

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Saints Peter and Paul,
Apostles
June 29, 2025**

“But Peter looked intently and said, ‘Look at us.’ He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.’ Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, and stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God.”

We honor the two great Apostles together, Peter and Paul, the former our first Pope and the second the apostle to the gentiles. The scripture accounts of Peter’s commissioning, his triumphs and disasters are well known. The journeys and letters of Paul are fourteen books of the bible teaching and forming us and were written even before the gospel texts which we treasure.

May Peter’s words and actions be mirrored as we have something to give those cripples in our lives. May we respond by giving them the Jesus we know as we reflect His person to our world. What we have is ours to give – the person of Jesus by our kindness, caring and willingness to reach out to them. Saint Mother Teresa is the model from our own time and experience. “Look at 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, June 28, 2025**

8:30 am Carolann Cavaola by Tiana & John Ringo
 8:30 am Joe Kirk by Jim & Denise Racz
 8:30 am Elizabeth Naughton by Susan Schreck
 4:30 pm Ernest & Rita Badaracco by their Family
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by Pat
 4:30 pm Joseph Pstrak by Deacon Gary

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Mark Monahan by his Nephews
 9:30 am Peter McGuigan by the Signorelli Family
 9:30 am Mary Michele Egan by Deidre Ertle
 10:00 am Theresa Sullivan King & the Sullivan Family
 10:00 am Michael Vitale by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Agnes Bakunas by Marianne Rupertus

Monday, June 30, 2025

7:30 am Dorothy Madden by the Jacobus Family
 7:30 am Cosmo Scrivanich by Betty Scrivanich
 7:30 am Rita McKeever by Jackie Lyons

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua by his Family
 7:30 am Angelo Addeo by his Daughter
 7:30 am Patricia Futch by Bianca Syby

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

7:30 am Parania Jaworiw by Nadia
 7:30 am Carol Jeanne Maccanico by James Conrey
 7:30 am Rita McKeever by Jane Bessemer

Thursday, July 3, 2025

No Mass

Friday, July 4, 2025– Independence Day

8:30 am Richard Kovach by Michael & Pam Budalich
 8:30 am Phyliss Jawidzik by St. Denis Parish
 8:30 am Joseph Kirk by Charlotte Petersen

Saturday, July 5, 2025

8:30 am Florence Kouveliotes by the Matyas Family
 8:30 am John Schloendorn by Bill & Jean Buble
 8:30 am Barbara LeDoux by Greg & Nancy Hannah
 4:30 pm Ralph DelNegro by his Family
 4:30 pm Mary Michele Egan by Jamie Herman
 4:30 pm Josephine & Nicholas Oleksik
 by Duane & Christine Danish

Sunday, July 6, 2025

8:00 am Cecilia Witczak by Karen J. Witczak
 8:00 am David Dennin by the Lapham Family
 8:00 am Charles E. Dooley by Eileen & Mike Mahoney
 9:30 am Joan Clarkin Heary by Knights of Columbus #3231
 9:30 am Edward Kessler by the Burke Family
 9:30 am Vincent Greene by Eileen Reilly & 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 David Crosson.



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 Hierung, Katie Holbrook, Jimi Hood, Lori Hurd, Baby Cayden Joseph, Gordon Justin, Baby Hunter Edward Kahl, 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, Linda Matthews, Ronnie Micciulla, Michael McGonigle, Helen McGowan, Michael McNulty, Claire Meachum, Andrea Meade, 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.



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

Madison Lily Roland
Rowan Nicholas Rotolo
Hudson Daniel Sheola

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS– In addition to onsite services, Catholic Charities has established Tele Health and Tele Mental Health services. Call 800-360-7711. In the event of a medical or mental health emergency, please call 911. additional services.

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. For tickets and more information, visit www.CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org/GADD36



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 Captain 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 Pvt. Kevin Koch, Jr., 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 LT 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– Volunteers are the hand of Christ, especially at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine at St. Mary Church in Middletown. Please become a permanent adorer. You can be a light in the world by committing to an hour a week. You will never be alone. Two volunteers are requested every hour. To learn more or to become a permanent adorer visit <https://stmarychurchnj.org/adoration>.

