

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday  
of Lent  
February 25, 2024

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or rather, was raised – who is also at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.”

Saint Paul was trying to convince the first Christians in Rome of God’s concern for them and the saving work of Jesus as redeemer. We become blasé recalling the saving work of Christ in our behalf but fail to respond today for what He did for us on Calvary. That is why we need Lent.

With the chosen apostles on Tabor we are told to listen to God’s beloved Son, and as we begin the second week of Lent, to see that I am alone with Jesus. What do I say and do?




# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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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](http://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 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 Heinzlerling 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

**Monday, February 26, 2024**

7:30 am Louis Tassini by the Family  
 7:30 am Betty Ann Rigler by the Rogers Family  
 7:30 am Irene Gottardo by Gene Bialas

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

7:30 am Nancy Fox & Ron Kyser by Eleanor & John Fox  
 7:30 am Carmine Freda by Debbie & John Gallo  
 7:30 am Gloria Cancellieri by Claire Majeski

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

7:30 am John Kolon (20th Anniversary) by the Family  
 7:30 am Bobby Tilton by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kras  
 7:30 am Tony Majeski by his Loving Family

**Thursday, February 29, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

7:30 am Joseph Abitante by Fran Weeks  
 7:30 am Nina DeAngelo by Susan Schenker  
 7:30 am Gloria Cancellieri by Ray Glowacki

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

8:30 am Buddy Eick by John & Luann Quigley & Family  
 8:30 am Bobby Tilton by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kras  
 8:30 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Jr. by his Sisters  
 4:30 pm Paul Waltsak by the Family  
 4:30 pm Shane Schwasta by the Wade Family  
 4:30 pm John J. Spollen by Barbara Roche & Louis Nieves

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Cecilia Burke by the Burke Family  
 9:30 am Gloria Smith by St. Denis Altar Rosary Society  
 9:30 am Susi Mizer by Deacon Gary  
 10:00 am Ennio Menna by the Blauvelt Family  
 10:00 am Mary Hourihan by Eileen & Jim Rochford  
 10:00 am John V. Allen III by Dan & Marianne Kerrigan

**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 Rodrigo Rea, Sr., Margaret Werfel and Kenneth Brown.



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 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.



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

Hudson James Arecchi

&

Claire Elizabeth Concodora

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



**THE EGGCELLENT ADVENTURE IS COMING!!! SAVE THE DATE-** Friday, March 22, 2024 from 6:00pm- 7:30pm in the St. Denis Parish Center. All children ages 5 to 10 are welcome to join the fun. The Adventure is a **FREE, FUN** celebration as we get ready for

Easter with crafts, stories, and activities galore. **Contact the office to register. 732-223-0287.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED AT JERSEY SHORE UUNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER-**Training Saturday, March 16th, 2024 at Holy Innocence Church in Neptune. For further info call the Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ANNUAL INVESTITURE MASS-** On Saturday, March 2nd at 10 am the Belmar Lake Como Saint Patrick Day Parade Committee will hold the Annual Investiture Mass at Saint Rose Church 603 7th Ave. in Belmar. Rev. Msgr. Edward Arnister will be the celebrant and Rev. Brian T. Butch of the Church of St. Anselm will deliver the homily. The Grand Marshals are Hon. Edward Neafsey, Michelle Casserly, Katherine "Kacey" Casserly and Megan Casserly Levis. They will lead the 51st Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade down Main Street on Sunday, March 3rd beginning at 12:30 pm. Please contact the Parade office with questions at 732-260-2648.

**PROJECT CHILD FIND (1-800-322-8174)** is a free referral service to use if you have concerns about your child's development. All calls are confidential and toll-free. For children ages birth-2 years contact the New Jersey Early Intervention System at 888-653-4463. Project Child Find was established by the New Jersey Department of Education through I.D.E.A., Part B funds from the U.S. Department of Education.



