

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

“In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: ‘At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.... But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.’ ... “And they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds.”

We are living in the end times. The prophecy of Daniel and the words of Jesus are reminding us of what is yet to happen. It leads me to ask many questions. Am I prepared to meet the Lord? Is my name written in the book of life? What questions about my Christian life is the Lord going to ask me? How can I respond?

Remembering that our God is a God of mercy and justice, with the church, we are bringing the Christian year to a close. It is the end time! Am I closer to the Lord today than one year ago? Have I made progress or am I just ‘hanging in there?’ Take a moment to answer these questions. His words will not pass away.



# 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 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

**Monday, November 18, 2024**

7:30 am John Bishop by his Daughter  
 7:30 am Eleanor Marchese by Barby Menna  
 7:30 am Cameron Judge by Barby Menna

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

7:30 am Sheila Crawford by Nancy & Paul Sutor  
 7:30 am Dr. Donald & Mary Lintner by their Family  
 7:30 am Neil Landeen by George Stanley

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

7:30 am Marilyn Bialas by Gene Bialas  
 7:30 am Gertrude Simmet by her Family  
 7:30 am Jack Kolon (20th Anniv.) by his Mother, Kay Kolon

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, November 22, 2024**

7:30 am Patricia & Michael Brunner by Phil Brunner  
 7:30 am Michael O'Neill by Dennis & Reene O'Neill  
 7:30 am Drew Sisler by Bill & Jeanne Buble

**Saturday, November 23, 2024**

8:30 am Joanne M. Sunkinat by Heather Larson  
 8:30 am John Wakula by Alana Mustakas  
 8:30 am Joseph Hopp by Bill & Jeanne Buble  
 4:30 pm Mary Ann Schachter by her Godmother, JoAnn  
 4:30 pm Brian Pilling by the Brickowski Family  
 4:30 pm John Patterson  
 by Jennifer, Danny, Katie & Madelyn

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

8:00 am Charles & Joseph Whitney by their Family  
 8:00 am Pat Zanetti  
 by her Cousin Maria & Daughter, Elena Molinari  
 8:00 am Nancy Csvrbak by Alana Mustakas  
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 am Michael Herman by Jane Wehner  
 10:00 am James Vaughn Cali by the Oehme Family  
 10:00 am Scott Quilter by Jeanne Davidson

**SAINT DENIS PRAYER GROUP**-The Prayer Group meets at 12:00 noon each Monday in St. Denis Church. There are no

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** especially Edward McCullough and Carole Gallagher.



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, Katherine Kelly, 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, 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, Kidron Procyon, 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.



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.

**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.

**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



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 every week for ADVENT, Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. We hope your children will join us!! For more 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 will be in early December, date TBD (see next week's bulletin), 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!

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAY THIS YEAR?** St. Leo the Great Parish is pleased to announce that it is offering a "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar in December this year that will be offered for anyone that is divorced and/or separated. This year our "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar will be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at St. Leo The Great located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft. Please know that this seminar has been offered since 2014 and it has helped many people. We are lay people that have been through divorce, and we had found this program helpful to us. We would like to bring it to you and help you! If interested or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at [healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com](mailto:healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com). We would be happy to answer any of your questions.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)

**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](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) and click on "Online Giving".



**November 10, 2024**

**Weekly Collection- \$9,910.00**

**2nd Collection (Bldg. Repairs)- \$5,079.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



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

Brayden Ralph Bocconfuso  
&

Hudson Nicholas Bogan

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** takes place First Fri-  
days, from noon to 1 pm, in the church. We look forward  
to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord. All are  
welcome!

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS** – Those in need of these specially ap-  
proved 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.

