

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

“A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said: ‘If you wish, you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’ The leprosy left him immediately and he was made clean.”

The meeting of the sick man with Jesus reveals several interesting things, both persons violated the law, lepers had to keep safe distances. He drew near to Jesus. Jesus reached out and touched him. The request for healing was met with pity and compassion, as He said, ‘I do will it.’

Recently there has been a rise in the cases of leprosy, but we can use it as a symbol for all diseases, evil and sin. We turn too and ask what the will of Jesus for us is, and we know it is to heal, support and sanctify us. May we have the courage to approach Jesus as did the beggar honestly asking for healing and forgiveness.



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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, 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 Kile 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

Monday, February 12, 2024

7:30 am Joseph & Nada (Crvic) Justinic
 by Eleanor & John Fox
 7:30 am Eugene Groke by Greg & Eileen Helfrich
 7:30 am Deceased Deacons of the Diocese of Trenton
 by Saint Denis Parish

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

7:30 am Bobby Tilton by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kras
 7:30 am Jim Cashman by Pat & Paul McCabe
 7:30 am Carmine Freda by Debbie & John Gallo

Wednesday, February 14, 2024-ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Gabriel Bevilacqua by Bill & Melanie Brady
 7:30 am Edward Book Rajian by Carol Rizzi
 7:30 am Joseph Racioppi by his Family

Wednesday, February 14, 2024-ASH WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm Josephine & Jimmy Quilter by Scott & Cindy Ernst
 12:00 pm Jack & Florence Fox by Eleanor & John Fox
 12:00 pm Peter Berryman by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 7:00 pm Robert Healy by Knights of Columbus Council 3231
 7:00 pm Charles O'Connor by Reene & Dennis O'Neill
 7:00 pm Daisy O'Neill by Reene & Dennis O'Neill

Thursday, February 15, 2024

No Mass

Friday, February 16, 2024

7:30 am Joseph V. Esposito by Rosemary Esposito
 7:30 am Kay & Dave Morton by their Family
 7:30 am Julia Hrankowski by her Daughters

Saturday, February 17, 2024

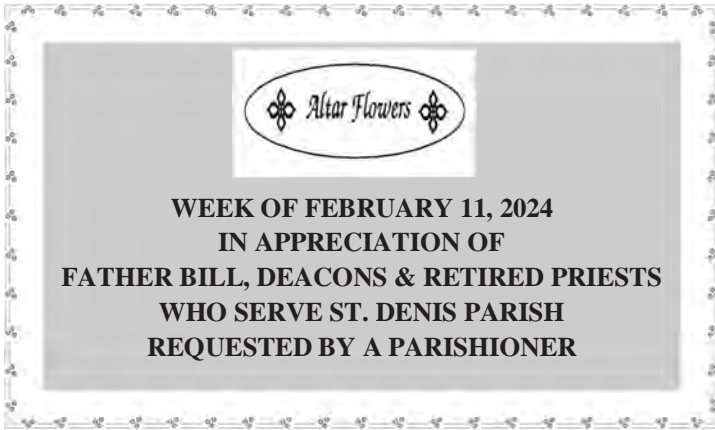
8:30 am Stanley Bazydlo by Barby Menna
 8:30 am David B. Crotty by Debbie Kroupa & Family
 8:30 am Joseph Scotti by Paulette & Perry Boquel
 4:30 pm Jim Drumgoole by Janet Verga
 4:30 pm Linda Wynd by Ron & Terry DePasquale
 4:30 pm Caesar M. Silvestro, Sr. by Mario & Joan Valeriani

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:00 am Norman Deecy by Phil Brunner
 8:00 am Charles Latendorf
 by the Coccozzi & Hirsch Families
 8:00 am Alfio DiStafano by Susan Krisulevicz
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Patricia Henry by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Antonia "Nina" DiStefano & Carmen Fazio
 by their Family
 10:00 am Daniel LaRose by Yvette Ivans & Anthony DePinto



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, 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, 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 Procysan, 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.



