

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025

“Jesus stood up and exclaimed: ‘Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.’ He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.”

Pentecost – wind, noise, tongues of fire, signs with which we are familiar. The coming of the Spirit brought radical change. In the Acts of the Apostles, the question was asked, ‘have you received the Holy Spirit?’ Did the advent of the Spirit produce radical change in living my faith?

Pentecost scripture readings are many and varied, but the underlying question is, ‘am I being led by the Spirit?’ If I am, I am a child of God and have been adopted, and so I can call God ‘Abba’, Father. May the Holy Spirit and the gifts He brought direct me this day and every day.



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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, June 7, 2025**

8:30 am Paul Weeks by his Wife, Fran Weeks
 8:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua by his Family
 8:30 am Anna Seggio by Mike Budalich, CPA & Staff
 4:30 pm Ed Day by Larry & Elaine Magee
 4:30 pm Lottie Kit-DiOrio
 4:30 pm Rita & Angelo Addeo by their Daughter

Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Peter McGuigan by Joe & Patty Hughes
 9:30 am Raymond Magnussen by the Negra Family
 9:30 am Chris Mutch by her Family
 9:30 am John Kirk (3rd Anniversary) by Mona Kirk
 10:00 am Paul Ichniowski by the Remmey Family
 10:00 am Mary Michele Egan by Peggy & Steve Buell
 10:00 am Clifford Turbitt by the Gavin Family

Monday, June 9, 2025

7:30 am Polly Livingood by Meg Livingood
 7:30 am The Barone & Avena Families by Adelaide Avena
 7:30 am Mary Pantos by Lucia & Joseph Nitti

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:30 am Andriy Sokolyk by Nadia
 7:30 am Tonya Van Nosedall by Denise Spina
 7:30 am Rita McKeever by Fran Weeks

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

7:30 am Jack Kobes (10th Anniversary) by Carol Kobes
 7:30 am Jack Kolon by his Mother, Kay Kolon
 7:30 am The McGlynn Family by the Gowen Family

Thursday, June 12, 2025**No Mass****Friday, June 13, 2025**

7:30 am Jeanne & Henry Frederiksen by Peter Frederiksen
 7:30 am Frank Kuchinski by his Family
 7:30 am Adam Salsano by the Mustakas Family

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8:30 am Josephine Gagliardi by Jamie Herman
 8:30 am Anne Annecharico by Mike Budalich CPA & Staff
 8:30 am Devlin P. Starr by Thomas Blauvelt
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 15, 2025– Father's Day

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions
 9:30 am Father's Day Intentions
 10:00 am Father's Day Intentions

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, especially Edith Laspada.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION takes place First Fridays, from noon to 1 pm, in the church. We look forward to the beautiful prayer of presence with our Lord.



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, 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, 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, Ann Lehberger, Patrick Lewis, William Liao, Barbara Liggett, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Joan Lipscomb, Nick Ljuljana, Frank Lopez, Linda Lowery, Barbara Magda, Julia Mahady, Madison Marmo, Linda Matthews, Ronnie Micciulla, Michael McGonigle, Helen McGowan, Michael McNulty, Claire Meachum, 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, 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.



ROSARY RALLIES- During the month of June, which is the month to honor the Sacred Heart, Deacon Gary will be leading a Rosary Rally on the following Saturdays at noon by the Stations of the Cross monuments next to the Rectory. The Rosary Rallies will be held rain or shine on: Saturday, June 14 at noon, Saturday, June 21 at noon, and Saturday, June 28 at noon. Feel free to bring a chair if you like.

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.



Walking with Purpose is MORE than a woman's Bible study! Join us for a WWP Summer Sample! At the WWP summer sample, you will gain an understanding of the Walking with Purpose Ministry, have an opportunity to try two WWP Bible study lessons, and meet other women seeking to grow in their faith. Join us for some or all gatherings: July 8, 15, 22; 7pm-8pm, St. Denis Parish Center, Manasquan. Material provided. No cost, simply open your heart. Please RSVP to allisonpenkethman@gmail.com For more information about our next WWP season, starting in October, go to www.wwpnjshore.com



ST. DENIS GRANDPARENTS GUILD- The Guild hopes to provide our members enrichment, inspiration, support and fun as we pray for our grandchildren while passing on our Catholic faith to them. We meet monthly to focus on our holy vocation of grandparenting along with its blessings and challenges. In July we gather around the Feast of St. Anne & St. Joachim to honor the grandparents of Jesus. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 11 am. We hope to see you at our June 17 meeting in the Parish Center.

VOCATIONS EVENT- A "Come & See" Vocations BBQ is set for Tuesday, June 10 (rain or shine) at St. Luke Church in Toms River. It will begin with a Holy Hour at 5pm, followed by Mass at 6pm, with food and fellowship to follow. Fr. Chris Dayton will be the celebrant and homilist. Any man, ages 16-42, is welcome to attend.



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.

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.coanj>

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.

