

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

“May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.... you must learn to make still greater progress...”

A new month, and a new time of prayer in the church. The message of Paul above was not directed only to the Thessalonians, but to me as I pray over these biblical verses. Advent is our time of anticipation and hope. As we live these days, I prayerfully ask what are my hopes and desires so that I can respond to God’s call and make progress through His coming and grace.

Reflect upon the words – overflow with love... strengthen my heart... rid whatever evil so I am blameless...make me holy as I live advent and await His coming. Our daily prayer ‘Come Lord Jesus.’



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK- Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis. You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.

THIS WEEK'S
MASS
INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30, 2024

8:30 am Raymon Chiu by Al & Lisa Ingrassia
8:30 am Janice Kircher by the Schatzman Family
8:30 am For the Conversion of Albert Diorio
4:30 pm Julius Parsick by Rosemary Esposito
4:30 pm Joseph Petrowski by the Brickowski Family
4:30 pm Tina O'Donnell by Liz & Dave Smith

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:00 am Eileen O'Connell Mahoney
by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
8:00 am Anna Theres Regan by the Prince Family
8:00 am Margaret Geary by the Knights of Columbus #3231
9:30 am Bill Truex by his Family
9:30 am Tina O'Donnell by the Gabler Family
9:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Carol Rizzi
9:30 am Scott Quilici by Peggy Zielenbach
10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 2, 2024

7:30 am Joseph Zenzayer by Steve & Kim Kostek
7:30 am Leo Quigley by his Family
7:30 am Reverend Daniel Gowen by St. Denis Parish

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

7:30 am Vincent Intintola by the Intintola Family
7:30 am Helen Mayer-Blaine
by the Kouvel & deBrigard Families
7:30 am Ellen Buck Brown by the Gray Family

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

7:30 am Mary Margaret Brown by Maureen & Dave Johnson
7:30 am Steven Marcinczyk by the Deane Family
7:30 am Sister Margaret Nulty, SC by Claire Majeski

Thursday, December 5, 2024

No Mass

Friday, December 6, 2024

7:30 am John Kolon (Birthday) by his Wife, Kay Kolon
7:30 am Lauren Faas by the Fox Family
7:30 am John Cummins, Jr. by Patti & Joe Mele
7:30 am Reverend Daniel Gowen by his Family

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30 am James Ahern by his Family
8:30 am Edward Thomas Giaquinto by Grace Bruther
8:30 am Donald Bracken by Art & Peggy Geiger
4:30 pm Ann Marie Callahan by her Loving Family
4:30 pm Jack Cochrane
by Tom & Maureen Hughes & Family
4:30 pm Dale Seydel by Sandy DeGrande

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Betsy & Jim Rice
9:30 am Linda Nolan by Enzo & Rosemarie Priolo
9:30 am Charles E. Starkey by Eileen Kelly
10:00 am Elizabeth & Charles Tynan by Fran & Kevin Kearns
10:00 am Margaret, James & Rachel Kearns
by Fran & Kevin Kearns
10:00 am Lenn, Leonard & Dennis Rhodes
by Fran & Kevin Kearns

*Keep Them
in your
Prayers*



**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, Madeline Fuccile, John Gallo, Veronica Garrett, Katherine Geiger, Sharon Gergich, Nicole Giambro, 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'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 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.



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!



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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 for more information and to register.

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP is a faith study group for Catholic men at the Jersey Shore, coordinated from St. Denis Parish. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center, from 6-7 pm. For more information contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287.

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 at 7 pm, December 12th, 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!



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.

ST. DENIS GIVING TREE- The Giving Tree, the Christian symbol of unconditional and selfless love, is once again displayed at St. Denis to help the less fortunate celebrate Christmas. Our Giving Tree is in the Gathering Space of the Church as well as at the Beach Chapel. We ask that those willing and able take a tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the suggested gift. Kindly return the unwrapped gift, together with the tag taped on it, the weekend of December 7 & 8 or December 14 & 15. We truly appreciate your tremendous support as do the worthy charities and families benefitting from the Giving Tree.



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS- The 2nd collection next weekend will be for the benefit of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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.

2024 MONMOUTH COUNTY SIMBANG GABI- Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) is a Catholic Devotion of offering each night for the nine consecutive days in joyful anticipation of Christmas. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

6:30 pm Rosary prayer followed by the Holy Mass
Dec 12, Thursday-St Dorothea Church, Eatontown
Dec 13, Friday-Holy Innocents Church, Neptune
Dec 14, Saturday-St Mary's Church, Middletown
Dec 15, Sunday-St Margaret Church, Spring Lake
Dec 16, Monday-St James Church, Red Bank
Dec 17, Tuesday—St Rose Church, Belmar
Dec 18, Wednesday-St Catherine of Siena, Farmingdale
Dec 19, Thursday-St Benedict Church, Holmdel
Dec 20, Friday 6 PM-St Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

(All are invited to the reception and fellowship, Barong recommended)



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FAITH AND BLUE TOY DRIVE CHRISTMAS EVENT! Save the Date: Saturday, 7 Dec. from 11 am to 2 pm in the parking lot! Join the fun and help make a child's Christmas special! St. Denis is hosting our 2nd 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.

