

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

“Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart... ‘Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’”

We take a minute to read this reflection, we hear the word of God proclaimed at mass, we spend some time every week, reading the Bible at home. Before opening the text, as we are seated at mass, or even at this moment, consider saying ‘speak Lord, your servant is listening’. This moment of focus will allow the word from Hebrews and the question from Mark to penetrate our hearts and allow us to discern what the Lord is asking of us and lead us in our journey to eternal life.

‘Go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me.’



# 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](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, October 12, 2024**

8:30 am Theresa Sergel by her Family  
 8:30 am Rita Windas by Helen & Bob Young  
 8:30 am Lois Bogwald by the Prince Family  
 4:30 pm Robert Gorski by his Family  
 4:30 pm William & Irene O'Connor by Tom & Kerry O'Connor  
 4:30 pm Jack, Eleanor & Ellen Boyle by Sean & Mary Ellen Boyle  
 4:30 pm Rob Spawn by his Mom

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Dorothy Nielsen by her Daughter  
 9:30 am Reverend Daniel Gowen by Claire & Ray Moynihan  
 9:30 am Maureen Walsh by Robert & Karen Crines  
 10:00 am Louis J. Gartz, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Gartz  
 10:00 am Antoinette Ragonese by Ed Hrycenko  
 10:00 am Carmine & Anne Freda by Carol Rizzi

**Monday, October 14, 2024**

7:30 am Mr & Mrs Edmund Zinser by their daughter, Jane  
 7:30 am Joy Shue by Fran Weeks  
 7:30 am Christine Mutch by her Husband

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

7:30 am Honoria Bejarano Mora  
 by Jessica Miranda's Family and Patti & Bill Eltzholtz  
 7:30 am Janice Kircher by Ann & Don Linton  
 7:30 am Maryann Apostolou by the O'Donnell Family

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

7:30 am Grace & Ralph Adams by Carolyn McCreesh  
 7:30 am Yvonne Coyle by Mr & Mrs Gerry Gabriele  
 7:30 am Nancy Poplaski by Patti & Joe Mele

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, October 18, 2024**

7:30 am Mary Lou Lytle by Deborah Margl  
 7:30 am Pat Zotz Mcelwain by Sandy DeGrande  
 7:30 am Patrick Francis Tooker by Barby Menna

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

8:30 am Lottie Diorio  
 8:30 am Dorothy Voorhees by Patricia Trezza  
 8:30 am Nicolo Hroncich by Betty Scrivanich  
 4:30 pm John Patterson by Hank & Cathy Trost  
 4:30 pm Matthew Sanquni by his Family  
 4:30 pm Tina O'Donnell by Marilyn & Bob Healey

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

8:00 am James Boyle by Eileen & Michael Mahoney  
 8:00 am Maureen Walsh by Robert & Karen Grines  
 8:00 am Hugh & Doris Gallagher by the Sacco Family  
 9:30 am For The People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Maureen Lago by Carol Rizzi  
 10:00 am Charles & Josephine Whitney by their Family  
 10:00 am Helen Strahle Mayer-Blaine by Bob & Carol King

**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.

**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.

**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.



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, 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-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](mailto:office@stdeniscd.com)

**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.

**SOCKTOBER!** The Catholic Daughters of St. Denis will be collecting socks for our Food Pantry neighbors during the month of October. Any type of socks are appreciated... men's, women's or children. Any color or size. A collection tote is next to the shopping cart in the gathering space.

**TUTWILER CLINIC, WHERE CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY**-The Catholic Daughters, Court St. Denis is supporting a precursor to "The Giving Tree" for the needy children assisted by the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, Mississippi, where Santa comes early, so to speak. The first week in December there is a great celebration where children from 70+ families receive gifts, all donated by those who can. During the month of October we will be collecting the following gifts: dolls, board games, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, infant and preschool toys, children and infant clothing: lightweight jackets, hoodies, for adults: gently used clothing in large sizes. We will collect through Sunday, October 27th. Look for collection boxes in the gathering space of the church and also at the chapel. For more information about this worthwhile endeavor visit <http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/>.



especially USMC Sgt. Jordan Basile, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, USMC Corporal Patrick Bednarski, USMC Capt. Philip Cahill, Army Major Matthew Cauda, Army PFC Ryan Costello, Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, Army Lt. Nikkole Crosson, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lieutenant Brendan Ertle, USMC Lance Corporal Hunter Fancher, USAF Airman 1st Class Tristan Fancher, Army Major Sean Fessenden, USMC PFC Joseph J. Foley Jr, US Army 2nd Lt. Valerie Goodwin, US Army 2nd Lt. Christopher Halmi, US Army 2nd Lt. Mia Halmi, USAF Cadet Thomas Halmi, USMC Captain Diego Heinzlerling, 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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun. Participating children, ages 4-10, will be seated with their families for the Introductory Rites of the Mass. The group will be dismissed to their gathering space downstairs to share an age-appropriate reflection on the Sunday readings. Everyone will rejoin their families prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word October 20th, November 3rd and 17th. We will meet every week for ADVENT, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. We hope your children will join us!! For additional information please contact the rectory.

