

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

“On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love’... ‘Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.’”

The word of God focuses on reasons for joy, encouraging us to continue to make progress as we prepare for the coming of our Savior. Yes, Jesus has come and we recall His birth, but He comes again, daily, to hearts that are prepared to welcome Him. The need of our waiting world is so great that we can forget today, and only look back to the Bethlehem coming. By prayer and petition, we ask Him to fill us, our home, our family, our world with His redeeming presence. The Baptist’s warning and invitation today ‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’



# 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, December 14, 2024**

8:30 am Patrice McDermott by Philip McDermott  
 8:30 am Rita Larkin by Dawn & John Burke  
 8:30 am James Coakley by Ron & Terry DePasquale  
 4:30 pm Bill Driscoll by Theresa Driscoll  
 4:30 pm Mark Lofty by the Lewis Family  
 4:30 pm Cliff Syby by his Family

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

8:00 am Frank Stankunas by Deacon Gary  
 8:00 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Claire Majeski  
 8:00 am Rustico Castellano by Cindy Ernst  
 8:00 am Peter Mass by Gary & Charlene Mass  
 9:30 am Leo Quigley, Jr. by his Family  
 9:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by Joan & Mario Valeriani  
 9:30 am Linda Nolan by Enzo & Rosemarie Priollo  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Monday, December 16, 2024**

7:30 am Daymon Thatch by his Family  
 7:30 am William J. Lago, Sr. by his Family  
 7:30 am Rev. Daniel Gowen by Mary Jo Treacy  
 7:30 am Carmine Freda by Debbie & John Gallo

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

7:30 am Josephine Walrod by Terry McCormick  
 7:30 am Rita M. Windas by Neil & Leslie Scully  
 7:30 am Emil DeJacomio by his Mother, Sister & Family

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

7:30 am Drew Danik by John & Luann Quigley  
 7:30 am Ursula McFarlane by Mark & Martina Fox  
 7:30 am Carol-Ann Marie Kelly by the Matthews Family

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

No Mass

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

7:30 am Mike Bialas by his Dad  
 7:30 am Derry Quigley by his Family  
 7:30 am Dr. Donald & Mrs. Mary Lintner by their Family

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

8:30 am Dorothy Licitra by the Kemp Family  
 8:30 am Edward Fletcher by the Kemp Family  
 8:30 am Mary Lou Addario by Deacon Gary  
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

8:00 am Louis J. Micioni by the Easton Family  
 8:00 am Jeanine Ambrose-Gusler by Eileen & Michael Mahoney  
 8:00 am Rosalind Seamen by Eileen & Michael Mahoney  
 9:30 am Gerald DeDruex by Betsy & Jim Rice & Family  
 9:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary by MaryAnn Rupertus  
 9:30 am William M. Lee by his Wife & Children  
 10:00 am John Francis Patterson by Marion Lamb & Ray Schwartz  
 10:00 am Mary & Patrick Cleary by Eileen & Jim Rochford  
 10:00 am Jean O'Brien by Eileen & Jim Rochford

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS** – Those in need of these special-ly approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the priest's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low gluten host.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** especially William O'Brien and Jack McCue.



**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.



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, Kelly Layton, 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.



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SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

**LADIES, JOIN US FOR A CONNECT COFFEE TALK!** Join us at Walking with Purpose (WWP) for our last gathering of 2024!

We will gather for coffee, light food, video and discussion. You choose the day that works best for your schedule: December 17, 7:30pm or December 18, 12:15pm. At WWP we gather to learn how our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ are relevant to our everyday lives. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another. WWP Gatherings are offered at the St. Denis Parish Center.

**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.

**JESUS AND JOCKO-DISCIPLINE=FREEDOM=HOPE-** Men of the parish are invited to a discussion on Tuesday, 21 January at 7 pm in the church. We will be looking at the book "Extreme Ownership" by Jocko Willink and Lief Babin, and the teachings of Jesus, as well as looking into the New Year with resolutions and Hope. (Reading the book is not required.)