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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.

JERSEY SHORE CHORALE- Come hear the Jersey Shore Chorale of men and women of all ages, many with professional music backgrounds, performing a wide variety of seasonal favorites from the classical to traditional carols. The Jersey Shore Chorale's exquisite harmonies and a joyful singalong accompanied by a piano, flute, strings and woodwinds will kick off the magic of the Holiday/Christmas season on Sat., Dec. 7 at 7 pm Greenbriar 1, 1 Darley Circle, Brick OR Sun., Dec. 8 at 4 pm United Methodist Church, 23 Church St., Manasquan. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults: \$15. Seniors: \$10. Students and children are free. For more info call the rectory office.



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 envelopes with the donated food. Please include "Food Pantry" in the memo section of checks.

****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.



Get in the Holiday Spirit and join the St. Denis Music Ministry as we present our **1st Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along!** A Christmas carol sing along featuring St. Denis musicians, cantors and members of the parish choir....and YOU! **Sunday December 15th 2024 at 3:30 pm** in St. Denis Church

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—Join us for a DowneySide Adoption fundraiser on Dec. 15th, 9am –12 pm at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Church Hall, 103 Washington Ave. in Lavallette. Enjoy some fun activities such as story time, face painting, crafts and more. There will be photos with Santa and raffles every hour. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and 4 years and under are free. Advanced tickets can be purchased online at: Downeyside.org

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an all-volunteer world-wide organization founded in the 1830's. It provides financial assistance to our neighbors in need for rent, utilities, and other basic necessities as well as providing food from our SVDP pantry. The help provided is only possible through the very generous donations we receive-especially from our St. Denis parishioners.

If you have an interest in seeing how you can help those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on January 16, 2025 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.



**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**has been moved to December 9th this year.
It is a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses will be celebrated at:
7:30 am, 12:00 pm, & 7:00 pm**

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.sscenterog.org) or email jcasidy@ssjphila.org.

BLOOD DRIVE- The Manasquan Elks are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, 12/16/24, 12 pm-5pm at 17 Stockton Blvd. in Manasquan. All presenting donors will receive a long sleeved Red Cross tee shirt (limited quantity). Appointments are preferred. Schedule your blood donation today by calling 800 RED CROSS.

WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry

“The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS. *The Mary’s Child Pro-Life ministry would like to thank all those who supported the Champion for Life Dinner held in October. Attendees to the dinner were welcomed by over 50 youth members of the St. Mark’s CYO and heard inspiring stories from our Champions who demonstrate the love of Christ with their living witness. The dinner raised over \$12,000 and the proceeds are being donated to organizations that educate and walk with Mothers in Need.*

ACTION CENTER —

ABORTION REVERSAL – After having taken the first abortion pill (of two), many women wish they had a second chance to save the life of their baby. **THEY DO!** (if they act immediately) To find out more, visit www.abortionpillreversal.com

THE MISSION OF MARY’S CHILD MINISTRY is to defend the truth of Jesus Christ. Each human being is a gift from God, made in His image and likeness, worthy of dignity, respect, and protection from conception until natural death. We raise our prayers, concerns, and funds in support of this Truth, and we support organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES: dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry USCCB: usccb.org/prolife OR respectlife.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

Happy Advent! I have chosen the focus of our season to be “The gift of God within”. I am hoping that our programs will encourage you to reflect on this theme. Not just limited to the times of Holy Mass and prayer and our spiritual programs, the understanding of the gift of God within us can also be experienced through our loving outreach to our neighbors in need. It is in the word “out-reach” – it starts from within us, in the core of our being. We are called to be so aware of the gift of God’s presence in our soul. This awareness and true communion with God causes us to reach out of ourselves in the Divine Nature that God shares with us, a Nature that is always going out of self to the other in the true definition of Love. God is Love. That is the gift within and a gift that must be shared.

We have much in store for this Holy Season. Please check the back tables for handouts and prayer aids and read the bulletin/facebook/website for all the updated information. Please share the information with family and friends. The more the merrier, especially this time of year. Don’t forget that this Saturday the 7th is our Toy Drive from 11am until 2pm. Come join the fun!

Please don’t forget to plan for the joyful celebration of the Immaculate Conception, which is moved to Monday the 9th (since the 8th falls on a Sunday this year). This obligatory remembrance of this event which is tied inextricably to our salvation is also the national celebration of all Catholics in the U.S. as the patronal feast of Mary, under this title, patron saint of the United States of America. Masses will be 7:30am, noon and 7pm.

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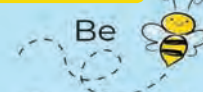
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