

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

“He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.’”

We meet Saint Luke describing the good news of the gospel, tracing the life of Jesus from the beginning of His ministry. The homecoming of Jesus, His return, finds Him using Isaiah to reveal His ministry and mission. Look again at special words: anointed, sent to proclaim liberty, to open eyes, and assure freedom for those unjustly burdened as hostages or those caught in the many addictions which control us. The needs of His day are perhaps even greater today.

We are celebrating a jubilee year, a year of hope in a tested world. May we see the mission of Jesus to be our task, the mission of the church in 2025.



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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.

**Saturday, January 25 2025**

- 8:30 am John Green by the Ferruggia Family
 8:30 am Ruth Ann Sokolick by Arleen & Ron Meyn
 8:30 am Mary Michele Egan by Connie & Ben Forcillo
 4:30 pm Theresa Mele by Joe Mele
 4:30 pm Rita M. "Mickey" Windas
 by Sean & Mary Ellen Boyle
 4:30 pm Ellen Brown by Terris & John Garbarini

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 8:00 am Barbara & Chris D'Andrea by their Children
 8:00 am Jack Hawkins by Gordon Justin
 8:00 am Robert Koncelik by John & Ellie Fox
 9:30 am Josephine "Pina" Gagliardi by Paul Garvey
 9:30 am Patricia Zanetti by Rose Gaguski
 9:30 am Walter Bronikowski by his Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 27, 2025

- 7:30 am Louis, Mildred, & Rosemary Tassini by Claire Sciarappa
 7:30 am Allen Bessemer by Joan Brannick
 7:30 am Mr. Attardi by John Coriasco

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

- 7:30 am Mark Malzen by Tripper Brannick
 7:30 am Irene Wheeler by Evelyn Tuttle
 7:30 am Marge Bakunas by Frank & Jackie Gaynor

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

- 7:30 am Peggy Matthews by Patrick Lewis
 7:30 am Antonia (Nina) DiStefano
 7:30 am James M. Crowe by Mary Ann Crowe

Thursday, January 30, 2025

No Mass

Friday, January 31, 2025

- 7:30 am Dominick DeStefano by his Family
 7:30 am James M. Crowe by Maryann Crowe
 7:30 am Robert Mullin (1st Anniversary)
 by his Wife and Children

Saturday, February 1, 2025

- 8:30 am John & Rose Feeny by their Children
 8:30 am Gloria Bruno by Patrick Lewis
 8:30 am Sonya Schaff by Bill & Jeanne Buble
 8:30 am Michael Vitale by Steven Golaszewski
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 2, 2025

- 8:00 am Eric Scheidt by Gordon Justin
 8:00 am Robert Gobin by Jay & Linda Stanco
 8:00 am Allen Bessemer by Claire Moynihan
 9:30 am Bill Wolfe by his Wife
 9:30 am Josephine DeSimone by John & Carol Terzano
 9:30 am Carol Ann Kelly by Marie Regan
 10:00 am John P. Giannuzzi by Eileen Romano
 10:00 am Dennis Collins by Matt Zieniewicz
 10:00 am Alice Kraus Farrell by Mike & Denise Helm

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 Louise Franzetti, Daniel Griffith and Noel Gattuso.



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, Penny Broderick, 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 Daidone, Mary Damico, Christine Danish, Duane Danish, Rose DeMarco, Michael Desider, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Lisa Dunfee, Thomas Evans, Thomas Fahey, Chris Faraca, Joseph Fiamingo, Christine Fields Nannette Forkan, Denise Frank, Norma Friel, Madeline Fuccile, John Gallo, Katherine Geiger, Sharon Gergich, Nicole Giambrone, Johnny Gondek, Baby Kelly Grace, Phillip Graceffa, Julianna Grusso, Angeline Hart, Irene Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Teresa Hayes, Thomas Hayes Jr, Beverly Heinz, Shawn Herenburg, Katie Holbrook, Alyson Honrath, 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, Catherine O'Connor, Sue O'Connor, Mark Olear, Gerald O'Keeffe, 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.

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

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. **Our Fall/Winter Program is *The Bible and the Sacraments***. 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm in the St Denis Parish Center. If you miss some meetings, no problem, join us for the next one. For info, contact the rectory at 732 223-0287.

