

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023

“You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.... ‘You shall love the Lord your God... you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

From the earliest biblical texts, we are taught that our love of God is expressed in our love for our neighbor. From the earliest texts of the New Testament, we find the first Christians anxious about their care for widows and orphans. It was this concern which led to the choice of the first deacons in the church in the service of those in need.

Do not let the reference of ‘aliens’ in the bible to mean people from outer space. Our country was founded by people coming in search of a better life, religious freedom, and a peaceful existence. Although errors were made in usurping land and introducing disease and discrimination, we are together to live our lives for the well being of all. Pope Francis, his namesake from Assisi and Charles de Foucauld teach us that we are Christians when we see the other as our brother and sister.



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.

**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 Jawdzik by Maureen Stanley
9:30 am Jim Geiger by Kate Geiger & Family
10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, October 30, 2023

7:30 am Nick Mircovich by Alberta Scrivanich
7:30 am Anthony Brennan by Barby Menna
7:30 am Patricia Brunner by Mike Brunner

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

7:30 am Gordon Bird by the McCarthy Family
7:30 am Andrew Mastellone by Barbara Kittle
7:30 am Ron Boedart by Joan Brannick

Wednesday, November 1, 2023– All Saints Day

7:30 am Maureen Stroupe Edwards by her Sister
7:30 am Michele Markland by the Easton Family
7:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua by Michele & Ruben Yarnus
12:00 pm Jimmie Girard by Dawn & John Burke
12:00 pm Julian Smith by Deacon Gary
12:00 pm Robert, Lewis, Michele Lewis, Margarete Henn, &
Sarah Lawless by Gisela Lewis & Family
7:00 pm Jimmie Girard by Sean & MaryEllen Boyle
7:00 pm Frank Culley by Joan & Bill Murray
7:00 pm In Thanksgiving by Rosemary Esposito

Thursday, November 2, 2023– All Souls Day

7:30 am All Souls Novena

Friday, November 3, 2023

7:30 am All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 4, 2023

8:30 am All Souls Novena
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00 am All Souls Novena
9:30 am All Souls Novena
10:00 am All Souls Novena

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!

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!



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, 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, Celina Koch, Bridget Korn, Christopher Kurtanick, William Liao, Barbara Liggett, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Joan Lipscomb, Nick Ljuljana, Frank Lopez, Linda Lowery, Barbara Magda, Little Matthews, 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, Tina O'Donnell, 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, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Mary Hourihan.



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.



**"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: eileenziemmer@gmail.com Please contact Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287 with any questions.

**Please remember in your prayers
our departed loved ones from the past year:**



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| Eileen Beesely | Mary Hourihan | Jack Regan |
| Margaret Bocker | Sean Jordan | Patricia Reilly |
| Gertrude Calabrese | John Kessler, Jr. | Janice Riccelli |
| Louis Calantoni | Richard Kohrmann | Joyce Rizzitello |
| Ruth Connolly | Catlin Kratz | Joseph Romano, Jr. |
| Frank Culley, Jr. | Calvin Larkin | Elmer Schmieder |
| Martin Cummins, Jr. | Maureen Lago | Gloria Smith |
| Joseph Dauber | John Liskowitz | Lorriane Stanley |
| Mary Dublinski | John McDermott | Leola Szlinsky |
| Lucia Duddy | Kathleen Meyer | Terese Taaffe |
| Constance Edwards | Richard Miller | Susan Tighe |
| Michael Gabler | Joseph Morrow | Eleanor Vermeire |
| Donald Garetano, Sr. | Christine Mutch | Vincent Villa |
| William Griffith | George Nodge | Claire Vitale |
| Maryanne Gross | Linda Nolan | Gary Walsh |
| Joan Harriman | Betty Ann Pechkis | Jeanne Wellinghorst |
| Raymond Hayser | Robert Perry | Anne Williams |
| Margaret Heinrich | Brian Przybylowski | Rodney Wooley |
| James Hendricks | James Racioppi | Linda Wynd |
| Christopher Holowach | Giacomo Ranieri | Emily Zirkel |
| | Mary Reddington | |

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 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.



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 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 for 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.”




