

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

“What does the Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith we preach.) For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’... When the devil had finished all this temptation he left him, to await another opportunity.”

Our journey of Lent, a special time of spiritual renewal has begun. We can live this unique opportunity well, as it never more will return. Through our prayer, sacrifices and good works, we will walk the road of holiness. During this period, countless opportunities await us to deepen our relationship with Christ.

The word of Paul to Romans is a personal invitation to open the bible each day, select a passage, think about what it says, offer a prayer and live the word. With others, may it be a new and further step for our salvation. Why else did Jesus come?



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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, 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 Remmee 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

Monday, March 10, 2025

7:30 am Shirley Smith by Gerri & Tom Bleach
 7:30 am William Casey by Kim & Diedre Stevenson
 7:30 am Vernon Havens by Susan Schenker
 7:30 am Josephine Whitney by her Family

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by Eileen & Werner Ziesmer
 7:30 am Armando Fina by John Pascale
 7:30 am Bridget Bourke by the Thompson Family

Wednesday, March 12, 2025-

7:30 am Allen Bessemer, Jr. by Jim & Betsy Rice
 7:30 am Tina O'Donnell by John & Debbie Gallo
 7:30 am Dominic & Rose Pascale by John Pascale

Thursday, March 13, 2025

No Mass

Friday, March 14, 2025

7:30 am Paul Christopher Gensch by Mary Gensch
 7:30 am Victor Giunco by Colleen Carton
 7:30 am Christopher Nuzzolo by Colleen Carton

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30 am Peter Rocco Licalsi by Frank Catalano & Family
 8:30 am Ann Elisabeth Campbell by Lois & Denis Campbell
 8:30 am Intentions of Margaret Patterson
 by Suzanne Bongiovanni & Friends
 4:30 pm Nancy Poplaski by Patty Mele
 4:30 pm Tina O'Donnell by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 4:30 pm Cliff Syby (23rd Anniversary) by his Family

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 am Marion Kostek by Steve & Kim Kostek
 8:00 am Carole Coker McMahon by Peter & Sharon Wilson
 8:00 am Peter Rocco Licalsi by the Carbone Family
 9:30 am Joanne Kuchinski by her Family
 9:30 am Allen Bessemer, Jr. by Ron & Terry DePasquale
 9:30 am Ruth Ann Sokolick by Ron & Arlene Meyh
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

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 Catherine Kenny, James Sharpe and Sister Margaret Cronley.



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, Patrick Lewis, 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'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 Procyon, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 12 Noon to 12:30 pm and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm.
&
Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
All in Saint Denis Church



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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WALK WITH MARY ON HER WAY OF THE CROSS....

At the Annunciation, it was announced to Mary, to her surprise and awe as a mere teenager, that she was chosen by God to be the Mother of God's only Son. Rooted in an unwavering faith in God and in God's plan, her human response to that divine call was a life changing, world changing "YES!". Her journey as Mother of Our God would take her from that simple room in Nazareth to the foot of a cross on Golgotha. All are welcome as we accompany Mary on her last walk with Jesus... her Son, her Body and Blood... as we pray the Stations of the Cross... Monday, March 24, 11 am and 7 pm in St. Denis Church.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome to join.



our military, 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.

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.

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



FIFTEEN:5. A 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 13th 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.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DR. DONALD & MRS. MARY LINTNER
 REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILY



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 31st. Thank you for your support!!!

DIAPER DRIVE- Love Lifts Us Up is a faith based organization that focuses on supporting families of babies and children who are patients at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Services include providing baby items (formula, diapers, wipes, car seats, etc.) to those who are in need, as well as providing gift cards for groceries and rides to and from doctor visits. This is temporary assistance until patients and families can secure more long-term services. We will be having a diaper and wipe collection at all Masses thru March 31st to support this initiative. Donations may be left in the gathering space at the entrance of the church and the chapel or at the rectory office during normal business hours. Thank you for your support!



THE STORY OF PRETZELS-A LENTEN ACITIVITY FROM THE GRANDPARENTS GUILD-

A monk was making unleavened bread for lent with flour and water because eggs, milk, and lard were not consumed in the Lenten fast. The monk twisted some dough into the shape of people praying with both arms folded across their chests. He called them “pretiola” for the Latin word meaning “Little Reward,” and he gave them to children who were learning to say their prayers. Note: You can make the story even more fun by making your own pretzels with your grandchildren. The Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at 11 am in the Parish Center. We look forward to meeting you. Our group prays for grandchildren, honors the grandparents of Jesus, and shares experiences of passing the faith on in our unique role.



