

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

“Rather whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many... ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’”

Our society constantly urges us to get ahead. We are not satisfied and want more education, a better job as a mark of success. How different. Remember what Jesus did at the Last Supper. He humbly washed the feet of the apostles as a sign of service and as a lesson for His followers.

The mark of greatness or success is not found in the prestigious role one has, or the power he or she can display. It is found in the service rendered to others as an expression of our love of God.

May we speak as the apostles did, asking Him to assist us in learning how to serve and put it into practice. Think of a person you know who exemplifies this gift.



# 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 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 Straehle Mayer-Blaine by Bob & Carol King

**Monday, October 21, 2024**

7:30 am Janice Kircher by Patti & Joe Mele  
 7:30 am Maryann Apostolou by Patti & Joe Mele  
 7:30 am Joe Martz by Tom & Gerri Bleach

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

7:30 am Sal Zocchi, Jr. by his Parents  
 7:30 am Paul Waltsak by his Family  
 7:30 am Dr. Edwina Burke by George & Alyson Honrath

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

7:30 am Elizabeth D'Antonio by Mark & Denise Olear  
 7:30 am James O'Brien by Christine Walther  
 7:30 am John Patterson by Christine Walther

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, October 25, 2024**

7:30 am Bill G. Quinn by Betty Feeley  
 7:30 am Michael O'Reilly by the Kile Family  
 7:30 am Frances Cancellieri by Patrick Moore

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

8:30 am Anthony Majeski by Doug & Mickey Bohrer  
 8:30 am Janice Kircher by Lois & Denis Campbell  
 8:30 am Ellen Brown by Linda Petrowski & Judy Whalen  
 4:30 pm Ann Laskowski by her godchild, JoAnn  
 4:30 pm Paul A. Lawrence by his Family  
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

8:00 am Anthony Majeski by Joan & Mario Valeriani  
 8:00 am Lois & Tom Beairsto by Eileen & Mike Mahoney  
 8:00 am Helen Mayer-Blaine by the Sandomeno Family  
 9:30 am Catherine Murphy Donahue by her daughter, Kay Kolon  
 10:00 am Alfio DiStefano by the Family  
 10:00 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Ray & Martine Gabler  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**DIVINE MERCY SERVICE-** A Divine Mercy Service for America will be held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and at 3 p.m. we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction.

**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.

**Pray For The Sick**

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, Borgias Family, Holly Boyd, Cathleen Brenner, 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, Sharon Gergich, Nicole Giambrone, Johnny Gondek, Baby Kelly Grace, Phillip Graceffa, Daniel Griffith, Julianna Grusso, Angelina 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, Bridget Korn, Christopher Kurtanick, William Liao, Barbara Liggett, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Joan Lipscomb, Nick Ljuljana, Frank Lopez, Linda Lowery, Barbara Magda, Madison Marmo, Linda Matthews, Ed McCullough, Ronnie Micciulla, Michael McGonigle, Helen McGowan, Michael McNulty, Claire Meachum, Frank Meidenbauer, Peter Merz, Nair Messias, 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, 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, Janice Pinkerton, 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 Regan, 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.

### NJ RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE - Tickets still available!

Many thanks to those who already bought a car raffle. Additional raffles are available at the St. Denis Rectory until Friday, November 13. Raffles are \$10 each; book of 10 raffles is \$100. 1st prize is a brand new 2024 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV, other prizes include ShopRite Gift Certificates (\$1,000, \$750, \$500). Drawing is November 22; winner does NOT need to be present. All proceeds go to NJ Right to Life our state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Payment by cash, check made to "NJRTL" or Venmo using @Rachel-Hendricks-12 (please include name address and phone#). If you have any questions, contact Rachel Hendricks at [thehendricks7@gmail.com](mailto:thehendricks7@gmail.com)

**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/>.

**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.



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 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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**—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 info please contact the rectory.

**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/Winter Program, *The Bible and the Sacraments*, from The St. Paul Center. As Catholics, we know the sacraments are important. However, many of us never fully grasp how life-changing these "masterworks of God" really are. This program reviews the basic teaching of the Church as to the sacraments' meaning and origin, but 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. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm in 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, contact the rectory at 732 223-0287.

**FIFTEEN:5 – A Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends – A new initiative! Our initial program is for those aged mid 20's through their 40's (single or married). Are you juggling life's priorities in today's stress-filled world and/or want to understand more about our faith, including how faith helps us through life's challenges? Join us for The Search, which we recently kicked off.** The Search asks about our journey here on earth and what we want from our life during this journey. We meet once a month. Our meetings consist of fellowship, refreshments, and a short video followed by discussion. If you miss a meeting, no worries, just join us when you can. **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St Denis Parish Center.** 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. We'll also have some fun!

