

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025**

**“Jesus said to disciples:
‘Do not be afraid any
longer, little flock, for your
Father is pleased to give
you the kingdom. Sell your
belongings and give alms.
Provide money bags for
yourselves that do not wear
out, an inexhaustible
treasure in heaven that no
thief can reach nor moth
destroy. For where your
treasure is, there also will
your heart be.”**

Our lives are challenged by identity theft, protected by security guards, constantly reminding us of threats to our existence. Maybe I fail to hear Jesus simply telling me, as part of his little flock, that the Father has something more important for me to seek and protect, the kingdom, the church on earth, the life of grace, and the promised reward of eternal life.

We take for granted God's gift and love, the treasure of treasures, His grace in the sacraments, His word in our hearts. How often the scriptures tell us not to fear. My only fear is to fall away and not seize this moment to accept His gift. We often think of treasures in material terms as money, possessions, family, employment. They may be of value today. But what about tomorrow? Where is your treasure, where is your heart? Are your eyes fixed on the Lord and your salvation?



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9, 2025

8:30 am John Hughes by Peter & Sharon Wilson
 8:30 am Danny Mageean by Ted & Margaret Rice
 8:30 am Robert Mahon by Mary Ellen Prince
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:00 am Mary Michele Egan by the Dudek Family
 8:00 am Diane Quilter by Scott & Cindy Ernst
 8:00 am Robert O'Brien by the Stanco Family
 9:30 am Josephine DeStefano by her Family
 9:30 am John Nielsen by his Sister
 9:30 am Edward McCullough
 by Rev. William Lago & St. Denis Staff
 10:00 am Peter McGuigan by the Vermeulen Family
 10:00 am Agnes Bakunas by June Cunningham
 10:00 am Mario Gentile by the St. Denis SVdP Society

Monday, August 11, 2025

7:30 am Barbara J. Callahan by her Loving Family
 7:30 am Richard Hall by Kathy & Bob Flammer
 7:30 am Marcia Seredynski by the Sutor Family

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

7:30 am Caroline & Howard Kachlee by Carolyn McCreesh
 7:30 am John Hughes by Peter & Sharon Wilson
 7:30 am Jarrett M. Sansone by Jim & Donna Gahm

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:30 am Gertrude Weeks by Fran Weeks
 7:30 am Kiley Armstrong by Don & Nina Rodgers
 7:30 am Evan Fiore by Don & Nina Rodgers

Thursday, August 14, 2025

No Mass

Friday, August 15, 2025-**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30 am Joanne Kuchinski by her Family
 7:30 am Gabe Bevilacqua by his Family
 7:30 am Mia Villafuerte by Patricia & Glen Lampa
 12:00 pm The Lewis & Gearing Families by the Family
 12:00 pm John & Stella Pietras by Ralph & Carol Cabrera
 12:00 pm Harry Tahan by Tom & Pat Coyle
 6:30 pm (Chapel) Rose & John Cafone, Sr. by their Children
 6:30 pm (Chapel) Danny Mageean by Theresa Heslin
 6:30 pm (Chapel) Robert Heslin by the Heslin Family

Saturday, August 16, 2025

8:30 am Peter Rocco Licalsi by Frank Catalano & Family
 8:30 am Germilia Philogene by Mickey Hand
 8:30 am Dean VanSickle by Barby
 4:30 pm Stella Wojton (16th Anniversary)
 by her daughter, JoAnn
 4:30 pm Rocco Zito by the Quigley Family
 4:30 pm Rose & George White by Duane & Christine Danish

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Lou Thorn by the Balioni Family
 9:30 am Mary Sarte by the Beattie Family
 9:30 am Jean Ciampa by SBLSS
 10:00 am Mario Gentile by the St. Denis SVdP Society
 10:00 am Patrick J. Lynch by Marilyn & Bob Healey
 10:00 am Patrick Quinlan by Susan Houk

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 Virginia Dunne.



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, Carol L. Fenton, 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 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, Patrick Lewis, William Liao, Barbara Liggett, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Joan Lipscomb, Nick Ljuljana, Frank Lopez, Linda Lowery, Barbara Magda, Julia Mahady, Donna Mara, 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'Keeffe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, Danny L. Payne, Charlotte Pentek, Joann Pesa, 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.



