

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2024**

“Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.’ As a result, many of his disciples returned to their former life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’”

We conclude the reflection on the Eucharist from the gospel of John. We can picture those who stayed, as they took very seriously the teaching of Jesus, the ‘Bread of Life.’ We believe in His real presence in the Eucharist, every mass is a miracle as simple bread and wine is transformed in the Body and Blood of Christ. He stays with us, as we turn to Him. How sad many do not recognize His Real Presence in the sacramental gift. May we with faith, reverence and devotion seek the Lord and the gift of Himself. May our ‘Amen’ become stronger during this year of the Eucharistic Revival.



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. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:30 am Evan Budalich by the Budalich Family
 8:30 am Patricia O'Keeffe by her Husband, Gerald
 8:30 am Ibrahim Tellado by Maryanne & Daniel Kerrigan
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife
 4:30 pm Bill Driscoll by Teresa Driscoll
 4:30 pm Charles Nuzzo, Jr. by Mary Rottino

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 am Cynthia Appleby by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am Brian Moore by Barbra Konopka
 8:00 am Michael Grisi by Peggy White
 9:30 am Jeremiah Gorman by the Gorman Family
 9:30 am Robert Mullin by Monica & Brian Mulholland
 9:30 am William Ritter by Phil Brunner
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, August 26, 2024

7:30 am Ken O'Donnell by his Wife, Karen
 7:30 am Randy Farmer by Mary Farmer
 7:30 am Danielle Koppenaal by Gerri & Tom Bleach
 7:30 am Emil DeJacomio by his Mother, Sister & Family

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

7:30 am Ed Sisko & Bob Halmi by MCW
 7:30 am Anne Freda by Andi & Mike Parkhill
 7:30 am Barbara Collins by Bruce & Monja Crandall

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

7:30 am Bryan Ahern by the Lewis Family
 7:30 am Patricia Zanett by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am Nancy Csurbak by the Van Trease Family

Thursday, August 29, 2024

No Mass

Friday, August 30, 2024

7:30 am Joan Grandee by Dan & Karen Lynch
 7:30 am Helen Straehle by John O'Donnell
 7:30 am Tom & Pat Carr by Maryann Crowe

Saturday, August 31, 2024

8:30 am Bill Ritter by his Family
 8:30 am Jeff Buck by Tom & Nancy Corcoran
 8:30 am Ibrahim Tellado by Barbara Kanopka
 4:30 pm Elizabeth Bronikowski by her Family
 4:30 pm Patricia Marie Reilly by the Castaneda Family
 4:30 pm Mary O'Shea by Mary Rottino

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:00 am Betty Ann Pechkis by the Pechkis Family
 8:00 am Beatrice Marie Natalie by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 8:00 am William Thompson by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am The Delaney Family by R. Taylor
 9:30 am Ann & Rocco Zito
 by Luann & John Quigley & Family
 9:30 am Robert Mullin by Ryan & Kymm Spillane
 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.

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!



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, Veronica Garrett, 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, 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'Keeffe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Danny L. Payne, 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, Joan Regan, 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.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR ST. DENIS
RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM**

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF:
7th grade Monday night (2 teachers)
3rd and 5th grade Sunday morning
Substitutes - All days and grades

Thank you to those who have already contacted us!
For more information please contact the
Religious Ed Office
(732) 223-1161 or office@stdenisccd.com



Ladies, join us October 2024 as we start our next Walking With Purpose (WWP) season! If you are new to WWP, you will love our foundational study, Opening Your Heart (OYH). OYH is designed for women who are new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. Join us as we examine the core questions that we wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us. For those who have completed, OYH, we are excited to begin the first of our two-part study season with Reclaiming Friendship. With this study we will discover God's plan for friendship and learn how to cultivate true, deep relationships that last. Go to www.wwpnjshore.com for more information and to register.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED-We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends! We are currently offering a 12-Week Program Beginning Thursday, September 5, 2024 From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. To register or to have one of the facilitators give you a call to find out more information, please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com. For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

COLLIER YOUTH SERVICES will be hosting its 30th Annual Golf Classic on 10/7/24 at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club. To register, sponsor, or for more information, visit collier-events.org/golf24. Proceeds support: Collier's School, Residential Program, and Kateri Day Camp.

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.

ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE, 400 Rt. 35N in South Mantoloking invites you to:
September 10, 2024 – FRIENDS OF BILL W. – An Evening for Women in AA - Dinner and speaker. This event will occur once a month. Arrival: 5:30 p.m./Departure: 8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20

September 27-29, 2024 – COME TO THE QUIET – A SILENT RETREAT - Come and experience the shore in all its fall beauty! This weekend has been set aside for those desiring time alone with God. This retreat offers time for reflection; Eucharistic Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included. Massage therapy will be available. No Supper on Friday. Arrival: 5:00-6:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenter: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF, CSAC, NCAPS-II) Cost: \$425.
CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – www.sjbsea.org Call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information

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.



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, US Army 2nd Lt. Valerie Goodwin, Airman Andrew Halmi, US Army 2nd Lt. Christopher Halmi, US Army 2nd Lt. Mia Halmi, USAF Cadet Thomas 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, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, and USN LTJG Michael Zimmerman.

Please Join Us!



Jericho Homestead Annual Fundraiser Dinner

September 28th
6 - 10 pm at St Anthony's Parish Center
27 Oratory Way, Red Bank
\$75 per person
Dinner ~ Wine & Beer ~ Dancing



For more info and to buy tickets, please visit www.JerichoHomestead.com/events or scan the QR code above



“In every change, in every falling leaf there is some pain, some beauty. And that’s the way new leaves grow.”

St. Denis Bereavement Support Group

If you are experiencing the loss of someone in your life we welcome you to join with others who are bereaved to share in your loss. Through mutual sharing with guidance this series will offer support, prayer and work on answering questions about loss, grief, coping and potential for the renewal of self and hope.


Join us on: Thursdays Starting: September 12, 2024 and continuing weekly Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the St Denis Parish Office Conference Room Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 / eileenziezmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!



St. Denis Church is looking to inspire our parish children who love and worship God by making a joyful noise – singing in a newly formed parish Children’s Choir. We are looking to kick off our Children’s Choir in the fall of 2024. The Children’s Choir is open to any student

in grades 2 through 8 (No need to read music – come and make a joyful noise!). We are hopeful to have the Children’s Choir sing at the 10 am Mass at the Beach Chapel on the first Sunday of the month and at the 9:30 am Mass at the Church on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our first Children’s Choir rehearsal will be Monday, October 14th from 5:30-6:20 pm in the chapel of the St. Denis Parish Center (school). The children will sing at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday October 20th in the Church. If you are interested, please contact Casey Fabyanski (cfab1983@gmail.com), the parish office at 732-223-0287 st.denis@verizon.net or please fill out the survey in the link: <https://6it2w1sen2d.typeform.com/to/ZCTs2JIH> A member of our music ministry team will be in contact with you shortly.

MANASQUAN ELKS SUNDAY BREAKFAST- The Elks invite you to breakfast on Sunday, 9/8/24, 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.



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.

ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED. MOST NEEDED ITEMS AT THIS TIME:
Crackers, jelly, sugar, Ramen Noodles, juice (bottles), & laundry detergent (small)

****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
 ELIZABETH BRONIKOWSKI
 REQUESTED BY HER FAMILY**

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.

LEGATUS, INC. —The Jersey Shore Chapter is welcoming new members. Our chapter is part of an international organization comprised of business leaders and their spouses who are committed to study, live and spread the Catholic faith. We meet monthly for Mass followed by cocktails and dinner with an informative and topical presentation by expert or nationally known speakers. National and international conferences and trips are also available to members. For additional details and information, please contact Julia Kennett at JerseyShore@legatus.org.

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 the Society’s next meeting on 9/19/24 at 7 pm 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 box.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF OUTING-The Knights of Columbus Council 3231 will host the 21st Annual Bernie Kerrigan Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 9th at the Pebble Creek Golf Course in Colts Neck. The outing features a number of exciting elements, including a prize for a hole-in-one on the 18th hole that is a 2024 GMC Terrain courtesy of T&T Coast Buick GMC. There is also a \$10,000 cash prize for a hole-in-one on the 11th hole. A raffle will include football tickets for both Giants and Jets fans plus tickets for the Yankees. The Knights of Columbus Council has members from St. Denis and St. Mark parishes in Manasquan and Sea Girt respectively. The organization has a history of giving away tens of thousands of donations to needed organizations in the local area. Cost for the outing, which includes breakfast, lunch, a sleeve of balls, beverage and a goody bag is \$175 per player. Sponsorship and Tee signs are also available. For additional info or to register log onto <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/knights-of-columbus-council-3231-annual-bernie-kerrigan-charity-golf-outing/> or call Mike Penkethman at 484-269-0379 or scan the QR code:



