

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

**“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

The familiar prayer, ‘Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine’ is a worthy goal. It echoes the words from Sirach above or the teaching He gave at the leading pharisees’ house. We are advised not to be a social climber, getting ahead of others, but are told to reach out to the vulnerable who are not far away from us. It is easy to forget where we came from.

Our needs are easily satisfied, and what I don’t really need in the words of Saint Augustine, I am just a caretaker, which means I am to care for those listed by Jesus - the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind etc. etc.



# 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](http://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, August 30, 2025**

8:30 am Michael & Donna Palardy by Jill & Family  
 8:30 am Kenneth Bransfield by Eileen & Jim Rochford  
 8:30 am Gene Pape by Lucia & Joseph Nitti  
 4:30 pm Bill Driscoll by Theresa Driscoll  
 4:30 pm Elizabeth Bronikowski by her Family  
 4:30 pm Kevin Conochon by MCW

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

8:00 am Grace Caputo by Maryann & Dan Gurrera  
 8:00 am Carole Gallagher by Anita Durban  
 8:00 am Eugene Ertle, Jr. by John & Susan Lewis  
 9:30 am Dominick Belli by Pat Trezza  
 9:30 am Patrick Lynch by Eileen & Bob Glowacki  
 9:30 am Veronica Garrett by Betsy & Jim Rice  
 9:30 am Bill Ritter by his Family  
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Monday, September 1, 2025– Labor Day**

8:30 am Ann & Rocco Zito by the Quigley Family  
 8:30 am Betty Ann Pechkis (3rd Anniversary)  
       by Bob Pechkis  
 8:30 am Willy Henriquez by Bill & Jeanne Buble

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

7:30 am Patricia Pinto by Mike Steven  
 7:30 am Helen Kaftan by Joan & Mario Valeriani  
 7:30 am Thomas Shannon by Bill Shannon

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

7:30 am Norah Bruther by her Mom & Dad  
 7:30 am Daymon Thatch by his Family  
 7:30 am Anthony D'Anore by Carol Rizzi

**Thursday, September 4, 2025****No Mass****Friday, September 5, 2025**

7:30 am Peter McGuigan by Betsy & Jim Rice  
 7:30 am Lillian Gross by Barbara Kittle  
 7:30 am Richard Avena by his loving wife, Adelaide Avena

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

8:30 am James Berardi by Anthony & Joan Ciccotto  
 8:30 am Frank Pepe by Anthony & Joan Ciccotto  
 8:30 am Theresa Serpi by Beverly Hickey  
 4:30 pm Peter McGuigan by JoAnn Korb  
 4:30 pm Bill Meehan by Maryann Crowe  
 4:30 pm James Smith by Tom & Pat Coyle

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Joan Clarkin Heary by KofC Council 3231  
 9:30 am Alice Farrell by Jay Boyle & Family  
 9:30 am Chris Mutch by her Family  
 10:00 am Linda Wynd by the Mary Moms  
 10:00 am Mario Gentile by Gerard J. Dunn, Sr.  
 10:00 am Patrick Lynch by Bob & Kathy Flammer

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS** for the weekend, as well as the coming week, can be found on our parish website on Friday mornings [www.churchofstdenis.org](http://www.churchofstdenis.org)



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 Damico, Christine Danish, Duane Danish, Rose DeMarco,

Michael Desider, Constance & Hugh Doherty, Lisa Dunfee, Patricia Eltzholtz, Thomas Evans, Thomas Fahey, Chris Faraca, Carol L. Fenton, Joseph Fiamingo, Christine Fields, Nannette Forkan, Denise Frank, Norma Friel, Madeline Fuccile, John Gallo, 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 Hering, 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, 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'Keefe, Diane Padluck, Wes Pal, Dolores Palmisano, Joanne Panzarella, Joseph Pastore, 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, 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, especially 4th grade.  
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@stdenisccd.com



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](http://www.wwpnjshore.com)



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.