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP- Manasquan United Methodist Church is having a Dementia/Alzheimer Support Group for families and caregivers every 3rd Monday of each month at 5 pm. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please have them join.

HEALING MASS- All are welcome at The Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road in Brick every third Friday of the month for a Healing Mass. We will begin at 6:45 pm in the worship area with Prayer and Reflection. Mass will commence at 7:00 pm, followed by Prayers of Healing and Adoration. Please check the Epiphany Parish online calendar to confirm date and time each month.

DOWNEY SIDE ADOPTION is a non-profit organization dedicated to placing children in the foster care system with forever families through adoption. Nearly 500,000 children across the United States are in need of a family. We rely on donations and fundraising efforts to keep adoption fees as low as possible. We need your help! If you have time and a passion for helping children, please consider volunteering to help on one of our committees. To get involved, please email DRusinko@downeyside.org. Your support can make a difference!

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 THANKSGIVING
REQUESTED BY CAROL RIZZI



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

THE CHOSEN- Join us 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 started June 25th and will 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!
Please note... You can watch each week's episode of the Chosen on Tuesdays at 11 am in the St. Denis Parish Center.

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



**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

ITEMS MOST NEEDED AT THIS TIME:

**canned soup, canned beans, canned tuna, canned fruit,
canned vegetables, boxed milk, peanut butter,
jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, & cereal.**

*****Please do not to purchase items in glass containers***
&**

Please check expiration dates

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 MEMORY OF
THOMAS DREW SOPA
REQUESTED BY HIS MOM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the mission of our Holy Mother Church starting here, in our parish and our community. We are a fraternity of Catholic men united in charity and patriotism. If you miss fraternity life and want to get out and join with others in charity and Catholic brotherhood, join us. To learn more please call the rectory office.

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



Vincent de Paul was canonized by Pope Clement X11 in 1737 but Pope Leo X111 honored him as patron saint of all charitable societies in 1885. It was the deathbed confession of a dying servant which opened Vincent's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This was a crucial moment in the life of a man from a small farm in France, who originally became a priest with little more purpose than to have a comfortable life. The Countess de Gondi whose servant he had helped persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries who would work among the poor tenant farmers and country folk.

After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, Vincent returned to be the leader of the group, now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or The Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in small towns and villages. Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity to help the sick in the city. He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was also zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse and ignorance among them.

Remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a quick tempered and testy person, even his friends said so. He said later in life that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross". But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others, and would become the patron saint of our society.

If you have a desire to help those in need, come to our society's next meeting. We will meet in the Parish Center at 7 pm on Thursday, July 17, 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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



The Rectory Office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. There will be one Mass only on July 4th at 8:30 am.

We wish our parishioners and friends a very happy and safe Independence Day!



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.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith." USCCB, "[Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty](#)"

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION It was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion and adoration of His most Sacred Heart. Join us after 7:30AM Mass to pray the rosary for the unborn, the protection of our country, peace throughout the world, and the special intentions of our parishioners. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ noon at St. Denis.

SUPPORT LOCAL PRO-LIFE ORGANIZATION -- LIFENET is a non-profit educational organization reaching New Jersey communities with the facts about the humanity of the unborn child, abortion and other bio-ethical issues. We empower young people with critical information on human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, and encourage them to set the highest personal standards. LIFENET makes age-appropriate presentations to schools, youth groups, churches, civic organizations, etc., on the topics of chastity, abortion, and stem cell research. For more information on LIFENET visit their website www.lifeneteducation.org

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

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Many people ask about suspicious emails from me asking for money or gifts cards. That is not me! I give information from NJCCIC (NJ Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell) about recent phone SMS text phishing (SMiShing) schemes:

Cybercriminals are contacting claimants via text message, identifying themselves as "NJLWD Claim Department" Many types of SMiShing (SMS text phishing scams) continue to target New Jersey residents. In the most recent SMiShing campaigns, the threat actors impersonate E-ZPass, the DMV (unlike the legitimate NJ Motor Vehicle Commission or MVC), and NJ Courts, claiming the recipients must pay a fine. The threat actors' goals are the same: to entice you to click on malicious links, download malware, divulge personal information, or make a fraudulent payment. As with phishing emails, SMiShing text messages often include a sense of urgency and dire consequences if you do not take immediate action. Therefore, don't take the bait!

