

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
March 2, 2025**

“No disciple is superior to his teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the splinter in your eye’, when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam in your own eye first; then you will see clearly.”

Education is constantly changing, new methods, new examples, new techniques. The new age of AI is that. We need good, trained teachers. When I think about Jesus, I claim Him as my Savior, acknowledge Him as a miracle worker, and most especially He is the Son of God. But today, may we focus on Jesus, the teacher.

He knows we need further training to live our Christian lives. When we are ready to criticize others, or dwell on their shortcomings and defects, it would be wise to remember the comparison of the speck in someone else’s eye, but the huge beam in mine. As we approach Lent this week, let’s plan to remove that plank in our lives. Jesus is our teacher. Then we will see clearly.



# 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

8:30 am Joseph Abitante by Fran Weeks  
 8:30 am Pamela Mauro by the DeGenova Family  
 8:30 am Robert Tilton by the Wish Family  
 4:30 pm Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children  
 4:30 pm Shirley Smith by the Langan Family  
 4:30 pm Rita Gibbson by the Langan Family

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

8:00 am John Ellard by Tom & Kerry O'Connor  
 8:00 am Andrew P. Hrankowski, Jr. by his Sisters  
 8:00 am Paul Waltsak by his Family  
 8:00 am The Conversion of Eleanore Chopcowski Kijak  
 9:30 am Allen Bessemer, Jr.  
     by the Boedart & Meehan Families  
 9:30 am Joan Clarkin-Heary  
     by the Knights of Columbus 3231  
 9:30 am Dorothy Nielsen, Colleen Nielsen, &  
     Christopher Schwartz by Cathy Wolfe  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

7:30 am Anne Freda by John & Debbie Gallo  
 7:30 am Cecilia Burke by the Burke Family  
 7:30 am George Fanning by his Family

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

7:30 am Armando Jenco by Larry Nolan  
 7:30 am Daymon Thatch by his Family  
 7:30 am Elizabeth A. Dunn by Gerard J. Dunn Sr. & Family

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025-Ash Wednesday**

7:30 am Dr. Edward N. Bookrajian by his Daughter  
 7:30 am Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Family  
 7:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua by his Family  
 12:00 pm Stephen Sciarappa by Claire Sciarappa & Family  
 12:00 pm Allen Bessemer, Jr. by John O'Donnell  
 12:00 pm Kyle Lubeski by the King Family  
 7:00 pm Mary Michele Egan by Jim & Betsy Rice  
 7:00 pm Eugene Ertle by Jim & Carol Maliff  
 7:00 pm Douglas Hyatt by Adelaide Avena

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

No Mass

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

7:30 am Robert James McCabe by Donna Dentzau  
 7:30 am Robert Coogan by Cathy Trost  
 7:30 am Thomas Conway by the Sutor Family

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

8:30 am Chris Mutch by her Family  
 8:30 am Sonia Heiber by her sister, Nadia  
 8:30 am Robert Coogan by Denis & Lois Campbell  
 4:30 pm Nancy Poplaski by Patty Mele  
 4:30 pm Rob Spawn by his Mom  
 4:30 pm Kathryn Hillhouse by Brian & Gail Lawrence

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

8:00 am Tom & Lois Beairsto by Eileen & Michael Mahoney  
 8:00 am Alice Farrell by Angela Testa  
 8:00 am Ricardo Merino by Lorena Thompson  
 9:30 am Arthur Carman by the Remy Family  
 9:30 am Allen Bessemer, Jr. by Betty Thatch  
 9:30 am Reverend Daniel Gowen by his Family  
 9:30 am Ronald Ford by Paul Garvey  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish



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, Edith Lasapda, 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 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'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 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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**, especially Edward Ledden III and John Lukaszewski.



**BLESSING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN & COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE, ADOPT OR FOSTER A CHILD-** Are you currently pregnant, or are you & your spouse hoping to conceive, adopt or foster a child? If so, please attend the **St. Denis 9:30 am Mass on**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025.** A special blessing will be offered to you by Fr. Bill Lago along with a blessed St. Gerard medal and prayer card. Our Catholic family wishes to support and encourage you as you live out God's plan for your family. No need to RSVP... just come to this Mass! Family and friends are welcome... spread the word! Additional blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards will be available for anyone to take home to friends and family after the Mass. If you have any questions, contact Rachel Hendricks [thehendricks7@gmail.com](mailto:thehendricks7@gmail.com).