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 25, 2024  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
THOMAS DREW STOPA  
REQUESTED BY HIS MOM**

**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

**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.

**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.

**COASTAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** runs on volunteer power. We offer a variety of opportunities and a flexible schedule. We would love to have you join our team. To learn more call 732-898-4094. Coastal Habitat for Humanity is located at 1105 Memorial Drive in Asbury Park. Please shop, donate or volunteer.

**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.

**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.churchofstedenis.org](http://www.churchofstedenis.org) and click on "Online Giving".



February 11, 2024

**Weekly Collection- \$8,599.00**

**2nd Collection (Building Repairs)- \$4,297.00**

**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](http://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](http://walkingwithpurpose.com/event/she-is-sent-nj).

**MEN'S GROUP-** The purpose of our Men's Group is to enrich the lives of men by providing opportunities for men to enjoy a sense of brotherhood and spiritual growth. Our programs have 35-45 men participate. Our next program is "My Father's Father" from Wild Goose TV with Fr. Dave Pivonka. God is Father. This is the life-altering revelation of Jesus. Yes, how many of us struggle to know that we have a Father in heaven who knows, loves, and chooses us as His sons and daughters? Join us to reflect on the urgent need to know God, a loving Father for each of us. Participants watch a short video at home and download a one-page guide. We meet as a group twice a month to discuss the video, 6-7 pm at the St. Denis Parish Center. If you miss a meeting, no problem, just join us for the next one. Our meeting schedule for "My Father's Father" are the following Tuesdays: **March 12th, March 26th, April 9th, April 23rd, May 14th and May 28th.** To register for the session and information on how to access the first video, or for any questions, please contact the 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.

**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!



**WALK WITH MARY ON HER WAY OF THE CROSS-**

When Mary, a mere teenager in a simple room in Nazareth, responded "Yes" to God's divine call to be the mother of His only Son, her journey began and the world would never be the same. All are welcome as we accompany Mary on her last walk with Jesus...her Son...her Body and Blood... to the foot of His cross on Golgotha. Please join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross through her eyes on **Monday, March 4 at 11am and 7pm in St. Denis Church.**

**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](http://www.njchambersingers.org).

**LENT HEALING MASS- WHEN:** Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm (noon) **WHERE:** St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church 1100 Grand Central Ave (Rt 35N) Lavallette **WHO:** Celebrant Fr. Joy Chacko prayer teams and music (Mark J.L. Mattheiss) from NJ Campus Graduates/Students of Encounter School of Ministry. Come join us for a Mass with healing prayers. All are welcome! **CONTACT:** [DawnRusinko@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnRusinko@yahoo.com) for more information.

**CURSILLO** is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For information contact [trentoncursillo@gmail.com](mailto:trentoncursillo@gmail.com) or 609-396-8447 x14.

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



The Gospels often ask us to have faith in God and that He will help us to know the right path to take. In choosing a path to help, He does not ask us about ability but only our *availability*; and, if we prove our dependability, He will *increase* our *capability* to do good. God often doesn't call the "most qualified", He qualifies the "called".

The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, know only so well how true this is.

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, March 21, 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**– This group is for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends! It is a 12-Week Program beginning Thursday, March 7, 2024, 7:00– 8:30 pm at St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. To register or to have one of the facilitators give you a call to find out more information, please email: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com). For more info to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

**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

For the next few weeks we will participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our goal last year. Moneys collected go directly to fund diocesan-level initiatives – Youth Conference, Diaconate and Priestly training, workshops for Catechists, Musicians, Pre-Cana candidates, and Social Outreach programs, to name a few. Because we met our goal last year we received a rebate of \$19,000. We will use that money to help pay for the work we are doing in the parish center. I ask that you consider a donation for this year, as the diocese continues to reach out to people with the understanding that Jesus calls us to be One – One in Love, One in Faith, One in God's Family. I share with you some frequently asked questions regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please take a pledge card, or use the online resource listed below. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

1. Who benefits from the Annual Catholic Appeal? Every parish and all people within them benefit from the Annual Catholic Appeal, as well as those who turn to the Diocese for charitable and spiritual assistance.

