

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

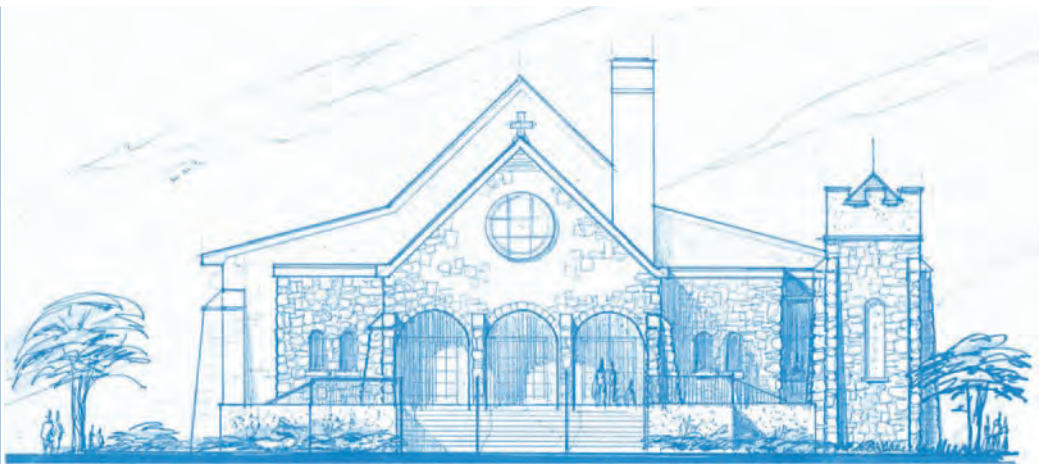
### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

“As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug’...Elijah said to her ‘Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”

Do you know people who are forced to live ‘from hand to mouth? Are you one who survives from paycheck to paycheck? Living in the most prosperous country in the world, the two widows of the scriptures today, the one who met Elijah and the one Jesus observed at the temple are examples for us all.

They gave of themselves; we give something from our abundance. As Thanksgiving approaches, may we quietly ‘welcome’ these two women to share in our gratitude and blessings, finding a way to reach out in thought, prayer and giving something of ourselves. We will then continue to be blessed, and others lives will be changed, knowing that they, like the two widows, are loved and cared for. Finally, use these women in teaching your children and friends of people close to home in need.



# 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, November 9, 2024**

8:30 am All Souls Novena  
4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

8:00 am All Souls Novena  
9:30 am All Souls Novena  
10:00 am All Souls Novena

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

7:30 am Helen Mayer-Blaine  
by the Kouvel & deBrigard Families  
7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Phil & Denise Cahill  
7:30 am Josephine "Pina" Gagliardi  
by the Bauer Family

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

7:30 am Patrick Campbell by his Family  
7:30 am Megan Kuchinski by her Family  
7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Donna & John Kuchinski

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

7:30 am Mary Lou Lytle by Deborah Margl  
7:30 am Cheryl Lukowitz by the Bauer Family  
7:30 am David Wagner by the Quigley Family

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, November 15, 2024**

7:30 am Richard Tipaldi by the Bauer Family  
7:30 am Joan-Clarkin Heary by Marie Regan  
7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Marie Regan

**Saturday, November 16, 2024**

8:30 am Ivan Tarabokija by Betty Scrivanich  
8:30 am Sister Margaret Nulty by Sheila Ruckert  
8:30 am Sally Laird by Tom & Gerri Bleach  
4:30 pm Mary Parsick by Rosemary Esposito  
4:30 pm Rocco Zito  
by Luann & John Quigley & Family  
4:30 pm Robert O'Brien by the Campbell Family  
4:30 pm Patrick Campbell by the Campbell Family

**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
9:30 am Ann Zito by Luann & John Quigley & Family  
9:30 am Charles Nielsen by his Daughter  
9:30 am Richard Kohrmann by his Family  
9:30 am Bill Truex by his Family  
10:00 am Dorothy Donechie by Jane Wehner  
10:00 am Elizabeth Reilly by the Castaneda Family  
10:00 am Helen Mayer-Blaine  
by the Bauer, Liskoff, Clark & Jurlina Families

**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 Eugene Motta, Ronald Weinbel, and David Dennin.



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, Madeline Fuccile, John Gallo, Veronica Garrett, Katherine Geiger, Sharon Gergich, 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, Bridget Korn, Christopher Kurtanick, Ann Lehberger, 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'Keeffe, 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, Kiron 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, Stephen Whyte, Kathy Wicks, Karen Williams, Marilyn Woerner, Patricia Wolfe, Albert Wood, Butch Wright, Eileen Zemo, and Werner Ziesmer.