ROSARY RALLY- Thank you to everyone who attended the Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14 at noon outside the Rectory. The weather forecast wasn't promising. It was supposed to rain and a hard rain. At 11:30 am it started to drizzle but people still came bringing their umbrellas. But when the church bells struck noon, the rain seemed to stop. Our Lady didn't want to spoil her Rosary. Over 60 people joined us outside the Rectory. When we were done, the skies opened and the rain began to fall again. For those who braved the nasty weather, thank you and thank you for those who prayed the rosary with us at home. Over 22,000 Rosary Rallies were held all across America. What a wonderful tribute to Our Lady. We will be holding another Rosary Rally for our police and our veterans on Saturday, November 11th at noon outside the Rectory. Rain or shine. Hope to see you there.

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 eileenziemmer@gmail.com

DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL-Empower yourself to be the best! Apply to Donovan Catholic by November 3rd and take the HSPT on November 4th. Scholarship opportunities are available. Donovan Catholic provides transportation for students located in Monmouth and Ocean County. The school is located at 711 Hooper Ave. in Toms River. Contact the admissions office for more information at 732-349-8801.

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”.

Weekly Collection 

October 15, 2023

Weekly Collection- \$11,476.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:
7:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
in St. Denis Church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— Our Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for an 8th grade class on Sunday, 8-9:15 am, and also a 6th grade and 7th grade class on Mondays, 6:30-7:45 pm. Please call the Religious Education Office at 732-223-1161 if you can be of help.

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.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS- DIVORCED AND SEPARATED—St. Leo the Great Parish is pleased to announce that it is offering a “Surviving the Holidays” Seminar in November and December this year that will be offered for anyone who is divorced and/or separated. This year the “Surviving the Holidays” Seminar will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 and Thursday, December 14th, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Leo The Great located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. Please feel free to attend one or both seminars. Please know that these seminars have been offered since 2014 and they have helped many people. We are laypeople that have been through divorce, and we found this program helpful to us. We would like to bring it to you and help you! If interested or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any of your questions.

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:

Cooking oil, flour, sugar, & 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 29, 2023
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAUREEN STROUPE EDWARDS
REQUESTED BY HER SISTER

“WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA”

PROJECT—The St. Denis Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on veterans’ graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony that includes Atlantic View Cemetery in Manasquan. As part of “Wreaths Across America” St. Vincent de Paul members will be in the church and chapel on the weekend of November 11th & 12th to collect sponsorships after each Mass. The cost of a wreath is \$17.00 with a portion of that sponsorship being returned to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist in its mission. Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America TM. Sponsorship applications will be in next week’s bulletin and can be handed in with a check or cash after Mass on the following weekend. This year’s form includes a QR Code to scan for the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal. Wreaths will be shipped to Atlantic View Cemetery to be placed at gravesites in December. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office, 732-223-0287.



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

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



A big thank you to all involved in our St. Denis Parish Feast Day Spaghetti Dinner. Many great people helped to make it a wonderful evening. We especially thank the Knights of Columbus, Eileen Ziesmer and the Holy Helpers, the student volunteers, the ministries that donated the door prizes, and the Garruzzo Family for their expertise. All who came entered into the joy of the event!



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 information and to register visit www.wwpnjshore.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.

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

We prepare for elections. As Catholics who live in America, we are called to Faithful Citizenship. The Catholic bishops of the United States wrote, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. (USCCB.org) This statement represents the guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. As missionary disciples of Jesus, in the U.S., we are called to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue and to shape political choices in the coming election. We have a "dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order."

A great website for Catholics in New Jersey is njcatholic.org/2023-new-jersey-legislature-candidates. The New Jersey Catholic Conference shares: Knowing the candidates running for political office in your district and their positions on public policy issues is essential to being a well-informed voter. The information found on the website is intended to help you get to know the individuals running for office in 2023 state elections in both the General Assembly and State Senate. The Catholic Church does not endorse or oppose candidates for elected office. The NJ Catholic Conference helps Catholics form their consciences in light of Sacred Scripture and prayerful reflection on Catholic teaching.

