

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

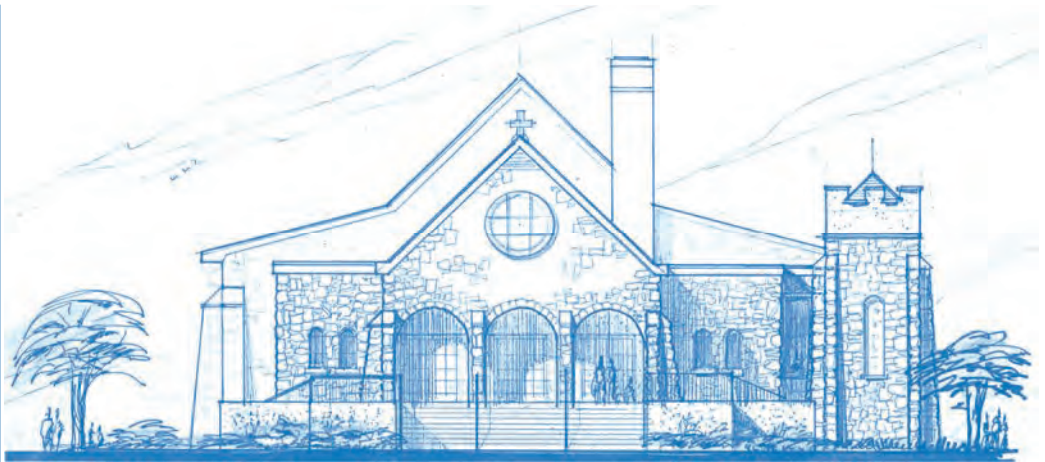
**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2024**

“Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”

The teaching of Saint James' letter provides an excellent format for examining our conscience. Although we usually turn to the ten commandments or the beatitudes to evaluate our Christian lives, consider the virtues or gifts listed above. Think about someone you admire who possesses one or more of this litany of personal gifts. How many are mirrored by me, as I strive to grow in my Christian life?

As the days of political campaigning continue, how distant are we from the ideal presented by St. James? Hate, lies, name calling are the norm, not the needs and remedies we so desperately need.

Pope Francis often refers to cultivation, the process of working or addressing ways to improve. How well do I cultivate peace and avoid jealousy and selfish ambition?



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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 21, 2024**

8:30 am Elizabeth Mullen by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 8:30 am Hubert S. Flannery
 by Pat & Neil Rothman & Family
 8:30 am John K. Mooney, Jr. by Debbie Kroupa
 4:30 pm Isabelle & John Dunne by Virginia Dunne
 4:30 pm Kathleen & Edward Platt
 by Mary & Charles Kavanagh
 4:30 pm Maureen Mulligan by the Balioni Family

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by Cathy Wolfe
 9:30 am William Ritter by Phil Brunner
 9:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Paul Garvey
 9:30 am Carmela Bonsignore by the Bonsignore Family
 10:00 am Zachary Herman by Jane Wehner
 10:00 am John Behan by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Jacqueline Hunt by Carol & Joe Hill

Monday, September 23, 2024

7:30 am John Francis Patterson by Carol & Joe Hill
 7:30 am Linda Nolan by Larry Nolan
 7:30 am Maryann Apostolou by Tim & Sue McCorkell

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

7:30 am Patrick Campbell by his Family
 7:30 am Gary Walsh by Dawn & John Burke
 7:30 am Maryann Apostolou by Joe Magnabousco

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

7:30 am Julio Santiago by Garrett Flores & Jennifer
 7:30 am Maher Fattah by Garrett Flores & Jennifer
 7:30 am Dennis George Powers
 by Thomas & Maureen Hughes & Family

Thursday, September 26, 2024

No Mass

Friday, September 27, 2024

7:30 am Richard Avena by Adelaide Avena
 7:30 am Danny Longo by Garrett Flores & Jennifer
 7:30 am David Gray by Tom & Gerri Bleach

Saturday, September 28, 2024

8:30 am Maryann Apostolou by Helen & Bob Young
 8:30 am Mary McCarthy by Marie Regan
 8:30 am Rita Windas
 by the Churchman, Hennessey & Forcillo Families
 4:30 pm Richard St. Vincent (1st anniversary)
 by June Cunningham
 4:30 pm Eileen Bopf by Maureen & Natalie Ogonowski
 4:30 pm Dolores Sullivan by the Balioni Family
 4:30 pm Intentions of Daniel Griffith by his Family

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:00 am Bob Cahill by Eileen & Michael Mahoney
 8:00 am Carol Muller by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 8:00 am James Boyle by Eileen & Michael Mahoney
 9:30 am Tom Tracey by Tom & Alice Brady
 9:30 am John Patterson by Mary Catherine (Rogers) Mahon
 9:30 am Reverend Daniel Gowen by the Johnson Family
 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially John Gittins, William Meehan, Carol Eggert, and Shirley Smith.