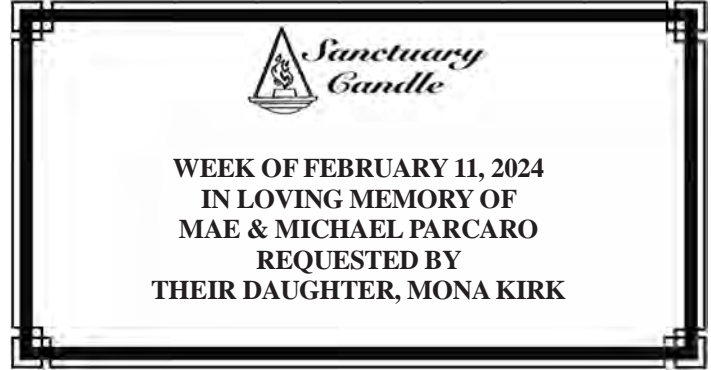
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
especially Robert Mullin and Barbara D'Andrea.

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.

ATTENTION MEN! Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 27th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 25, at St. Mary Mother of God Church in Middletown. The theme of this year's conference is "Moored to Mary and the Eucharist." The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; Joe Klecko, renowned for his formidable presence on the defensive line with the New York Jets during the late 1970s and 1980s with significant impact in the Pro Bowls of 1981, 1983 and 1984; author, national and international speaker, and author and international speaker Tim Glemkoski is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Eucharistic Congress; and Xavier Reyes-Ayral, the best selling author of, "Revelations – the hidden secret messages and prophecies of the Blessed Virgin Mary" along with being a nationally sought after podcast guest and speaker as well as a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and Grand Night. Cost is \$50 per person in advance (\$60 at the door); \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Visit: www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org for more information or to register online. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ P.O. Box 266 Clarksburg, NJ 08510



especially Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, Navy LS2 Nora N. Honrath, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, USMC Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Major Sean Fessenden, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Airman Devon Webster, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Matthew Van Pelt, Army, USMC Capt. Philip Cahill, USN LTJG Michael Zimmerman, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, US Army 2nd Lt. Allison M. Ingraham, PFC Joseph J. Foley, Jr. USMC, Airman Andrew Halmi, Sgt. Jordan Basile USMC, US Army Airborne Private Zachary Hoyle, Army 2nd Lieutenant Brendan Ertle, USMC Corporal Patrick Bednarski, USMC 1st Lt. Diego Heizerling, 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.

THANK YOU parishioners and friends for your generous Christmas offerings to our parish. Our 2023 Christmas Collection amounted to \$71,207. Your spirit of generosity to St. Denis Parish is greatly appreciated.

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE CHURCH LATIN AMERICA- By giving to the Collection for the Church in Latin America you will help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations. For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through this collection. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

January 28, 2024

Weekly Collection-	\$11,753.00
2nd Collection (Black & Nat. Amer. Missions)-	\$1,619.00
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

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WORKSHOP- "She is Sent: How to Share what God Has Done" is a Walking with Purpose workshop event created to give women like you everything you need to share the gospel. Discover your purpose and mission as a true disciple through inspiring talks, group exercises, study questions, and guided prayer. Led by two Walking with Purpose speakers, Laura Phelps and Mallory Smyth, "She is Sent" will be held in the St. Denis Parish Center on Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30pm-9:00pm. Registration is required, as space is limited. There is no registration fee for this event, but free-will donations are appreciated. For more info and to register, please visit walkingwithpurpose.com/event/she-is-sent-nj.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME to join the New Jersey Chamber Singers for their auction fundraiser on Sunday, 2/25/24 at 3 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 6 Osborn Ave. in Manasquan. The live auction will be for larger prizes such as excursions, professional services, lessons, and tickets to events. The silent auction will be for smaller prizes such as gift certificates and themed baskets. Tickets are \$25 and include your auction paddle, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, soft drinks, wine and beer. Tickets will be available at the door or through the website: www.njchambersingers.org.

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)**



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.

IN APPRECIATION- Dear Saint Denis Parishioners, On behalf of Saint Denis Parish and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, we would like to thank your very generous support for this past 2023 Christmas Giving Tree gifts for some of our special local families. We received so many thanks and tears of joy from the Christmas Giving Tree recipients. The following is one of the messages from a thank you card from one of the family recipients.

Dear Saint Denis,

There are no words to truly express how much all you did this holiday season means to our family and to all the lives you touched. Please know how much your time, energy, and dedication to the giving tree means. There are few people in this world who have such an unselfish, loving heart as yours, and even fewer who are willing give of themselves to others. Thank you for allowing God to bless us through you. "How thankful the heart that is touched by the thoughtfulness of another" - unknown.

In Christ's love always, Thank You.

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.

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.

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 _____

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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 _____

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.

