

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 23, 2024

“A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, ‘Why are you so terrified? Do you not have faith?’ They were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who is this whom even the wind and sea obey?’”

Saint Mark paints a beautiful picture of a crisis and opportunity for Jesus to respond. He does care that we are perishing when we walk away from Him. He is not asleep, but waiting for us to turn to Him. Some might take the scene and say this is the stormy world we are living in. Jesus do you not care? Others might think that the crisis in the church today fits the same description. Sexual abuse, scandal, criticism certainly do not make the picture appealing.

Jesus does care. Do I do my part to still the wind and calm the sea of discontent? He asks me, why I care, why I am terrified or if my faith provides the direction the Spirit of God is leading us. I need to awaken. The Chinese use two picture characters to describe a crisis – danger and opportunity. May we calmly take advantage of the teaching and opportunity.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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.

THIS WEEK'S  
**MASS**  
INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

8:30 am Donald Dickson by his Family  
8:30 am Bridget Gowen by the Syby Family  
8:30 am Reverend Daniel Gowen by the Syby Family  
4:30 pm The Taylor Family by R. Taylor  
4:30 pm Catherine & Clinton Broadhurst  
by June Cunningham  
4:30 pm Dolly Hood by her Friend, June

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
9:30 am Joseph Pstrak by Deacon Gary  
9:30 am Allen Bessemer, Sr. by his Wife, Jane & Family  
9:30 am Mary Rita Clarkin by Claire Majeski  
9:30 am CJ Holowach by his Mom & Julia  
10:00 am Mary Alice Coghlan by the Rose Family  
10:00 am Viola & Thomas O'Reilly by their Family  
10:00 am Claire M. Codey by Jennifer DelSalto  
10:00 am Robert Tilton by his Family

**Monday, June 24, 2024**

7:30 am Edward F. Lyons by Jackie Lyons  
7:30 am Virginia Sanquini by her Family  
7:30 am Rev. Daniel Gowen by John & Ellie Fox

**Tuesday June 25, 2024**

7:30 am Frederick Kile by the Kile Family  
7:30 am Anthony Majeski by Doug & Mickey Bohrer  
7:30 am Rev. Daniel Gowen by JoAnn Korb

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

7:30 am Mary Kallis by Jill Stewart  
7:30 am Polly Livingood by Meg Livingood  
7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by JoAnn Korb

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

7:30 am John & Rose Feeney by their Family  
7:30 am Michael Livingood by Meg Livingood  
7:30 am Frank Manco by his Loving Family

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**

8:30 am Steven Ringo by Michael & Karen Long  
8:30 am John Henry Schriefer by Greg & Eileen Helfrich  
8:30 am Carl P. Neuvirth by Tami Przybylowski  
4:30 pm Ernest Badaracco by Rita Badaracco  
4:30 pm Mark Struncius by his Family  
4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

8:00 am Dorothy Madden by the Jacobus Family  
8:00 am Cosmo Scrivanich by Betty Scrivanich  
8:00 am Carmine Freda by Mary & Charles Kavanagh  
9:30 am Robert J. Butler by Suzanne & Herb Schuster  
9:30 am Richard Keirnan by the Cranley Family  
9:30 am Charles Nielsen by Cathy Wolfe  
10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**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 Patricia Emanuele, Janice Kircher, and Ellen Brown.