2. How can I make a gift to the Annual Appeal?

- Donate online at [dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal)
- Make a gift over the phone at 609-403-7197
- Fill out an in-pew card at your parish
- Complete and return the pledge card you received in the mail
- Gifts of stock, IRA distributions, bequests and charitable annuities can be coordinated by contacting Christine Prete at [cprete@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:cprete@dioceseoftrenton.org) or 609-403-7218.

3. What payments methods can I use to make a gift? Cash, check, money order, credit card, or electronic transfer from your bank account. Digital Wallets: Paypal, Apple Pay, Venmo, MasterPass, and VisaCheckout can be made by visiting [dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal). Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera on all available Annual Catholic Appeal materials.





## **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.

Thursday 7PM “Life Recovery Bible Study”....The 12 steps of Anonymous Recovery framed in their origin in holy scripture along with corollary readings. An education and support program featuring scripture and workbook assistance to enlighten and empower those seeking recovery from substance or behaviors. Presently just virtual on Zoom. Call the rectory office for more information. Thursday 10AM “Life Recovery Bible Study”....Same as above but specializing in corollary readings from the 12 Gifts, the 12 Laws, the 12 Missteps of recovery and other corollary readings. Presently just virtual on Zoom. Call the rectory office for more information. Life Recovery Bible Weekly Podcasts by City of Angels Recovery Radio-<https://>

**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](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated. Upcoming offerings:

### GOOD OLD-FASHIONED LETTER WRITING

Monday, March 4 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

We will start with praying over his letter to the Philippians and then proceed to write a letter to someone who needs a letter from you. Writing a holy letter in a holy place during this Holy Season of Lent might be the desire of God’s heart...and yours. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

### A SIMPLE LIFE-CHANGING PRAYER

Tuesday, March 5 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Examen is a daily prayer practice designed to help you notice and enjoy God’s presence in your everyday life. As you grow in its daily practice you will begin to be aware of God’s presence and action everywhere. If you would like to end every day with peace, gratitude and hope, rather than anxiety and fear, please come to this retreat on Ignatian Examen. It’s no exaggeration to say that Examen changes everything. Donation: \$35 includes lunch and book. Zoom: \$20

### RE-VITALIZE LENT

#### GOD’S CALL TO USE YOUR POTENTIAL

Tuesday, March 5 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**Join Father Bill Lago** for some true inspiration and lively discussion which promises to re-vitalize your Lent. He will use concepts from the secular author David Goggins in his book, *Can’t Hurt Me*, with the rich tradition of Catholic Spirituality to encourage us to listen to God’s invitation to use our untapped potential and grow into the person God desires us to be. Please bring a journal. Donation: \$35, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25

### PRAYING WITH MARY AND THE ROSARY

Friday, March 8 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

The rosary is a spiritual resource that has many historical and contemporary dimensions. From the prayer beads that can guide us to contemplative stillness to the scripture-based “mysteries” that encapsulate the life journey of Mary and her son, Jesus, the rosary is rich and rewarding. With music, readings, silence and prayerful reflection on the mysteries of the rosary and of our lives, we will listen for God’s voice at this mid-Lenten time. Donation: \$35, lunch included. Zoom: \$30

## Progressing In Faith- Lent 2024

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

Wednesdays at noon, Manasquan Presbyterian Church,  
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,

Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel at 12:00 pm- March 29th

### God and Goggins Lent Addition for Men-

St. Denis Parish Center

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 11:00am , 4:30 pm & 7pm,  
@ St. Denis Church

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>- 4:30 pm @ St. Denis Church

### Progressing in Faith- Called to Be Holy

Fr. Bill– St. Denis Church

Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 11am and

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### “SHE IS SENT”- How to Share What God Has Done-

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TUESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm 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.

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation -

Drop-in times for Confessions in Church as follows:

Mondays, March 18th

11:00am –1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

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