**CURSILLO** is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. Contact trentoncurisillo@gmail.com

**HENRY B. KING MEDICAL BRIGADE BON VOYAGE PARTY-**The annual HBK Bon Voyage Party for the 32nd Mission to Honduras will take place on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 from noon to 4pm at the Beach Haus Brewery, 801 Main St, Belmar, NJ 07719; <https://beachhausbeer.com/>. The party includes a full buffet lunch, soda, cash bar, coffee, tea and a gift auction. Pre-sale ticket price is \$65 per person, kids are \$10. At the door price is \$70. For information on ordering tickets, please call the rectory at 732-223-0287. Come party with us and celebrate our 32nd Mission Trip to Honduras which is scheduled in early April 2025. We are excited to announce that we have updated our GoFundMe.com our Website (<https://henrybkingmedicalbrigade.com/>).



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 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.



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

Luca Robert Jindal  
Caileigh Jean Scott  
Ava Jeanne Vilardi

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**THANK YOU-** The Catholic Daughters thank everyone who donated toys and clothing for the Bargain Barn in Tutwiler, Mississippi. The items were delivered on Nov. 26th to ensure that the children and residents of Clarksdale and Tutwiler, Mississippi will have a very Merry Christmas! God bless you for your generosity!

**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 every week for ADVENT. We will then celebrate every other week: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, and 2/23. We hope your children will join us!! For more info please contact the rectory.

**ACTIVITY FROM THE GRANDPARENTS GUILD- "Make An Advent Chain"** An Advent chain will help your grandchildren count the days until Christmas. Making the chain is fun.

- Let the children help you cut one strip of purple construction paper for each day of Advent.
- Use a pink strip for the third Sunday of Advent and a white strip for Christmas.
- Some families like to write something special on each strip, such as "Do something nice for someone." "Say a Hail Mary for someone who is sick." "Read a book about a saint."
- Your grandchildren can brainstorm other things to write. Use paste or tape to loop the strips into a chain.

Let your grandchildren take the chain home. They can detach one link every day and read the message as they wait for Christmas.

If you enjoy this faith-based activity, please consider joining us on January 21, 2025 at 11:00 am for the next meeting of the St. Denis Grandparents Guild.

**FIFTEEN:5- A Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends.** Our initial program is for those aged mid 20's through their 40's (single or married). We meet once a month in the St. Denis Parish Center. Our next meeting (tentatively January 25<sup>th</sup>) will be a social event with food, beverages, fellowship, and a short video from *The Search*, followed by discussion. The Search asks where our journey is taking us and what do we really want from our life during this journey. The feedback from our initial meetings has been very positive! Please plan to join us in January to socialize a bit and gain a better understanding of our purpose. Feel free to come with friends and/or family members. FIFTEEN:5 hopes to create a community of peers gaining a better understanding of our faith and living Christian values, especially within the challenges we encounter in everyday life. We plan to accomplish this through programs, events, and activities (including charitable works and family activities). For information, contact the rectory office at 732 223-0287.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



The Rectory Office will be closed December 23rd-26th.  
The office will reopen Friday,  
December 27th at 8:30 am.

The office will also be closed  
December 31st and January 1st  
and will reopen Thursday, January 2nd at 8:30 am.

### What Are You Doing for Advent 2024?

*The Gift of God Within Us!*

**For Your Personal Spiritual Journey:**

**Magnificat Advent Companion** and other prayer and  
reflection pamphlets on various tables  
in the Church Gathering space

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel-** Advent daily devotional –  
Henri Nouwen

**Pilgrims of Hope-** Reflections on Hope for the Jubilee Year  
by Pope Francis

**FORMED.org** –for Advent Reflections sign up  
through our parish website

(access code: PDZVN8 to sign up the access through your email)

**USCCB.org** – the US Bishops website has many  
Advent offerings

**First Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along**

*A Christmas Carol Sing Along featuring  
St. Denis musicians, cantors, members  
of the parish choir.....and YOU!*

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 pm in St. Denis Church**

**Parish Nativity Pageant** – Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

during the 4:30 pm Mass

**Confessions**

**Saturday, December 21st – 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm**

**Monday, Dec. 16, 2024- 11 am-1 pm & 6 pm-8 pm**

You are encouraged to call the Parish Office  
and set up an appointment up to December 19th  
for Confession with Father Bill to prepare your heart.

