

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 2024

“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped; Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found himself in human appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (please reread this hymn of Saint Paul).

The events of this day are moments of triumph, not moments of defeat. The jubilant reception of Palm Sunday will be mixed with the pain of the passion, leading to the victory which lies ahead. The scripture texts from the Jerusalem parade of praise through the suffering servant songs, and the four gospel accounts, are not to be glossed over but reflected upon.

We can call to mind the event of the paschal supper, the way of the cross, the traditional seven last words, to allow us to understand the passion of Jesus in the suffering people of today. In prayer we walk with them and with Jesus. Do not deny yourself of participating in this sacred moment for your soul.



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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, March 23, 2024**

8:30 am Andrij Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw
 8:30 am Sarah Jane Valenti by the McDermott Family
 8:30 am Mary Agnes Ginther
 by DOT Pastoral Life Mission Team
 4:30 pm Jessica Scott by Barby Menna
 4:30 pm Robert Spawn by JoAnn Korb
 4:30 pm Linda Wynd by Fr. Bill & St. Denis Staff

Sunday, March 24, 2024– PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am Jillian Ludwig by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Mary Ann Dillon by Carol & Ralph Cabrera
 8:00 am Jennifer Paragano by Patricia Lampa
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Edwin Coyle by the Rose Family
 10:00 am Norah Bruther by her Mom & Dad
 10:00 am Jillian Ludwig by Carol Rizzi

Monday, March 25, 2024

7:30 am William Dunne by Virginia Dunne
 7:30 am Marie Kathleen Goodwin by MCW
 7:30 am Madison Marmo by Patrick Moore

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:30 am Martin Freeman by his wife, Joanne
 7:30 am John & Rose Feeney by the Family
 7:30 am Jim Kazenmayer by Kay Kolon

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:30 am Thomas Drew Stopa by his Mom
 7:30 am Gail L. Infantes by Mary & Charles Kavanagh
 7:30 am Jim Kazenmayer by MCW

Thursday, March 28, 2024– HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm William Pavincich by Eileen Ziesmer
 7:00 pm Linda Wynd by Scott & Cathy Abercrombie
 7:00 pm William Bertscha by his Family

Friday, March 29, 2024– GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm Service (No Mass)

Saturday, March 30, 2024- HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31, 2024– EASTER SUNDAY

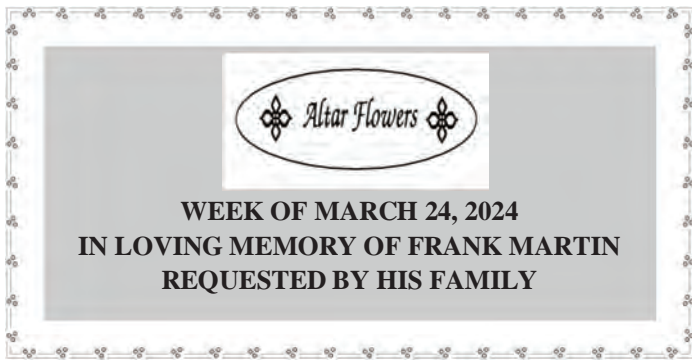
8:00 am John Knight by Sharon & Family
 8:00 am Jillian Ludwig by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Ronald & Cecilia Witzcak
 by their loving daughter, Karen J. Witzcak
 9:30 am John & Jack Kolon by Kay Kolon
 9:30 am William Bresnahan by the Bresnahan Family
 9:30 am Karen Barbarow by the Balioni Family
 10:00 am Norah Bruther by her Mom & Dad
 10:00 am James Fitzpatrick by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Dolores Larson by Carol Rizzi
 11:00 am Anne Walsh by Michelle & Steve Schneider
 11:00 am Mary Capone by Kathy Herchakowski
 11:00 am Deceased of the Koch & Rice Families
 by Betsy & Jim Rice

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.

