

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Presentation of the Lord

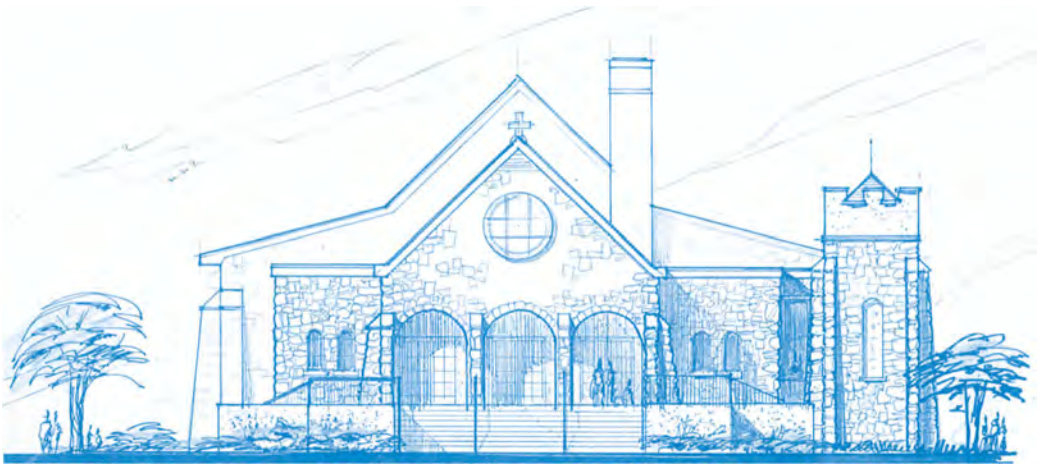
February 2, 2025

“The Lord God said: ‘Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming says the Lord.’... For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the people to see: a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.”

How many different names are associated with the celebration of this day – the Presentation, the Purification, Candlemas. It is forty days since we celebrated the birth of Christ, and today we too come to the temple.

We meet Simeon, who takes Jesus into his arms, he speaks in prayer filled words, the joy of his meeting the Lord. Consider for a moment the countless number of people, babies included, who frequented the temple that day. How special, that Simeon recognized Jesus, the light from all others.

May we seek the Lord, recognize His presence in the Eucharist, in our parish family, and become His light for others to recognize.



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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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, 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

Monday, February 3, 2025

7:30 am Michael Vitale by Ellie & John Fox and Gordon Justin
 7:30 am Mary Michele Egan by the Langan Family
 7:30 am Ann Sweeney by Nancy & Paul Sutor

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

7:30 am John Brown by Nina & Don Rodgers
 7:30 am Sister Valerie Noone by Mary Ann Nuzzo
 7:30 am Kathleen Lawler by Steven Maricia

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

7:30 am The Intentions of John Hughes
 by Peter & Sharon Wilson
 7:30 am Marianne Rasna Maddocks by her Sisters
 7:30 am Patricia S. Rue by Bill & Jeanne Buble

Thursday, February 6, 2025

No Mass

Friday, February 7, 2025

7:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary
 by the Knights of Columbus #3231
 7:30 am Lolly Griffith by Evelyn Tuttle
 7:30 am The Intentions of Maria Ackerman
 by her Spiritual Sisters of Walking With Purpose

Saturday, February 8, 2025

8:30 am Chris Mutch by her Family
 8:30 am Sandra Stamos by Pat Wladich
 8:30 am Elizabeth J. Dennin by Brian Reilly
 4:30 pm Theresa Mele by Joe Mele, Sr.
 4:30 pm The Heinzerling Family
 by Ann & Bill Heinzerling
 4:30 pm The Fahey Family by Ann & Bill Heinzerling
 4:30 pm Bernice & Frederick Kile by the Kile Family

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Janice Kircher by Sean & Mary Ellen Boyle
 9:30 am Macee Catherine Freeman by Nonna & Pop Pop
 9:30 am Elizabeth M. Papeth by Sandi & Jim Freeman
 10:00 am Donald Caesar by Maureen Caesar
 10:00 am Allen Bessemer, Jr. by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Lillian Gross by Michelle & Steve Schneider



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, Amanda Forgione Meehan, Frank Meidenbauer, Peter Merz, Nair Messiah, 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'Keefe, 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 Tuyt, 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially
Maureen Cummins.

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.

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, 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>.)



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!



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 at the 9:30 am Mass every other week: 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 have a business meeting on 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 20th 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.

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.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EDWARD LYONS
REQUESTED BY HIS WIFE**

ATTENTION ST. DENIS PARISHIONERS- We are excited to announce our upcoming special event, a **St. Anthony Festival, which will be on Friday, June 13th**. 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 Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Office or call the parish office with any questions. (732) 223- 0287.