Weekly Collection 

August 11, 2024

Weekly Collection

\$12,443.00.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Thank you to all who donated to the Mission Appeal last weekend to assist the mission of "The House of Mary and Joseph" in India to help homeless and poor elderly and support the education of children for the future. You can still donate (please mark on envelope "mission appeal"). For more information please visit <http://www.jerichohomestead.com>

In prayerful preparation for "Walk with One Weekend" – Sept 14/15., we ask everyone to pray for the success of our invitation to people to "come and see" what is happening at St. Denis Parish and join us for our celebration of the Eucharist. To facilitate this prayer, we will have two special Holy Hours on Monday, 9 Sept. at 11 am and 7 pm. I hope that you can make one of these times, or set aside another Holy Hour of your own choosing. Offer this as a sacrifice of time and prayer for the intention of the openness of our hearts, and the hearts of those we invite – to hear our Lord offering peace, hope and strength through our life in Holy Communion with Jesus and in our life as His disciples.

Today I share with you Step Four of Walk with One": Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her. Follow the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to invite that person to a concrete next step in fostering a personal relationship with Jesus and the Church. It is important to remember that it may not be easy to invite a person to come to Mass. If you discern the Sept. 14/15 event is the next best step, encourage them to come with you (and your family or group of friends). Your invitation could be as simple as "I/my family/my friends always look forward to going to Mass Sat/Sun. I/we find it as a source of strength and hope and I/we would love for you to come with us. We are going to the 9:30 am Mass with a pancake breakfast afterwards." If the person shuts down the conversation, do not take it personally. Maybe they are not yet ready. Follow up with a statement that keeps the door open. "I understand. If you ever want to come with us, just let us know. And know I am always here for you if you have any questions or want to talk about faith." No matter what the outcome, pray for your person and ask God to continue to guide you both. As Scripture says, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear..." (1 Peter 3,15-16)

TMIS- THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program combing the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable at transforming homes and society. The program takes place on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 7th, at St. Mark's Church in Sea Girt (basement). Schedule: 6 am coffee, 6:30 am video presentation, 7 am small group discussion, 7:30 am conclusion. Registration is not required, just show up. There is no cost. For questions email Dtonry@verizon.net.



JOIN US FOR RCIA NOW CALLED OCIA

Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and wants to change that? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of becoming a full member of the Church. **WHEN: Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm** **WHERE: St. Denis Parish Rectory Office** For information about becoming Catholic please contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732)223-0287 eileenziesmer@gmail.com

REVIVED BY THE EUCHARIST- FOOD FOR THOUGHT-

The National Eucharistic Revival culminated in the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where so many great Catholics from the U.S. spoke on various aspects of the Blessed Sacrament. You can learn more about this event by attending a series of discussions that we will be having over the course of the next several months, right here at St. Denis. Eileen Ziesmer and Fr. Bill will be showing videos of talks that were given at the Eucharistic Congress and then lead a discussion. The next talk in the series will be on Wednesday, 8/28/24 at 11am and again at 7pm in the church.

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 are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 pm and 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.

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.

LINE DANCE FUNDRAISER- All proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services, an international humanitarian organization. Beginner and seasoned dancers are welcome on Sunday, September 29th, 3-6:30 pm (doors open at 2:30 pm). The fundraiser will take place in a huge hall with ample room for line and partner dancing. Lessons will be provided by local instructors. DeeJay Tom Allen will play a great mix of music. The location is the banquet hall of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 130 St. Maximilian Lane in Toms River. Donation is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door- cash, or checks payable to Catholic Relief Services. Other options are Venmo or Zelle. Bring your snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Bottles of water will be available for \$1. For reservations or more information contact BrunoMultari52@gmail.com



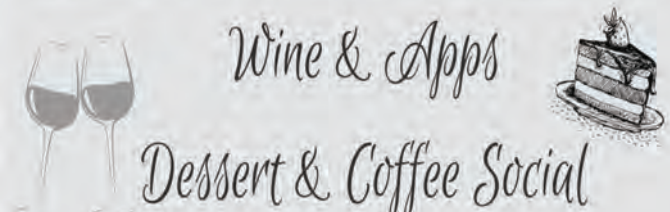
**DEDICATED PRAYERFULLY
FOR THE CHILDREN WE ARE ASSISTING
THROUGH OUR BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE.**

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HEALING MASS- All are welcome at The Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road in Brick every third Friday of the month (from September to May) for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:45 pm in the worship area with Prayer and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration.

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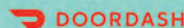


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