

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon, and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, ‘Everyone is looking for you’. He told them, ‘let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”

Following His visit to a synagogue, healing Peter’s family member and many others, Jesus leaves to be alone in prayer. Did you ever think of the content of that prayer, perhaps gratitude for the healing, for those who responded to His teaching, for the needs which would confront Him in the future in the next village?

In a few brief verses we meet Jesus, as teacher, healer, prayer and with us today companion for others. Simon’s statement, ‘everyone is looking for you’, is repeated for us today, although many do not know the Jesus we know and follow. Our task is to help them end their search and bring Jesus to them.



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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, February 3, 2024

8:30 am Bonnie Tobiassen by John & Cheri
 8:30 am Joseph Burro by Barby Menna
 8:30 am Christine Crowe by Patti Siquieros
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:00 am Dr. Joseph T. Farrell by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Mathilda Farrell by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 8:00 am Norman Deacy by Phil Brunner
 9:30 am Christopher Halowach
 by Dawn, Ally, Jenna & Julia
 9:30 am Jeanne Wellinghorst by Rich Angelicola
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by his Wife
 10:00 am Glenn Miller by Peter & Sharon Wilson
 10:00 am Joan Sprangel by Dennis & Reene O'Neill
 10:00 am Daniel LaRose by Donna & Jennifer Jordan

Monday, February 5, 2024

7:30 am Jillian Ludwig
 by Eleanor & John Fox and Gordon Justin
 7:30 am Joanne Hanson by Cynthia Brodbeck
 7:30 am Bobby Tilton by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kras

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

7:30 am Robert Tilton by the Andriacchi Family
 7:30 am Philip Wilderotter by the Grasso Family
 7:30 am Katie McDonough by Jane Wehner

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:30 am Terence Kiff by Nancy & Bob Morgenstern
 7:30 am Brian Subers by the Brickowski Family
 7:30 am Rich Pawlak by His Race Place Family

Thursday, February 8, 2024

No Mass

Friday, February 9, 2024

7:30 am Macee Katherine Freeman
 by Nonna & PopPop Freeman
 7:30 am K. Patricia Ryan by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 7:30 am Daniel E. Sheehan by Sandi & Jim Freeman

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:30 am A. Tina Fusilli by Suzie Jerrahian
 8:30 am Jaclyn Boyan by the Cohen Family
 8:30 am Jack McMorrow by Tom & Pat Coyle
 4:30 pm Lillian & Theodore Prospero by their Son
 4:30 pm Bernice & Frederick Kille by the Kile Family
 4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Meehan Family
 by Tom & Kerry O'Connor

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:00 am Henry & Jeanne Frederiksen by Peter Frederiksen
 8:00 am Dolores Goerke by Bridget Sawitsky
 8:00 am William Schulz by Bob & Rose O'Brien
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Daniel LaRose by Geraldine Tierney
 10:00 am Joseph Fitzgibbons by Helen & Bob Young
 10:00 am Gloria Smith by Carol Rizzi

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 Mary Agnes Ginther.



especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrich, 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, 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, James Hackett, 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, Haley Keating, Marian Keefe, Catherine Kelleher, Robert Kelleher, Kathleen Kelly, Bill Koch, Celina Koch, Bridget Korn, Christopher Kurtanick, William Liao, Barbara Liggett, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Joan Lipscomb, Nick Ljuljana, Frank Lopez, Linda Lowery, Madison Marmo, Barbara Magda, Linda Matthews, 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, Catherine O'Connor, Sue O'Connor, Tina O'Donnell, Patricia O'Leary, 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, Kidron Procyson, Timothy Michal Przywara, Irene Pstrak, 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, Christopher Waters, Erin Waters, Stephen Whyte, Kathy Wicks, Karen Williams, Marilyn Woerner, Patricia Wolfe, Albert Wood, Butch Wright, Eileen Zemo, and Werner Ziesmer.



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!

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome to join.

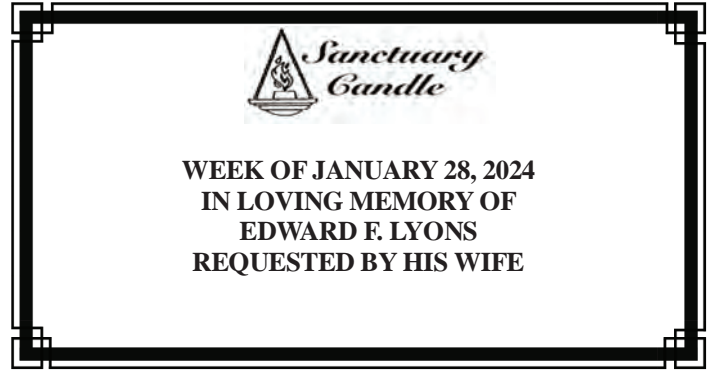
MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org

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 business hours.

HEALING MASS- All are welcome at The Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road in Brick every third Friday of the month (from September to May) for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:45pm in the worship area with Prayer and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration.



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, USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV, and Army PFC Ryan Costello.



