)
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CHURCH MORTGAGE PAYABLE	\$263,855
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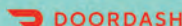
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