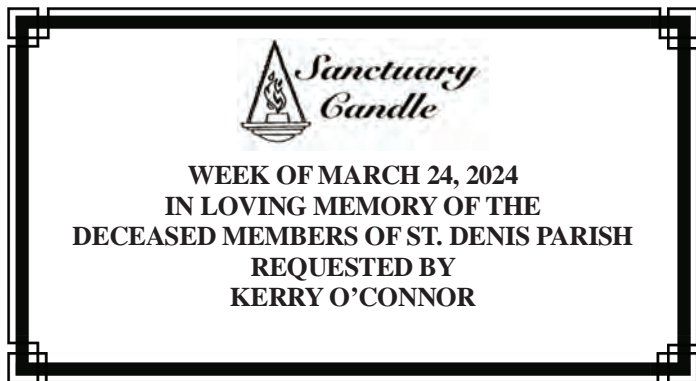
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Reverend Daniel Gowen and Anne Freda.



especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrich, Baby Lucy, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Joseph Bartol, 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, 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, Katherine Geiger, Nicole Giambone, 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, Patricia O'Leary, Gerald O'Keeffe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Charlotte Pentek, Tony Picinich, Mike Pierce, Mickey Pindar, Lisa Pirrello, Mary 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, Ronald Weinbel, Stephen Whyte, Kathy Wicks, Karen Williams, Marilyn Woerner, Patricia Wolfe, Albert Wood, Butch Wright, Eileen Zemo, and Werner Ziesmer.



**WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024
IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK MARTIN
REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY**



**WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. DENIS PARISH
REQUESTED BY
KERRY O'CONNOR**



THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Monday. The office will reopen Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:30 am.

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.

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.

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.

MANASQUAN WOMAN'S CLUB WELLNESS FAIR– All are welcome to attend this free event on April 6th, 12–4 pm at the Manasquan Woman's Club Clubhouse located at 62 Main Street. Have you ever used an AED? If not, it's time to learn. Plus - CPR basics, Heimlich, Stop the Bleed. Come for free health screenings, mini massages, tai chi demonstrations, nutrition tips, bike safety, swim and water safety, financial wellness and more. Door prizes will be offered. Each attendee will receive a chance to win their choice of giveaways from local businesses.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – CUSTODIAN: Saint Leo the Great Parish in Lincroft. Part-Time 5 days/4 hours per day. Possible full-time after three months. Must be available for night & weekend work. Compensation is based on practical experience. Must pass a background check and take a child safety course. Responsible for maintaining cleanliness of facilities and parish grounds inside and out - floors, windows, grounds, trash cans, air filters, vents, keeping inventory & ordering supplies as needed, using equipment - commercial vacuums, floor buffers, carpet cleaners. Other duties as requested. Must have the following skills and qualifications, including: ability to stand and walk for long periods, ability to lift and move over 50 pounds, knowledge of different cleaning products and tools, multitasking abilities, time-management, physical strength and stamina, organization skills, good verbal communication and interpersonal skills, ability to work with minimal supervision. Send your resume with a cover letter to Parish@stleothegreat.com. Please include three references. Calls are not accepted.

DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will take place Tuesday, April 16th, 6-8 pm. The high school community of Donovan Catholic educates its students to live their faith, respect and serve others in a global society, and pursue academic excellence in a college preparatory environment. Come for a tour of the campus facilities and learn about the academic course details, student life, and programs. You will meet students, advisors and teachers. The school is located at 711 Hooper Ave. in Toms River. Please register on the school's website: donovancatholic.org



WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE ANNUAL APPEAL? The goal of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal is \$6.5 million, however the needs of the Diocese far exceed \$6.5 million. It will be to the benefit of the ministries that are supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal to be as successful as possible.



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.

Remember Your Offerings

March 10, 2024

Weekly Collection-	\$15,077.00
2nd Collection (Catholic Relief Services)-	\$2,231.00

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

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 26th, April 16th, 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.

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.

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

In preparation for the re-opening of *The St. Denis Food Pantry* after the basement renovation, food items need to be re-stocked. Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated. Cash and check donations are welcome and can be left in the envelopes with the donated food. Please include "Food Pantry" in the memo section of checks.

PLEASE DONATE ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

****Please Check Expiration Dates****

Peanut Butter, Mayonnaise, Pasta, Jelly, Ketchup, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Boxed Milk, Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Canned Chicken, Coffee, Canned Tuna, Small laundry detergent (approx. 30-50-ounce size).

Items may be left in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space in the Main Church, or in the plastic box at the Beach Chapel.