**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 [eileenziezmer@gmail.com](mailto:eileenziezmer@gmail.com) or 732-223-0287.**

**ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP** – 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 recently kicked off our Fall Program, *The Bible and the Sacraments* from The St. Paul Center. The program reviews the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin, but it goes further. It investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture and reveals the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals. As Catholics, we know the sacraments are important. However, many of us never fully grasp how life-changing these "masterworks of God" really are. *The Bible and the Sacraments* unveils the mystery of the sacraments and their foundation in Sacred Scripture. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm at the St Denis Parish Center. Men will view a short video at home at their convenience and we'll discuss the video during our meeting. Even if you miss some meetings, you can still participate by viewing the videos at home. Join us to gain a real appreciation for our sacraments. Bring a friend! For information or to register, contact the rectory at 732-223-0287 or [st.denis@verizon.net](mailto:st.denis@verizon.net)

**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 on Thursdays 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](mailto:st.denis@verizon.net).



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ALL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES  
DURING THE RECENT HURRICANES  
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER



walking with purpose  
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

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.

**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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. The first 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 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://6it2w1sen2d.typeform.com/to/ZCTs2J1H> A member of our music ministry team will be in contact with you shortly.



**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 LOVING MEMORY OF ED PFIEFER  
REQUESTED BY FRAN WEEKS

**CATHOLICS, INFERTILITY, AND IVF-** Join us as we learn how Catholics can navigate the often morally complex choices offered by modern medicine to couples struggling with fertility issues. Encounter the beauty of the teachings of the Church regarding fertility while discovering very effective cutting-edge medical treatments for infertility that are morally acceptable and that uphold the dignity of life and marriage. October 26, 2024, St. Mary of the Pines Church, Manahawkin. This event will include: 8am Mass in the Church, 8:30 hot breakfast, 9-12 noon seminar featuring Fr. Tad Pacholczyk. Ph.D., Senior Ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The event will include time for Q&A and free resources. Cost is \$10, free for clergy. Seating is limited, advance online registration required using: <https://longing-for-life-st-mary-s-parish.pushpayevents.com>

**"WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" PROJECT**–The St. Denis Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on veterans' graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony that includes Atlantic View Cemetery in Manasquan. As part of "Wreaths Across America" St. Vincent de Paul members will be in the church and chapel on the weekend of October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> to collect sponsorships after each Mass. The cost of a wreath is \$17.00 with a portion of that sponsorship being returned to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist in its mission. Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America TM. Sponsorship applications will be in next week's bulletin and can be handed in with a check or cash after Mass on the following weekend. This year's form includes a QR Code to scan for the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal. Wreaths will be shipped to Atlantic View Cemetery to be placed at gravesites in December. For more information, please contact the Rectory Office, 732-223-0287.

**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 assistance is needed, encourage the person to call our direct hotline and leave a message (732-223-1383). If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to: SVDP/St. Denis Conference.

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.

**THE JOY OF GIVING-** Opportunities abound to share our God-given gifts, whether they be time, talent or treasure. On Sunday, October 20, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Denis will be celebrating Catholic Daughters Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. Please join us to worship together in thanksgiving for all that has been and in the hope of even more that can be with your help. Mass will be followed by a light breakfast in the lower level of St. Denis Church where we can share more information and answer any questions you may have about CDA. All are welcome!

**NEW PERMANENT DEACON CLASS FORMING!** The diocese is having an information meeting for men interested in ordination to the diaconate. The meeting will take place 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.

#### **WORD OF LIFE**

**It's Respect Life Month!! Join Catholics Nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)**

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**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 14<sup>th</sup> of this month at 8:30am, come rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to bring peace to 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 the chaos of evil!*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**—Now thru Nov. 3rd—Pray for one hour outside Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Contact [meyerjim1953@gmail.com](mailto:meyerjim1953@gmail.com) to sign-up. Bring a friend or join others.