ST. DENIS/HOLY TRINITY “AMEN EFFECT” BOOK STUDY- Fr. Bill and Pastor Mary will lead discussions on “the amen effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World” by Rabbi Sharon Brous: Wednesdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 11 am-12pm at Holy Trinity and 7-8 pm in St. Denis Parish Center. Brous writes about the healing power of “showing up” for individuals and the community in times of pain and sorrow, joy and celebration. She offers compelling examples and invites us to consider how to mend broken hearts and rebuild our society in times of loneliness and isolation. Join the conversation! (Check out this interview with the author: <https://streicker.nyc/past-event-recordings>.)

PROM DRESS DRIVE- January 13th through January 27th hosted by the **Norah E. Bruther Memorial Scholarship Fund**, a non-profit 501(c)(3). Collected prom dresses will be distributed among local schools to be given to students. Please drop dresses off at St. Denis Rectory, 90 Union Ave, Manasquan, during regular business hours.



especially USMC Sgt. Jordan Basile, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, 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 Captain Jason Trischitta, Army Matthew Van Pelt, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, and USN LTJG Michael Zimmerman.



Join Walking with Purpose at Any Time!

At Walking with Purpose (WWP) we gather to learn how the teachings of Jesus Christ, Holy Scripture and our Catholic faith 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. We offer two Gathering opportunities: Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm or Wednesday afternoons, 12:15-2pm. Choose which time works best for you and join us at the table—you’ll be so glad you did!

We are so much more than a Bible study!
For more info visit www.wwpnjshore.com



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 rejoice their families prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will celebrate at the 9:30 am Mass every other week: 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, and 2/23. We hope your children will join us!! For more information please contact the rectory.

ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY members will meet in church on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 9:00 am for recitation of the Rosary and the 9:30 am Mass. The business meeting will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 12 noon on the Parish Center. Please bring your lunch and a friend.

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 to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!



FIFTEEN:5- A new Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends. Our initial program, The Search, is for those in their 20’s, 30’s, & 40’s (single or married). We’re all busy balancing life’s challenges. Will you be making a New Year’s Resolution to take one

new step to improve your health - physically, mentally, or spiritually? Join us for a meeting to see what we’re about. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th at 7 pm in the St. Denis Parish Center. Enjoy light refreshments, discussion, and fellowship with your peers. Bring friends, bring your spouse. We’ll also have a **Spring Team EVENT, Jersey Shore Relay Marathon**. Any runner, including casual runners, can join one of our teams. We’ll be adding other programs and events in future, including family activities. For questions, email fifteen5njshore@gmail.com.

ONLINE GIVING-To help support our parish more easily we offer online giving! For information or to sign up, go to our parish website www.churchofstdenis.org and click on “Online Giving”.



**In Loving Memory of
Monsignor Ronald Bacovin
Requested by Tom & Kerry O'Connor**



CATHECIST NEEDED—There is an urgent need for a Monday night 7th grade teacher in our Religious Education Department. If you can help please contact the office at 732-223-1161.

AWARENESS AND ACTION- January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a crime against the basic dignity and rights of a person. Sadly, human trafficking is flourishing throughout the world. According to Walk Free, an international human rights group focused on the eradication of Human Trafficking, in all its forms. In 2021, an estimated 50 million people were living in modern day slavery on any given day. Learn more: <https://www.walkfree.org/> For our part, the New Jersey Catholic Conference continues to work with state government agencies, a coalition of religious communities, and community-based organizations to eradicate Human Trafficking in New Jersey. Currently, we represent the Catholic Church on the New Jersey Attorney General's Anti-Trafficking Faith Based Committee. The goal of the faith-based committee is to assist with the development of programs and resources section to help faith communities learn how more on what they can do to stop human trafficking. During January, we encourage all Catholics and people of good will to learn more about Human Trafficking and how they can work to end this form of modern-day slavery. Our local Pro-Lilfe committee supports Metanoia Manor, a Catholic shelter for victims of human trafficking.

BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Manasquan, will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 2-7 pm in the gymnasium of the St. Denis Parish Center. Appointments are preferred. Visit redcrossblood.org and use code womansclubmanasquan or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Everyone who donates blood is eligible to receive a \$15 e-gift card.



**St. Vincent De Paul Society's Food Pantry
at St. Denis Church**

Location: Msgr. O'Connor Hall
(lower level of church)
Questions or special food needs?
Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Pantry hours: Tuesdays: 1PM-3PM

There is a menu of food options available at curbside for pick up.
ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

ITEMS NEEDED AT THIS TIME:

**Bar soap, small laundry detergent, Ramen Noodles,
canned beef stew, and canned chicken.**

****Please Check Expiration Dates****

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.