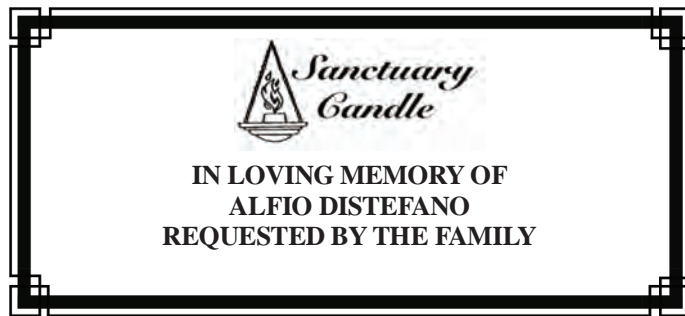


especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrich, Baby Lucy, Bobbie Banks-Grove, Joseph Bartol, Edith Bean, Belle & Ashton, Bernadette Bevan, Stanley Bevan, Joseph Bick, Holly Boyd, Cathleen Brenner, Borgias Family, Lois Brookes, Ann Brown, Karen Brown, Eileen Byrne, Barbara Cabrera, 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, Michael Desider, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Lisa Dunfee, Thomas Evans, Thomas Fahey, Chris Faraca, Joseph Fiamingo, Christine Fields Nannette Forkan, Denise Frank, Louise Franzetti, Norma Friel, Katherine Geiger, Nicole Giambrone, 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, Mark Olear, Patricia O'Leary, Gerald O'Keefe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Charlotte Pentek, Tony Picinich, Mike Pierce, Peter Merz, 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, Ronald Weinbel, Stephen Whyte, Kathy Wicks, Karen Williams, Marilyn Woerner, Patricia Wolfe, Albert Wood, Butch Wright, Eileen Zemo, and Werner Ziesmer.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DOMINICK DESTEFANO,**  
**NINA DISTEFANO ,**  
**CARMEN FAZIO &**  
**ALFIO DISTEFANO**  
 REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**ALFIO DISTEFANO**  
 REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** takes place First Fridays, from noon to 1 pm, in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord. All are welcome!

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS** – Those in need of these specially approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the priest’s ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low gluten host.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRANDPARENTS’ GUILD**– In addition to our commitment of “passing on our faith to our grandchildren”, the Grandparents Guild is also committed to bringing about an awareness of the grandparents of Jesus, St. Anne and St. Joachim. We honor their role as grandparents of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Following their example, we model devotion to our vocation as grandparents. It is most important that we continue this awareness of the grandparents of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will celebrate their feast day from July 7-July 28, 2024. We look forward to your grandchildren sharing their insights regarding their grandparents, as we did last year. Our month-long celebration will be reflective of our gratitude for modeling their (St. Anne and St. Joachim) untiring love and devotion to Jesus and each of us. We are in need of 4-8 students to volunteer their love for their grandparents by coming forward and speaking about what makes them special. Keep checking the bulletin for more information, or call the Rector. Your wisdom, creativity, and participation are needed to reach our objectives.

**KATERI DAY CAMP** - “The Good Shepherd does not want even one of God’s children to be lost in the chaos of the times.” Kateri Day Camp has 230 campers enrolled in camp this season. All of these children are at risk of becoming lost due to poverty. KDC provides a reliable and safe resource to working families who need child care for their children during the summer months. Thank you for your warm welcome, kindness, generosity and love to Kateri’s children this summer. You are in our prayer of deep gratitude. Sr. Debbie and Sisters and the KDC Community

**DOWNEY SIDE**– Do you want to make a difference in the life of a foster care child? If so, apply to adopt through Downey Side and give foster care children a permanent home. The children are school-age and up. Call 732-359-8434 for more information.

**MEN’S DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**- Are you seeking support from other men going through the life change of separation and divorce, but no one in your immediate circle of friends seems to understand the challenges you are facing? This Men’s Group is being offered to help men discuss the problems of separation and divorce. It is being run by men who are divorced who have stepped forward and seen the need for this program. It doesn’t matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. The support group is held monthly (days to be announced as they change monthly) 7:00 pm–8:30 pm at St. Leo The Great Church, Parish Center Meeting Room, 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. To register, or if you have any questions or need more information, email Michele Coppola Wilson at: [healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com](mailto:healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com)



our military, 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.

**4 SERVICE DAYS:**  
 JULY 10TH  
 JULY 16TH  
 JULY 22ND  
 AUGUST 6TH

**MISSION: JERSEY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

ALL TEENS IN THE 8-12 GRADE INVITED FOR A DAY TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON  
[WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/MISSIONJERSEY](http://WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/MISSIONJERSEY)



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR RECRUITMENT!


St. Denis Church is looking to inspire our parish children who love and worship God by making a joyful noise and singing in a newly formed parish Children's Choir in the fall of 2024. The Children's Choir is open to any student in grades 2 through 8. They will sing at Mass (up to two times) a month at either the 9:30 am Mass in the main church or the 10:00 am Mass in the beach chapel. If interested please contact Casey Fabyanski (cfab1983@gmail.com) or the Parish Office at 732-223-0287 or st.denis@verizon.net

**THE 2025 MASS BOOK AND SANCTUARY LAMP CALENDAR** are now open. Intentions are being taken at the rectory office during regular business hours. There are still 2024 Masses (daily & Saturday morning) and Sanctuary Lamps available.

**SUMMER GOSPEL REFLECTION/STUDY-** We join together with members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel. This informal presentation and discussion is a great way to learn more about the Gospel and share a relaxing "summer reading" experience with some great people. We will meet on Wednesday, June 26th at 11am at Holy Trinity Church and again at 7pm at the St. Denis Parish Center. Then get ready for The Chosen discussions!!!

