

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2025

“Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem... As they were about to depart from him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good that we are here.’”

How privileged for us to join the three apostles and two prophets, on that holy mountain. Peter spoke for us, and the father spoke for His Son. Moses and Elijah represented the Old Testament, the law and the prophets, and Jesus brings what was spoken to fulfillment. For this reason, Lent becomes our retreat to join in prayer and preparation for the Paschal Mystery.

If you were on that mountain what would you say to Jesus? As you listen to God speak, what is God asking you to do as you live this special season?

“This is my chosen one, listen to him”. Ready to come down the mountain and continue your Lenten journey with Jesus?



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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM (Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri.) – St. Denis Church  
Saturday: 8:30 AM – St. Denis Church  
Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM (fulfills Sunday obligation) - St. Denis Church  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM - St. Denis Church  
Mass is shown on the Parish Facebook Page each weekend.  
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel  
Holy Days: See bulletin or website for schedule

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS:** Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

**BAPTISM:** The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Parents must complete the required preparation with the Pastoral Associate and obtain godparent eligibility letters before a date for Baptism will be given. Please call the rectory for further details.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact the rectory office for more information about weddings. All couples contemplating marriage are asked to give the priests one year prior notice in order that all the requirements for marriage can be satisfied. Do not reserve the reception hall before contacting the church; your requested date may not be available.

**CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** We will gladly bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or otherwise unable to get to Mass. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. The priests and deacon make regular visits to the local hospitals. Please call the rectory if any loved one is hospitalized.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** At such times of deep pain and loss, we seek to offer our bereaved families comfort and hope as they commend their loved ones to God. Please note that, in accordance with Church regulations, eulogies are not permitted during Funeral Masses.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 noon & 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30 AM- 12:00 noon only. There are no office hours on Saturday & Sunday. Evenings are by appointment only.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We encourage new families moving into the area to stop in or call the rectory to arrange for registration.

**CELIAC SPRUE PARISHIONERS** – Saint Denis provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host. Parishioners who are gluten-intolerant should see a deacon or priest prior to the start of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

**VISIT US ON FACEBOOK-** Saint Denis Parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis](http://www.facebook.com/churchofstdenis). You don't need to have a Facebook account to read parish news and updates, but would need one to leave comments and feedback.


**Saturday, 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

**Monday, March 17, 2025**

- 7:30 am John R. Crowe by Maryann Crowe  
 7:30 am Mary Jane Boyle by Barby Menna  
 7:30 am Vernard Wilson by Barby Menna

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

- 7:30 am Antonio Calco by Patrick Lewis  
 7:30 am Anne Freda by John & Debbie Gallo  
 7:30 am Dennis Moynihan by his Family

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025-**

- 7:30 am Lottie Kit-Diorio  
 7:30 am Joseph Racioppi by his Family  
 7:30 am Intentions of Caitlin Nulty by Aunt Kathy & Family

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

No Mass

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

- 7:30 am Jeremiah Gorman by his Family  
 7:30 am Megan Kuchinski by her Family  
 7:30 am Catherine Quigley by her Family

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

- 8:30 am Brian Keith Benbrook by his Family  
 8:30 am Andriy Jaworiw by her Daughter, Nadia  
 8:30 am John McCue by Tina & Michael Schwartz  
 4:30 pm Jack Healy by Joe Mele, Jr.  
 4:30 pm Vinny Stasio by the Voelksen Family  
 4:30 pm Colleen Madden by Doreen & Reed Feuster

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

- 8:00 am William Thompson by Eileen & Michael Mahoney  
 8:00 am Alice Farrell by the Peacock-Gibbons Family  
 8:00 am Shirley Smith by Michael & Eileen Mahoney  
 9:30 am Marybeth O'Malley by the Balioni Family  
 9:30 am Bill Richmond by the Balioni Family  
 9:30 am Peter McGuigan by the Prince Family  
 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 James Berardi.



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](mailto: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.



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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.



**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, mental-

ly, and/or spiritually? Be the best you can be, driven by Faith. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 10<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](mailto:fifteen5njshore@gmail.com).

**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** 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.

**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](mailto:eileenziesmer@gmail.com) to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!

**SUNDAY MASS OF ST. PATRICK IN THE GAELIC LANGUAGE** will be celebrated Sunday, 3/23/25, 11 am at St. Michael's Church, 800 Ocean Ave. in Long Branch. Hospitality, fellowship, and Irish-themed refreshments will be available in the church hall immediately after the Mass. There will be bagpipe music before and during the Mass. All are invited and welcome!

