

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

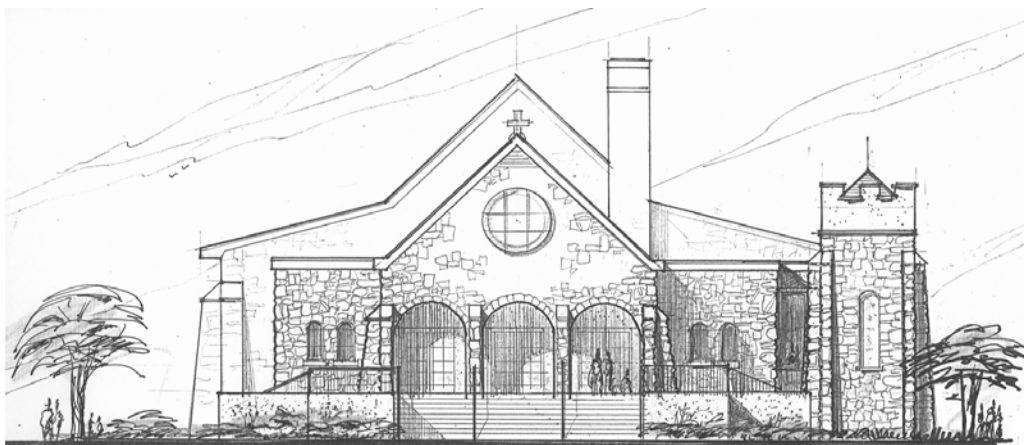
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast saying ‘Tell those invited ‘Behold, I have prepared my banquet...and everything is ready, come to the feast’... ‘Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find...Many are invited, but few are chosen.’”

A recent popular book was entitled ‘What Is Heaven Like?’ It was a compelling story. Years ago, Matthew used the parables of Jesus to tell us what the kingdom is like. Using very descriptive examples we learned about a treasure, a pearl, a net, a seed, and on several occasions a banquet, a fine wedding reception, a fiesta or party.

We have been invited through our baptism to join a great banquet. We have responded as we try to live a Christian life of holiness and service. But the parable adds another dimension. We have a role as guest, but also are servants.

We who have accepted the invitation and participate in the banquet, are also the servants, being sent to the main roads to bring others to His table of plenty. Our task, as Pope Francis tells us, is to have others encounter Jesus, invite them and accompany them to the banquet. We need to show them they already have their ticket and a place at His table.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses: 7:30 AM– 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 & 11:00 AM- St. Denis Church
Sunday: 10:00 AM - Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel
Holy Days: Evening before: 7:00 PM & day of: 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM-St. Denis Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Every Saturday from 3:30 until 4:15 PM - St. Denis Church. Also by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL DEVOTIONS: Tuesday morning after the 7:30 AM Mass-St. Denis Church

BAPTISM: The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm at St. Denis Church. Parents must complete the required preparation with the priest or deacon 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 through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. 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, October 14, 2017**

- 8:30 pm Daniel Mahoney by Darren & Jen Mahoney
 8:30 pm Mary Twasutyn by Betsy Rice
 4:30 pm In Honor of Arthur & Ann Licata
 4:30 pm Russell Hilbert by his Wife

Sunday, October 15, 2017

- 8:00 am Rosalie Dompieri by the Maes Family
 8:00 am Janet A. Toms by Kristin & Steve Lisowski
 9:30 am For the People of the Parish
 10:00 am Thomas Walsh by the Sutor Family
 10:00 am Father Paul Devine by Ellen Brown
 11:00 am John DeGenova by the Saint Denis Staff
 11:00 am Louis Teutonico by the McAvoy Family

Monday, October 16, 2017

- 7:30 am William & Gerolma Burke
 by the Bugliaro Family
 7:30 am Charles Lorenzo by the Moore Family

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

- 7:30 am James J. Furlong, Jr. (Anniversary)
 by the Furlong Family
 7:30 am Mary Cato by Cathy Trost

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

- 7:30 am Juliette & George Kornmeyer by Juliet Yorke
 7:30 am Anne Crines by the Burke Family

Thursday, October 19, 2017

- 7:30 am Macee Katharine Freeman by Nonna & Pop Pop
 7:30 am Mary Galvin by Adelaide Avena

Friday, October 20, 2017

- 7:30 am Anita & Louis Matyas by the Family
 7:30 am Maggie Messick by the Family

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 8:30 am Carmine Granite by Gordon & Barbara Strout
 8:30 am Virginia Rose Meyer Dodd by the Dudek Family
 4:30 pm Fred Cole (Anniversary) by the Family
 4:30 pm Catherine Rotonda by Amanda & Frances Pilot