**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> 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.

**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.




**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)  
 Questions or special food needs?  
 Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383  
 Pantry hours: Tuesdays: 1PM-3PM

There is a menu of food options available at curbside for pick up!. 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:**  
 Laundry detergent, dish detergent, mustard, coffee, tissues  
**\*\*Please Check Expiration Dates\*\***  
*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.*

**LASAGNA LOVE-** What started as a mother and daughter feeding families in their community has grown into a national movement with over 5,000 volunteers across the country, all making and delivering home-cooked meals. The mission is not only to help address the incredible rise in food insecurity among families, but also to provide a simple act of love and kindness during a time full of uncertainty and stress. To request a free lasagna delivery: 1. Visit [lasagnalove.org](http://lasagnalove.org) 2. Get matched to a local lasagna mama or papa 3. Coordinate a delivery day & time 4. Get a safe contactless delivery 5. Sign up again the next month.

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



Vincent de Paul was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737 but Pope Leo 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 county folk. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, Vincent returned to be the leader of that 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 the patron saint of our society which bears his name.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, July 18th at 7pm in the Parish Center. If you need assistance please call the hotline at 732-223-1383.

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.

If you are in need of assistance, please call the hotline at 732-223-1383.



### 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 info. Life Recovery Bible Weekly Podcasts by City of Angels Recovery Radio-<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan>

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.

**NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS-** Please visit: [njcatholic.org](http://njcatholic.org) for information on how the Catholic Church interacts with the State in matters of social justice. You can sign up for "Take Action" in order to notify our state representatives of the social justice response that we take on so many issues.

A "**LIBERTY EXTRAVAGANZA**" will be presented by The Society of Saint Cecilia at the Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua in Red Bank. You are invited to join the Liberty Singers to celebrate Independence Day with a special concert on Sunday, July 7th, at 3:30 pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center. The concert will include both sacred and secular music from various genres and time periods; there will be something for everyone! In addition to the choir, we will be joined by the St. Cecilia Brass Ensemble and there will be a BBQ afterwards in the garden hosted by St. Anthony's Society. Admission will be a free will offering. Please visit [web.stanthonysofredbank.net](http://web.stanthonysofredbank.net) for more information.

**THANK YOU-** We are grateful to our parishioners and friends for your contributions to this year's Easter Collection. The collection amounted to \$55,979. Your support has made a tremendous impact and we are incredibly thankful for your generosity.

**HOLY FATHER COLLECTION-**Next week's second collection, also known as Peter's Pence, is a collection that takes place annually to provide the Holy Father with funds to help those in need around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to provide emergency financial assistance to people suffering from war, natural disasters, oppression, and disease. It also gives Catholics the opportunity to help the weak, defenseless, and voiceless.



**June 9, 2024**

**Weekly Collection**

**\$11,355.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

I share with you information for "Religious Freedom Week" from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The annual observance of Religious Freedom Week takes place June 22–29. It begins with the feast day of Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher (killed by their government for their religious convictions) and ends with the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul (also killed due to lack of religious freedom). The theme this year is "Called to the Fullness of Dignity." The USCCB offers the faithful daily topics addressing different aspects of religious liberty for prayer, reflection, and action, which may be found at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek). Building on this year's Annual Report, Religious Freedom Week highlights concerns about attacks on houses of worship. As the Committee for Religious Liberty stated in its Report, "There is no greater threat to religious liberty than for one's house of worship to become a place of danger, and the country sadly finds itself in a place where that danger is real."

Religious Freedom Week also calls attention to threats to Catholic ministries that serve immigrants. The attacks on both sacred spaces and ministries to migrants reflect the political and cultural polarization that has come to characterize so much of American life. Religious Freedom Week encourages Catholics do their part to promote civility by recognizing the dignity of all people and inviting others to do the same. To connect with the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, text FREEDOM to 84576 and sign up for "First Freedom News," the Committee for Religious Liberty's monthly newsletter. And learn more about the USCCB's Civilize It Campaign to help promote dignity beyond the debate. [www.usccb.org/civilizeit](http://www.usccb.org/civilizeit)

As Catholics, we take to heart Jesus' invitation to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all". As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. But as Pope Francis writes in *Fratelli Tutti*, we can seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good". We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world.