**Items may be left in the shopping cart in the Gathering Space
in the Main Church, in the plastic box at the Beach Chapel,
or on the front porch of the rectory.**

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a statement of your 2024 contributions, please complete and return this form to the rectory by way of the collection basket or by mail. You may also email your request to st.denis@verizon.net or call 732-223-0287.

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(if you would like to receive your statement via email)

Do you also need a statement from our St. Vincent de Paul Society?

Yes _____ No _____

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.

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



In the Gospel Jesus once asked "Who are you looking for?" Perhaps it could be asked "What are you looking for?" Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

If you have an interest in learning more about Vincentian "good shepherding" come to the Society's next meeting on February 20, 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.



BLESSING OF THE THROATS- On February 3rd we celebrate the Feast of St. Blasé. This year, as it falls on a Monday, there will be the traditional blessing of the throats after the 7:30 am Mass. We will have a general blessing at the end of all Masses next weekend and then people are invited to stay after for individual blessings with the holy candles.

FREE FAMILY BREAKFAST- Sunday, February 9th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a free family breakfast. The breakfast will be held in the St. Denis Parish Center . The menu will consist of pancakes, eggs, pork roll or sausage patty, bagels, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee or tea. All are invited.



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WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

ACTION CENTER—

SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS at www.humanlifeaction.org AND <https://www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home> AND <https://nicatholic.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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION--- *It was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion and adoration of His Most Sacred Heart.* Join us after 7:30AM Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn, the protection of our country, peace throughout the world, and the special intentions of our parishioners. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ noon at St. Denis.

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

I took part in the Novena for Life through the U.S. Bishops Conference (USCCB) which led up to Friday, when our Diocese celebrated a Mass for Life and a Life Expo. The consistent life ethic of the Church is what has drawn so many people to convert to Catholicism here at our parish. I want to remind you of the tremendous prayer opportunities that the USCCB offers for many intentions that respond to such issues revolving around Catholic Spirituality, Religious Freedom, Respect Life, and timely issues where the world needs our intercessory prayer and action. I share a beautiful reflection from one of the days of the novena and a prayer for the gift of life.

At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in *love*. Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true *gifts*. Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all those involved. But Christ came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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/>). If you would like to make an **online donation** to our cause, please go to: [Fundraiser by Henry B. King : Henry B. King Medical Brigade 2025](#)

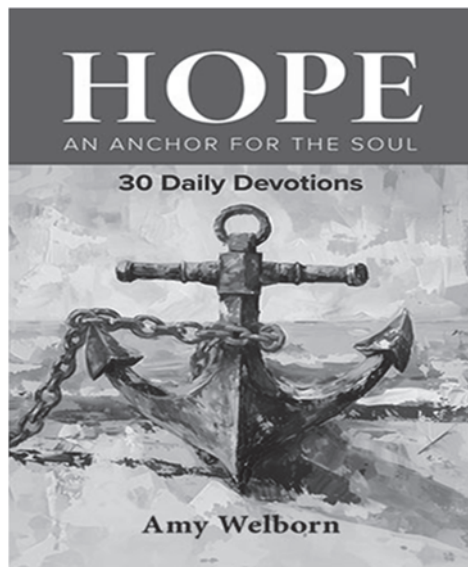


January 12, 2025

Weekly Collection- \$8,119.00

2nd Collection (Bldg. Repairs) \$4,978.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



As the Universal Church celebrates Jubilee Year 2025 we are encouraged by the Holy Father, Pope Francis: *'We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.'*

Join us as share in a 30- day Pre-Lent personal pilgrimage of hope through daily devotional reflections as we share *HOPE : An Anchor For The Soul.* Each daily devotional is anchored in Scripture, prayerful reminders, and other encouragement for grounding readers in Christian hope and equipping them to bring that hope to the world.

The devotionals are available on the resource table in church this weekend for personal reading. Then we will gather together to discuss at times during the 30 days as well. But, please join us for any of the talks, even if you don't get to read any of the devotional or if you miss any of them- it isn't required to enjoy!

Thursday, January 30th 11am and 7:00pm St. Denis Church
The kick off- "Hope - Living Differently" Eileen Ziesmer

Thursday, February 6th 11am and 7:00pm St. Denis Church
Midway Sharing- "Hope Does Not Disappoint" Eileen Ziesmer

Monday, February 24th 4:30p & 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 25th 4:30pm in St. Denis Church
Reflection- "Regaining and Maintaining Hope" Eileen Ziesmer

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