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



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.



walking with purpose
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Our WWP community is comprised of women, just like you. We strive to learn more about our faith and understand how the teachings of Jesus Christ can strengthen us to be the women we are called to be. Together we create an authentic community that laughs, learns, grows, and loves one another. We are so much more than a Bible study! Join us for our next WWP Season starting 10/7/25 or 10/8/25. Offered at St. Denis Parish Center on Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm or Wednesdays, 12:15-2pm (virtual options too!). We don't actually exercise—we "walk" on a faith journey together. For more info and to register visit www.wwpnjshore.com

MOVING? Please inform the rectory office if you are moving out of the area or if you have a change of address, so the envelope company can be notified.



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 Crosson, 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.



ASSUMPTION OF MARY – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION- On August 15th, Masses will be at 7:30 am and noon at the church and a special Mass at 6:30 pm at the beach chapel, followed by a walk to the ocean for a blessing of the waters. At each Mass, people are also invited to take part in the blessing of flowers and

herbs. Both blessings are part of the tradition of the Church in different parts of the world. As we celebrate this holy day in a special way, since Mary is celebrated by all Catholics in the Diocese of Trenton as our patroness on this Solemnity, you are all urged to take part in the blessings. As we have in the past, for those who cannot go down to the water's edge at the beach, Fr. Bill will bring back blessed ocean water for those who are at the boardwalk.

The Rectory Office will be closed August 15th in observance of the holy day of obligation.

MASS INTENTIONS for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings www.churchofstdenis.org



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE- Through August 17th we will be conducting our annual Back to School Drive for the children of Monmouth County assisted through the dedicated resource social workers of DCP. 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 are 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!

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!

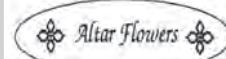
NOTECARDS FOR SALE- This year, there will be beautiful notecards available for sale at the Concert at the Garden. The cards have lovely scenes of the garden painted by local artists. The cost of each card is \$5. All monies raised will be used for the benefit of the garden



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 laury Boylemusic@gmail.com with any questions.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DAVE MILLER
REQUESTED BY HIS LOVING WIFE



FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
POPE LEO XIV
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER

NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph W.
Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST
Bishop Kevin J.
Sweeney, D.D.,
Diocese of Paterson



**NEW JERSEY
MARCH FOR LIFE**

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will
begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex,
a short walk from the Cathedral



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of NEWARK



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For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life



ST. DENIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR is excited to welcome new voices! We are looking for children who enjoy singing to join us in making joyful music. No need to read music—just the ability to read is enough! The choir sings twice a month, from September through June. Our first performance for the 2025-26 season will be on Sunday, September 21st, at the 9:30 AM Mass in the main church. Rehearsals take place the Monday evening before each performance, from 5:30 to 6:15 PM in the St. Denis Parish Center Chapel. The commitment is flexible. If you're interested in joining or need more information, feel free to contact the rectory or email Casey at cfab1983@gmail.com **Confirmation service hours are also available for grades 7-8 who participate. We look forward to hearing your voice!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD- 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 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel Jesus once asked "Who are you looking for?" Perhaps it could be asked "What 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 witnesses God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The 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.



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:

deodorant, mayonnaise (plastic jars), canned chicken,
boxed rice, laundry detergent (50 ounces or less) & dish soap
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!



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=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.

WORD OF LIFE

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

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"

ACTION CENTER

SUPPORT A 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 Wednesday, August 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

To celebrate the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of the Lord, youth and young adults were invited to Rome for the international celebration of the Jubilee of Young People. If you did not hear about the celebration, I share with you the following:

Pope Leo XIV on Sunday told more than a million Catholic youths at a closing Mass for a weeklong encounter with the next generation of faithful: "My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue." During the Sunday homily, Leo urged the participants to "spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith" when they return home to some 150 countries. "Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are," Leo urged the young faithful. "Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you."