NEWS FROM ASCENSION PRESS- HOME DEVOTION Visit AscensionPress.com for special resources and events to help Catholics with home devotions. **PRAY THE ROSARY**– Join over 50,000 fellow Catholics and pray the rosary LIVE on Ascension’s Facebook page daily at 4pm.

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**



**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.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

(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 _____

CONTACT TRAINING–The next (6-week) training class for telephone volunteers for CONTACT (24-hour crisis intervention hotline) will begin on Tuesday, 2/18/25, twice a week for 6 weeks, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-9:30 pm. In person training will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 415 Washington St. in Toms River. CONTACT, a free and confidential service has been assisting with the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975 by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity. Information and referrals are provided when requested.

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



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an all-volunteer worldwide 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 learning more about Vincentian “good shepherding” come to the Society’s next meeting on Thursday, 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.



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

- Roman Clark Buskey
- Callie Genevieve Chohey
- Valerie Grace Licciardello
- Parker Scout Sandberg

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK- Tuesday, February 11th is the World Day of the Sick. We are asked to pray for the sick and offer up sacrifice in solidarity with them. We encourage all who are ill and those who must deal with chronic illness to join us at one of the two Services of Anointing of the Sick on February 11th at 11 am or 7 pm in the church. We hope to have at least two or three priests available.



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.

WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.” Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

ACTION CENTER—

WALKING WITH MOM'S IN NEED If you are a Mom in a crisis pregnancy or in need of help for you and your children, please contact the rectory or see the poster in the Gathering Space of the church for a list of resources available to you in our area.

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

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.

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 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord! What a joyful feast which is tied to the Nativity of our Lord and a celebration of Jesus as Light of the World. We also celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we recognize the way in which men and women religious are called to offer hope to the world through their lives consecrated to God in poverty, chastity, and obedience to the religious way of life they have vowed to follow. In our Catholic Church, there are 100's of religious communities of men and women that offer hope through so many missions and outreach projects for the greater glory of God and God's people. Please pray for vocations to religious life. It is a noble way to live, to give your life in love of God and neighbor in the religious life. May many men and women open their hearts to consecrated life.

Tuesday, February 11th is the World Day of the Sick. During this day, all are asked to pray for the sick and offer up sacrifice in solidarity with them. In this Jubilee year, we will highlight the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a Sacrament of Hope for those who are ill and those who must deal with chronic illness. There will be two Services of Anointing of the Sick on this day – 11 a.m and 7 p.m. We hope to have at least two or three priests available. All who are in need of this sacrament are invited. In a time of a shortage of priests, this is a very important sacrament to avail yourself of, as it is getting more difficult to cover every emergency with so few priests. You do not, and should not wait until the moments before death to call for a priest. As your health declines and you move into a different stage of your life, know the hope that Jesus is with you through it all and that with Him and His Grace, you can offer your suffering to the sufferings of Christ as a prayer to the Father with love like our Lord's on the Cross.

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!

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.

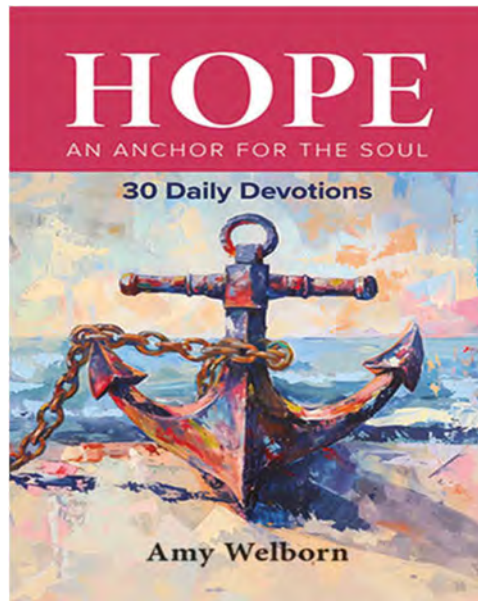
BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE COLLECTION- Next weekend our second collection will be for repairs and maintenance of our parish buildings. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



January 19, 2025

Weekly Collection- \$10,383.00

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 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 you miss any of them- it isn't required to enjoy!

Thursday, January 30th 11 am and 7 pm St. Denis Church
The Kick off- “Hope- Living Differently” Eileen Ziesmer

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

Monday, February 24th 11 am and 4:30 pm & 7 pm
Tuesday, February 25th 4:30 pm in St. Denis Church
Reflection- “Regaining and Maintaining Hope” Eileen Ziesmer

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