

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 20, 2025

“Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves, and afterward you may go on your way’. ... The Lord said to Martha in reply, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.’”

The word of God focuses on the great gift of hospitality. We put it into practice when we welcome someone into the circle of our lives. Abraham was blessed, Martha gave of herself and we combine their action with the reflection offered to Mary. The Lord was present to all three.

I ask myself what is the one important thing I am lacking. May I be like Martha serving the Lord and others, and like Mary bringing others to Him, listening to Him speak.



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY

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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, July 19, 2025**

8:30 am Marilyn Joyce Siracuse by Jane Terins
 8:30 am Robert O'Brien by the Gioacchini Family
 8:30 am Martin Freeman by Joanne Freeman
 4:30 pm Laura Burke by Marlene & Michael Martin
 4:30 pm Mary Michele Egan by the Prince Family
 4:30 pm Ruth & Clem Danish by Duane & Christine Danish

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Addie & Ray McGreevey by Terris & John Garbarini
 9:30 am Christopher Schwartz by Cathy Wolfe
 9:30 am Peter McGuigan by Tom & Ellen Reilly
 10:00 am Judith Farguer by the Remmey Family
 10:00 am Cecilia N. Kihungi by the Moncholi Family
 10:00 am Patricia Timony by Eileen & Jim Rochford

Monday, July 21, 2025

7:30 am John "Buddy" Donohue (6th Anniversary)
 by his Sister, Kay Kolon
 7:30 am James Coakley by KofC Council 3231
 7:30 am John DiNuzzo by the Balioni Family

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

7:30 am Donald Dickson by his Family
 7:30 am Tracy Griffin by Jane Wehner
 7:30 am Mae & Daniel Augenti by the Conrey Family

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

7:30 am Walter Wojton (26th Anniversary)
 by his Daughter, JoAnn
 7:30 am William Rottino by Mary Rottino
 7:30 am John J. Regan by Maryann Crowe

Thursday, July 24, 2025**No Mass****Friday, July 25, 2025**

7:30 am Bob & Betty Ann Pechkis by Bob Pechkis
 7:30 am Danny Griffith by Evelyn Tuttle
 7:30 am James Tessitore by the Smith Family

Saturday, July 26, 2025

8:30 am Veronica Garrett
 by the St. Denis Grandparents Guild
 8:30 am Ermidio Busanic by Betty Scrivanich
 8:30 am James Sharpe by the Herman Family
 4:30 pm Erin & Bronwen Doherty
 by Tom & Kerry O'Connor
 4:30 pm John & Catherine Gallagher by Theresa Driscoll
 4:30 pm Mary Michele Egan by the Sheehan Family

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:00 am Leonard & Betty Stankunas by Deacon Gary
 8:00 am The Monaghan Family by Ellen Easton
 8:00 am Eileen Marcus by Jim & Donna Gahm
 9:30 am Adam Salsano by Ron & Arlene Meyn
 9:30 am Paula Moore by Grace & Jerry Gabriele
 9:30 am Allen Bessemer by the Skroski 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 Dorothy Griggs, Justin Spillane and Joseph Struch.



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, Amanda Gonzalez, Baby Kelly Grace, Phillip Graceffa, Julianna Grusso, Angeline Hart, Irene Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Teresa Hayes, Thomas Hayes Jr, Beverly Heinz, Shawn Herenburg, Bill Hiering, 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, 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 Roton-di, 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. DENIS RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

**WE ARE IN NEED OF
TEACHERS FOR:**

Monday & Tuesday afternoon sessions
and Sunday morning sessions.

Also, substitutes - All days and grades

Thank you to those who have already contacted us!

For more information please contact the
Religious Ed Office

(732) 223-1161 or office@stdeniscdd.com



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE- Beginning next week, from 27 July to 17 August, we will conduct our annual Back to School Drive for the children of Monmouth County assisted through the dedicated resource social workers of DCPD. If we all work together (a book bag here, lunch box there, notebooks here, pens/crayons/pencils there) we

can send kids off to school in September with dignity through our support and prayer (we must always remember to include the persons we help in our prayers) in addition to our material support. Prayer is even more important for these children in their lives. Collection bins for your donations will be in the gathering space of the church and also at the beach chapel. Donations may also be brought to the rectory office during regular business hours. Thank you for your support!



ST. DENIS GRANDPARENTS GUILD- As we approach the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne on Sunday, July 27, we invite you to celebrate with Guild members on Saturday, July 26, at the 8:30 am or at the 4:30 pm Mass.

