

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and of every living creature with you. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”

We heard the same words when the blessed ashes were signed in the form of a cross on our foreheads this past Wednesday. We begin this season of repentance and renewal, because we are the ones in need. The covenant of God, made with Abraham and Moses, was renewed through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

At the last supper Jesus told us that the content of the chalice was His blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. We embark on this period of prayer grateful for the opportunity to amend our lives, as this Lent is to be different than any other.

As we observe our wayward world, we see the need for renewal, a renewal in our spiritual life, which begins with me. I will allow the kingdom of God to be truly present for me. By my prayer, sacrifice and good works that kingdom becomes real.



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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 17, 2024**

8:30 am Stanley Bazydlo by Barbby 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 Cocozzi & Hirsch Families
 8:00 am Alfio DiStefano 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 Yevette Ivans & Anthony DePinto

Monday, February 19, 2024

7:30 am William Pavincich by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 7:30 am Joan Cassidy by Catherine Pavincich
 7:30 am Dennis Fox by Eleanor & John Fox

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:30 am Maria Mircovich by Betty Scrivanich
 7:30 am Anthony Majeski by Kathleen Culley
 7:30 am Carmine Freda by Debbie & John Gallo

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:30 am Rita O'Reilly by the Kile Family
 7:30 am Farrell Reilly by Rosemarie & Harry Mellody
 7:30 am Paul Gensch by Mary Gensch

Thursday, February 22, 2024

No Mass

Friday, February 23, 2024

7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by Gene Bialas
 7:30 am Madeline Coppola by Anna & Danny Dobin
 7:30 am Thomas McLoughlin by Anna & Danny Dobin

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:30 am Bobby Tilton by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kras
 8:30 am Gloria Cancellieri by Tom & Pat Coyle
 8:30 am Nancy Hauck by Dan Geddes
 4:30 pm Linda Wynd by the Royal Family
 4:30 pm Elizabeth Keane by the Heinzerling Family
 4:30 pm Gloria Patti by the Voelksen Family

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 am Kay O'Brien by Claire & Ray Moynihan
 8:00 am Anita Heinen by Claire & Ray Moynihan
 8:00 am Robert Tilton by Kathy & Joe Martone
 9:30 am Maureen & James Larkin by Tom & Alice Brady
 9:30 am Elizabeth Coyne by Frank & Gerianne Laskauskas
 9:30 am Sharon Murphy by the Prince Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

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.

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.



**Pray For
The Sick**

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 Giambro, 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.

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.

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 prophesies 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

DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP-Manasquan United Methodist Church is having a Dementia/Alzheimer Support Group for families and caregivers every 3rd Monday of each month at 5 pm. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please have them join. All are welcome!

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



especially 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.



**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JIM DRUMGOOLE
REQUESTED BY JANET VERGA**

GRANDPARENTS GUILD- Greetings to everyone as we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent! Our vocation as grandparents reminds us of our need to continue modeling a Christian way of life, not only for our grandchildren, but for all families, especially our youth and the elderly. Through our example, we humbly pray to continue to model what it means to do something for others, "when we do something for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do it for the Lord" (Matthew 25:40-41). As Catholics, we are called to serve the needs of the poor, the sick and those most vulnerable members of our society. Through our example of putting the needs of others ahead of our own, our grandchildren learn also the reward of serving others. The following quote is taken from The Catholic Grandparents' Handbook by Lorene Hanley Duquin Pope Francis, Message for Lent, October 4, 2015- Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (Luke 1:48) and to call herself the Lord's humble servant (cf. 1:38). Come and join us at our next meeting on February 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM. We will meet at the Parish Center, Room 2 (St John Neumann). Please remember to bring a friend and continue your intercessory prayers to the grandparents of Jesus, St. Anne and St. Joachim. We look forward to your presence, input and prayers as we continue to build this most important ministry. Our prayers along with yours are most powerful! May this Lenten journey be a source of renewal for all! For more information kindly contact the Rectory at 732- 223- 0287.

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.

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".

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Weekly Collection

February 4, 2024

Weekly Collection- \$11,101.00

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

“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.

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.

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>. For more information or to donate items, please call 609-557-7837.

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!

AUCTION-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.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Vincent de Paul was canonized by Pope Clement XI in 1737 but Pope Leo X111 honored him as patron saint of all charitable societies in 1885. It was the deathbed confession of a dying servant which opened Vincent's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This was a crucial moment in the life of a man from a small farm in France, who originally became a priest with little more purpose than to have a comfortable life. The Countess de Gondi whose servant he had helped persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries who would work among the poor tenant farmers and country folk. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves. Vincent returned to be the leader of the group, now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or The Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in small towns and villages. Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity to help the sick in the city. He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was also zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse and ignorance among them. Remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a quick tempered and testy person, even his friends said so. He said later in life that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross". But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others, and would become our society's patron saint.

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 22, 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 _____

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

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.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES-The Spirituality Committee of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Church welcomes parishioners from the cohort parishes to a lecture series as a Lenten preparation. This is the 6th year of this series at St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish, 215 Essex Ave. in Spring Lake. The lectures take place on the four Wednesdays before Easter: Feb. 28, Mar. 6, Mar. 13 and March 20 at 6:00 pm. The lectures will be **LIVESTREAMED** on the parish website: SCSMSL.ORG. All are free and all are invited.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

As we enter Lent, we will once again take up the call to assist the children of Monmouth County assisted by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, by collecting items for Easter baskets! Last year was so terrific!!! (Just like our toy drive was this Christmas!!!) People gave chocolates, jelly beans, coloring books, baskets, and all manner of things for the baskets. We will begin collection next week and conclude March 17th. This will give volunteers the chance to put together baskets and get them to the social workers in time to give out to the kids! We offer so much hope and happiness when we do these sorts of projects. As we go out to shop and pick up some Easter basket treats, please pray for the child that will receive them - for their safety, well-being, and child-like joy and wonder - who have to deal with so much at such a young age.

We will also have an opportunity to contribute to Saint Kateri Camp when Sister Debby comes to our parish for her fund raiser to help children in Monmouth County have a safe, productive and fun summer program.

Also this year we will be collecting items for Blessings Bags that will be distributed to the homeless. In next week's bulletin will have a list of the needed items.

Together we make such a difference. Whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we do for Christ.

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)

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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

Unshakable Hope

A Women's Lent Retreat

Hosted by the St. Denis Altar Rosary Society

Thursday, March 21, 2024

St. Denis Parish Center 119 Virginia Avenue Manasquan

\$30 Includes Light Breakfast and Lunch

Checks payable to St. Denis Rosary Altar Society

To register Contact Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287

eileenziezmer@gmail.com

Registration appreciated by Monday March 18th

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

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.

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

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

"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) and 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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