

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 10, 2022**

"Moses said to the people: 'If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in the book of the law, when you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul...it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.'"

I wonder if I can list the ten commandments. Do I realize they reflect the two great commands of Jesus to 'love God above all things and my neighbor as myself?' Can I discover in them all a single word to make sure I observe them? That word is 'respect.'

When we fail to put them into practice we weaken our relationship with Jesus, or even sometimes break that relationship completely. We have the great gift of reconciliation to restore the Christ life in us and assist us in our growth in holiness. The sacraments are the force which enable us to grow and resist sin and temptation.



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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, July 9, 2022

8:30 am Cliff Syby by the Family
 8:30 am Norah Bruther by Mary Beth & Chris McCarthy
 8:30 am Rosa Elvira Munoz Bermejo
 by Mark & Martina Fox
 4:30 pm Bill Kile by the Wade Family
 4:30 pm Lucy Falco (2nd Anniversary)
 by her Daughter & Family
 4:30 pm Phyllis Giancaterino by John & Debbie Gallo

Sunday, July 10, 2022

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 9:30 am Catherine & Agnes Lamb by Cathy Wolfe
 9:30 am David Smith by CDA, Ct. St. Denis
 9:30 am James Lewis by Eileen & Hughie Lennon
 10:00 am Deceased of the Sullivan Family by the Family
 10:00 am Frederick William Kile by Deacon Gary
 10:00 am Marion Ruane by Kevin & Frances Kearns

Monday, July 11, 2022

7:30 am Nancy Fox & Ron Kyser by John & Ellie Fox
 7:30 am Tim Geiger by the Geiger Family
 7:30 am Peter King by the King Family

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

7:30 am Anna Hoblitzell by her Family
 7:30 am Patricia Brunner by Michael Brunner
 7:30 am A Special Intention

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

7:30 am Bridget Gowen by her Family
 7:30 am Muriel Green by the Ziesmer Family
 7:30 am Marie Sirianni by St. Denis Parish

Thursday, July 14, 2022

NO MASS

Friday, July 15, 2022

7:30 am John Donahue by his Daughter, Kay Kolon
 7:30 am James Tighe by Sheila & Tim Kearney
 7:30 am Maria Lopez by Sean Donahue

Saturday, July 16, 2022

8:30 am Norah Bruther by the Liggett Family
 8:30 am Andrea Schooley by Colleen Carton
 8:30 am William F. Forbes by the DeGenova Family
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:00 am James Warren Kirby by Len & Margaret Sullivan
 8:00 am Kathleen Cody by Colleen Carton
 8:00 am Kathleen Butch by St. Denis Parish
 9:30 am David Smith by Nancy Donoghue
 9:30 am Maureen Butler by the Rice Family
 9:30 am Dennis Fitzgerald by Mary & Larry Langan
 10:00 am Fr. Peter Weiss by Carol Rizzi
 10:00 am Debbie Seidner by the Downey Family
 10:00 am Mario Cecchetti by Mario Gentile

SAINT DENIS PRAYER GROUP-The Prayer Group meets at 12:00 noon each Monday in St. Denis Church. There are no meetings on holidays. All are welcome.

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

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

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

ST. DENIS MEN'S GROUP-A NEW SERIES Men's Group What are YOU waiting for? This is your invitation! Our Men's Group at St. Denis has been growing consistently. Men have enjoyed our program, and many have brought friends into the group from St. Denis and neighboring parishes. A purpose of our group is to enrich the lives of men by providing opportunities to enjoy a sense of brotherhood and spiritual growth. Although we may have been raised in the Catholic Faith, many of us do not have a full understanding of our faith and are searching for more. The programs we undertake dive deeper into our faith, leading each of us to a personal level of spiritual growth. This growth should help us see our faith in a new way and provide guidance to help us live our Christian values in these challenging times. The Search is a great way to be introduced to our group. The Search is not a bible study, but rather a series of videos discussing our life journey. Our program consists of a short video at home, followed by our group meeting at 6 pm in the St. Denis school building on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. All of us have busy schedules, so it's not a big deal if you miss some meetings; just join us for the next one. We invite you to join us to hear what we're all about. For information, contact the St. Denis rectory at 732-223-0287. The rectory can either answer your questions about **The Search** or put you in touch with someone from our group who will be happy to provide more information.

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.

BLESSED ST. GERARD MEDALS AND PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE—Do you know someone who is expecting a child, hoping to conceive, or thinking about adoption? Blessed St. Gerard medals and prayer cards are available for anyone who wishes to take them for themselves or to give to family and friends. To receive one, please stop by the rectory office during normal business hours. For more information please call the office at 732-223-0287.



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WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL BIALAS
REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY

THE CHOSEN – SEASON TWO!!! We are once again combining with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for our joint dialogue, continuing with a discussion group for Season Two of “The Chosen” video series. We meet on Wednesdays again with a morning group at Holy Trinity Church hall at 11 am and an evening group in the St. Denis school building at 7 pm. Save the remaining dates: July 13, 20, and 27.