As a friendly reminder:

- Government agencies and those affiliated with public services will not send you text messages demanding payments for fines.
- Law enforcement and court systems do not accept gift cards as payment for bail.
- Legitimate employers do not send unsolicited high-paying job offers via SMS messages.

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".



June 15, 2025

Weekly Collection-

\$12,720.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GOOD COUNSEL – 40 YEARS OF SERVICE, SAVING MOMS AND BABIES SINCE 1985– Good Counsel, founded in 1985 by Christopher Bell and the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel, accepts any homeless, pregnant women and their children. Their four homes provide moms with the necessary resources and skills to break the cycle of abuse, addiction and poverty. Good Counsel envelopes are available to support the beautiful moms and babies living at the Good Counsel home in Riverside, NJ. Help Good Counsel Save Moms and they will Save their Babies!

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR hosted by St. Joseph's Church is essentially an invitation to make or renew a deep and profound personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ by opening ourselves to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The seminar will be conducted during (5) consecutive Wednesday evenings starting July 2nd and concluding July 30th. All gatherings are from 7-9 PM in the Church and include talks, personal testimonies, small group sharing, prayer and fellowship. Location: St Joseph's Church, 685 Hooper Avenue in Toms River. There is a registration fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of seminar materials. You may register the first night of seminar.

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.

LIBERTY EXTRAVAGANZA will be presented by The Society of St. Cecilia of the Oratory of St. Anthony of Padua in Red Bank. Featured will be the Oratory Choir and the Liberty Singers with the St. Cecilia Brass Ensemble. The performance will take place June 29th at 3:30 pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center. Admission will be a free will offering. For more info contact The Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua at 732-747-0813 or web.stanthonyofredbank.net

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER is a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House located at 84 Wainford Road, Allentown, NJ. FHOP@verizon.net
 Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

**IN-PERSON ONLY: YOUNG ADULT (AGES 19 – 30)
 PRAYER & POOL RETREAT**

Monday, June 30 7:00 - 9:00 PM (6:30 - 7:15 PM Pool)
 Enjoy a beautiful evening of prayer and reflection as you experience the Scriptures by placing yourself in the scenes of Gospel passages. Snacks provided. Donation: \$15

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INTERN PROGRAM

Francis House offers an intense 3-year Intern Formation Program for those desiring to become Spiritual Directors. This program has four critical aspects: The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola; Ignatian Discernment; Study of the Spiritual Masters and Practicum in the Art and Discipline of giving Spiritual Direction. Time commitment: 2 Thursdays each month, 3 weekends a year, and a 5-day directed retreat. Please contact Sister Marcy (609) 877-0509 before August 1 for further information. Begins in September.

"MISSION:JERSEY"
 is a one-day Community Service Retreat
 for all teens in the 8-12th grade.
 Please see below for dates and locations.



**JULY 8, 2025–
 CHURCH OF THE VISITATION
 AND SEEDS OF SERVICE
 BRICK, NJ
 9AM – 4PM
 (50 SPOTS AVAILABLE)**

**JULY 22, 2025–
 SACRED HEART CHURCH
 TRENTON, NJ
 9AM – 4PM
 (30 SPOTS AVAILABLE)**

**JULY 24, 2025–
 RISING TREETOPS
 OAKHURST, NJ
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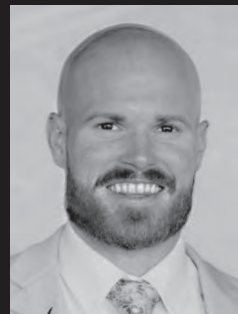


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