GOD AND GOGGINS – PART 2! SAVE THE DATE!- Men of the parish who attended the first talk were so invigorated by the discussion, we are back for a second discussion! Save the Date – Wednesday, 28 February, 7:00pm in the Parish Center cafeteria. Make it your New Year’s Resolution to make a fresh start to make the most of the gift of your life and get to the next level; with God with you, and inspired by David Goggins, you won’t be the same. This time we will bring in more elements of Mr. Goggins’ second book, “Never Finished” and bring in more elements of inspiration from Scripture and the Tradition of the Church.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY- When: Thursdays Feb. 15, 22, 29, March 7,14, & 21 Time: 9:30-11 am Where: St. Pio Church Hall in Lavallette 103 Washington Ave Who: All are welcome What: Discovering who you are in Christ- We are all called to holiness, but what does that mean? It’s not what you think. This book offers you a weapon of truth so that you can stand in your identity as a child of God. It gives personal examples and practical suggestions that motivate and inspire, while convinces attainable transformation. Cost: \$12 To Register: send a check made payable to St. Pio’s Church to Dawn Rusinko 103 Washington Ave Lavallette NJ 08735 For more information please contact the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

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.

BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be used towards renovating the Parish Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



1/21/24-Weekly Collection- \$7,905.00

2nd Collection (Church in Latin America)- \$430.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



Walking with Purpose (WWP) is more than a women's Bible study. WWP is a faith community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another as we walk on our faith journeys together. WWP is a safe place where you will discover authentic friendships and meaningful discussions, as your heart is transformed by the Word of God. **We gather on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm or Wednesday afternoons, 12:30 pm at the St. Denis Parish Center.** For more information and to register, go to www.wwpnjshore.com

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY members will meet in Church at 9:00 am on Sunday, February 4, 2024 for recitation of the Rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. Our business meeting is on February 6, 2024 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Center. Bring your lunch and a friend.

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

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.

HENRY B. KING MEDICAL BRIGADE will be holding its annual Bon Voyage Party on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 from Noon to 4pm at the CHAPTER HOUSE, 1454 Route 9 South, Howell Township, NJ. Our party includes a full buffet lunch, wine, beer or soda, coffee and tea and a gift auction. Come party with us and celebrate our 31st Mission Trip to Honduras which is scheduled from April 13th-20th. We plan to provide medical and dental care to about 2,000 Hondurans during that week. We go to remote villages. Pre-sale cost is \$60 per person, kids are \$10. At the door price is \$65. You can purchase tickets or make a donation by texting or contacting Scott at 732-245-3332 or emailing him at scottyabercrombie@gmail.com. Net proceeds offset our shipping costs of medical supplies. If you want to know more, check us out at: [Facebook.com/henrybkingmedicalbrigade](https://www.facebook.com/henrybkingmedicalbrigade)

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



NO DONATED ITEMS CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS DUE TO RENOVATIONS IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT NEAR THE PANTRY.

Monetary donations are always welcome! Please make checks payable to: SVDP/St. Denis Conference.

On the memo line please write: "Food Pantry". Thank you!

February 14, 2024

A Day of Fast & Abstinence

Masses will be celebrated at

7:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

(With Distribution of Ashes)



A NIGHT OF WORSHIP– All are welcome for Praise and Worship and Adoration at 7:00 pm on 2/9/24 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road in Freehold. A concert will follow with Dana Catherine, singer-songwriter and speaker. For info about Dana visit-www.danacatherinemusic.com@danacatherinemusic.

VINCENT'S LEGACY-The Furniture Outreach Conference of St. Vincent de Paul works with the local SVdP Conferences to serve neighbors in need of furniture and household items. Vincent's Legacy accepts donated furniture and household items that are in good condition to redistribute to your neighbors in need. The Furniture Outreach Conference offers many opportunities for you to share your time, talent, and/or treasure, whether you have furniture to donate, 2-5 hours a month to volunteer, or financial support to offer that will help cover warehouse and truck expenses. Visit our website: <https://vincentslegacy.wixsite.com/furniture> or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FurnitureMinistry.com>. If questions contact us at: Furniture@svdptrenton.org or <https://vincentslegacy.wixsite.com/furniture>. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please send a check made out to Vincent's Legacy Furniture Outreach Conference, P.O. Box 526, Manasquan, NJ 08736, or use the DONATE button on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FurnitureMinistry>.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Paris in 1833. The first U.S conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. SVDP offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person to person help to those who ask us for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join our efforts, and we also thank all who donate so generously to the society.

If you would like to donate to our ministry, checks can be made payable to "SVDP/St. Denis Conference" and placed in the shopping cart in the gathering space of the church (envelopes available). At the Beach Chapel, please drop them in the collection basket."

To learn more about helping those in need come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Next weekend is the weekend before Ash Wednesday (the 14th this year which is a day of fast and abstinence, so plan accordingly to celebrate St. Valentine's Day earlier this year – probably less crowded at the restaurants too). We will “reveal” our “focus” for Lent and also have a listing of all on offer for the holy season as well as have an information table with materials to help you in your prayer throughout the 40 days.