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 info or to register, email: holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org with the subject line "ALS". Please include your name and telephone number.

CONTACT OF OCEAN AND MONMOUTH COUNTIES- The next 12-week training class for telephone volunteers for CONTACT (24-hour crisis intervention hotline) will begin on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, once a week for 12 weeks, every Wednesday from 6:30 –9:30 pm. In person training will be held at St. Luke's Church, 1674 Old Freehold Road in Toms River. CONTACT, a free and confidential service, has been assisting with the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975, by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity. Information and referrals are provided when requested. For additional information please call the CONTACT office at 732-240-6104.

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

"Progressing in Faith" - This is the "lens" through which you are invited to look at Lent this year. God wants us to progress in our relationships (Faith is relationship) with God and self and others. Progressing is connected to the virtue of Hope. At our Baptism, God gives us the Theological Virtue/Free Gift of Hope. "The virtue of Hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every person; it takes up the hopes that inspire our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our hearts in expectation of eternal beatitude (heaven). Buoyed up by hope, one is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity (love)." (Catechism 1818)

Through the 40 days of Lent, we are called to go within ourselves, to ask the Holy Spirit for direction - to see where we have made progress in our relationship with God and self and others - and to see where God is calling us to challenge ourselves and make progress in these relationships. On Ash Wednesday we will hear the words "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Recall that the word "repent" means to change your mind/change your direction. It is through the changes in negative thoughts/attitudes/behaviors that we make this Lent that will lead to our progressing in Faith. And we use the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving to help us achieve our goals. We should expect this progress. God is with us, offering the grace, because God invests in us for our progress. Please take advantage in the many Lenten offerings listed in today's bulletin and utilize the prayer materials available, as well as all the content on FORMED.

May God bless us all this Lent.

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.

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.

Progressing In Faith- Lent 2024

Soup and Scripture” Ecumenical Series – Jesus Says, I am...

Wednesdays at noon, Manasquan Presbyterian Church, February 14th thru March 20th
February 14th- **Ash Wednesday**- Pastor Jim Dunson, Manasquan Pres .

“I am the Light of the world” (John 8:12)

February 21- Pastor Andrew Maggs, St. Andrew UMC, Spring Lake. *“I am the vine”* (Jn 15:5)

February 28-Pastor Lou LaFazia, Church in Brielle, *“I am the Good Shepherd”* (John 10:11)

March 6- Pastor Javier Barroso, Manasquan UMC, *“I am the Bread of Life”* (John 6:35)

March 13- Fr. Bill Lago, St Denis Church and Fr. Miguel Virella, St. Mark RC,

“I am the door” (John 10:9)

March 20 –Pastor Mary Farnham, Holy Trinity Lutheran , *“I am the resurrection and the life”*

Ecumenical Good Friday Service –St Denis, Star of the Sea Chapel at 12:00 pm- March 29th

God and Goggins Lent Addition for Men- - St Denis Parish Center

Wednesday, February 28th @ 7:00PM – Fr. Bill

Progressing in Faith- Called to Be Holy Fr. Bill– St. Denis Church

Friday March 15th, 11am and 7:30 pm (right after Stations), St. Denis Church

Transformation- Fanning the Flame of Faith - Eileen Ziesmer

Monday, March 11th 11:00am , 4:30 pm & 7pm, @ St. Denis Church

Tuesday, March 12th- 4:30 pm @ St. Denis Church

Parish Lenten Reflection – **“The Stations of the Cross with Mary”** (CDA)

Monday, March 4th, 11am and 7pm, St. Denis Church

Join in a unique reflection/meditation on the Stations of the Cross.

“SHE IS SENT”- How to Share What God Has Done- Provided by Walking With Purpose

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th 7:00pm to 9:30pm in the St. Denis Parish Center

Stations of the Cross – In St. Denis Church

Fridays of Lent at noon followed by Exposition and Benediction (until 1pm)

Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

Lenten Materials for the individual:

“The Magnificat Lenten Companion” – daily reflections and prayers

“Called to Be Holy” reflections by Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI & Pope Francis

“Returning to God” reflections by Henri Nouwen

“Formed” – online videos/ebooks/movies/etc.

Access through our website (www.churchofstdenis.org code PDZVN8)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Drop-in times for Confessions in Church as follows:

Mondays, March 18th from 11:00am – 1pm and 6 pm-8:00 pm

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Or by appointment during Lent up to Wednesday, March 20th



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