

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024**

“And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hands on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put a finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue, then he looked up to heaven and groaned and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’ - that is, ‘Be opened!’ And immediately his ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly... ‘He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’”

One on one with Jesus, apart from the crowd. Touch, saliva, a spoken word, a cure. At my baptism, the minister repeated these steps saying, ‘As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and sing His praise.’ What would it be like if the people had just passed the person by, leaving him with his impediment? They didn’t but begged Jesus to do something.

The next time you see a person signing at a news conference on TV, think about Jesus healing this person. The next time you meet a disabled person, do not pass them by, but pray and consider what you can do to assist him or her. ‘Be opened’ to the possibility of having one meet the healing Jesus through your hands and care.

Today is also the celebration of the birthday of our Blessed Mother. We celebrate three birthdays – the birth of Jesus, the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th and Mary.



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.

**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

Monday, September 9, 2024

7:30 am Linda Wynd by the Townsend Family
 7:30 am Margaret Varra by her Family
 7:30 am Christine Mutch by her Husband

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

7:30 am The Intentions of Hugh & Constance Doherty
 by their Family
 7:30 am Patrick Campbell by his Family
 7:30 am Josephine DeStefano by her Family

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

7:30 am Peter Marinaro by his Family
 7:30 am Thomas S. Coyle by Tom & Pat Coyle
 7:30 am Martha Shadwell by Cameron Castronova
 7:30 am John R. Crowe by his Sister

Thursday, September 12, 2024

No Mass

Friday, September 13, 2024

7:30 am Patricia & Michael Brunner by Phil Brunner
 7:30 am Carmine Freda by John & Debbie Gallo
 7:30 am Margaret Boelke by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:30 am Richard Avena by Adelaide Avena
 8:30 am Iris Spiteri by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 8:30 am Hubert S. Flannery by Craig & Natalia Rothman
 4:30 pm Linda Wynd by Tim & Sheryl Abernathy & Family
 4:30 pm Gloria Smith by CDA, Court St. Denis
 4:30 pm Richard A. Miller by Marilyn & Al Hirsch

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 am Bill Truex by his Family
 8:00 am Marie Kavanagh by Mary & Charles Kavanagh
 8:00 am Linda Friedman by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Patrick Campbell by his Family
 10:00 am Robert Mullin by Marie Brennan
 10:00 am John Behan by Carol Rizzi

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 Teresa Francis and Angela Testa.



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'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 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 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 our Parish Center. We will meet through 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 at 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>. 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. 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
or scan the QR code above




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/ZCTs2J1H> A member of our music ministry team will be in contact with you shortly.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet on Thursday, 9/12/24 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center. Women of the parish are welcome to join us at a meeting to hear about the many good works of the CDA. For more information please call the rectory office.

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://dioceseofrenton.org/pilgrimage>

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:
cookies, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit,
instant potatoes, dish detergent, & laundry
****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.



*Sanctuary
Candle*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 PATRICK CAMPBELL
 REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY**

“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!**

PAINT & SIP FUNDRAISER– Enjoy a fun, relaxing night at Donovan Catholic High School in Toms River on 9/11/24, 7-9 pm, and paint a Harvest Patch. No artistic experience needed. \$40 per person includes snacks, dessert and supplies. BYOB The fun continues with a gift auction. Reserve your spot by mailing a check payable to “St. Joseph’s Rosary Altar Society” to Donna West 9B Cardinal Street, Manchester, NJ 08759

**THE SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked “who are you looking for?” Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God’s love. The Vincentian Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity." USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

ACTION CENTER —

PRAY THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

Please join us in prayer at St. Catharine's in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of every month at 8:30am, come rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to bring peace in our country & the world. Over 100 years later we again need her intercession to her Son to help us. Please join us. *Prayers are our most powerful weapon against evil!*

SEPTEMBER 14 – National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children to immediately follow the 8:30 am Mass. Come pray with us at the Tomb of Unborn Children at St. Denis.

SEPTEMBER 15 – Walk with One Mass & K of C Breakfast. Attend any Mass, then visit the Mary's Child Pro life table to learn about our ministry and what you can do to protect innocent life.

SEPTEMBER 16—Attend regular meeting of Mary's Child Pro-Life ministry. 7PM @ St. Denis Rectory. New members are always welcome. No pre-registration necessary.

SEPT. 25 – NOV. 3—40 Days for Life—Pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Contact meyerjim1953@gmail.com to sign-up.

SEPTEMBER 26 – NJ Bishops' Mass For Life @ St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton. Bus leaves St. Denis @ 7AM. Contact the rectory office to register. Cost is \$20

OCTOBER 20 --Attend Champion for Life Dinner. Cocktails begin @ 5pm at The Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake Hts. Hold the Date. Registration forms to be available in the Gathering Space of the church.

ABORTION REVERSAL – After having taken the first abortion pill (of two), many women wish they had a second chance to save the life of their baby. **THEY DO!** (if they act immediately) To find out more, visit www.abortionpillreversal.com

THE MISSION OF MARY'S CHILD MINISTRY is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: respectlife.org

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

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Next week will be "Walk with One Weekend" – Sept 14/15, when 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 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 a message from Deacon Gary that he shared with me:

When I meet some people and they ask me what I do, one of the things I tell them is I'm a Deacon in the Catholic Church. And then they'll say, I get to Church sometimes but not always. When I end the conversation, I usually say "See you in Church." And guess what? I'm finding out they they're now going to Church on a regular basis. Not St. Denis but another Catholic Church. I recently found out the guy who cuts my grass can't make it to the early Masses at St. Denis but now goes with a friend to St. Mark's every Sunday. He's one of the people to whom I always said "See you in Church." He said it's tough for a young guy to get up to make the 8 a.m. Mass with his Mom and Dad when Saturday night is the only night he's able to enjoy himself with his friends. So it looks like something we say can light that little fire to get them back to Church. By the way, I really never noticed but when I look back I see many people who now go to Mass because I just made that simple ending of a conversation.

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.

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 and click on "Online Giving".

DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be used to reduce the parish debt. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



August 25, 2024

Weekly Collection

\$10,687.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



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.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOSEPHINE DESTEFANO
& ROSEMARIE IACAMPO
REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILY**

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
7am - Board bus at St. Denis, 90 Union Ave. Manasquan, NJ	to reserve your seat(s)
7:15am - Bus departs	**Tear off and return with payment to St. Denis Parish Office
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 11am - Rally & Speakers, Statehouse Annex	Name _____
12 noon - March for Life (1 mile)	Cell# _____
1:30pm - Departure from Cathedral	Parish _____
3pm - approximate return time to St. Denis	Payment: Cash _____ Check# _____
**NOTE: Please bring your own lunch, drinks & snacks	Drop off/ mailing date _____

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



Wine & Apps



Dessert & Coffee Social

Tuesday, Sept. 17th | 6:30 PM

St. Denis Parish Center

with a talk by Dr. Brett Salkald

on The Real Presence:

How a deeper understanding can lead you to a happier life

All are welcome!

Eucharistic Revival

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