THE WAY WE PRAY SUMMER FAITH SERIES ON PRAYER—Prayer is your direct line to a fuller life in Christ. So this summer give yourself the gift of knowing more fully how to talk with God. Join us on Tuesdays in August as we learn how to expand *The Way We Pray*.

August 2nd: *Having a Sense of God*

August 9th: *My Three, my All-Trinitarian Prayer*

August 16th: *Meditative Prayer-
Looking Inward& Upward*

August 23rd: *Intercessory Prayer-
Looking Outward& Upward*

You can learn how to have a fuller prayer life! **Faith Sessions are held at the St. Denis School Building, 11:00 am or 7:00pm meeting times...** all are welcome! Questions contact (732) 223-0287 or eileenziemmer@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS—Parishioners may reserve the flower arrangement near the altar, for a week at a time, in “memory of” or “honor of” someone or some occasion. Weekend flowers are billed to the parish at \$150 per arrangement so the suggested donation for flowers is \$150. Due to liturgical and church calendar requirements, donations toward floral arrangements do not permit the donor to choose the color, style or flower type. Reservations will be taken by the rectory staff during business hours.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION—Next weekend we will have a special second collection. Proceeds from the collection will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the less fortunate in our area. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. **Please make checks payable to St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thank you.



June 26, 2022

Regular Collection- \$10,968.00

2nd Collection Holy Father (Peter's Pence)- \$1,994.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM—Olivewood hand-crafted from the Holy Land is a traditional art and livelihood for Holy Land Christians. The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the

Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. **These beautiful works of art will be displayed and available for purchase in the Gathering Space of the church next weekend.** Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

GOLF CART RAFFLE—Volunteers from St. Peter's Parish and School in Point Pleasant Beach are at St. Denis Church this weekend selling \$5 raffle tickets for a Villager 2+2 LSV— Street Legal Club Car Golf Cart. The retail value of the golf cart is \$14,245. The drawing will be held on Monday, 9/26/22 at 7 pm. You must be at least 18 years of age to purchase a ticket. You may also contact SaintPeterPTA@gmail.com for more information or to purchase tickets.

MANASQUAN ELKS BREAKFAST— All are welcome to attend the Manasquan Elks breakfast on the second Sunday of every month, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Enjoy your choice of Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Egg Sandwich, or Omelets. Adults are \$8 and children under 5 eat free. The breakfast is held at the Elks Lodge located at 17 Stockton Lake Boulevard in Manasquan.



**St. Vincent De Paul Society's
Food Pantry
at St. Denis Church
Phone: 732-223-1383**

Location: Msgr. O'Connor Hall
(lower level of church)

There is curbside pick-up of
prepackaged food with social distancing.

Questions or special food needs?

Please call our hotline number at 732-223-1383

Pantry hours:

Tuesdays: 1PM–3PM and
3rd Saturday of the month: 10AM–12 noon
(No longer open on the 4th Saturday
of the month during July & August)

This week's list of needed items :

Grape jelly, large apple juice, cereal, & instant rice.

Thank you for all the reusable bag donations!

NODA "NO ONE DIES ALONE"— Be part of the Pastoral Ministry Dept. at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Volunteers are needed for clerical work, 1 or 2 days per week, 2 to 4 hours per day. Eucharistic Ministers are needed as well. Call Michael Leib, NODA Community Liaison "No One Dies Alone" 732-245-1740.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING SOON- Isn't Natural Family Planning just like Contraception for Catholics? — NO!! There is a **BIG** difference between Natural Family Planning (NFP) and contraception!! Contraception actively employs a drug, device or surgical procedure to inhibit or block the natural effects of the sexual act. It **always** strives to separate the bodily union of the man and woman from any possible procreative effects of that union. NFP teaches mutual respect of the spouses, always drawing them closer together in every way. NFP allows spouses to avoid conception by identifying the naturally occurring infertile times of the woman's cycle when they have a serious reason to avoid conception...NFP can also help spouses achieve pregnancy, even, in some cases, when there are significant fertility issues...now that's **REAL** family planning! Either way, Natural Family Planning **always** values fertility as a gift, never as a problem, works with the body, not against it, and respects God's design for married love...On top of all that, it's free, "organic", and good for the environment! *Be on the lookout for more information about NFP in the bulletin over the next few weeks leading up to Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 24-30. For more information about NFP education in our area, contact Peg Hensler 609-403-7156 or phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org.*

National Eucharistic Revival

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



Our ministry of lay volunteers is inspired by the values of the Gospels and the work of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Paris is 1833. The first U.S. conference was formed in St. Louis in 1845 and it remains to this day the national headquarters. There are over 800,000 members worldwide in 140 countries. The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers members the chance to grow spiritually, to cultivate friendships and to provide person-to-person help to those who ask for assistance. The volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul, who come from many diverse backgrounds, invite you to join their efforts, and they also thank all who donate so generously to the Society.

To learn more about helping those in need, come to the Society's next meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7 pm in the cafeteria of the school building.

If you need assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 732-223-1383.