In the days leading up to the closing Mass, the Pope answered three questions given by three different young adults from around the world. Regarding "Friendship" he said: "Dear young people, every person naturally desires a good life, just as lungs long for air, but how difficult it is to find it! How difficult it is to find true friendship! Centuries ago, Saint Augustine understood the deepest desire of our hearts, the desire of every human heart, even without the technological developments of today. He too had a restless youth, but he did not settle for less, he did not silence the cry of his heart. Augustine sought the truth, the truth that does not disappoint and the beauty that does not fade. And how did he find it? How did he find true friendship and a love capable of giving hope? By finding the one who was already looking for him, by finding Jesus Christ. How did he build his future? By following the one who had always been his friend. In his own words, friendship is nowhere faithful but in Christ. Saint Augustine tells us there is no friendship that is authentic if that is not in Christ. And the true friendship is always in Jesus Christ with truth, love and respect. Only in him can it be eternal and happy. The one who loves God in his friend, truly loves his friend, Saint Augustine tells us. Friendship with Christ, which forms the basis of faith, is not just one aid among many others for building the future; it is our guiding star. According to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, to live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth, is not living, but existing. It is when our friendships reflect this intense bond with Jesus that they really become sincere, generous and true".

Please promote Catholic Campus Ministry/Young Adult Ministry to the young adults in your life. Right here at St. Denis we have "Fifteen:5" for those in their late 20s and 30s.

THE CHOSEN- Join us for our final discussion on "The Chosen" Season 5! Co-hosted by St. Denis and Holy Trinity Churches, we will meet on Wednesday at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church and at 7 pm at St. Denis Parish Center. This season began with Palm Sunday and takes us through Holy Week. 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 the episode of the Chosen on Tuesday at 11 am in the St. Denis Parish Center.



*"Blessed are those who mourn,
they shall be comforted."*

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 renewal of self and hope. **Join us on: Thursdays Starting: August 21, 2025 and continuing weekly Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the St. Denis Parish Office Conference Room. Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 or eileenziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**



GRANDPARENTS GUILD- The Grandparents Guild would like to thank you for sharing your family pictures on the Remembrance Table and taking the Grandparents Guild Invitation Envelopes as we celebrated the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne. Also,

thank you to those of you who stopped by our table—it was very nice meeting some fellow grandparents and seniors. We hope that you will be able to come to our August Grandparents Guild meeting on Tuesday, 8/19, at 11 am in the Parish Center.

GOLF OUTING-The Knights of Columbus Council 3231 will host the 22nd Annual Bernie Kerrigan Charity Golf Outing on Monday, September 8th at the Pebble Creek Golf Course in Colts Neck. The charity event has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local charities during its existence. The Knights of Columbus Council is ranked as one of the best in New Jersey and prides itself on its civic service and has been recognized as a Star Council. The outing again has a number of exciting elements, including a prize for a hole-in-one on the 18th hole that is a 2025 GMC Terrain courtesy of T&T Coast Buick GMC. There is also a \$10,000 cash prize for a hole-in-one on the 11th hole. Last year the event sold out and featured auctions with golf equipment, liquor and wine plus numerous pro sports tickets. The Council is in need of t-signs and gifts for its annual auction. For additional information on donations or golf, please call the Rectory Office 732-223-0287.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISABLED CITIZENS DRIVE- At all Masses next weekend, August 16th and 17th, the St Marks/St Denis KofC will be collecting money for the Diocese of Trenton Holy Innocents Society of St Mark's Parish, Special Olympics and ARC of Monmouth County. Last year we collected over \$5,700 for these charities of which 80% went to St Mark's Holy Innocents for their local programs. Our KofC makes additional donations for their Christmas Party. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

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

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
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SATURDAY

September 13, 2025

sábado 13 de septiembre

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More information will follow.
Más información por venir.



Preparations have begun for this year's *Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope* to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA, held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. This year, the focus will be Pilgrims of Hope, in celebration of our Jubilee Year. The schedule for the day will include Mass with Bishop O'Connell, CM, Presentation by Fr. Javier Diaz and Fr. Zack Swantek, Adoration, Confession, and our well-loved Pilgrims Passport. The day will conclude with a multi-lingual Rosary. For more information, please visit our website at www.DioceseofTrenton.org/Pilgrimage or contact Carolyn Norbut at CNorbu@DioceseofTrenton.org



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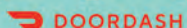


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