**VINCENT’S LEGACY**-The Furniture Outreach Conference of St.  
Vincent de Paul works with the local SVdP Conferences to serve  
neighbors in need of furniture and household items. Vincent’s Lega-  
cy accepts donated furniture and household items that are in good  
condition to redistribute to your neighbors in need. The Furniture  
Outreach Conference offers many opportunities for you to share  
your time, talent, and/or treasure, whether you have furniture to do-  
nate, 2-5 hours a month to volunteer, or financial support to offer  
that will help cover warehouse and truck expenses. Visit our web-  
site: <https://vincentslegacy.wixsite.com/furniture> or Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FurnitureMinistry.com>. If you have any  
questions, contact us at: [Furniture@svdptrenton.org](mailto:Furniture@svdptrenton.org) To make a fi-  
nancial contribution, please send a check made out to Vincent’s Leg-  
acy Furniture Outreach Conference, P.O. Box 526, Manasquan, NJ  
08736, or use the DONATE button on our Facebook page: [https://  
www.facebook.com/FurnitureMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/FurnitureMinistry). For more information or to  
donate items, please call 609-557-7837.



**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:***

Cereal, toilet paper, grape jelly, black beans, canned fruit cocktail

Cash and check donations are welcome and can be left in the enve-  
lopes 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. Mone-  
tary 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**  
**DR. DONALD & MRS. MARY T. LINTNER**  
**REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILY**

**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 answer-  
ing 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 Of-  
fice 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!

**HEALING MASS-** All are welcome at The Church of  
Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road in Brick every third Friday of  
the month (from September to May) for a Healing Mass.  
We will begin at 6:45 pm in the worship area with Prayer  
and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, fol-  
lowed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** Downey Side Adoption is a  
non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the  
foster care system with forever families through adoption.  
Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need  
of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to  
keep adoption fees as low as possible. We need your help! If  
you have time and a passion for helping children, please  
consider volunteering to help on one of our committees. To  
get involved, please email [DRusinko@downeyside.org](mailto:DRusinko@downeyside.org).  
Your support can make a difference!

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



Our ministry of lay volunteers is in-  
spired 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 assis-  
tance. 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 meet-  
ing 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.



### ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-

The Manasquan Ministerium will be holding its annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 24 November at 4:00 pm at Manasquan Methodist Church. Please take the time to join in the prayer

of thanksgiving as we reflect on God's goodness to us. This prayer also helps our community grow through the fundamental understanding of Ecumenism – the movement to promote Christian unity and cooperation. Fellowship will follow.

### 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. Please drop gift card donations in the special collection box or drop off at the rectory office by Monday, 11/18/24. Thank you.

### 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.

### WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story" ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](http://respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))

### ACTION CENTER—

#### SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS-

[www.humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org) AND

<https://www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home> AND

<https://nrcatholic.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.

**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

**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

Thanksgiving is coming! All are invited to participate in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service which will be hosted by Manasquan Methodist Church on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It is a great time to come together with the other Christians of our area in the solidarity of prayer in giving thanks to God for all God's blessings.

We finished our growing season and give thanks for all who participated in the planning, redesign, and implementation of our new Giving Garden. So many hours of volunteering have gone into this project, which is a true ecumenical endeavor. We harvested nearly 700 pounds of fresh vegetables that went from garden-to-table for those who come to our food pantry and our ecumenical food pantry down the street.

We are also thankful for the growing participation in our celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday. We recently took part in the annual "October Count" for our diocese and I am thankful to say that we went from the average of 994 people for all our Masses in 2023 to 1127 as the average for this year. That is 133 more people, or about 10% increase! I pray we continue to be a welcoming and vibrant parish for all God's people.

In thanksgiving to the office staff for all their work, we will be closing the office from Wed. the 27<sup>th</sup> through Fri. the 29<sup>th</sup>, please plan accordingly. We will have 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wed. the 27<sup>th</sup> and the next Mass will be Sat. the 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be no activities 27-29. This is one of the few secular holidays that I do not work so I will also be taking vacation time for those three days.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. As we conclude our Liturgical Year, we look forward to a New Year of Grace and the beginning of Advent. We will publish all our Advent plans and service projects, as well as have the annual revealing of the "Giving Tree" next week! Don't forget it is less than one month to the Faith and Blue Toy Drive event-Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Parish Center. Save the date and drop off your toys and stay for some fun! Meet local police officers and clergy, have some hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie or two.