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, Daniel Griffith, 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, Raymond J. O'Meara, 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.



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

Lucy Gloria Mundie
&

Isla Rose Wilkowski

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. DENIS RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM-THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR 7TH GRADE CATECHISTS ON MONDAY EVENINGS AND TUESDAY AFTERNOONS. Substitutes and volunteers are also still needed! For more information please contact the Religious Ed Office (732) 223-1161 or office@stdeniscd.com

BEACHSIDE WALK-A-THON– The Henry B. King Medical Brigade (non profit 501C) invites you to... *Running Towards Providing Medical Care to the Sick & Poor of Honduras* on Saturday, 9/28/24 at the Spring Lake Bathing Pavilion South on the boardwalk. Registration is \$20. Check-in is from 9-11 am. The more the merrier! You and your friends may register via email: scottyabercrombie@gmail.com Gofundme Link: www.gofundme.com/f/henry-b-king-medical-brigade-2024.

ROSARY RALLY- America Needs Fatima organization is coordinating over 22,000 Rosary Rallies across America on Saturday, October 12. We will be holding one at St. Denis on Saturday, October 12 at Noon outside the Rectory by the Stations of the Cross monuments, rain or shine. Feel free to bring a chair if you like.

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.



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. Nikole 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. Commander 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.

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men in our local area, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The purpose of our Men's Group is to enrich the lives of men by providing opportunities to enjoy a sense of brotherhood and spiritual growth. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6 to 7 pm at the St Denis Parish Center. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 24th at 6 pm. Fr Bill will speak to us on the Ignatian Examen. All men are welcome. For more information, contact the rectory at 732-223-0287.

FIFTEEN:5 – A Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends – A new initiative! Our initial program will be for those aged mid 20's through their 40's (single or married), who feel they are juggling life's priorities in today's stress-filled world. Join us for The Search, beginning Thursday, October 10th at 7 pm in the St Denis Parish Center. The Search asks about our journey here on earth and what we want from our life during this journey. We'll meet once a month. Our meetings will consist of fellowship, refreshments, and a short video followed by discussion. If you miss a meeting, no worries, just join us when you can. FIFTEEN:5 hopes to create a close-knit community of peers with similar values, to bring people closer to God by gaining a better understanding of our faith, and support one another in handling the stress and challenges of everyday life. We plan to accomplish this through programs, events, and activities, including charitable works. Consider attending a few sessions of The Search; it's a limited time commitment and will be well worth your time. Bring a friend; bring your spouse! For information, see the flyer in the back of church or contact the St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287 or st.denis@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. **For information about becoming Catholic, please contact Eileen Ziesmer at 732-223-0287 or eileenziesmer@gmail.com**

THE CHOSEN–We will conclude our discussions on “The Chosen” Season 4 this Wednesday, 9/25/24. Co-hosted by St. Denis and Holy Trinity Churches, we meet 11 am at Holy Trinity Church and at 7 pm at our Parish Center. 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!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHEESECAKE SALE- Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis is having its annual Cheesecake Sale Fundraiser. Delicious cakes, pies, & cookies are also being offered. Here are just a few of the things we do with your donations: Award a scholarship to a young woman entering a Catholic high school, provide First Communion outfits for families in need, “Adopt a Family” - help a family at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, and collect items for the Tutwiler Clinic in Mississippi. Cheesecake sale brochures and order forms are available at the rectory office during regular business hours. Please make checks payable to: CDA-Court 1497. Orders need to be in by 10/22/24. Delivery of cakes will be during the week of 11/11/24. We will contact you when they are ready for pick-up. Thank you for your support throughout the year.



We invite you to come to our next session
 as we unpack our next presentation
 from the National Eucharistic Congress
Jonathan Roumie – Jesus the Bread of Life
 Monday, September 23rd @ 11:00 am
 St. Denis Parish Center
 &
 7:00pm St. Denis Church




IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 MICHAEL & MARY KOLON
 REQUESTED BY
 THEIR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW,
 KAY KOLON

CHILDREN’S CHOIR RECRUITMENT– We are 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 will kick off our Children’s Choir in the fall of 2024. The choir is open to any student in grades 2-8 (No need to read music – come and make a joyful noise!). We hope 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. The first 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 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.

ST. DENIS ADULT CHOIR sings at the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays. Rehearsals are on the first Sunday of the month, immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. New members are always welcome. If interested please see our Director of Music Ministry, Mark Mata-rango at church after any Mass.