**ATTENTION ST. DENIS PARISHIONERS-** We are excited to announce our upcoming special event, a **St. Anthony Festival, which will be on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**. It's going to be a night full of fun, food, games, and community. We have our Event Chair, Margaret Mullen, but now we are looking for parishioners who are interested in helping to prepare and help with this event by heading or being on one of the planning committees. Let's come together as a church community and make this event one to remember!!! If interested please come to a meeting on Monday, Nov. 25th at 7 pm in the Rectory Office or call the parish office with any questions. (732) 223- 0287

**GRANDPARENTS GUILD-** Please come to the Grandparents Guild meeting on Tuesday, November 19, at 11 am for discussion and sharing of the topic: "Fun and Faith with Grandchildren during Advent and Christmas." The Grandparents Guild is committed to passing our Catholic faith onto our grandchildren through our example of devotion to the Church as we share and model a Christian way of life and pray for them. Hope you will join us on 11/19- we meet in the Parish Center.

**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. 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 info call the rectory at 732 223-0287.



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, Coast Guard Seaman Anthony Scala, 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.



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 November 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.

**FIFTEEN:5 - A Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends.** Our initial highly rated program, **THE SEARCH**, is for those aged mid 20's through their 40's (single or married). The Search asks where our journey is taking us and what do 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. **Our next meeting is Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the St. Denis Parish Center.** If you miss a meeting, no worries, just join us when you can. FIFTEEN:5 hopes to create a community of peers supporting one another in meeting the challenges we encounter in everyday life, gaining a better understanding of our faith, and living Christian values. While our initial program is for young adults, we plan to accomplish this through programs, events, and activities (including charitable works and family activities) for all age groups. We'll also have some fun! **On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll watch the 2<sup>nd</sup> video from the Search; it's awesome. Make a small investment of time to join us for one or two meetings of The Search. Take a "test-drive" of FIFTEEN:5 to see if this is "for you" (and your family).**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKET SALE and CHRISTMAS CAR MAGNETS and CARDS** - At all Masses on November 23rd and 24th the Knights of Columbus will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets, \$10 each. Last year, total net prizes were about \$4,000. The drawing is on December 7th. In concert with this we will be selling Christmas Magnets and Christmas Cards (Supplies Limited). Thank you in advance for your support.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION-** Our 2nd collection next weekend supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Currently 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection funds programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Your generosity is appreciated.



**October 27, 2024**

**Weekly Collection-**

**\$10,623.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ALL DECEASED VETERANS  
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER



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 info and to register.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS** will meet on Thursday, November 14th at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center. At that meeting we will enjoy a pre-Thanksgiving meal together. Members are asked to bring their donations for our Thanksgiving "Adopt a Family".

We thank all who purchased items from our "Cheesecake Sale". The fundraiser was very successful due to the support of our wonderful parishioners and friends.  
**SAVE THE DATE- December 7th & 8th- CDA Annual Poinsettia & Wreath Sale.**

**COAT COLLECTION-**The Woman's Club of Manasquan is sponsoring a coat drive this winter season. There will be a box in the gathering space of the church during the month of November to aid in the collection of gently worn or new warm winter coats for men, women and children. Coats can also be dropped off on Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 2 pm at the group's club house located at 62 Main Street.



**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 732-223-138  
Pantry hours: Tuesdays: 1PM-3PM

There is a menu of food options available at curbside for pick up.  
***ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.***  
***MOST NEEDED ITEMS AT THIS TIME:***  
Toilet paper, dish detergent, crackers, cookies, cereal, juice, sugar (small boxes only), tea & ketchup.  
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.  
Looking ahead to Thanksgiving we will only be accepting turkey breasts (no whole turkeys due to limited space). Bags for our neighbors will be distributed on Sat. 11/23 10 am-12 noon and Tues. 11/26 1-3 pm. Monetary contributions are always welcome. Thank you for always being so generous!  
***\*\*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  
**JOHN SNIFFEN & WILLIAM GILLICK**  
REQUESTED BY  
**MICHAEL & ANNE MARIE SNIFFEN**

**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!**



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



I am the good shepherd... I know mine and mine know me" says Jesus in the Gospel. The good shepherd is concerned about, cares for and protects the sheep and fulfills the obligation of relationship. This relationship requires of us disciples to "lay down our lives".

