

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2024**

“All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change... Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.”

The letter of Saint James is a practical guide for living our Christian lives. He reminds us that we have received countless gifts from God which we often take for granted. Make a list. Life, health, family, work, friends, they have been given to us by our God. I did not earn them. Say ‘thank you Lord.’

As I listen to the readings of the word at mass, or pause to read the bible at home, help me to hear what you want to say, and welcome it to lead me to salvation. They are not just empty words, but guides to direct my life to holiness. Maybe this is what is meant by being a doer. We are called to be ‘movers and shakers’ not passive listeners.



# CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

## STAFF

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church  
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church  
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church  
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel  
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS:** Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

**BAPTISM:** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

**CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

**CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS** – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

**VISIT US ON FACEBOOK-** Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis](http://www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis). You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

**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

**Monday, September 2, 2024-Labor Day**

8:30 am Patricia Pinto by Mike Steven  
 8:30 am Helen Mayer Blaine  
       by the Kouvel & deBrigard Families  
 8:30 am Dominick Riccio by Mary & Dickie Palazzo

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

7:30 am Daymon Thatch by his Family  
 7:30 am Norah Bruther by her Mom & Dad  
 7:30 am John Bussanich by Betty Scrivanich

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

7:30 am Mary Moran by Carolyn McCreesh  
 7:30 am Bernadine Borowick by Sandy DeGrande  
 7:30 am Anna Wzykowski by MCW

**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, September 6, 2024**

7:30 am Delia & Michael Moran by Carolyn McCreesh  
 7:30 am Katherine Ryan by Lynn Bertscha  
 7:30 am Carole Fackina by Lynn Bertscha

**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

8:30 am Genevieve Becht by John Ryan  
 8:30 am Patrick C. Touhey, Jr. by Gerard Donnelly  
 8:30 am Kylie Williams by Alana Mustakas  
 4:30 pm John & Catherine Gallagher by Theresa Driscoll  
 4:30 pm Mary Lee Regan by Maryann Crowe  
 4:30 pm Joan E. DeLuise by Maryann Crowe

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Juana Infante by the Tomasuolo Family  
 9:30 am Linda Wynd by Teri & Joe Sciamarelli  
 9:30 am Kathy Fisher by Mary & Charles Kavanagh  
 10:00 am Julie C. Farnoly by Patricia Connolly  
 10:00 am Ed Klasna by Eileen Brown  
 10:00 am Carol Howard by Ric & Gerri Venino

**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 Allen Bessemer.



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, BORGAS 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'Keefe, 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@stdeniscdd.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](http://www.wwpnjshore.com) for more information and to register.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY**-The Church of Epiphany in Brick will be hosting an evening Bible study, Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come, part of the Great Adventure Bible series from the Ascension Press. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teachings. It will begin Monday, 9/9/24 in the All Purpose Room (which is attached to the church) and then it continues for 10 weeks until 1/13/25. The group meets Monday evenings from 7:15-9:00 pm. Registration forms are available in the Epiphany Parish office or by emailing Kathy Nowak at bythes-hore1947@gmail.com There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of the workbook.

**RETRouvaille, HOPE FOR A BETTER MARRIAGE**–The Retrouvaille Marriage Program has been helping marriages heal and grow. Over 100,000 couples have been helped. An upcoming weekend program offered in Malvern, PA will take place October 4-6, 2024. Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) to learn more.



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.

**THE CHOSEN**–We continue discussions on “The Chosen” Season 4!!! Co-hosted by St. Denis and Holy Trinity Churches, we meet on Wednesdays at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church and at 7 pm at St. Denis Church. We will begin 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!

**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. 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](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com). For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>. IT'S NOT TOO LATE, REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL 9/19


**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](http://collier-events.org/golf24). Proceeds support: Collier's School, Residential Program, and Kateri Day Camp.

**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 information and to buy tickets,  
please visit [www.JerichoHomestead.com/events](http://www.JerichoHomestead.com/events)  
or scan the QR code above



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, 9/2/24 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

**THERE WILL BE ONE MASS ONLY, CELEBRATED AT 8:30 AM**

**WE WISH ALL OF OUR PARISHONERS AND FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY**




**IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE DESTEFANO & ROSEMAIRE IACAMPO**  
**REQUESTED BY THE FAMILY**



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Our first Children’s Choir rehearsal will be Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> in the Church. If you are interested, please contact Casey Fabyanski([cfab1983@gmail.com](mailto:cfab1983@gmail.com)), the parish office at 732-223-0287 [st.denis@verizon.net](mailto:st.denis@verizon.net) or please fill out the survey in the link: <https://bit2w1sen2d.typeform.com/to/ZCTs2J1H> 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.

**ONLINE GIVING-** To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For info or to sign up, go to our parish Website [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) and click on “Online Giving”.



