

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 30, 2024**

“Brothers and sisters, as you excel in every respect; in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs.”

Imagine Saint Paul telling the first Christians, to recognize the needs of others, and do something to ease their burden. All of us have been blessed in so many ways. The same virtues and gifts of which he spoke to the Corinthians he expects to put into practice. If that was expected of them, how much more for us, so blessed, must we act when we discover countless people in need around us in our world. How many refugees, displaced persons, the suffering, sick and poor, are asking us to respond because we have faith, knowledge, and the love of Jesus Christ. Decide today how you will respond.



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. 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, 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 Scivanich by Betty Scivanich
 8:00 am Carmine Freda by Mary & Charles Kavanagh
 9:30 am Robert J. Butler by Suzanne & Herb Schuster
 9:30 am Richard Keirman by the Cranley Family
 9:30 am Charles Nielsen by Cathy Wolfe
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, July 1, 2024

7:30 am Thomas Buble by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 7:30 am Gabriel Bevilacqua by the Family
 7:30 am Carmine Freda by Linda & George Greene

Tuesday July 2, 2024

7:30 am Rev. Daniel Gowen by Carol Rizzi
 7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Jackie Lyons
 7:30 am Anne Freda by Linda & George Greene

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

7:30 am Maureen & Eugene Kehoe-Rodgers by Joan Coyle
 7:30 am Thomas Drew Stopa by his Mom
 7:30 am Parania Jaworiw by Nadia Jaworiw

Thursday, July 4, 2024-Independence Day

8:30 am John Simes by the Family
 8:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Barbara Simes
 8:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Barbara Simes

Friday, July 5, 2024

7:30 am Richard Burke by his Wife
 7:30 am Anne Freda by John & Debbie Gallo
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by JoAnn Korb

Saturday, July 6, 2024

8:30 am Gary Caron by Robert Ierley
 8:30 am Maureen Walsh by the Sheehan family
 8:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by MCW
 4:30 pm Fred Geraing by the Family
 4:30 pm Edward Kessler by the Burke Family
 4:30 pm Anthony Majeski by Marilyn & Bob Healey

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:00 am Theresa King by Kathleen Framholz
 8:00 am Margaret Andersen by Mary & Charles Kavanagh
 8:00 am Barbara D'Andrea by Steven J. Golaszewski
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Tim Geiger by the Family
 10:00 am Thomas O'Reilly by the Family
 10:00 am Theresa Sullivan King & the Sullivan Family
 by the Family
 10:00 am Rose Callanan By the Catania Family

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.

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.



especially Doris Abruzzo, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Peggy Andrigh, 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, 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.



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

Frankie Marie Gallo
Penelope Ryan Hanrahan
Callie Vita Irizarry
Christopher John Kruthers
Nora Michelle Moore
Henry Gerald Mundie
Lincoln Hawk Schultzel

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always

SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT NETWORK– Do you want more peace in your family, blessings on your undertakings, and a more perfect faith life? Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. Open the door for Him! Join our nationwide campaign to invite the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home, or business. Visit www.SacredHeartRevival.com for more information on the graces of the Sacred Heart and sign up today.

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.



our military, especially USMC Sgt. Jordan Basile, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, USMC Corporal Patrick Bednarski, USMC Capt. Philip Cahill, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Army PFC Ryan Costello, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Army Captain Dr.

Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lieutenant Brendan Ertle, Army Major Sean Fessenden, USMC PFC Joseph J. Foley Jr, Airman Andrew Halmi, USMC 1st Lt. Diego Heinzerling, Lt. Jg. Mary T. Herman, Navy LS2 Nora N. Honrath, Navy Lt. Rachael M. Honrath, US Army Airborne Private Zachary Hoyle, US Army 2nd Lt. Allison M. Ingraham, Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, USMC Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV, Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Army Lt. Brian Quinn, Air Force Major David Smith, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta, Army Matthew Van Pelt, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Airman Devon Webster, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, and USN LTJG Michael Zimmerman.



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.

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.

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



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.

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!

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 trentoncur-sillo@gmail.com or 609-396-8447 x14.

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.




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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Rectory Office will be closed
 Thursday, July 4th
 and Friday, July 5th
 in observance of Independence Day.
 The office will reopen Monday, July 8th at 8:30 am.
 There will be one Mass only on July 4th at 8:30 am.
 We wish our parishioners and friends
 a very happy and safe Independence Day!



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

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 have an interest in seeing how "qualified" you can become in helping those in need, come to one of the Society's meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. 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, July 18th at 7pm in the Parish Center. If you need assistance please call the hotline at 732-223-1383.

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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.

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 for more information.

NEWS FROM ASCENSION PRESS- HOME DEVOTION Visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions. **PRAY THE ROSARY**—Join over 50,000 fellow Catholics and pray the rosary LIVE on Ascension's Facebook page daily at 4pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in "memory of" or "honor of" someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during business hours.

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".



June 16, 2024

Weekly Collection

\$11,355.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

As we come to the end of June, we are getting ready to celebrate Independence Day. We pray that God bless America. We will have daily Mass a little bit later, at 8:30 a.m., on the 4th of July. All are invited to attend.

As Roman Catholics in America, we are called to take seriously our call to take an active part in the local, county, state, and national government. Our Lord calls us to be "salt of the earth and light of the world" by living Faith, Hope and Love where ever we live. St. Paul calls for us to pray for our government in 1 Timothy. "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." And Pope Francis has said, "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." Patriotism is a virtue.

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. Visit: <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship> or google "usccb, faithful citizenship for more information".

May we never take for granted the United States of American, One Nation Under God. We are grateful for all those who fought for American independence, and all who have fought for our continued independence and the freedoms we are provided as citizens of the U.S.A.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES (PCS)-A joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities provides licensed professionals for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) to parishioners dealing with difficult issues, for example, job-stress, family concerns and bereavement. The fee is \$95 per session if privately paying, \$25 per session if receiving PCS financial assistance, or health insurance if it is applicable and you choose. Contact Father Bill for additional information and referral.

HOLY INNOCENTS SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS Are you passionate about including persons with special needs fully into our parish communities? If yes, then we are looking for you! We are the Holy Innocents Society Diocese of Trenton. You may know our work in catechesis, but did you know our mission as a nonprofit organization is so much more? Please explore how you can participate with us in our mission. Call 609-403-7139, leave your name, telephone number and parish's name. We will contact you as soon as possible. Visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/holy-innocents-society if you would like more information.

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: eileenziemmer@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.**

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

BLESSED. 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.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING-All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2024 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or call your local parish office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2024.




JOIN THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

11-Day
Eucharistic Miracle Pilgrimage to Italy
September 29 - October 9, 2024

REV. MARTIN O'REILLY,
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR.

MORE INFORMATION/REGISTRATION
WWW.JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM/TRENTON24 | CAROLYN NORBIT | 732-216-8073 | CAROLYN@JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM

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 to RSVP.** (Full WWP Study starts in Oct-- go to www.wwpnjshore.com for more information)

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.

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.

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.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD? Text the word "freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for information on religious liberty.

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