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY** members will have a business meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 12 noon in the Parish Center. Please bring your lunch and a friend.

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.

**March 5, 2025**

**A Day of Fast & Abstinence**  
Masses will be celebrated at  
7:30 am, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
(With Distribution of Ashes)



**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

\*From *Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, until Holy Thursday morning, April 17, 2025* --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

\*The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

\*The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

\*Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

\*Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

\*The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

\*The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year -- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14-15, 2025. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.



The Norah Elizabeth Bruther Memorial Scholarship Fund is honored to give back to the community through Norah's Closet, a special Prom Dress Drive. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we collected over 300 dresses that will be donated to students in Monmouth, Ocean, and Hudson counties, helping make their prom dreams come true. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, and a special thanks to St. Denis Church for serving as a drop-off location. Your kindness and support ensure that Norah's legacy of love and generosity lives on. Though Norah may no longer be with us physically, her spirit remains in our hearts. Thank you for keeping her memory alive.





**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
DECEASED MEMEBERS  
OF THE WALTSAK FAMILY  
REQUESTED BY  
CLAIRE WALTSAK**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD for LENT-** During the Lenten Season we will offer Children's Liturgy for five consecutive Sundays, at the 9:30 am Mass. Participating children, ages 4-10, will be seated with their families for the Introductory

Rites of 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 Children's Liturgy of the Word on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th. (We will not meet on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.) We hope your children will join us! For additional information, please contact the rectory.

**ST. DENIS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** members will meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 12:00 noon for a business meeting. Bring your lunch and a friend.



**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).** Are you committed to improving your health - physically, mentally, and/or spiritually? Be the best you can

be, driven by Faith. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the St. Denis Parish Center. Enjoy light refreshments, discussion, and fellowship with your peers. Join us for a meeting to see what we're about. Bring friends, bring your spouse. We'll be adding other programs and events in future, including family activities. For questions, email fifteen5njshore@gmail.com.



**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:  
canned beans and coffee**

**\*\*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.**

**Chosen & Beloved:  
Daughter of The King  
Tuesday, March 18,  
6:30pm to 9:00pm,  
St. Denis Church**



Join us as we spend time resting in our true identity as God's beloved daughters. The evening will include a brief talk, Adoration, and Praise and Worship. It will be followed by a Q&A session with Father Bill in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. *Hosted by the Women of Walking with Purpose.*

**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.

**SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE-** Please support the clothing drive by the Manasquan Woman's Club on March 13th, 9 am-5 pm at 62 Main Street in Manasquan. Please use plastic bags to donate gently worn and new women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes and handbags. The drive will benefit Market Street Mission- Jersey Shore.

**HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION-** The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God. If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential. 2025 Weekend Retreats:

March 28-30, 2025 and November 14-16, 2025

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



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

If you have an interest in learning how you can help those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, March 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:

Carson Thomas Desmond  
&

Anthony John Toscano, Jr.

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



**EASTER BASKET DRIVE-** This Easter we will once again make Easter a bit brighter for children of Monmouth County helped through social services by collecting Easter basket goodies – chocolate, jelly beans, coloring books, etc. and baskets too. The deadline for this collection will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support!!!

**DIAPER DRIVE-** We will be collecting diapers and baby needs to support “Love Lifts us Up” – a group that helps mothers in need giving birth at Jersey Shore Hospital. Please drop off your donations to the church/chapel or rectory through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**WORD OF LIFE --  
provided by  
Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry**

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

**ACTION CENTER—**



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE --** Please join Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry members as we celebrate 40 Days for Life. Each year during Lent we invite parishioners to respectfully pray the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. Although parishioners may pray at any time, we especially request your support on Fridays between March 5<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see the bulletin insert for further information.

**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](http://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.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITES:** [dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [usccb.org/prolife](http://usccb.org/prolife) OR [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

We prepare for the Holy Season of Lent. Our focus this year will be the phrase from Hebrews, Chapter 2: “those who are being consecrated”. It is from the larger quote (verses 10-11): “For it was fitting that He, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.”