**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:**  
*Cookies, Ramen noodles, instant rice, laundry detergent, dish detergent & toilet paper.*


**\*\*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 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](mailto:eileenziezmer@gmail.com) to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**

**A FAMILY PILGRIMAGE AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA,** 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA will take place Saturday, 9/14/24, 9 am-3:30 pm. The agenda for the day: 9-9:45 am concert, 10-11 am Holy Mass, 11-11:30 am procession, 11:30 am–12 pm praise and worship music, 12 pm music, activities for families, visit to all chapels, 2:30 pm bilingual Holy Rosary in the garden, 3:30 pm farewell. This event is FREE. Bring your own lunch. For info visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/pilgrimage>

**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.

If you have an interest in seeing how you can help 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.



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

Ryan James Amberger  
Hannah Noelle Croson  
Weston Thomas DiVona  
John Anthony Scari

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF OUTING-**

The Knights of Columbus Council 3231 will host the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bernie Kerrigan Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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:



**ST. DENIS PARISH SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE** - Tickets (\$20 each) will be sold before and after all Masses and will be available at the Parish Office during regular business hours through 10/11/24. The drawing will take place 10/12/24 as part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Denis, at the annual Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Center (winner need not be present). Proceeds from the raffle will be used for improvements and program development for the parish.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION** will be our 2nd collection next weekend. Catholic University is a national research university in Washington, D.C, with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to this collection you are supporting future Catholic leaders. Visit [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu) to learn more. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**August 18, 2024**

**Weekly Collection \$10,923.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

As the US Bishops write: In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God’s creative action. In your own experience of work—in an office setting, serving others, as a student, or working in the home—how have you experienced work as a form of participation in God’s creative action? What can you do to support workplaces built upon justice and dignity?

We celebrate Labor Day this Monday, and I am thankful for all the good work being done at the parish by St. Denis staff and St. Denis parish volunteers. May God prosper the work of our hands for us! (Psalm 90). We are blessed with incredibly dedicated people and we all try our best to further the Kingdom of God in ways both small and large, both behind the scenes and in front. I invite you to discern your part in the work of the parish. From benefitting from all that we have, and not taking it for granted, to extending yourself to participate and facilitate some good works of our parish. We have such a wide variety of things we do, there is sure to be something that will be the right fit for you.

The work done in the parish center is coming to completion. We will begin our fall slate of activities in the coming weeks as we move into September. But certainly, all will be on display in October for our St. Denis Feast Day Spaghetti Dinner and Parish Center Open-House on October 12<sup>th</sup> – so “Save the Date”. It will be a great way to celebrate our parish and the blessings God has given us in our community through the members we have and their actions on behalf of the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your support of the work we do here. May God bless you in your work and our work of discipleship.

**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](mailto:Dtonry@verizon.net).

**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.



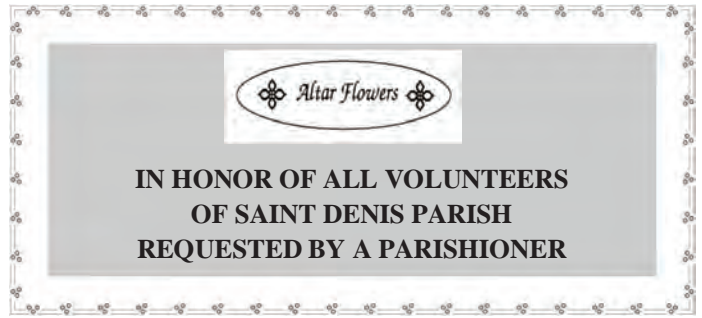
**JOIN US FOR RCIA NOW CALLED OCIA**

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

**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.



**Mass for Life**  
Thursday, September 26, 2024



**NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE**

Join us as we pray & give witness to the sanctity of LIFE at the first ever state wide

**New Jersey Mass for Life and March for Life!**

Schedule	Advance registration required to reserve your seat(s)
7am - Board bus at St. Denis, 90 Union Ave. Manasquan, NJ	**Tear off and return with payment to St. Denis Parish Office
7:15am - Bus departs	
8:45am - Bus arrives, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton	**\$20/seat payable in cash or check made to Church of St. Denis, memo 'Life Bus'
9:30am - Mass for Life	**groups, please attach list of names/cell#'s
10:30 - Walk .4 mile to rally site at	Name _____
11am - Rally & Speakers, Statehouse Annex	Cell# _____
12 noon - March for Life (1 mile)	Parish _____
1:30pm - Departure from Cathedral	Payment: Cash _____ Check# _____
3pm - approximate return time to St. Denis	Drop off/mailling date _____
<b>**NOTE: Please bring your own lunch, drinks &amp; snacks</b>	

THE ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP & WOMEN OF WALKING WITH PURPOSE INVITE YOU TO A

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