**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.

**CURSILLO** is all about building long-term Christ-centered relationships with God and others through prayer and a focus on authentic Christian living. For more information contact [trentoncursillo@gmail.com](mailto:trentoncursillo@gmail.com)

**MEN'S GROUP** - The purpose of our Men's Group at St Denis is to enrich the lives of men by providing opportunities for spiritual growth and to enjoy a sense of brotherhood. **The first meeting of our Fall program will be on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in St Denis Parish Center.** We will briefly introduce our next program, The Rescue Project, from ACTS XXIX, hosted by Fr John Riccardo. The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight sessions in a small group format. On Sept. 9th, we'll finalize our meeting schedule for this program and discuss several other topics. All men are invited. For questions, contact the rectory at 732-223-0287 or [st.denis@verizon.net](mailto:st.denis@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:cfab1983@gmail.com) \*\*Confirmation service hours are also available for grades 7-8 who participate. We look forward to hearing your voice!



**GOLF OUTING AND FUNDRAISER IN MEMORY OF ST. DENIS PARISHIONER, BRIAN WAITZEL-** *Brians Wings* is a charitable organization formed to honor the memory of Brian Waitzel, who passed away suddenly on September 3, 2024. Brian was a beloved member of our community, leaving behind a loving wife and three children. Throughout his 47 years, Brian made a profound impact on everyone who knew him. Our primary goal at *Brians Wings* is to ease the burden on Brian's family by providing financial support for the children's educational needs. We believe that ensuring they have the resources to pursue their choice of college, trade school or other vocational training is the best way to honor Brian's legacy. On September 15, 2025, we will gather to celebrate Brian's life at the Jumping Brook Country Club. The day will be filled with lunch, golf and dinner. We invite you to join us in this celebration and support our cause by contributing to the *Brians Wings Trust*. For more info and registration please visit [www.brianswings.org](http://www.brianswings.org)

**SUPPORT MADONNA HOUSE BY PLAYING BOCCE!**  
Come on out on October 11, 2025 for a bocce tournament to raise funds for Madonna House as they minister to poor, destitute and underprivileged children and women who live in our local communities. Join us at Memorial Park in Neptune City and take part in a single elimination tournament (two players per team) in support of life. \$25 per player (\$50 per team) - includes a shirt for each player. All profits from the day will be donated to the Madonna House. Contact David ([dfurb@aol.com](mailto:dfurb@aol.com)) for more details and to reserve a spot. Registration ends October 1, 2025.



IN HONOR OF  
THE RIZZI CHILDREN  
REQUESTED BY CAROL RIZZI



### JOIN US FOR RCIA NOW CALLED OCIA

Do you or someone you know have an interest in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and want to change that? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of becoming a full member of the Church. Join us for an information session. **WHEN: Monday, 9/15/25 at 7 pm** **WHERE: St. Denis Parish Rectory Office** If you have any questions please contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732)223-0287 eileenziezmer@gmail.com



**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-shirts and gifts for its annual auction. For additional information on donations or golf, please call the Rectory Office 732-223-0287.



### **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:**

mayonnaise (plastic jars), canned chicken,  
boxed milk, canned beans, coffee, shampoo & conditioner.

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

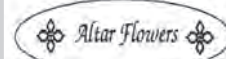
***Please check expiration dates***

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!**



DEDICATED PRAYERFULLY  
FOR ALL WOUNDED VETERANS  
REQUESTED BY A PARISHIONER

### **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 beginning September 14th, and then every other week. We hope your children will join us!! For more information please contact the rectory.



A very special thank you to our parishioners from the workers and volunteers over at the DCPD for the overwhelming amount of donations given to the children helped through social services in Monmouth County. This was the largest back to school single donation given to the DCPD thus far. Thank you for sharing hope and giving these children dignity and a fresh start for the school year.

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



Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. In a world where so many things can be bought with money, our minds often center more on money than love. What Jesus is trying to tell us is that money is a good servant-but a bad master. When money is employed as a servant, it can bring joy and comfort to millions and especially to those who have little or none of it.

Our goal as members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is to enable money to be a servant of the poor, but also to demonstrate the love of Christ to those we help. But let money become our master, let it take first place in our lives and it can become a tyrant. It can harden our hearts and blind our vision of the supreme realities of our existence.

Millions of "dollars" passed through the hands of St. Vincent and he made every cent a good servant. Vincent regarded the money which he received or possessed as the "patrimony of the poor", and so it was always to be used for the benefit of the poor. The parishioners of St. Denis in their generosity, continue to make it possible for us to make every dollar a "good servant" for the poor.

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, September 18, 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.**



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

Cameron Michael Concodora

&

Roland Thomas Plichta

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

**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.

### **WORD OF LIFE**

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

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

#### **ACTION CENTER—**

#### **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 info on LIFENET visit their website [www.lifeneteducation.org](http://www.lifeneteducation.org)

**HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION—**If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more info, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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 7:30 am 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.