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 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://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coamj> Download this app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10AM and 10PM. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends.

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.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



"I am the good shepherd... I know mine and mine know me" says Jesus in the Gospel. The Good Shepherd is concerned about, cares for and protects the sheep, and fulfills the obligation of relationship. The relationship requires us disciples to "lay down our lives".

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away, but rather commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us and loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving-in our families and in our service to the poor.

To those served, Vincentians are expected to give the same deep and serious thought that they give to their own families. Sharing does not consist merely in the distribution of material goods; it also implies that our personal resources and potential of mind and heart and time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, and in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness on the part of the Society's members to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration.

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, April 18, 2024 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



DIOCESE OF TRENTON CHRISM MASS

7:00 pm Monday, March 25, 2024
St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

8:00 am Recitation of Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 10:00 pm

(NO MORNING MASS)

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024- Day of Fast and Abstinence

8:00 am Recitation of Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Ecumenical Service

at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel

3:00 pm Commemoration of

the Lord's Passion and Death

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

(NO MASS ON THIS DAY)

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30, 2024

8:00 am Recitation of Morning Prayer

12:00 noon Blessing of Easter Food

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

(NO 4:30 PM MASS)

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Masses:

8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am Church
&

10:00 am Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel



We will celebrate God's Mercy and pray for God's Mercy on us and on the whole world on the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 7, 2024 in St. Denis Church beginning at 2:30 p.m. The celebration will begin with exposition of the Holy Eucharist and there will be time for private prayer and reflection. At 3:00 pm there will be the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction. For a description on the Chaplet and Novena of Divine Mercy visit www.TheDivineMercy.org

HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TRENTON

What is it? What has it been doing? What is it working on now? All are invited to learn about it on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7-8 pm, virtually from anywhere. Register to get the link by emailing holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org. Registrations for group viewing are welcome!



If you or someone in your family is in need of food, rental assistance, mental health/addiction services, or domestic violence services, we are here to help.

800-360-7711

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

We enter our holiest week of the year! I encourage you to take part in as many Holy Week liturgies as you can to enter more deeply into the Paschal mystery and Paschal feast. I ask you to look at the schedule in this bulletin and also encourage your family members/friends who have not been with us this Lent, to come now to be with us in prayer (tell them the church will definitely not fall down and that they definitely are welcome). God bless us all this Holy Week.

I also wish to share a great reflection from FaithND: The goal of living our faith—and the goal of Lent—is to let God's adoption of us at our baptism become more and more deeply, the foundational identity of who we are. Along the way, we usually become better acquainted with our own weaknesses and failings of the ways in which we are still spiritual children who have so much growing up to do. But that growth can only happen because it is fueled by God's love.

As we will most intimately discover at the end of Lent when Christ offers himself on the cross, the nature of God is self-giving love. Jesus tells us that God is perfect, and that human perfection is a reflection of God's. This means that our acts of charity (*self-giving love*) make us more and more into children of God because they are acts by which we pour ourselves out to others, regardless of their (*this-worldly perceived*) merit. In this way, we imitate and become more like God. And that is what Lent is all about. *Nathaniel Peters*

CHRISM MASS— This Diocesan-wide celebration will be on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:30 pm at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold. People from across the four counties attend as the Bishop blesses the new Holy Oils to be used at our parishes in our celebration of the sacraments. In addition, we call to mind the gift of the Priesthood and the priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to service.

BLUE MASS – PRAYING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

All are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop O'Connell and members of Law Enforcement from across the four counties of the diocese. This "Blue Mass" will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold. It is a unique Mass and a great way to show our support for all who risk their lives to serve and protect.

THE *BLESSING BAG BRIGADE* DEADLINE- Donations can be dropped off at the Church, Chapel and Rectory. Donations will be collected until Tuesday, March 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Kathi Jordan at kathijordan@stdeniscdd.com. God bless you for your support.

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.

“Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening”

Eucharistic PARISH MISSION



St. Denis Catholic Church, Manasquan, NJ
Monday, April 8th thru Wednesday, April 10th
7:00 PM



Fr. MacDonald is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts, about 10 miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist Missionary Order after attending Boston College and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 and has worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia, and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to the

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