We extend this invitation to you and your grandchildren as we honor grandparents and seniors for their important role in sharing the faith through generations.



especially USMC Sgt. Jordan Basile, US Coast Guard Petty Officer Joseph Beattie, USMC Capt. Philip Cahill, US Army Major Matthew Cauda, US Army PFC Ryan Costello, US Air Force 1st Lt. Dominic Celiano, US Army Captain Nikkole Cros-son, US Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, US Army 2nd Lieutenant Brendan Ertle, USMC Corporal Hunter Fancher, USAF Airman 1st Class Tristan Fancher, US 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, US Navy LS2 Nora N. Honrath, US Navy Lt. Commander Rachael M. Honrath, US Army Airborne Private Zachary Hoyle, US Army 2nd Lt. Allison M. Ingraham, US Air Force Academy Cadet 2nd Class Slade Kelling, USMC Pvt. Kevin Koch, Jr., USMC Lance Corporal Laura Licata, US Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, USMC Private Robert E. Mullin IV, US Navy CM Taylor Nesbitt, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, US Army Lt. Brian Quinn, US Coast Guard Seaman Anthony Scala, US Army Col. Brian J. Slotnick, US Air Force Major David Smith, US Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, US Air Force Captain Jason Trischitta, US Army Matthew Van Pelt, US Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, US Navy LT. 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.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.



CONCERT AT THE GARDEN- Come and enjoy a summer evening with music and parish community! We will gather by the ecumenical giving garden at 6pm on August 12th for some fun and snacks and a "showcase" of musical talent. We are looking for some parishioners who would like to share their musical talent with a song or two (contact Fr. Bill). All are asked to bring their own lawn chairs and a snack or beverage to share (pot luck style). It is always an enjoyable low-key night to sit back and relax!



BIBLE TO BROADWAY! (August 18th-21st 4pm-6pm) -This Christian musical theatre workshop, taught by St. Denis cantor Lauryn Boyle, is open to children ages 7-13. The focus will be: singing technique, movements, music theory, Broadway musicals with Biblical influence, and a new musical each day of the class! At 6pm following the last session there will be a performance for parents and family. The class is \$50 per student, or for siblings, \$50 for the first and \$40 for each additional sibling. Reach out to the St. Denis office to register by Wednesday, August 13th Email laurynboylemusic@gmail.com with any questions.

INSIGHTS INTO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE- St. Rose Parish in Belmar is hosting a one-hour talk with Q&A by Fr. Pablo Gadenz, highlighting the Gospel of Luke at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 in St. Rose Church. This talk will be interesting and helpful for anyone seeking deeper insights into the Gospel of Luke's readings featured every Sunday this year. After the talk we will offer a sweet refreshing treat. Fr. Pablo is a Tinton Falls native and a priest of the Diocese of Trenton. He currently teaches at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg and previously taught at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall. He has earned a S.T.D. from Pontifical Gregorian University and an S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Fr. Pablo's *Commentary on the Gospel of Luke*, a valuable resource for understanding the Gospel, will be available for sale during the talk.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM ROTTINO
REQUESTED BY MARY ROTTINO



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.

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP- We will hold one summer Men's Group meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd at 6 pm in St Denis Parish Center. This meeting will be an open session, where we can ask Fr Bill questions regarding our faith. Many of us have questions regarding certain aspects of our faith, so this will be a good time to ask the question and learn more about our Catholic faith. We'll resume our full Men's Group program in the Fall. Info on our Fall program to come during August.



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. Visit our website at www.kofc3231.org or follow the KofC link on our parish website for news and updates about the Knights of Columbus.

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.



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:

rice, canned beef stew, bar soap and toilet paper

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

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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 LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DECEASED GRANDPARENTS
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER

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 will continue 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.

CAR RAFFLE- Saint Peter School PTA is excited to bring their annual car raffle to St. Denis! St. Peter volunteers will visit St. Denis to sell raffle tickets for a new 2025 Ford Bronco Sport! Raffle tickets are \$10 each and will be sold at St. Denis Church next weekend, July 26th & 27th and also August 2nd & 3rd. Tickets will also be sold at Our Lady Star of the Sea Beach Chapel those same days. For more information+ or to get tickets visit spspta.org/ or email saintpeterpta@gmail.com !



We are grateful to all who donated to the Monmouth County Office of DCPD "Undie Sundie" Clothing Drive. We included those acts of mercy in our tally of acts of mercy that we have collectively sent to Bishop O'Connell on the occasion of his 10th Anniversary of Ordination as Bishop. We offer hope and mercy in great force here at St. Denis, and for this we thank you greatly for your witness.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel, Jesus once asked "who are you looking for". Perhaps it is happiness we seek, but sometimes we are looking for happiness in selfish ways. However, we also find that when we look for ways to make others happy or a bit more secure, it is then that we become truly happy and witness God's love. The Vincentian Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes. As you give your gift or your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and trust.

If you have 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, August 21, 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.



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.



walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

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 a gathering on July 22; 7pm-8pm, in St. Denis Parish Center, Manasquan. Material provided. No cost, simply open your heart. Please RSVP to allisonpenkethman@gmail.com For more info about our next WWP season, starting in October, go to www.wwpnjshore.com

WORD OF LIFE

provided by Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Married Love and the Gift of Life"

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 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? Visit www.ncbcenter.org for more information or a free consultation.

CONCERNS ABOUT PARENTHOOD OR INFERTILITY?

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp/) offers information on church teachings on conjugal love and responsible parenthood, methods of natural family planning (NFP), where to find local classes, and which NFP organizations offer home study programs.