Ladies, Curious about Walking with Purpose? **Walking with Purpose (WWP)** is a women's study that dives into the Catholic faith in a way that is not intimidating or overwhelming. WWP will reveal your Catholic faith in a new way—giving you the answers and tools you need to raise your family in a world of uncertainty. At WWP we learn how to face life's uncertainties and "walk" through life with peace, joy, and purpose. **JOIN US FOR A WWP SUMMER SAMPLE.** Join us for some or all gatherings: July 12, & 19 7pm-8pm, St. Denis (School Building Cafeteria) Books provided. No cost, simply *Open Your Heart*. Text your name to Allison at allisonpenkethman@gmail.com to sign up. (Full WWP Study starts in Oct-- go to www.wwpnjshore.com for more info.)

THANK YOU-

I thank everyone at St. Denis for your warm welcome and for allowing us to speak to you about our Kateri Day Camp programs. On June 27th we welcomed over 200 campers to our beautiful 260-acre property in Wickatunk, NJ. We at Collier Youth Services are extremely grateful to you for your hospitality, kindness, and generosity. You are in my prayer of deep gratitude. Sister Debbie Drago

WORD OF LIFE

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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. If interested in this ministry, contact the rectory for our parish Pro-Life representative.

*ACTION CENTER

PRAY THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

Please join us in prayer at St. Catherine's in Spring Lake at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of this month at 8:30am. Our Lady of Fatima told us to repent and say the rosary to bring peace. Over 100 years later we again need her intercession to her Son to help us. Please join us. Prayers are our most powerful weapon against evil.

PRAY for peace in our country and for all parents to love each of their children. Jesus reminded us "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me." *Matthew 18:5*

***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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITES:

dioceseoftrenton.org/respect-life-ministry

USCCB: respectlife.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BILL

As we enter these years of Eucharistic Revival, I am working with Eileen Ziesmer, our Pastoral Associate, to create a summer series on prayer. Prayer is essential to our relationship with God. And the different aspects of prayer that we will cover are essential for our openness to experience the Eucharist on a much deeper level. Prayer is your direct line to a fuller life in God. So, this summer give yourself the gift of time with God in these presentations, which will include time for prayer and reflection. They will be offered each Tuesday in August, in the church, with two options. 11am or 7pm. All are welcome.

The Way We Pray – Summer Faith Series

Aug. 2 – Having a Sense of God: God is always present, but we are not always present to God. Where does that lead? Doubting God's realness; Not bothering going to Church; missing out on awe and a full life. Bring your H.S./College students along for a look at the blocks to sensing God's presence (which negatively impact psychological development and true happiness) and practice the remedies found in the rich Tradition of the Church which help us to find God in our day.

Aug. 9 – My Three, My All: Trinitarian prayer will be discussed in this offering. To Whom do you direct your prayer? The Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? How does the Church pray to God at Mass? What are the ways in which we pray to the Holy Trinity? Explore the opportunity to reflect on this important dimension of our life of communication and communing with God.

Aug. 16 – Meditation – Looking inward & upward: What are the various ways we can meditate? Looking at meditation and the Mass as well as techniques for approaching Scripture, this time will include a chance to try out the different methods we discuss and find out more about what should be happening in the different types of meditation, so that we can focus and be open to God directing us and inspiring us.

Aug. 23 – Intercessory Prayer – Looking outward & upward: So much of our prayer life is the prayer of petition. Join us to look at the power of intercessory prayer and our call to be present to God and others through this gift of prayer. We will also have time to pray using this prayer.

NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NEWS-

Please visit: njcatholic.org for so much 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. The New Jersey Catholic Conference invites you to participate in our upcoming webinar "Analyzing the Dobbs Decision: Building a Culture of Life in New Jersey" on Thursday July 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The webinar will provide: Legal analysis of the Dobbs decision, insights on how establishing a culture of life is much more than simply opposing pro-abortion legislation, tips and suggestions on concrete actionable steps Catholics can take in their communities to help mothers, children, and their families.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AT HOME AND ABROAD? Text the word "freedom" to 377377 for updates from the bishops on current threats to religious liberty. Please visit www.usccb.org/freedom for info on religious liberty.

St Denis Grandparents' Guild

Members of the Grandparents' Guild are planning to celebrate the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim on July 23, 2022 at the 4:30 Mass. All grandparents and their grandchildren are encouraged to attend. Our special guest will be Bishop O'Connell from the Diocese of Trenton. He will celebrate this special Mass with us at St. Denis in honor of the grandparents of Jesus, Sts. Anne and Joachim.

All Seniors are invited as we honor this important feast day and salute those we call Nana, Poppa, Gee-Gee, Grandma or Grandpa. There will be a PowerPoint presentation representative of our theme, "Grandparents Matter". This includes any special person or persons who serve or have served as a Christian role model for so many of us. After the Mass, grandparents will share refreshments as they participate in arts and crafts activities with their grandchildren at the St. Denis School Building.

Members of the Grandparents' Guild are committed to passing on their Catholic faith to their grandchildren by modeling a Christian way of life. They gather together sharing "Best Practices" of grand parenting as well as their devotion to the Church. The Grandparents Guild provides a variety of resources for their grandchildren as well as support for each other.

To learn more contact St Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287



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