

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 2024

“...But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me... for when I am weak, then I am strong... ‘What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands...’ He was amazed at their lack of faith.”

We all have strengths and weaknesses. Paul teaches us how to address the latter, basically, to admit to them and submit to the power of God to lift us up. He is the same Paul who states ‘I can do all things in him who strengthens me.’

What is that power? In our church we call it ‘grace,’ the life of God, conferred upon us as a gift, and both sought and accepted by us. We find His power and grace in the sacraments we celebrate.

‘He was amazed’ Saint Mark tells us ‘by their lack of faith.’ Grace is not just amazing but a gift I need. May we find it in our hearts today.



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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, 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 Gearing 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 Fromholz
 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 their Family
 10:00 am Rose Callanan by the Catania Family

Monday, July 8, 2024

7:30 am Thomas S. Coyle by Tom & Pat Coyle
 7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Fran Weeks

Tuesday July 9, 2024

7:30 am Cliff Syby by the Family
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Mary Kellenberger
 7:30 am John Hardiman by Mark & Denise Olear

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:30 am Rev. Daniel Gowen by the Arcaro Family
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Terry McCormick
 7:30 am Rita Baeszler by Terry McCormick

Thursday, July 11, 2024

NO MASS

Friday, July 12, 2024

7:30 am Les Eslinger by his Wife Jean
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Sheila Ruckert
 7:30 am Maureen Walsh by Claire Sciarappa

Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:30 am Maria Mircovich by Betty Scrivanich
 8:30 am Candace Tice by the O'Donnell Family
 8:30 am Anne & Babe Freda by Sally Balioni
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:00 am Bridget Gowen by the Gowen Family
 8:00 am Theresa King by Kathleen Fromholz
 8:00 am Charles Nuzzo Jr. by CDA, Court St. Denis
 9:30 am Lorraine Kohrmann by the Family
 9:30 am Michael C. McIntyre by Joan & Mario Valeriani
 9:30 am Robert J. Butler by Eileen Wade
 10:00 am Tracy Griffin by Jane Wehner
 10:00 am The Chiovitti & Gentile Families by their Family
 10:00 am Steven Ringo by Michael & Karen Long

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 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,

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HER DAUGHTER AND GRANDCHILDREN



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE- We will once again be collecting backpacks, lunchboxes, and school supplies for children in Monmouth County who are helped through the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency. We will begin our collection the weekend of July 20/21 and go thru August 10/11 in order to have enough time for the workers to meet with the students before school starts in early September. Our parish has been so generous in helping the children in this way. The stories of how excited the children are in being able to have the opportunity to pick their own backpack or lunchbox would make your heart so grateful and happy. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 #brewingkindnessdaily

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GUARDIAN ANGEL DINNER DANCE (9/25/24)– Are you looking for an opportunity to have fun and make a difference? We are currently seeking volunteers to join the Guardian Angel Dinner Dance Committee. Members meet monthly to assist in promoting the event and soliciting: sponsorships, journal ads, silent auction items and sales of 50/50 tickets. Together, we can make an impact on the lives of those who rely on Catholic Charities. To learn more email Leslie Alpaugh at Lalpaugh@cctrenton.org



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 Captain 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 Rectory. Your wisdom, creativity, and participation are needed to reach our objectives.

ST. MARK’S YOUTH GROUP – AN INVITATION-Teens are invited to join a high school youth group at our neighboring parish of St. Mark, Sea Girt. They meet on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. There are always lots of games, service opportunities, food, and friendly high school students from our local area.

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.


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.

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.

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS- Please visit: 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.

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!

ALS PRAYER GROUP- For those impacted by Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) The Holy Innocent's Society of the Diocese of Trenton is sponsoring a weekly virtual prayer group. The group will meet via Zoom every Monday at 10:00 am. For more information or to register email: holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org with the subject line "ALS". Include your name and telephone number.



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
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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.

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.

ATTENTION EXPERIENCED SEWERS—Would you like a meaningful opportunity to use your skills? "The Memory Care Project— Bear Hugs"? Visiting Nurse Association Health Group offers hospice patient families a special service: Memory Bears crafted from the garments of a loved one, by a team of skilled volunteer seamstresses. VNAHG offers the Bear Hugs Program through its joint venture with RWJ Barnabas Health Hospice. For more information about becoming a volunteer seamstress, please contact Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteer Services at Pauline.depalma@vnahg.org.

READING BUDDIES PROGRAM- The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) at Family & Children's Service in Long Branch has a meaningful volunteer opportunity for adults 55 years and older who love children and books. Committed volunteers will read to pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students during school hours for one hour, once a week. We serve 15 public schools in Monmouth County and need volunteers in your area. No previous teaching experience is required; training will be offered, and books are supplied. Please show your concern for our children by sharing your time and becoming the rainbow between a child and reading. Please submit an application online at https://www.fcsmonmouth.org/_home/about-fcs/.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The St. Denis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves everyone living in the parish neighborhood, whether they are parishioners or not, since all are joined together through the realities of creation and redemption. Our conference recognizes our responsibility toward all of our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 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.

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.

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".

BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be used towards renovating the Parish Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



June 23, 2024

Weekly Collection

\$11,552.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

In July we prepare to celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus (26 July), and the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. **The theme for the 2024 celebration selected by the pope is "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9).** Our parish is one of only two parishes in the diocese with a group dedicated to grandparents. I am so thankful to Ronnie Garrett who not only was inspired to start this group at our parish, but has also added her faith and grandparenting-joy to the group by coordinating all its efforts. Her vision for the group is one of mutual support for the vocation of grandparenting through prayer and the sharing of life lessons and an impressive list of reference materials.

Our Grandparents Guild has been promoting the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly since its inception by Pope Francis. We have many things planned for the celebration. Please see the bulletin for details. I share with you a part of this year's letter from Pope Francis:

Dear brothers and sisters, God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

...We can be certain, then, that he will be close to us also in old age, all the more because, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing. At the same time, in the Psalms we also find this heartfelt plea to the Lord: "In my old age do not abandon me" (cf. Ps 71:9). Words that are strong, even crude. They make us think of the extreme suffering of Jesus, who cried out on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). In the Bible, then, we find both the certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain. On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. ... In place of the self-centered attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you".

CAR RAFFLE- Saint Peter School PTA is excited to bring its annual Car Raffle to St. Denis! St. Peter volunteers will visit St. Denis to sell raffle tickets for a new 2024 Ford Bronco Sport! Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will be sold at the St. Denis Beach Chapel on Sunday, July 14th.

Visit spspta.org/car or email saintpeterpta@gmail.com for more information or to find your tickets!

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