**NJ CHAMBER SINGERS AUCTION FUNDRAISER** will take place Sunday, 3/23/25 at 2 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan. Tickets are \$25 and include auction paddle, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, as well as soft drinks, wine and beer. Purchase tickets at the door or online at: [www.njchambersingers.org/events-tickets](http://www.njchambersingers.org/events-tickets). NJ Chamber Singers is a non-profit group of spirited, dedicated members who are committed to presenting poignant choral music.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR MARRIED COUPLES**– Join couples from around the diocese in praying Stations of the Cross with meditations focused on marriage. After the Stations couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows as a sign of their love and commitment. Stations begin at 7pm at St. Luke Parish in Toms River on 3/28/25 and the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on 4/4/25. To register please call the St. Robert Bellarmine (732-462-7429) or St. Justin (732-286-2222).



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARION KOSTEK  
REQUESTED BY STEVE & KIM KOSTEK**



**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-** 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.

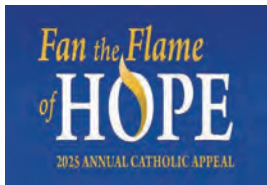
**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris in 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. SVdP offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person to person help to those who ask us for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and they also thank all who donate so generously to the society.

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.



The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal nurtures the faith of our young people through vital campus ministries and youth programs. By contributing, you help young Catholics grow in spiritual understanding, leadership, and community engagement. Your gift supports:

- Campus ministry outreach
  - Youth faith formation
  - Young adult spiritual development.
- Empower the next generation of Catholic leaders. Give online at [giveaca.org](http://giveaca.org)



**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.*

**WORD OF LIFE --**

**provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry**

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

**ACTION CENTER—**



**FACING UNPLANNED PREGNANCY ??** Need Help? Contact Birthright @ 800-550-4900 or locally @ 732-747-7600 for assistance with testing, doctors, food, housing, counseling, and other services at little or no charge.

**SIGN-UP FOR ACTION ALERTS**  
[www.humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org) AND  
<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home> AND <https://njcatholic.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.

**UNDERSTANDING THE INTERSECTION OF YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR FAITH—**Families often seek guidance as they encounter difficult health decisions. It may involve questions of infertility, hospice care, end-of-life food & nutrition for a loved one, etc. How does one navigate these or other difficult decisions that are ethically consistent with church teachings? For more information or a free consultation visit [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)

**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>.

**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**

Last week we began Lent. Those who are preparing to be received into the Church and those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation) were blessed as they continue their preparation for the celebration of the Easter Vigil. Two gentlemen, who will be baptized, also went to the co-Cathedral for the celebration of the Rite of Election with Bishop O'Connell. It was a great weekend and I am privileged to be a part of the spiritual journey of all our candidates and catechumens, each of whom edify me by their faith stories.

I am also edified by the several people who come to celebrate with us each Sunday who are of different faiths and accompany a spouse or fiancée, or come on their own. They each share in our prayer and worship. They listen with us to the Word of God and respect our faith in the Eucharist. Even if they do not share the Eucharist with us we are joined together by God's grace and love. I know many of these faithful people as parishioners who take part in various parts of our parish life. I also know that many are visitors who are drawn to pray with us as they come to Manasquan for a visit. As always, all are welcome. All those who cannot receive Communion are invited to come forward at Communion time to receive a blessing from the priest and deacon, or our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can pray with them asking for God to bless them.

Lent is a time for many people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to search for the deeper meaning of life. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, invite someone to be part of our worship during the Lent and Easter Seasons. I pray and hope that all will feel welcome and that we may all be open to God's invitation to be an active part of our daily lives, that we may be consecrated in our devoted relationship with God and our call to love our neighbor.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)

**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".

**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.



**March 2, 2025**

**Weekly Collection - \$13,029.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**ST. DENIS PARISH FISH & CHIPS DINNER**  
***New Parishioners Welcome!***

**Catered by Jimmy's Cucina of Brielle**  
**Friday, April 4, 2025 in the Saint Denis Parish Center**  
**5:00 pm –8:00 pm**  
**(Take-outs will begin at 5:30 pm)**

**Fish & Chips—\$20.00 per dinner**  
**Shrimp & Chips- \$25.00 per dinner**  
**Macaroni & Cheese- \$15.00 per dinner**

**Includes Coffee, Soda      BYO Desserts**  
**Please make checks payable to: *Saint Denis Church***

**For more information, please call the rectory office at 732-223-0287**  
**or email koconnor416@yahoo.com.**

**For reservations, please return the bottom of this form with**  
**payment (no later than Tuesday, April 1, 2025) to:**  
***Saint Denis Rectory OFFICE***  
***Attention: Fish & Chips Dinner***



**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_**

**Fish & Chips \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20ea. Shrimp & Chips \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25 ea.**

**Macaroni & Cheese \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 ea.**

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