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**—Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less fortunate in our area. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

Weekly Collection 

**October 6, 2024**

**Weekly Collection- \$11,987.00**

**2nd collection (Building Repairs)- \$4,290.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**IN HONOR OF  
ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS  
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER**



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, CT. ST. DENIS  
REQUESTED BY  
MEMBERS OF CDA, CT. ST. DENIS**



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

**"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 next weekend, October 26th & 27th, 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 are in this week's bulletin and can be handed in with a check or cash after Mass next 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.



**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.**

**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 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 11/21/24 at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

## HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

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

**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!

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

## **WORD OF LIFE**

**Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena Tues., October 22- Wednesday, October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign-up at [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)**

I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed... but do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope... The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99

## **ACTION CENTER**

**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

## **SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS at**

**[www.humanlifeaction.org](http://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.

**FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY??** Need Help? Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732 747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.

**WALKING WITH MOM'S IN NEED** If you are a Mom in a crisis pregnancy or in need of help for you and your children, please see the poster in the Gathering Space of the church for a list of resources available to you in our area.

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

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

A great feast day dinner in honor of St. Denis was had last weekend. Many many thanks to Eileen Ziesmer and her crew of "holy helpers" for all their hard work. And the Knights of Columbus are a group I am always indebted to for their enthusiastic support and zealous work in the kitchen. Also, thank you to all the ministries/groups of the parish who contributed door prizes which adds to the fun and festivities of the evening. Thanks to all who purchased 50/50 tickets! The winner took home over \$5,000 and the parish took the same amount to the bank!

Today is also Catholic Daughter Sunday. I am always in awe of the ladies of the Catholic Daughters who do so much for so many and add to the spiritual richness of our parish and the outreach of our parish beyond our "parish borders" from First Communion clothes for children, to "Boxes of Joy" to "Toys for Tutwiler" to Advent and Lent spiritual programs and support of this parish priest, the Catholic Daughters are a wonderful and faithful group. I urge all women of the parish to join and be part of the sisterhood.

As we continue in this Pro-Life Month, I want to talk to you about the renewed efforts of the Pro-Life Group of our Deanery (parishes in our southern Monmouth County Deanery include St. Denis up to Our Lady of Mercy, Asbury Park, and Holy Innocents, Neptune). Looking at the US Bishops, we are patterning our approach to witnessing to life in all its stages and needs in the designated areas of prayer, service, education, and public advocacy. I will speak of these more next week, but this week I highlight public advocacy. We are called to be "faithful citizens". Faith first, citizenship second. This is logical with the understanding that Catholicism predates our country's origins by well over a thousand years and the fact that we are better citizens by being "salt of the earth and light of the world" as disciples of Jesus, remaining true to His teachings. As faithful citizens we must be informed in the truths of our faith and morals and respectfully share with those in public office the truth about the dignity of all human life in all situations. We are beings of moral worth, even if people chose not to be moral beings. We are all made in the image and likeness of God from the first moment of unique life we are given. It is easy to be informed and be a public advocate for life (not just anti abortion, all aspects of human life) by signing up for the "Take Action" on the website [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife). The website offers much more to continue our education as well. For education about what is going on in our state, I urge you to also "bookmark" the New Jersey Catholic Conference website [www.njcatholic.org](http://www.njcatholic.org), which also has a "Take Action" button for our own NJ legislature. Again, this includes other important issues, in addition to pro-life issues, that we must be aware of as faithful citizens of our state and country. Also, if you have any questions regarding Catholic Church teachings on medical morals you can always contact me, or the National Catholic Bioethics Center [www.ncbcenter.org/](http://www.ncbcenter.org/) which has recently published a book on Contemporary Bioethics for Catholics. Our faith is based on reason and as adult Catholics we all must inform our conscience to help us during the very emotional moments that we experience. It is best to inform ourselves before an event occurs, so that we can be prepared morally. We pray for the Holy Spirit's gifts of Divine wisdom, knowledge and understanding to move from opinion to truth and loving response to the issues we must deal with in our everyday life as Catholic disciples of Jesus.



# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

## Wreath Sponsorship Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.

All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**Wreaths Across America**  
PO Box 249  
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.  
*Thank you for your sponsorship and for joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach!*

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

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If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

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<b>NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST</b>	
<b>SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
<b>MESSAGE (optional)</b>	

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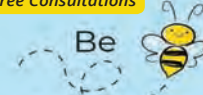
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