Shepherding is serious business. It means that we cannot run away but rather commit ourselves to good deeds, such as caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, forgiving those who wrong us and loving others as God loves us. These good deeds are the very "stuff" of our everyday living and loving in our families and in our service to the poor.

To those served, Vincentians are expected to give the same deep and serious thought that they give to their own families. Sharing does not consist merely in the distribution of material goods, it also implies that our personal resources and potential of mind and heart, of time and influence, are placed at the service of others. Sharing means taking part in the joys and sorrows, in the worries and hopes of others. It equally involves a readiness on the part of members of the Society to accept help, suggestions, advice, encouragement and collaboration.

We are all poor in one way or another and that is perhaps what draws us closer to one another and to him who is the Good Shepherd and who consented to share our humanity.

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.

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.



**EUCCHARISTIC 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!

**THANKSGIVING DRIVE – Helping Children in Monmouth County-** We are hosting a Thanksgiving Drive for children in Monmouth County assisted through DCP&P. We are collecting \$25 Gift Cards for Wawa, Shoprite and Walmart. Why Wawa? There are children/families who are being temporarily housed in motels/hotels and the Wawa gift cards can help those who do not have kitchens available to them. Other children can be helped by those who can buy food from Shoprite and Walmart and prepare that in homes/apartments.

**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.

**WORD OF LIFE --**

**provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry**

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own." Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Living Radical Solidarity"

**ACTION CENTER**

**SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS** at [www.humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org) AND <https://www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home> AND <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>

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 so you can update legislators immediately about proposed legislation.

**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 contact the rectory or see the poster in the Gathering Space of the church for a list of resources available to you in our area.

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

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

We prepare for Thanksgiving by reflecting on our blessings and then sharing our blessings with others. As one person reflected, "true wealth lies not in what we harvest and keep for ourselves but in what we harvest and share with one another. When we see ourselves as stewards of God's resources and work together for the common good, we create a harvest that nourishes not only ourselves but everyone around us, enriching our lives in ways beyond financial gain."

We are participating in the Thanksgiving Drive for those children/families assisted through the Division of Child Protection and Permanency by collecting gift cards to Shop Rite, Walmart and Wawa. The Wawa gift cards are especially useful for families who do not have access to kitchens. Please bring in your donation by the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We also look forward to our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Sun. Nov. 24th at 4 pm hosted by Manasquan Methodist Church. Please save the date for this great tradition.

As we look towards the end of our Liturgical Year and the Solemnity of Christ the King, all are invited by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to join in solidarity in praying a Novena to Christ for religious liberty (Nov. 15-23, the nine days preceding the Solemnity). Let us prepare for this Feast of the Church when we recognize Christ as the true Authority by which we choose to live our lives as His disciples. <https://www.usccb.org/Christ-the-King-2024-novena>

As we look towards the beginning of December and planning for Christmas, we will have information in the bulletin for all our programs and service projects, but I have to tell you now about our Toy Drive. It is less than one month to the festivities and the impact we can make for children assisted in Monmouth County and also those families in the Coast Guard and Navy stationed in NJ. We are hosting this Toy Drive along with the local Law Enforcement community on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Parish Center. Save the date and drop off the toys and stay for some fun. Meet the police officers, have some hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie or two!

**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 2025 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)

**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.



NCCL  
**Parents & Families**  
**AT THE CENTER OF FAITH FORMATION**

## St. Denis Parish Parent Survey

### An Invitation to Our Parents

St. Denis Parish has been chosen to be part of the NCCL's *Parent and Families at the Center of Faith Formation Project*. The Project is a Lily Endowment grant funded project designed to assist us as a parish to better support parents and the whole family in strengthening connection to our community of faith. We are hoping to explore the best ways to provide what families need to strengthen faith transmission at home so that we can provide what you need here in our parish community.

**If you are a parent of children or teens from the ages of 0 years to 18 WE NEED YOU!**

The Catholic Family Survey will help our parish better understand your family and your life as a parent. The survey results are very important. They will be used to create a parish plan for supporting parents of children and young people, and for engaging the whole family in faith formation - from birth through high school graduation. The survey will only take 8-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and contribution!

Thank you and God Bless!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TrentonParentSurvey>

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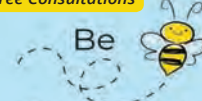
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