THE DOWNEY SIDE RED GALA-There are nearly 500,000 children in the foster care system in the U.S. They dream of having a forever family, a stable school environment, and a house they can call home. Unfortunately, most of them age out of the system and become a statistic. The situation is urgent, and Downey Side is dedicated to preventing this outcome. We need your help. We rely on fundraising and donations to make adoption more affordable and maintain our focus on pairing children with permanent families. Join us for a fun RED Gala on June 19th from 6-10 pm at the Shore Club. The event will kick off with a cocktail hour, followed by casino games, a silent auction, live music, beautiful baskets to win, and a delicious dinner. Don't forget to wear something RED. For tickets visit www.downeyside.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 36TH GUARDIAN ANGEL DINNER DANCE-

You're invited to join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton for the 36th Guardian Angel Dinner Dance being held on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at The Merion in Cinnaminson. This signature fundraiser honors several community partners who, in their own unique way, help to inspire and offer hope to so many. Funds raised are used to support the more than 110,000 people served annually, regardless of religious affiliation in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties. Included with admission is: a cocktail reception featuring an opportunity to bid on exclusive silent auction packages, dinner, musical entertainment and a 50/50 raffle. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GADD36 for tickets and 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.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAUREEN LAGO
REQUESTED BY TOM & KERRY O'CONNOR

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS- Sunday, June 15th is Father's Day. On Father's Day and continuing for the next two days, we will have special Mass intentions for our fathers, both living and deceased. This weekend in the church and chapel, you will find intention envelopes and Father's Day cards. The cards are provided for fathers that are living. If you do not need a card, please just take an intention envelope. We ask you to fill out the intention envelope (you may put more than one name on the envelope) and return it to the rectory no later than Thursday, June 12th. The envelopes will be placed on the altar and the intentions will be remembered at our Masses.

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. For more info contact the rectory office at 732-223-0287 or st.denis@verizon.net.



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 on June 8th. We hope your children will join us!! For more information please contact the rectory.



**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

ALL DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.
ITEMS MOST NEEDED AT THIS TIME:

soup, grape jelly and fruit juice
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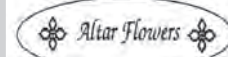
Cash and check donations are welcome and can be left in the envelopes with the donated food.

Checks may be made payable to:

St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Denis Conference

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!



IN THANKSGIVING FOR
MONSIGNOR SEAN FLYNN
ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER

THE CHOSEN- Get ready for discussions on "The Chosen" Season 5! Co-hosted by St. Denis and Holy Trinity Churches, we will meet on Wednesdays at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church and at 7 pm at St. Denis Parish Center. This season begins with Palm Sunday and takes us through Holy Week. We will start June 25th and continue for eight weeks, straight through and including August 13th. We have a "viewer response" discussion with cinematographic nuances and background information. Just a great conversation regarding a thought-provoking show. Join in the discussion!

KATERI DAY CAMP- Since 1977, Kateri Day Camp has provided more than 12,000 campers, ages 5-13, with magical summers. Kateri remains the only camp in Monmouth County that solely focuses on economically disadvantaged families. This can only happen with your help! To send a kid to camp, please make a donation online at collier-events.org/Camp25.

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.

Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

If you have a desire to be an "advocate of God's presence", come to our society's next meeting, held in the Parish Center at 7 pm on Thursday, June 19, 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 Society, St. Denis Conference.



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 / eileenbiesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions!

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER- If you've got time, empathy, and compassion, you have the ability to support those nearing end of life. Explore the role of hospice volunteer with VNA Health Group. Companionship visits in patient's homes or facilities in Monmouth County, administrative projects, or comforting phone calls from our Neptune office, are just some of the ways in which our volunteers support patients and their families. A training will be provided by members of the VNA Hospice Team on three consecutive Mondays: June 16, 23 & 30, 2025 10 am – 3 pm. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions in Neptune. Advanced registration is required. To register or for more information contact the rectory office at 732-223-0287.

CURSILLO is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. Contact trentonkursillo@gmail.com

WORD OF LIFE

"Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

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 at 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 Friday, June 13th at 8:30am, come rain or shine. Our Lady of Fatima revealed to three shepherd children the treasure of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary. While meditating on the mysteries we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, and favors that we earnestly seek. *The Rosary is a most powerful tool for the good of all people and the greater glory of God.*

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 Pentecost. We pray for the renewal of our lives through our Baptism in the Holy Spirit. "Baptism" means "immersed" and we are meant to live our lives, we choose to live our lives, open to God's Spirit. "Water" is a powerful symbol. Below, I share with you from a catechetical instruction by St. Cyril of Jerusalem. As we conclude our Thy Kingdom Come Novena, come back to Church and pray in a special way at a prayer service at 1pm today where we will share in the joy of the Pentecost message and lift up our intentions to the Lord.

The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life. This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of this action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous. The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same. *In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good.* St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386)

CELEBRATION OF COLLIER YOUTH SERVICES

Join the celebration on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 6-9 pm at Spring Lake Golf Club, 901 Warren Ave. in Spring Lake. Enjoy cocktails, a dinner buffet and an auction. The cost is \$275 per person. For tickets or more information visit collier-events.org/CoC25

OCEAN'S HARBOR HOUSE, A SAFE HAVEN FOR YOUTH

If you know of any youth between the ages of 10-21 who is homeless and/or in crisis, call the hotline at 732-929-0660.



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