

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2025

“Christ Jesus, though he was in true form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Scholars tell us that this prayer of Saint Paul was probably a hymn, detailing the unlimited love of God for us. He became one of us, to identify with us in our need, but not abandoning His Godhead. He emptied Himself, gave everything of Himself in His death, with only one thing in mind, that we might have a new life.

We were in a desperate situation. Unfortunately we take the facts for granted. You can decide to make this a truly holy week by becoming more aware of not just the what of our need, but the why He came to save us.



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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, April 12, 2025**

8:30 am Audrey Claire Cline Hyer by Deacon Gary
 8:30 am John Litowsky by John & Cheri
 8:30 am Raymond O'Meara by the O'Brien Family
 4:30 pm George Taylor by his Family
 4:30 pm Matthew Trengrove by his Family
 4:30 pm Colleen Madden & Vinny Stasio
 by the Voelksen Family

Sunday, April 13, 2025-Palm Sunday

8:00 am Peter McGuigan by the Flanagan Family
 8:00 am Patricia Roberts Shatley
 by Eileen & Michael Mahoney
 8:00 am Mary Michele Egan by the Forcillo Family
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Jacqueline Varygiannes by her Family
 10:00 am Marion & Jim Langan by the Langan Family
 10:00 am Annamae & John Hearn by the Langan Family

Monday, April 14, 2025

7:30 am John McGinty by Sheila & Tim Kearney
 7:30 am Eugene Ertle by John & Susan Lewis
 7:30 am Robert O'Brien by MCW

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:30 am Mimi Moran by Meg Livingood
 7:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua by his Family
 7:30 am Mary Thoma by Betty Scrivanich

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:30 am Garth Hoblitzell by his Family
 7:30 am John & Rose Feeney by their Children
 7:30 am Cathy Mitchell by Terry McCormick

Thursday, April 17, 2025-Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Monsignor Ronald Bacovin by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 7:00 pm Daniel & Eileen Meehan by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 7:00 pm The Gowen Family by Matthew Gowen

Friday, April 18, 2025-Good Friday

No Mass—3 pm Service

Saturday, April 19, 2025- Holy Saturday

7:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 20, 2025- Easter Sunday

8:00 am Al & Rosemary Struncius by their Family
 8:00 am Kay & Dave Morton by their Family
 8:00 am Sister Carol Bearsto by Eileen & Michael Mahoney
 9:30 am John & Jack Kolon by Kay Kolon
 9:30 am William Bresnahan by the Bresnahan Family
 9:30 am Allen Bessemer, Jr. by CDA, Court St. Denis
 10:00 am Norah Bruther by her Mom & Dad
 10:00 am Peter McGuigan by Chris & Chrissy Rice
 10:00 am Mary Michele Egan by the Chris Rice Family
 11:00 am Charles & Josephine Whitney by their Family
 11:00 am Veronica Garrett by Helene Boedart
 11:00 am Mary Lynne Schmohl Hamilton

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 Gale Sara and Charles Pudach.



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, 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, Bill Hering, 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'Keefe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Danny L. Payne, Charlotte Pentek, Tony Picinich, Mike Pierce, 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.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THOMAS DREW STOPA
 REQUESTED BY EVELYN TUTTLE



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. We hope your children will join us!! For more information please contact the rectory.

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP- The Men's Group at St Denis is hosting a 6-session Spring program, Kapaun's Men Virtue Series. We meet in the St Denis Parish Center from 6-7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of April, May, and June. Fr Kapaun was a heroic Catholic priest and Army chaplain who spent his life in service to his fellow men on the battlefields and in the prison camps of Korea. Our meetings consist of a short video on Fr Kapaun followed by discussion. All men are invited to join us and meet one of America's future saints. See why he is known as a great model of authentic masculinity. If you miss a meeting, no problem; join us when you can. Contact the rectory for more information at (732) 223-0287 or st.denis@verizon.net.

KINDNESS CAFÉ- 305 Hwy. 71 in Spring Lake Heights at Manasquan Bank. Freshly brewed coffee and delicious baked goods are served. The Kindness Café is open Monday – Friday, 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!



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.



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

Jack Martin Dambeck
 Paisley Grace DeNick
 Luke Jelen

Zachary Michael Jelen

Thomas Matthew Schultzel, Jr.