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

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

"Pursue a lasting love ... Marriage. Create hope for the future! Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage" is the theme of this year's national Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 20–26, 2025). As an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "NFP Week" celebrates God's design for married love and the gift of life, and raises awareness about Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. "NFP," as the U.S. bishops have written, is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because NFP "respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being". The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week are July 20–26, 2025. These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

Want to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in our diocese? See or visit the NFP section of the USCCB website at: usccb.org/nfp. The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God's plan for married love and the gift of life. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching. Or contact Nicholas Petrillo, Associate Director of Marriage Ministries & NFP for the Diocese, npetrillo@dioceseoftrenton.org, 609-403-7128

I leave you with the words of Pope Leo: Pope Leo XIV said: "*Dear friends, we received life before we ever desired it. As Pope Francis said: "All of us are sons and daughters, but none of us chose to be born" (Angelus, Jan. 1, 2025). Not only that. As soon as we were born, we needed others in order to live; left to ourselves, we would not have survived. Someone else saved us by caring for us in body and spirit. All of us are alive today thanks to a relationship, a free and freeing relationship of human kindness and mutual care.*" He would go on later to say: *I would remind all married couples that marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman: a love that is total, faithful, and fruitful (cf. St. Paul VI, Humanae Vitae, 9). This love makes you one flesh and enables you, in the image of God, to bestow the gift of life. In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.*"

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS-

Please visit: njcatholic.org for information on how the Catholic Church interacts with the State in matters of social justice. You can sign up for "Take Action" in order to notify our state representatives of the social justice response that we take on so many issues.



FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

is a Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
and Retreat House

located at 84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ.

FHOP@verizon.net

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY (IN-PERSON ONLY)

Wed. July 23 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

LETTING GO OF WORRY Wed. July 30 9:30 am-noon
“Worry is useless,” says the Lord. Although we’ve heard that many times, worry seems to be an all-pervasive disease that we have all caught! I’m hoping you will come so we can pray through this epidemic together. Prayer changes things, you know! Donation: \$25

SIMPLICITY Fri. August 1 9:30 am-noon

Follow the holy path of simplicity through the lives of St. Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day & St. Therese of Lisieux. With their lives as examples, we will discover God’s love flowing in every day moments. Donation: \$25

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.

33 DAYS TO DIVINE MERCY- Without mercy there can be no forgiveness, without forgiveness there can be no healing, and without healing there can be no lasting peace. Divine Mercy is the spiritual air we breathe. It is the bridge between this world and the next. Journey with Mother Teresa, John Paul II, Augustine, Monica, John Vianney, Sister Faustina, Katharine Drexel, Damien of Molokai, and Vincent de Paul. Encounter Divine Mercy like never before. This six week adventure begins July 23, and continues July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20, August 27. We will meet downstairs in Duffy Hall, St Margaret Church, Spring Lake at 10:00 AM to 11:30AM. There is a book and workbook which will be delivered to you in advance of the first meeting. Please contact Ruthie Wagner at ruthie2@comcast.net



ONLINE GIVING DONATIONS

FOR JUNE

Weekly **\$23,380.00**

Building Repairs **\$985.00**

Debt **\$40.00**

Catholic Communications Campaign **\$10.00**

Holy Father/Peter’s Pence **\$35.00**

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”. Thank you for your support!

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

PEREGRINACIÓN JUBILAR DE ESPERANZA

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa

9:30AM
ARRIVAL

10:30AM
**MASS WITH
BISHOP O'CONNELL**

12:00PM-1:45PM
**ADORATION,
PILGRIM PASSPORTS
& PRESENTATIONS**
Frs. Javier Diaz & Zack Swantek

2:00 PM
MULTI-LINGUAL ROSARY

SATURDAY
September 13, 2025
sábado 13 de septiembre

CONTACT: Carolyn Norbut,
Director of Diocesan Pilgrimages
609-406-7446
Pilgrimages@Diocesoftrenton.org

More information will follow.
Más información por venir.

COLLECTION TO BENEFIT RETIRED, ELDERLY AND INFIRM PRIESTS-The Church’s observance of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, July 27, 2025, is also a time to remember and care for our “spiritual grandparents,” Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., said in announcing the annual collection for retired and elderly priests. Scheduled in the parishes of the Diocese of Trenton at Masses July 26 and 27, the special collection for the Retired, Elderly and Infirm Priests Fund is a way for the faithful to thank the more than 80 retired priests who have given the witness of their lives of faith, many of whom still continue to offer Masses and share the sacraments in our parishes. The Bishop states, “I invite all the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, once again, to show the generosity for which I have come to know you so well by contributing to the fourth annual collection for the priests who truly are our spiritual grandfathers. They, too, deserve our love and gratitude in their twilight years!”



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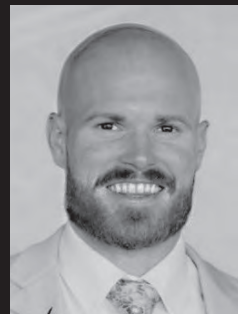


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