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:
vegetable oil, peanut butter, & toilet paper

****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.



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 rejoin 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, contact the rectory.

HOP ON OVER TO HOPE...

THE EGGCELLENT ADVENTURE IS COMING!!!

SAVE THE DATE... Friday, April 11, 2025
 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm
 St. Denis Parish Center

All children ages 4 to 10 are welcome to join the fun.

The Adventure is a FREE, FUN celebration as we get ready for Easter with crafts, stories, and activities galore.

Contact the office to register. 732-223-0287 or email eileenziemer@gmail.com

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 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 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 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.

Mary, Certainty of Our Hope

A Women's Lent Retreat

Hosted by the

St. Denis Altar Rosary Society

Monday, April 7, 2025 8:30 AM- 3:00PM

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Rosary, Confessions, spiritual talks,
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Closing with celebration of Mass

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To register Contact Eileen Ziesmer

(732) 223-0287 eileenziesmer@gmail.com

Registration appreciated by Wednesday, April 2nd

HOPE IN OUR HEARTS- FAITH FORMATION & PARISH MINISTRY CONFERENCE will take place Saturday, 3/29/25, 8am-3pm at St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel. Are you a Catechist, Catholic School Teacher, Youth Minister, or serve on a OCIA, Evangelization, Adult Faith Formation, Baptism or Marriage Ministry team? This conference will have something for everyone. There will be over 50 workshops and Mass with Bishop David O'Connell. Space is limited. Registration closes 3/15/2025. Information and registration can be found at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/hope2025>

WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

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 Rebecca @ 732-775-1140.

PRAY THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA. Please join us in prayer at St. Catharine's in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of every month at 8:30am., come rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to bring peace to our country & the world. Over 100 years later we again need her intercession to her Son to help us. Please join us. *Prayers are our most powerful weapon against the chaos of evil!*

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

We celebrate the First Sunday of Lent. We get to enter into the desert with our Lord, for forty days, to reflect on our identity as disciples of Jesus and our call to act as disciples each day. We pray to be renewed in our desire to be accountable to God for the gifts of grace God has given and continues to offer us in order to *be consecrated* - our focus for this Lent. ("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." Heb 2,11)

Our parish offers many things to help us during our Lenten Journey. We have a table of resources for personal use as well as a list in our bulletin for details and to "save the dates" that matter to you for things happening at the parish. We also have a fun social event - our parish Fish Fry. And we have fun and spiritual things for children, including the children's choir and the St. Mary Magdalene Eggcellent Adventure. Last year we had a small showing for the Adventure. I recall a parent telling me, "Fr. Bill it is a shame people didn't come to this. This is so much better than a town's Easter Egg hunt. This event has arts and crafts and games and it is all connected to our faith." I hope parents take these words to heart as we offer this event again. This year, within the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are calling it "The St. Mary Magdalene Eggcellent Adventure - Hop on Over to Hope!" I ask that you valHOPue the events we do and share your thoughts about topics and events you would like for us to incorporate at other times of the year as I hope to always improve our outreach and activities for people to become more involved in our parish faith life.

We are at 54 percent pledged for our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. I ask that you consider taking an envelope and praying about a donation as part of your almsgiving during Lent. In the bulletin over these past few weeks, we have been sharing with you the actions taken by the Diocese because parishioners like you throughout the diocese support the mission of the diocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you.



Extending Christ's Love - Our faith calls us to serve those most vulnerable. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our Catholic Social Services extend compassionate care to individuals and families facing profound challenges. Your gift provides hope and healing, enabling our community to walk alongside those navigating difficult journeys. By contributing, you become a beacon of Christ's love, offering comfort, guidance, and renewed hope to those in need. Respond today. Help us strengthen our community through compassionate service. Give online at giveaca.org



February 23, 2025

Weekly Collection - \$9,377.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Chosen & Beloved:

Daughter of the King

Tuesday, March 18th

6:30-9:00

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 & worship. It will be followed by a Q&A session with Fr Bill in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served.



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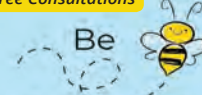
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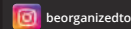


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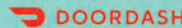


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