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

What Participants are Saying about Walking with Purpose:



The current Walking with Purpose (WWP) has come to an end. So many hearts have been transformed by a deeper understanding of our faith and a stronger relationship with Jesus. Friendships have blossomed and our community is vibrant! Here is one participant's response to WWP: "I cannot say enough good things about my experience with Walking with Purpose. It is a welcoming community of wonderful women interested in growing in faith. Most importantly it nurtures my relationship with Jesus Christ and encourages me to step out and be a true disciple. By "opening my heart and letting God in," I have been able to seek and receive mercy and healing, mend relationships and become a more loving daughter, wife, mother, sister,



FIFTEEN:5- A new Catholic Community of Faith, Family, and Friends. Our initial programs are for those in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. We recently completed "The Search" and are in the process of planning our next event, likely to take place in May or June (date TBD). We also anticipate a new program and events for the Fall. For information, please email fifteen5njshore@gmail.com.

THE GRANDPARENTS GUILD EASTER MESSAGE-

Dear Grandmothers and Grandfathers — May this Easter season fill your hearts with profound peace and the assurance that you are cherished beyond measure. We pray that this Easter will bring abundant blessings to you and your families. The Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, 4/15/25, at 11 am in the Parish Center. We look forward to welcoming you.

HOLY YEAR JUBILEE OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE

*ITALY *POLAND *CZECH REPUBLIC. September 15-28, 2025. Included: Daily Mass, round trip airfare from Newark International Airport, deluxe hotels, daily breakfast/dinner, modern coach, guided tours, medical travel insurance and more. Father Tom Lanza will be the Tour Chaplain. Please reserve by May 30, 2025. Contact Juliet Hobson Yetjcb@icloud.com for more information.

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.



RECOVERY CORNER

Monday 7PM "SMART Recovery for Family and Friends"...Education and support using current concepts and a workbook, continuously cycling through the year. Right things, not wrong things.

Presently just virtual on Zoom.

Thursday 10AM "Life Recovery Bible Study"...Same as above but specializing in corollary readings from the 12 Gifts, the 12 Laws, the 12 Missteps of recovery and other corollary readings. Presently just virtual on Zoom. Call the rectory office for more information.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=st.shoutca.sh.coan>

Life Recovery Bible Weekly Podcasts by City of Angels Recovery Radio. Download this app to listen to Life Recovery Bible podcasts. New ones can be heard each Sunday at 10AM and 10PM. There is a library of older podcasts. Please share with friends.

Thursday 7PM "Life Recovery Bible Study"...The 12 steps of Anonymous Recovery framed in their origin in holy scripture along with corollary readings. An education and support program featuring scripture and workbook assistance to enlighten and empower those seeking recovery from substance or behaviors. Presently just virtual on Zoom. Call the rectory office for more information.

ALS PRAYER GROUP INVITATION– Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS) is a neurological disease with no known cure. For those impacted by ALS, a virtual prayer group is available. It is offered for those who desire an opportunity to pray with others for strength and offer up their sufferings to our Lord. The group meets via Zoom every Monday at 11 am. Participate every week or just when you can. If you have ALS or are a caregiver or family member of someone with ALS, you are invited to join. For more information or to register, please send an email with the subject line “ALS” as well as your name and phone number to: holyinnocentsociety@dioceseoftrenton.org

BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by the Woman’s Club of Manasquan will take place Monday, April 28, 2025, 2-7 pm in the St. Denis Parish Center gymnasium. To schedule an appointment visit the website: redcrossblood.org and use the code: womansclubmanasquan or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



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:

**Laundry detergent (50 ounces or less),
dish detergent, macaroni & cheese, beef stew,
& small cans of fruit (14.05 ounces)**

****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.

THANK YOU!



THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Monday. The office will reopen Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 8:30 am. There will be no Mass on Easter Monday.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND- Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Your generosity to this collection on Good Friday will be greatly appreciated.

BISHOP’S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING - The Bishop's Anniversary Blessing is an annual Mass and reception to honor all couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50th (or more) wedding anniversary. This event takes place Sunday, October 19, 2025 (3PM) at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold for couples in Ocean and Monmouth County parishes. Participation in this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation. Family and friends are encouraged to attend, but pre-registration is required. Couples may register online using the link: dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing or through their parish. Couples must be validly married in the Catholic Church to participate in the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing.

