

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2024

“In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ... When he had disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd and he began to teach them many things.”

How close we are to Jesus, or better, how close is He to us. Why is it we make Him distant when we meet Him today, showing pity, mercy, compassion for the vast crowd. Yet, He is so close and loves me in the same way. His role, using the image of the shepherd, is to guard, guide, protect, lead and feed. He is not far off, but as St. Paul states ‘I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me.’ For this reason He invites us to ‘come to me you who labor and are weary, and I will give you rest.’



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, July 20, 2024**

- 8:30 am Pat Zanetti by Maria Viaggio
 8:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by James & Michele Conrey
 8:30 am Helen Mayer-Blaine by Mark & Denise Olear
 4:30 pm Walter (Whitey) Wojton by his Daughter, JoAnn
 4:30 pm Robert McCourt by JoAnn Korb
 4:30 pm Rachelle Krug by the Lewis Family

Sunday, July 21, 2024

- 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am John "Buddy" Donahue (5th Anniversary)
 by his Sister-in-law, Kay Kolon
 9:30 am Richard & Lorraine Kohrmann by their Family
 9:30 am Nancy Sweeney by the Cappuzzo Family
 10:00 am Timothy Downing by Eileen & Greg Helfrich
 10:00 am Ann DeMaria
 by Sue & Tim McCorkell & Thomas Campbell
 10:00 am Christine Mutch by Betsy & Jim Rice

Monday, July 22, 2024

- 7:30 am Patricia & Michael Brunner by Phil Brunner
 7:30 am Peter & Margie McCreesh by Meg Livingood
 7:30 am Helen Mayer Blaine
 by the Kouvel & Debrigard Families

Tuesday July 23, 2024

- 7:30 am John Regan by Maryann
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Jack & Ann Therese Begley
 7:30 am Pat Humphreys by Fran & Kevin Kearns

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

- 7:30 am Jack Fox by Ellie & John Fox
 7:30 am Bob & Betty Ann Pechkis by Bob
 7:30 am Jacqueline Strimpler by Eileen Catalano

Thursday, July 25, 2024

No Mass

Friday, July 26, 2024

- 7:30 am Louis Merrill by his Daughter, Sharon
 7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Ron & Terry DePasquale
 7:30 am Charles Trybus by Debbi & Bill Kovash

Saturday, July 27, 2024

- 8:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Patrick Moore
 8:30 am Mary Jo Romano by Patrick Moore
 8:30 am David & Gloria Smith by their Family
 4:30 pm Erin & Bronwen Doherty by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 4:30 pm Lucia Campo by Michael & Pam Budalich
 4:30 pm Intentions of Debbie Gallo & Family
 by Michele Fitzgerald

Sunday, July 28, 2024

- 8:00 am Karen, Patricia & Trish Monaghan
 by the Easton Family
 8:00 am Cleofe Francisco Prieto by Grace & Terry Gabriele
 8:00 am Gonzalo Rafael Cordova by Grace & Jerry Gabriele
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Leonard & Betty Stankunas by Deacon Gary
 10:00 am Charles Franzetti by Carl & Catherine Franzetti
 10:00 am Ann DeMaria by the Russell 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Peter Merz and James Donechie.



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, Borgia 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, Veronica Garrett, Katherine Geiger, Nicole Giambro, 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.



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!

PART-TIME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT- Help spread the faith to our wonderful religious education students! We are seeking an assistant during class days (Sunday morning, Monday afternoon/evening, and Tuesday afternoon). Approximately 12-15 hours per week. Please contact Katie Bodnar 732-223-1161 / office@stdeniscdd.com for details.

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.

THE CHOSEN- Get ready for discussions on "The Chosen" Season 4!!! Co-hosted by St. Denis and Holy Trinity Churches, we will meet on Wednesdays at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church and at 7 pm at St. Denis Church. We will start 24 July and go until 14 August and then start up again on 4 September and go until 25 September. We always have such an amazing time. We have a "viewer response" discussion with cinematographic nuances and background information. Just a great conversation regarding a thought-provoking show. Join in the discussion!

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.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, USMC Lance Corporal Hunter Fancher, USAF Airman 1st Class Tristan Fancher, 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.



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

Henryk Theo Furmaniak
Beau Palmer Graves
Ashlynn Morgan Wells

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always

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.

AN EVENING WITH FR. PIO MANDATO, HMFJ- St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church welcomes you for a special evening with "Fr. Pio Mandato, HMFJ When: Thursday, August 1st, Where: 1100 Grand Central Ave in Lavallette, 5:30-7 pm: Fr. Pio will be joined by fellow priests to hear Confession during the Holy Rosary & testimonies of healing! 7pm: Father Pio's teaching on the Love of Jesus! Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, healing prayer w/ Fr. Pio, blessing with St. Pio's Relic Stigmatic Glove & Benediction! For further information please contact: Dawnrusinko@yahoo.com Fr. Pio Mandato FMHJ is a Franciscan priest living as a missionary hermit. Fr. Pio was born in Italy and along with his brother Vincenzo, received his First Holy Communion from Saint Pio before coming to the USA. He grew up in NJ and entered the Capuchin Franciscans at the age of 17. He was ordained in 1985. In 1998 he was accepted into the Diocese of Scranton, PA., and now lives a life of solitude, prayer and intercession.

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 info 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



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




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

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.