Next Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is on Feb. 11th, and is associated with many cures of the sick who have bathed in the holy waters of the shrine and/or have asked for Our Lady's intercession. As the feast falls on a Sunday this year, which takes precedence in our order of precedence, we may not celebrate the title, but we celebrate the intercession of Mary for the sick and our accountability to our call to serve the sick in body, mind and spirit.

Next Sunday is also World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week. I offer you the following from our Diocesan Office:

In observance of World Marriage Day (February 11) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14), the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) Reconnect with Your Spouse, 2) Make Your Marriage Even Better, and 3) Serve Others in Your Marriage. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples, and for newly married couples, be sure to visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the BuildingStrongMarriages.org initiative of the Diocese of Trenton).

To encourage couples to learn more about their Catholic faith and to celebrate the beauty of Catholic marriage, we suggest the following paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1605 Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh."

1643 "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility.

1644 The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh." They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving." This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together (Catechism of the Catholic Church).

ESL NEEDS YOU! When you help someone to learn to speak English, you change a life. Join other volunteers at the English As A Second Language (ESL) program on Sundays before the Spanish Mass at St. Mark's in Sea Girt. Experienced tutors can guide you. For more info please email: margaretmahoney726@gmail.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT- February 16-18, 2024: *Healing the Wounds of Abortion* The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For info, contact the rectory office at 732-223-0287. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

NORWAY TRIP- Come join us October 29-Nov. 13, 2024 as we travel to London, Salisbury, Oxford and take the Queen Mary Ocean Liner Cruise to Norway and the Northern Lights. For more info call the Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

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.

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.

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



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

Thomas Hunter Muller
Reese Victoria Murphy
Elliana Noelle Partenfelder

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

CELEBRATION OF MEDIEVAL MUSIC- The Society of St. Cecilia at St. Anthony of Padua presents St. Hildegard of Bingen (A Celebration of Medieval Music) with soloist, Melissa Thornton on Sunday, 2/4/24 at 3:30 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 28 Oratory Way, Red Bank (please use Chestnut Street entrance). Admission is a Free Will Offering. The church is handicapped accessible.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION INVITE YOU TO CWOZCHAPTER 1 35th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION- "THE WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE" John 14:1-31

Terry A. Ginther is currently the Chancellor of the Diocese of Trenton in NJ and serves on the Bishop's Curia as Executive Director for Pastoral Life and Mission. She holds degrees in both Pastoral Ministry and Business Administration. Terry has worked on the national, diocesan and parish levels during the past 30 years leading efforts in Pastoral Planning, Leadership Development, and Faith Formation. She is content to practice the "little way" of St. Therese doing small things with great love and the inspiration of Mother Frances Cabrini who hoped "that Jesus Christ would be known" in the work that she does. Terry and her husband Adam have two grown children, live in the Allenwood section of Wall Township, and are parishioners of St. Denis Parish, Manasquan. These days her favorite role is that of "Nonni" to her two grandchildren. Come, bring a friend and join Terry as she shares: "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED" (John 14:1)

Marylene D'Jamoos, formerly from Paris, France, now residing in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, moved to the United States where she happily married her husband Tony, from Brooklyn, NY. Marylene and Tony were married for 58 years and blessed with 3 children and 10 grandchildren. She became a Lay Carmelite 42 years ago and served as their New Jersey Regional Coordinator for 12 years, continuing to grow in love with Jesus, Mary, and Carmelite spirituality. For 18 years Marylene used her early French training to open and direct a successful and much sought after Catholic Montessori School in her parish. Marylene has always overflowed with an enthusiastic response to her Catholic faith, sharing it powerfully and joyfully with others as a conference speaker. So, they also come to discover the unfathomable love that Jesus and Mary have for each and every one of us. Marylene invites us to join her as she shares: "SEEKING OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN DIFFICULT TIMES" Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mass: 9:00 a.m. in the Church, Fr. Thomas Maher will celebrate Mass Place: St. William the Abbot R.C. Church 2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ. Admission: \$25 payable at the door, includes lunch / selection is on website. Come and bring a friend. Reservations are necessary. Register Online at cwoz.org for Saturday, February 10, 2024 or call 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, February 6, 2024 to register. Leave your phone number and spell your last name.

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2023 contributions, please complete and return this form to the rectory by way of the collection basket or by mail (attention: Betsy). You may also email your request to st.denis@verizon.net or call 732-223-0287.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

(if you would like to receive your statement via email)

Do you also need a statement from our St. Vincent de Paul Society? Yes _____ No _____

SAVE THE DATE-FEBRUARY 24, 2024-ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST CONFERENCE

Join Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 27th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 24, 2024 hosted at Saint Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown. This year's conference is centered around the theme 'Moored to Mary and the Eucharist' from Saint Don Bosco's Vision. We hope you can join us for this inspiring event! For more information or to register please visit the website: www.info@catholicmenforjesuschrist.org.

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.

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