It is important to see ourselves as *being consecrated* by God. What does that mean to you? The word “*being*” indicates a continual action on God’s part. The graces of baptism/confirmation/matrimony/ordination are *still active*, if we are open to the action, consecrating us. The word “*consecrated*” means 1) make or declare sacred 2) the act of dedicating someone to God 3) set aside for God’s purpose. As bread and wine are consecrated at Mass and become the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are consecrated to become a sharer in the very Divine Life of the Holy Trinity. This Lent we are all called to reflect on the ongoing aspect of being consecrated and what limits this amazing grace in our lives. May God bless our efforts and may we be consecrated through humble acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

This edition of the bulletin has the regulations for Lent and all the different opportunities that will be offered for Lent at our parish. Please also check out our parish website and Facebook page. Blessed Lent to you.

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

**NEXT WEEK’S 2ND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN MISSIONS–** This collection will give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the body of Christ in Native American, Alaskan Native, and Black Catholic communities. Your prayers and generosity are appreciated.



The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal sustains our clergy and religious-dedicated Pilgrims of Hope - who guide our faith journey. Your gift supports essential programs helping men and women discern their calling to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Together, we Fan the Flame of Hope by forming spiritual leaders who will serve our community through sacramental ministry and pastoral care. Make your gift online at [giveaca.org](http://giveaca.org)



**February 16, 2025**

**Weekly Collection- \$8,962**

**2nd Collection (Church in Eastern Europe)- \$2,157**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**

## Consecrated for Hope- Lent 2025

### Soup & Scripture theme: Signs of Hope in St. John's Gospel.

#### Wednesdays at noon, Manasquan Presbyterian Church, March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>

March 5, Ash Wed.: Jim Dunson, Manasquan Pres., if he's able: Changing of Water into Wine at Cana

March 12: Jesse Lassiter, St. Uriel's: Healing of the Official's Son  
(Holy Trinity helps St. Uriel's with soup)

March 19: James Elliott, 1st Baptist: Healing of the Paralytic (St. Denis helps 1st Baptist with soup)

March 26: Javi Barroso, Manasquan UMC: Feeding of the 5,000+

April 2: Andrew Maggs, St. Andrew's UMC: Walking on Water

April 9: Lou LaFazia, Church in Brielle: Raising of Lazarus

### Friendships: Are We Companions in Hope Growing God's Good Gift - Eileen Ziesmer

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am, 4:30 pm & 7 pm at St. Denis Church

### Parish Lenten Reflection – “The Stations of the Cross with Mary” (CDA)

Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 11am and 7pm at St. Denis Church

Join in a unique reflection/meditation on the Stations of the Cross.

### “Chosen & Beloved”- Daughter of the King - Provided by Walking With Purpose

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>** 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the St. Denis Parish Center

### In Hope We Are Consecrated- Fr. Bill

Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11am and 7:30 pm at St. Denis Church

### MARY the Certainty of Our Hope- Women's Retreat MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-2pm

Calling all ladies of the parish to attend. See bulletin for details and costs

Stations of the Cross – In St. Denis Church Fridays of Lent at noon followed by Exposition and Benediction (until 1pm) and Friday evenings of Lent at 7 pm

### Jesus Speaks Hope from the Cross The SEVEN Last words of Christ Prayer Service

**TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK, April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm in St Denis Church**

### Ecumenical Good Friday Service –at 12:00 pm- April 18th

### Lenten Materials for the individual:

“The Magnificat Lenten Companion” – daily reflections and prayers

“Forty Days of Grace” - Lenten Reflections with The Saints

“Called to Be Holy” reflections by Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI & Pope Francis

“Formed” – online videos/ebooks/movies/etc. \*\*\*\*RESTORE – 6-week Lent program

Access through our website ([www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org) code PDZVN8)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Drop-in times for Confessions in Church as follows:

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am–1 pm and 6 pm-8 pm

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Or by appointment during Lent up to Wednesday, April 9, 2025

### Triduum Morning Prayer- 8:00am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

### Blessing of the Easter Baskets- 12:00 pm Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in St. Denis Church



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