Visit the Bishop's website for the general teaching on Faithful Citizenship and the NJ Catholic Conference website for information on the candidates, redistricting, voter registration, and deadlines to register and vote. May Our Blessed Mother, patroness of the U.S., pray for our country and the grace for us to be "One Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

THANKSGIVING DRIVE – Helping Children in Monmouth County- We are hosting a Thanksgiving Drive for children in Monmouth County assisted through DCP&P. We are collecting \$25 Gift Cards for Wawa, Shoprite and Walmart. Why Wawa? There are children/families who are being temporarily housed in motels/hotels and the Wawa gift cards can help those who do not have kitchens available to them. Other children can be helped by those who can buy food from Shoprite and Walmart and prepare that in homes/apartments.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE- Shopping bags to be filled with food items for our Thanksgiving Dinner distribution (for our pantry neighbors) will be available at the Masses the weekend of November 4/5. One bag per family. We will have 25 bags available at each Mass. There will also be envelopes for monetary donations to buy turkey breasts. Bags should be returned the weekend of Nov 11/12. We are unable to accept full size turkeys due to limited freezer space. Thank you!



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

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

November 10-12, 2023 - THE SACRAMENTS AND THE STEPS OF RECOVERY – AA WOMEN - This weekend will show how the steps of recovery are supported by our Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Initiation and the Sacrament of Healing. The Grace of God got us sober. God's mercy and a personal encounter with Christ lie ahead, The reward is priceless as sober women. Eucharistic Liturgy included. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 pm/Departure: 1 pm (Presenter: Kim Lorentzen, BA, MA, DRE) Cost: \$400

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

“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 Minister Dorothy O'Reilly, OFS at bernardineofs@gmail.com for more information.

SSJ ANNUAL CHANCE DRIVE TO BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH VILLA– Please help us make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your ticket online. Turn \$5 in \$10,000-6 ways to win. Grand prize- \$10,000 also 5 prizes of \$500 each. Donation-\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 chances. Visit the Chance Drive page on the Sisters of Saint Joseph website at www.ssjpghila.org Winners will be drawn on December 7, 2023. For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph or the Development Office at 800-482-6510 and Developmentofssjpghila.org

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.

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.

OFFERINGS AT FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER, is a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House located at 84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ 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.

THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Monday, Nov. 13 12:30 – 3:30 PM If you have ever heard the song, *Count Your Blessings*, then you know the lyrics encourage us to count our blessings, so we can fall asleep. Today's program encourages you to count your blessings, so you can be fully awake, to the God whose love for you never ends and whose blessings allow you to know the tenderness of God's Divine Providence. Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$20

PROVERBIAL WISDOM Tuesday, Nov. 14 9:30 am – 2:30 pm Have you ever spent some time with the Book of Proverbs? It holds remarkable sayings of wisdom and common sense. Please come and be instructed by their age-old wisdom, pick your favorite proverbs, and then write your own brief proverbs to live by. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25

THE REED OF GOD 4 Mondays 9:30 – 11:00 am

Nov. 20 & 27 Dec. 11 & 18 Our Blessed Mother became God's divine instrument because, like a reed in a musical instrument, she allowed God to breathe God's Spirit into her being. God offers each of us the same breath of life. Join us as we contemplate the classic book, *The Reed of God* and learn from Mary our way of giving voice to God's Divinity. Led by S. Marie. Donation: \$60

ADVENT RETREAT DAY Monday, Nov. 27 9:30 am – 1:00 pm We will travel through Advent this year with *Preparing for Christmas*, by Richard Rohr and Henri Nouwen's *Advent and Christmas*. Both books will be available. They are perfect companions for this busy and stressful season. Again, we begin this holy season together doing what we can to make it more peaceful and prayerful. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and one book. Zoom: \$20

IN-PERSON ONLY WE ALL LOVE SCROOGE

Friday, Dec.1 9:30 am – 1:00 pm The old familiar *Christmas Carol*, is ever ancient, ever new! What does the story say to me now? We will view the film, share its message, and enjoy a fabulous lunch. What a great Advent morning as we prepare to be generous givers this season (unlike Scrooge). This will be fun and remarkably impactful for your Advent Season. Led by Judy Principe. Donation: \$25, lunch included.

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKENDS

7:00 pm Friday to 1:00 pm Sunday Dec. 15 – 17
Jan. 19 – 21 March 15 – 17 Please register early. These weekend retreats fill quickly. Donation: \$175/\$75 non-refundable deposit with registration.

CENTERING PRAYER WEEKEND RETREAT

7 PM Friday – 1 PM Sunday Feb. 23 – 25
A Centering Prayer weekend provides the time, space and discipline needed to experience the inner stillness which occurs when given the opportunity for frequent Centering Prayer periods alone and in common. Commuters are welcome, all meals included. Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$175/\$75 non-refundable deposit with registration.



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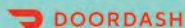


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