**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](http://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:** [dioceseofrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseofrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

#### **HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF**

Catholic Charities, USA is already on the ground in the devastated areas affected by the horrific hurricane. Please visit [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org) and scroll down on the "homepage" to donate now to the critical need of the survivors.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

Happy Feast of St. Denis. We are proud of the witness of our patron saint, who went on mission to the people of Gaul (France) to bring them the great gifts of God - the Good News of the Gospel and grace of the Sacraments. With his trusted companions, St. Rusticus and St. Eleutherius, they shared the Catholic Faith. It is now considered most likely that they suffered martyrdom under the persecution of emperor Decius shortly after the year 250. St. Denis is the most famous cephalophore ('head carrier') in Christian legend, with a popular story claiming that after his martyrdom, the decapitated bishop picked up his head and walked several miles while preaching a sermon on repentance. How great is this legend! Our patron saint had to have exhibited much patience and offered much mercy during his life for it to be attributed to him that even in death he imitated our Lord at His martyrdom with the intention of "forgive them Father" and offered his persecutors God's mercy and the opportunity for Communion with God that comes from repentance. May we follow the meaning of this story, offering mercy to break the cycle of hatred and disharmony. St. Denis, please continue to pray for us.

Today I also share with you the financial report for the fiscal year July 2023-June 2024. I am grateful to all who make monetary sacrifices for our parish to continue its mission, like our patron St. Denis, to offer the Good News and the grace of the Sacraments, as well as carry out many ministries and programs for the good of all. Details of the statement to note: We had a generous bequest given to the parish, and are most grateful to all who leave the parish in their will; I ask you to consider a bequest if you are able. Our loans and debts are being paid down while we continue to make necessary improvements and repairs to our buildings. I entered this position ten years ago with over 5 million dollars of debt due to loans and moneys owed to the diocese during the running of the school and the work renewing the church. Through your generosity we have moved ahead in paying down debt. In addition, each year, \$110K of rent for the Villa goes to paying down the moneys owed to the diocese for paying for health insurance etc for teachers, and parish/school property and liability insurance when the parish could not afford it. So, within the next several years, that debt to the diocese will be paid. We are also within a few years of paying off the rest of the loans owed to the bank and St. Martha's Parish. You will note we have less moneys coming into the Religious Education program. This is due to the fact that there are less children in our program, which is a common demographic for parishes in our area. With less children and higher cost of living, fewer young families are able to afford to live in this area. We have been accruing interest with our money market and collections are up overall 7%. I get to share all this good news because of all of you and your care and concern for our parish, our parish mission and your generous donations. Thank you so much and may God bless you for your generosity. And I am thankful to our bookkeeper, Donnamarie DeGenova and our Finance Council for all their hard work.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is celebrated next weekend. It is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories. These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. Your generosity is appreciated.

**ST. DENIS RC CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2023 & JUNE 30, 2024**

**2023**

**2024**

**REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS**

<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$711,065</b>	<b>\$768,209</b>
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>49,676</b>	<b>56,029</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>75,036</b>	<b>71,207</b>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>28,923</b>	<b>33,288</b>
<b>NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS</b>	<b>26,294</b>	<b>31,800</b>
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	<b>63,555</b>	<b>55,165</b>
<b>DONATIONS</b>	<b>62,698</b>	<b>34,575</b>
<b>PERQUISITES/OTHER</b>	<b>123,864</b>	<b>114,659</b>
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1,141,111</b>	<b>1,164,932</b>

**EXPENSES**

<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>328,460</b>	<b>355,408</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>156,006</b>	<b>175,241</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>50,457</b>	<b>20,608</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>137,722</b>	<b>135,552</b>
<b>NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS</b>	<b>26,214</b>	<b>29,938</b>
<b>LITURGICAL SUPPLIES</b>	<b>34,114</b>	<b>27,193</b>
<b>OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>22,973</b>	<b>14,084</b>
<b>RELIGIOUS ED SUPPLIES</b>	<b>50,877</b>	<b>12,288</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,566</b>	<b>1,933</b>
<b>INFO/COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>7,601</b>	<b>9,283</b>
<b>TRAVEL/TRANS EXPENSE</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>1,799</b>
<b>OPERATION OF PLANT</b>	<b>13,735</b>	<b>14,150</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>	<b>105,906</b>	<b>84,850</b>
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>863</b>
<b>BUILDING REPAIRS</b>	<b>54,428</b>	<b>38,449</b>
<b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>	<b>103,962</b>	<b>100,384</b>
<b>INSURANCES</b>	<b>106,510</b>	<b>107,283</b>
<b>INTEREST ON DEBT</b>	<b>15,332</b>	<b>28,314</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>(78,846)</b>	<b>(40,819)</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,148,492</b>	<b>1,117,351</b>

**REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS**

**(\$7,381)**

**\$47,581**

**BEQUESTS**

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**247,015**

**INVESTMENT INCOME**

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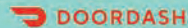
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