**Be With Jesus at Adoration from 11am until 8pm**

**Monday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> on our parish Advent Penance Day**



**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.**

**ITEMS NEEDED AT THIS TIME:**

Boxed milk (most needed), mac & cheese, ramen noodles, canned  
fruit, peanut butter, & jelly. Cash and check donations are welcome  
and can be left in the envelopes with the donated food. Please in-  
clude "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.**



**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MCW**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**–Today's bul-  
letin contains only some of the names of those loved  
ones who were remembered or honored with Christmas  
flower donations. More names will appear in next  
week's bulletin. Thank you to all who made donations to  
this collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Get in the Holiday Spirit and join the  
St. Denis Music Ministry  
as we present our  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**at 3:30 pm in St. Denis Church**

**FOOD PANTRY THANKS**– Thank you to all the parish-  
ioners who generously donated to the St. Vincent de Paul  
Thanksgiving Food Drive. It was a huge success! We fed  
over 40 families. We have enough donations to be used for  
Christmas dinners. We couldn't do what we do without you!

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



The St. Denis Conference of the  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves eve-  
ryone living in the parish neighborhood, whether  
they are parishioners or not, since all are joined to-  
gether through the realities of creation and redemp-  
tion. Our conference recognizes our responsibility  
toward all of our neighbors as brothers and sisters in  
Christ.

If you have an interest in seeing how you can  
help those in need, come to the Society's next meet-  
ing 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.

## Christmas and New Year Schedule

### Advent Spiritual Programs

See bulletin or website for details

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Dec. 16 @ 11am-8 pm

### Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 21 @ 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Monday, Dec. 16 @ 11 am-1 pm & 6 pm-8 pm

or by appointment up to Dec. 20

### Christmas Concert in St. Denis Church

Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 3:30 pm

### Christmas Eve Masses- Tuesday, Dec. 24

St. Denis Church- 4:30 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel- 5 pm

### Christmas Day Masses- Wednesday, Dec. 25

St. Denis Church- 8 am & 9:30 am

Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel- 10 am

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, Jan. 1

St. Denis Church- 8:30 am & 10 am

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

As we prepare for Christmas, we have the custom of “cleaning house” with the Sacrament of Confession. In Advent we are focusing on the “Gift of God within” and it is justice to go to confession. Our whole life, every aspect of it, is a gift of God. In the sacrament, we go within the depths of our being asking forgiveness and the grace of reconciling and strengthening our relationship with God. True humility is required – where have I cooperated with God’s grace and where have I not? Confessions are “drop-in” this Monday from 11am-1pm and 6pm-8pm, with the chance for quiet preparing during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am-8pm.

As the priests of the Diocese of Trenton prepare, we will be hosting the Advent Spirituality Day here at St. Denis on Tuesday. I was honored the Bishop chose us to host the event. We will have a chance to show the work done on our Parish Center as well as introduce priests to Villa St. Denis, especially those getting ready to retire. I am thankful we have such a welcoming parish and offer hospitality to the diocese from time to time, as well as being a great place for priests to retire to and be part of our community.

I thank you for your donations to the “Buildings and Grounds” collection that will be donated to St. John Vianney Parish in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida which was hardest hit by the hurricanes in October. They are still having Mass in tents. You can also donate directly: [www.dosp.org/disaster-relief-fund](http://www.dosp.org/disaster-relief-fund) or go to Catholic Charities and search Hurricane Milton.

As we look towards the fourth week of Advent please be aware the office will closed Dec. 23-26. Please plan accordingly. If a need arises, please leave a voice message on the main line, or my extension (308), as I will be working the 23-25<sup>th</sup> (till 1pm). I will be off the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

### ACTION CENTER—

**SUPPORT LOCAL PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION.** Madonna House, located in Neptune, is dedicated to serving women, children and infants by providing clothing, diapers, formula and small household items. They gladly accept donations as well as welcome new volunteers. Call 732-775-1140.

**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 (food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, counseling)

**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)

**KINDNESS CAFÉ— We can’t wait to see you at our new location— 305 Hwy. 71 in Spring Lake Heights at Manasquan Bank.** Freshly brewed coffee and delicious baked goods are served. The Kindness Café is open Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays from 8:30 am–11:30 am Our mission is to provide employment opportunities in a supportive and uplifting environment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our aim is to foster a sense of belonging, dignity and purpose for our employees and community. Please stop in for a cup of kindness!

**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.

Weekly Collection 

December 1, 2024

Weekly Collection- \$13,339.00

2nd Collection— Christmas Flowers- \$3,637.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
WERE DONATED  
IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:



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Mike Brunner  
Marianna Brunner  
Robert Leach  
Mary Leach  
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Annabelle & John Lanza  
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