**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](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry) USCCB: [usccb.org/prolife](http://usccb.org/prolife) OR [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

### **A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL**

Happy Labor Day! We come to the end of the "summer season" and look to the "local summer" we still get to experience for a bit. Thank God. Last week I shared the Church's teaching on work and the dignity of worker. Today, I share the call to work during the Jubilee Year.

We all have work to do as disciples of Jesus. Jesus calls us to work in the "Vineyard" (Mt 20). He said we should pray for workers for such a vineyard. Not just priests, deacons, and religious are designated as such workers. We must pray for committed lay people to help through active ministry and active volunteering. In our parish, the number of volunteer workers far outweighs the number of paid staff. We all are called to carry out the mission of the Jubilee.

As Pope Francis, of happy memory wrote: "During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind... This is an ancient appeal, one drawn from the word of God, whose wisdom remains ever timely. It calls for acts of clemency and liberation that enable new beginnings: "You shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants" (Lev 25:10). This institution of the Mosaic law was later taken up by the prophet Isaiah: "The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Is 61:1-2). Jesus made those words his own at the beginning of his ministry, presenting himself as the fulfilment of the "year of the Lord's favour" (cf. Lk 4:18-19)."

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are "tangible signs of hope". We must work hard at them. Who is "experiencing hardships of any kind" that we know of? How can we free them, bind their wounds, proclaim liberty to them, and release them as we: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; help the homeless; visit the sick; ransom the captive; bury the dead; instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; admonish sinners; bear wrongs patiently; forgive offences willingly; comfort the afflicted; & pray for the living and the dead?

Let us pray with this list and see what work God is inviting us to. May the Holy Spirit inspire us disciples for the labor we are called to do for our brothers and sisters in the "Vineyard of the 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.

**BIBLE STUDY-** The Church of Epiphany in Brick will be hosting an evening Bible Study on The Book of Romans, part of the Great Adventure Catholic Bible Series from Ascension Press. The study consists of written commentary, a workbook, discussion questions and DVD teachings. It will begin Monday, September 8th in the All Purpose Room (which is attached to the church) and then continue for 8 weeks, until November 17th. The group will meet Monday evenings from 7:15-9 pm. Registration forms are available at the Epiphany parish office or by contacting Kathy at [bythes-hore1947@gmail.com](mailto:bythes-hore1947@gmail.com). There is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of the workbook.



**CROCHETING AND KNITTING BAPTISM BLANKETS-** Do you love to crochet or knit? Join our new ministry and connect with others who share your passion! This is a wonderful opportunity to use your creative gifts to extend the love of Christ and pray for the newest members of our faith community by making baptismal blankets to cover them with love. All skill levels are welcome, and we can even offer free lessons! Come for the fellowship, creativity, and the chance to prayerfully support our parish families. Or, you do not have to come to the group meetings to make blankets. If you would rather work in the comfort of your own home that is perfectly fine. To learn more or sign up, please contact the parish office (732) 223-0287 and be a part of this lovely endeavor. We will supply the yarn if you provide the tools to crochet/knit and the time.



*"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: weekly on Thursdays Morning Sessions: 10-11 am at the St. Denis Parish Office Conference Room. Contact Eileen Ziesmer at (732) 223-0287 or eileen-ziesmer@gmail.com to let us know you plan to attend or with any questions! All are welcome!**



Do you believe in miracles, or are you a skeptic? Do you think the Eucharist truly holds the actual presence of Jesus Christ or is it just a representation? We invite you to join us as we explore these topics on Monday, September 15th. Mass will be held at 8:30 am in the chapel of St. Pio's Parish in Lavallette. After Mass, 9-10:30 am, we will gather in the hall for light refreshments. Feel free to invite your friends and family; this is an event for everyone! For further information contact Dawn at DawnRusinko@yahoo.com

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION** will be our 2nd collection next weekend. Catholic University is a national research university in Washington, D.C, with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to this collection you are supporting future Catholic leaders. Visit [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu) to learn more. Your support is greatly appreciated.



**August 15, 2025**

**Holy Day Collection- \$2,936.00**

**August 17, 2025**

**Weekly Collection- \$17,118.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, 9/1/25  
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

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