### 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.

**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.

### SAVE THE DATE—

December 7th & 8th  
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS,  
COURT ST. DENIS  
Annual Poinsettia  
&  
Wreath Sale





## ST. DENIS GIVING TREE IS COMING NEXT WEEKEND!!

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**A GATHERING OF WOMEN SEEKING A PEACEFUL AND SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO CHRISTMAS-** A Women's Community Christmas Program will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd at Manasquan Presbyterian Church, 16 Virginia Ave. The program will begin at 11:30 am with a light luncheon to follow. The guest speaker will be Rev. Cindy Wilcox, Chaplain at Jersey Shore University Meridian Health (Jersey Shore University Medical Center). All women are invited to attend.

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY** will take place at the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Center for Spirituality, 21 Main Ave. in Ocean Grove, on December 7, 2024, 10am-3 pm. The theme for the retreat is "Birthing Life in All its Fullness". Advent is a season of waiting, of pregnancy, of expecting NEW LIFE to be born. With Mary and Elizabeth as companions, this retreat day will invite you to feel the new life that is beating within YOU... and to allow the gentle push of God to call it forth in freedom and joy. Ways to register and participate: \*In person for the day (includes lunch)-donation \$35, \*Overnight Friday and attending the retreat on Saturday- Donation \$85, \*Register online via the website ([www.sscenter.org](http://www.sscenter.org)) or email [jcsaidy@ssjphila.org](mailto:jcsaidy@ssjphila.org).

**ADVENT SILENT DIRECTED PRAYER WEEKEND-** Join us Dec. 13-15, 2024 at the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Center For Spirituality, 21 Main St. in Ocean Grove. We seek during this season to be ever more attuned to the God who invites us to pause in the graced rhythm of silence and rest. Come away during this Advent weekend to renew your heart and soul. The donation is \$70. Register now via email S. Joanne Cassidy at [jcsaidy@ssjphila.org](mailto:jcsaidy@ssjphila.org)

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.

**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.

## FAITH AND BLUE TOY DRIVE CHRISTMAS EVENT!-

Save the Date: Sunday, 7 Dec. from noon to 2 pm in the parking lot! Join the fun and help make a child's Christmas special! St. Denis is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Faith and Blue" Toy Drive to benefit children assisted through the Monmouth County Division of Child Protection and Permanence as well as the children of military families assisted through the Angel Program of NJ. We will have a great community event on the drop-off day with music, Santa and the PBA trailer filled with hot chocolate and treats. Drop on by to meet members of the Sea Girt and Manasquan Police Departments and ministers of the Manasquan Ministerium who will be gratefully accepting your donation of toys and having a chance to build community bridges and spreading holiday cheer.



**KINDNESS CAFE-** Please stop in for a cup of kindness after Mass! The Kindness Café is open every Sunday from 8:30 am-11:30 am at 140 Main Street in downtown Manasquan. Our mission is to bring meaningful employment to young adults with developmental disabilities, one cup of coffee at a time. For more info contact us at: [kindnesscafeonmain@gmail.com](mailto:kindnesscafeonmain@gmail.com) #brewingkindnessdaily

**ALS PRAYER GROUP-** For those impacted by Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) The Holy Innocent's Society of the Diocese of Trenton is sponsoring a weekly virtual prayer group. The group will meet via Zoom every Monday at 10:00 am. For more information or to register email: [holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org) with the subject line "ALS". Include your name and telephone number.

**DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP-** Manasquan United Methodist Church is having a Dementia/Alzheimer Support Group for families and caregivers every 3rd Monday of each month at 5 pm. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please have them join.

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**December 6, 2024 - AN ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION** Reading and discussing the Infancy stories from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke is a wonderful way to prepare to celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Lunch and Eucharistic Liturgy included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./ Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Janice Santanello, M.Th., CLEM, CSG, CPC) Cost: \$65.

**December 12, 2024 - QUIET BY THE FIRESIDE** - This evening will provide the busy person an opportunity to contemplate Jesus, the Incarnate Word, through reflection in a quiet and prayerful environment. Christmas sing-along and refreshments after program. SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE. Please call in advance for reservations. Arrival: 5:00 p.m./Departure: 8:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff) Donation A CURRENT BROCHURE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE – [www.sjbythesea.org](http://www.sjbythesea.org) Call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information

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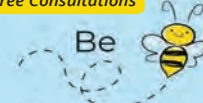
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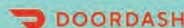
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