VISIT IRELAND WITH FR. BRIAN- Travel with Fr. Brian Butch to Ireland October 13-22, 2025, with an escorted motor coach tour for \$3,949 land and air based on double occupancy. Visit Dublin, Kilkenny, Killarney and Galway! Mass at Our Lady of Knock! For more information contact the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our society, never wrote a book about his spiritual teachings. We find the living voice of the saint in his letters and conferences-conferences like ours at St. Denis in which he trained his followers for the mission of service to the poor. The two fundamental sources of his teaching were the Gospel and life. He wanted his followers to put the whole of the Gospel into the whole of their lives, and he never tired of deepening both with the faith that God had put into his heart. This is why all that Vincent says, as he speaks to us from almost 400 years ago, has the simplicity of our everyday life as well as the penetrating Word of God.

The reflections in our weekly bulletin are therefore offered to all who strive to serve the poor in spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. They may encourage us to “have ears to hear the cries of the poor”, to have “eyes to seek and find the forgotten and deprived”, and to have the hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through generosity and love.

If you desire to be “an advocate of God’s presence” by helping those in need, come to our next St. Vincent de Paul meeting which will be held in the Parish Center at 7 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

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.



JESUS SPEAKS HOPE FROM THE CROSS-

The SEVEN Last Words of Christ Prayer Service will take place on WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK, April 16th at 7:00 pm in St. Denis Church. All are welcome to attend.

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 JERSEY SHORE CHORALE", a diverse chorale of men and women singers, many with professional music backgrounds, accompanied by a piano, flute, strings and woodwinds, kicks off the Spring season on Sat. May 3, 7pm at Greenbriar 1, 1 Darley Circle, Brick OR Sun-May 4, 4pm at United Methodist Church, 23 Church St., Manasquan. Hear exquisite harmonies in a wide variety of songs, from Spiritual to Broadway show tunes, (*My Fair Lady*) and *so much more*. Adults: \$15. Seniors: \$10. Students are free. For more information call 732-223-0287.

WORD OF LIFE --

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"

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 5th – April 13th. Please contact the rectory for your parish representative.

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 14th of this 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!*

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. This ministry has representation of 6 parishes in our local deanery and we meet monthly. 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 Palm Sunday. We begin the holiest week of our entire Church year. We walk with our Lord Jesus during this week and realize all He did for us. This realization includes with it many different emotions; the great joy of the Chrism Mass, the great joy of the giving of the Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed immediately by the anguish we feel with the Lord in the stripping of the altar, the quiet of the garden of the Mount of Olives, the sadness of Good Friday and the joy of Easter. With all this in mind I especially encourage you to come to Holy Thursday Mass at 6:45pm to prepare. At 6:50 pm I will do a small presentation to help us enter into the Holy Days. Please make the sacrifice that we may all be there together.

I ask you to invite people to celebrate with us. Ask one person to experience the Chrism Mass on Monday (at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold at 7:30pm). Invite one person to be with you for the Triduum, the three days - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord. They are liturgically one day, unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

Please pray to the Holy Spirit and ask who you should walk with during Holy Week. If they say no, accept that, but still know it is important as we share our holiest days of the year with those we care about. Especially during this Jubilee Year of Hope, we want to enter into this time with hope and peace, consecrated by the truth of the life of our Lord Jesus.

May God bless us this week as we experience the prayers of the Church. It is through full participation in these days that we can live our Lenten theme and "be consecrated" as God invites us to be, as the holy people He calls us to be.

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.

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



March 30, 2025

Weekly Collection - \$9,383.00

2nd Collection– Catholic Relief Services- \$1,814.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



2025 LENT AND EASTER



HOLY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

8:00 am Recitation of Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 10:00 pm

(NO MORNING MASS)

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025- Day of Fast and Abstinence

8:00 am Recitation of Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Ecumenical Service at Manasquan Presbyterian Church

3:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

(NO MASS ON THIS DAY)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19, 2025

8:00 am Recitation of Morning Prayer

12:00 noon Blessing of Easter Food

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

(NO 4:30 PM MASS)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

Masses:

8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am Church

&

10:00 am Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel



We will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 27, 2025 in St. Denis Church beginning at 2:30 pm. The celebration will begin with exposition of the Holy Eucharist and there will be time for private prayer and reflection. At 3:00 pm there will be the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction. Visit www.TheDivineMercy.org for a description on the Chaplet and Novena of Divine Mercy.

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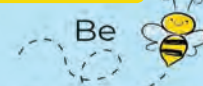
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