WHY BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER? The simplest gifts are often the most profound. If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. If you have been searching for meaningful ways to spend your time, we invite you to explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group. Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Monmouth or Middlesex Counties, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from the Neptune office, are just some of the ways in which volunteers support patients and their families. A training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team on 3 consecutive Mondays: August 5th, 12th &, 19th 2024 10 am – 3 pm. Advanced registration is required. *Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions* at 3600 Route 66, FL4 Neptune NJ. For registration information please call the Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

ESL NEEDS YOU! When you help someone to learn to speak English, you change a life. Join other volunteers at the English As A Second Language (ESL) program on Sundays before the Spanish Mass at St. Mark's in Sea Girt. Experienced tutors can guide you. For more info please email: margaretmahoney726@gmail.com.



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:
Toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant and vegetable oil (16oz.)
****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.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANNE PIETRUCHA
REQUESTED BY
HER FAMILY

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.

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. This relationship requires of us disciples to "lay down our lives".

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away but rather to 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, of time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness, on the part of members of the Society to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration .

We are all poor in one way or another and that is perhaps what draws us closer to one another and to him who is the Good Shepherd and who consented to share our humanity.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting 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.

CONCERT AT THE GARDEN-We will have our annual "Concert at the Garden" on August 6th at 6:30 pm by the Ecumenical Giving Garden. Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of music and community. Please bring your own chair and a snack to share! Iced tea and water will be provided. If you would like to play a song on your instrument or sing a song, let Fr. Bill know.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT- St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics. We are having an Information Night on Thursday, August 15th, 2024 from 7-8:30 pm at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. If interested, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have. For more info visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!

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.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND- Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., invites the faithful to show appreciation and care for their spiritual fathers and grandfathers through a gift to the 3rd annual Diocesan Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund. Please remember them in your prayers and be as generous as your circumstances allow.



July 7, 2024

Weekly Collection

\$12,359.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. This year it falls July 21st- 27th. This year's theme is "Love Beyond All Measure." The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week! Visit nfp@uscgb.org for further information.

God designed marriage as an "intimate partnership of life and love". Marriage is oriented to the good of the spouses and to the creation and nurture of new human life (see *Gaudium et spes*, no. 48). Making decisions therefore, about when and how many children to have in marriage is a sacred responsibility that God has entrusted to husband and wife. This is the foundation of what the Church calls, "Responsible Parenthood," the call to discern God's will for your marriage while respecting His design for life and love.

The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy. When learning about NFP, it is important to know that: Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for certain methods that are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. Our Diocese has information (<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/natural-family-planning>) including NFP information for men.

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/.

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.

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 info contact the Rectory Office.

MANASQUAN ELKS SUNDAY BREAKFAST- The Elks invite you to breakfast on Sunday, 8/11/24, 8:30-11:30 am at the Manasquan Elks Lodge located at 17 Stockton Lake Blvd. Breakfast offerings will be: custom omelets, custom egg sandwiches with cheese, pork roll, bacon or sausage, eggs any style with choice of toast, side of pork roll, bacon or sausage, French toast, pancakes, and coffee. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children.

WALL KNIGHTS FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND-RAISER- Founded in 2020, WKFF's sole mission is to help student athletes of Wall Twp., by means of fundraising and partnering with local businesses to provide the best athletic experiences and opportunities the community deserves. On August 12, 2024, WKFF welcomes you to enjoy full access to all the amenities and features of Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club to raise funds for the youth athletes of Wall Twp. The schedule of events include: 10 am- Golf & Pool Registration & Check-in, 10 am- Welcome BBQ for all, 10 am- Pool, Cabana, Pickleball & Tennis Open, 12 pm- Shotgun Start, 5:30 pm-Cocktail Hour (Open Bar) & 6:30 pm-Dinner. To sign up or for more information please visit: my.onecause.com



FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER is a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House located at 84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ. Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

The *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius* are a core offering at Francis House which deepen your capacity for prayer and intimacy with God, free you from attachments, clarify your purpose and teach discernment of spirits, the art of finding God in all things. Below are our 3 ways:

IN-PERSON OR ZOOM MONTHLY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES 10 Wednesdays 3-4:30 PM

9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 4/6, 5/7 Please give yourself the gift of this retreat that invites you to pray with Scriptures each day using the format of the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. We will use *The Jesus Way: Practicing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*, by Karen Keen and *The Gift of Spiritual Intimacy* by Monty Williams, SJ. Donation: \$200

34 WEEKLY ZOOM MEETINGS- SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS 34 Tuesdays 3-4:30 PM 9/17-5/27 On Zoom to alleviate travel each week. In this full version, we will experience the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius* which corresponds to a 30-day retreat at a retreat house. You are committing to one hour of prayer every day and a weekly meeting. We will use *The Jesus Way: Practicing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*, by Karen Keen and *The Gift of Spiritual Intimacy* by Monty Williams, SJ. Donation: \$450

EVENING ZOOM SERIES- THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES MADE EASY 10 Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM

9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 4/16 & 5/7

We will use *To Walk with Christ* by Laurence Gooley, SJ as our guide through the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius* and read Jesuit James Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything*, between sessions. Donation: \$200



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 a gathering on July 23, 7pm-8pm, St. Denis Parish Center (School Building) 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)

EXTREME OWNERSHIP!!! "Jesus and Jocko Book Discussion"- Men of the parish are invited to a discussion on the virtues/qualities necessary for an "Extreme Ownership" style of leadership, as discussed by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin in their book of that name, and also lived in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You will be inspired to "get after it" with faith and zeal after a discussion with other men of faith from the parish who don't take the God-given gift of their life for granted. We will meet Tuesday, 20 August at 7 pm.

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 Rectory Office at 732-223-0287.

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