**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".

### 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.



**CALLING FOR ST. DENIS HOLY HELPERS**-Holy Helpers is a parish group that takes stewardship for the events and activities that require some "helping hands". It is so deemed Holy Helpers in honor of St. Denis who was one of the Fourteen **Holy Helpers**. They are a group of saints invoked with special confidence because they have proven themselves efficacious helpers in adversity and difficulties, known and venerated under the name Fourteen Holy Helpers. Do you feel you can be a part of St. Denis Parish Holy Helpers? Stewardship and assistance in many, many ways is what really helps maintain the vibrancy of our parish and makes things happen. This ministry is open to all. We appreciate whatever talents you can offer as our events come along during the year! Participate as your schedule and ability dictate. This is a "no commitment" committee! Help when you want and as you feel you can. **If you would like to join please contact the parish office (732) 223-0287 or contact Eileen at email: [eileenziemer@gmail.com](mailto:eileenziemer@gmail.com). Our first activity will be helping sell 50/50 tickets at all the Masses through the summer... call or email if you are interested in helping.**

**SAVE THE DATE... Monday, September 9, 2024** at 9:00 am- Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Outing at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Colts Neck, NJ. The outing is sponsored by K of C Council 3231, St. Denis and St. Mark's Parishes. For more information contact the Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER TRIP** is being sponsored by the St. Joseph's Rosary Altar Society on Tuesday, 8/6/24. At 8:30 am a motor coach will depart St Joseph's Church 658 Hooper Ave, Toms River. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. At 11:00 am arrive at Kitchen Kettle Village, 12 pm depart for lunch, 12:30 pm enjoy a family style lunch at Huckleberry's Restaurant, Fulton Steamboat Inn, 1:45 pm depart for Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre. "Sight & Sound is the nation's largest professional Christian theatrical company, where audiences have been captivated by the scope of creativity that goes into every production". At 3 pm "DANIEL" begins in the Millennium Theatre. "From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope filled stories as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theater". The approximate departure time for home is 5:45 pm, 8:45 pm-approximate return time. The cost is \$180. Please RSVP and send checks payable to: St Joseph's Rosary Altar Society. c/o Donna West 9B Cardinal Street Manchester, NJ 08759 Please include your name and cell phone number.

**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!

**KINDNESS CAFE**- Please stop in for a cup of kindness after Mass! The Kindness Café is open every Sunday from 8:30 am -11:30 am at 140 Main Street in downtown Manasquan. Our mission is to bring meaningful employment to young adults with developmental disabilities, one cup of coffee at a time. For more information please contact us at: [kindnesscafeonmain@gmail.com](mailto:kindnesscafeonmain@gmail.com) #brewingkindnessdaily

**TO ALL OF OUR PARISH FAMILIES**-Registration has started for our 2024-2025 Religious Education Program. All children grades 1-8 are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information please call the Religious Education Office at 732-223-1161 or visit the St. Denis website and look under the Religious Education tab. We are looking forward to seeing you next year!



**LADIES, CURIOUS ABOUT WALKING WITH PURPOSE?**

**Walking with Purpose (WWP)** is comprised of women striving for a greater understanding of the Bible and the Catholic faith. At WWP, we meet you where you are on your faith journey; whether you have never opened the Bible or are well-versed, come as you are to a community of women who work together to grow in our faith. At the WWP *Summer Sample* you will gain an understanding of the Walking with Purpose Ministry, have an opportunity to try two study lessons, and meet other women seeking to grow in their faith. **JOIN US FOR A WWP SUMMER SAMPLE. Join us for some or all gatherings: July 9, 16, 23 7pm-8pm, St. Denis Parish Center (School Building, upstairs, room 20) Books provided. No cost, simply Open Your Heart. Please email to [allisonpenkethman@gmail.com](mailto:allisonpenkethman@gmail.com) to RSVP.** (Full WWP Study starts in Oct-- go to [www.wwpnjshore.com](http://www.wwpnjshore.com) for more info.)

**THE MEN'S GROUP AT ST. DENIS AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE YOU TO "INTO THE BREACH"**-The Men's Group at St. Denis and our Knights of Columbus Council 3231 are co-sponsoring this program over the summer. **All men are invited, whether or not a member of St. Denis Parish or the Knights.** Join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through short videos and inspiring speakers and group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men, fit for the breach. 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 Men's Group programs generally have 30-40 men participate. **Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm and will last an hour.** Meetings are held at the St. Denis Parish Center (formerly St. Denis School.) Join us for this series. No problem if you miss a meeting or two, just join us for the next meeting. The lessons of *Into the Breach* are powerful and should help each of us become better men and help strengthen us as Catholic men, leading a fuller, more purposeful life. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Denis Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.



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