COLLECTION OF WOMEN’S/MEN’S HYGIENE PRODUCTS- Hygiene products for teens and adults are needed for those who participate in the Keeping Families Together (KFT) initiative. KFT is a long-term program aimed to assist families challenged with homelessness/housing instability, putting children at risk for out of home placement or delaying reunification. We ask each male to buy an item for a teen or adult male and each female to buy one item for a teen or adult female. Collection bins will be at the church and chapel through the end of September. Thank you for your help.



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:
Coffee, boxed milk, pasta sauce, small mayonnaise, beans (regular, not baked) and small laundry detergent.
****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 Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the St Denis Parish Office Conference Room Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 / eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**



MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified.

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



Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris in 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. SVdP offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person to person help to those who ask us for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and they also thank all who donate so generously to the society

If you have an interest in seeing how you can help those in need, come to the Society’s next meeting on 10/17/24 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

The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40)." NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.

ACTION CENTER—

SEPT. 25 – NOV. 3—40 Days for Life—Pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Contact meviejim1953@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 @ 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.

SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS at www.humanlifeaction.org. Our legislators have begun to bring abortion legislation to a vote without customary comment periods and discussion before voting. We need to mobilize quickly and respond immediately to their actions. Please sign up directly for action alerts.

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION -- If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Next weekend retreat: November 15-17, 2024

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

This week I share with you a View From the Pew from Scott Abercrombie, a member of the Knights of Columbus:

In the pew kneeling after receiving the holy Eucharist, for me is a time of contemplation and examination of my conscience. Occasionally, I ponder about the mystery of the Eucharist. Unwrapping its meaning, its purpose and its call, leads to forgiveness, action or change. And as I age, I think more about the relationship between the Cross and Charity.

Jesus' Passion is the greatest act of Charity. I, like many, find performing an act of charity is sometimes hard, sometimes easy. But, when acting in concert with others, it is both more fulfilling and less challenging.

I am a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council performs simple and small acts of charity throughout the year. Recently, our St. Denis/St. Mark's Council was recognized by the Supreme Council for our works. Only a few Councils receive this high honor of Star Council.

During the summer, the Knights and the St. Denis Men's Group sponsored 'Into the Breach' video series. This series seeks to strengthen our faith. We just sponsored a Charity Golf Outing on September 9th to augment our charitable giving account. Also, other planned programs include free pancake breakfasts, St. Denis Feast Day Spaghetti Dinner, blood drives, Disabled Citizens Drive, Brielle Day and we provide financial support to Henry B. King Medical Brigade, Kateri Day Camp, the Michael Japan Diabetes Fund, Arc of Monmouth County, Special Olympics, St. Mark's Holy Innocents music program and Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry.

At St. Denis, there are many wonderful ministries and many active Christians. We all play our part. Thank you, Father Bill and all the parishioners for your support and prayers for the Knights.

Vivat Jesus (Jesus lives)

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".



September 8, 2024

Weekly Collection- \$11,991.00

2nd Collection- Catholic University \$1,780.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

NEW PERMANENT DEACON CLASS FORMING! The diocese is having two information meetings for men interested in ordination to the diaconate. The meetings are: September 24 & October 22 @ 7pm and will be held at the Chancery: 701 Lawrenceville Road in Lawrenceville. Only one of the meetings is necessary to attend and the application process and formation will be discussed. Men interested must reach out to Fr. Bill to let him know which meeting they will attend. After an opening prayer, there will be an explanation of the formation process and application if the potential candidates decide to move forward. The meeting will last about one hour.

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 A NIGHT OF
FOOD AND FUN
AT ST. DENIS PARISH CENTER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th 5-8pm

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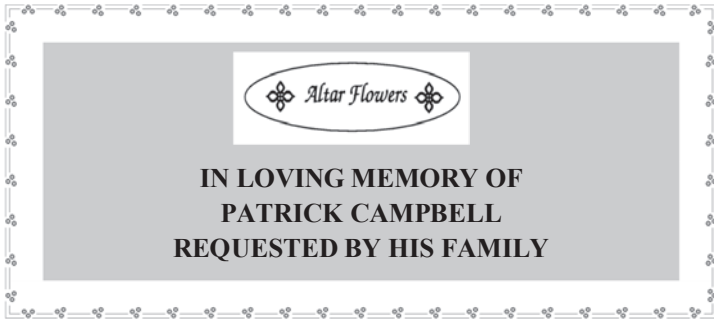
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of Adults _____ # of Children _____

Choose **DINE IN** or **TAKE OUT** for your meals!



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PATRICK CAMPBELL
 REQUESTED BY HIS 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	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 _____

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