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 8:00 am Sal Zocchi, Jr. by his Parents
 8:00 am Debbie Tanenbaum
 by Luann, John & Conor Quigley
 9:30 am Judy Nicholas by the Allotta Family
 9:30 am Thomas M. Flaherty
 by the Prindiville Pasquale Family
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am John DeGenova by Deacon Gary Pstrak
 11:00 am Charles Tichenor by Kathy & Lou Farese



especially Mary Moran, Steve Ford, Elizabeth Ann Linden, Peggy Andriach, Mary Damico, Eileen Byrne, Amanda Castro, Dolores Palmisano, Holly Boyd, Mary Conlon, Jillian Zito, Jennifer Zito, Albert Wood, Maiya Andrews, Velma Andrews, Marie Gallagher,

Stella Thompson, Katie Holbrook, Claire Meachum, Mike Pierce, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Thomas Evans, Catherine O'Connor, Edith Bean, Phyllis Van Salders, Joanne Panzarella, Taryn Rotondi, Joseph Siple, Kathy Wicks, Michael McNulty, Colleen Grady, Richard Koch, Mary Jane Schaaf, Edna Moore, Lisa Pirrello, Joseph Bick, Mary Collins, Ken Kleinlein, Robert Kelleher, Lisa Olivera, Stephen Byrne, Denise Frank, Lucy Falco, Marie Tashjian, Angeline Hart, Joan Tumbas, Cathleen Brenner, Florence McManus, Nick Ljuljana, Jim Hodgkiss, Patricia Blumenstock, Sue O'Connor, Baby Cayden Joseph, Thomas Fahey, Walter Bronikowski, Baby Kelly Grace, Donna Gaham, Nair Messias, Jennifer Noble, Scarlet Slotnick, Belle & Ashton, John Najjar, Patrick Lewis, Tina Pilot, Karen Brown, Elizabeth Morgan, Frank Lopez, Christina Roundtree, Eugene Karpinski, Charlotte Pentek, Jeanne Dorian, Joan Samperi, Phillip Graceffa, Christian Russo, Matthew Wernoch, Rose DeMarco, Dee Vulgaris, Michael McGonigle, Baby Evelyn Mizer, Patricia O'Leary, Herbert "Butch" Wolfe, Leanna Rawson, Nannette Forkan, Nicole Giambone, Lisa Dunfee, Albert J. Cifelli, Linda Smith, Brian Alberse, Maryann Ierley, Ray Misch, Stanley Bevan, Windell Rainey, Sadie Svenson, Barbara Magda, Paul Tuyp, Nancy Murphy, Anthony DeMarco, Jr., Bernadette Bevan, George Leonard, Frank Bonavita, Joel Rivera, Teresa Hayes, Jeanne Hayes, Irene Hayes, Rita Badaracco, Ronnie Micciulla, Cindy Tomkins, Joseph Fiamingo, Baby Colton Gardella, Ernie Donnelly, Anita McCudden, Baby Siena Grace Pizzillo, Samara Pirrong, Donna Schwear, Helen McGowan, Patricia Lannon, Karen Williams, Timothy Michal Przywara, Christopher Kurtanick, Wes Pal, Neil O'Callaghan, Dorothy Myers, Claire Kessler, Siobhan Vuono, Linda Lowery, Kathy Perusi, the Pilots, the Nesbitts and the Campbells.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED especially Fay DeFiglia and Thomas Turner.



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.



especially Navy Lt. JG Rachael M. Honrath, Army Captain Christopher Cauda, Army Captain Matthew Cauda, Navy LL. Edward P. Windas, Marine Lance Corporal Laura Licata, Contractor Benjamin Ostrow, Air Force Captain David Smith, Senior Airman John J.

Kosequat, Navy HM3 Kevin John Kircher, Army Captain Sean Fessenden, Navy Captain Colin S. Walsh, Army Captain Dr. Justin Eisenman, Army 2nd Lt. Brian Quinn, Navy E4 Patrick Moynihan, Army Captain Michael Potoczniak, Air Force 2nd Lt. Dominic Celiano, Air Force Academy Cadet 3rd Class Slade Kelling, Air Force Academy, FN Joseph Beattie, Coast Guard, Taylor Nesbitt, E3 Navy Airman Devon Webster, Navy Chief Petty Officer James DeLuise, Army Private 1st Class Cody Svenson, and Navy Ensign Mary T. Herman.



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

Summer Maureen Bennett
John Henry Feery III
Nolan Joseph Spillane
Mason Keith Kovar
Kellan William Harm

May the grace of the sacrament remain with them always.

BLOOD DRIVE— The Fr. John F. Welsh Council 3231 Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with Central Jersey Blood Center, will sponsor a Blood Drive this Sunday, October 15, 2017, 8:30 am-1:30 pm in the St. Denis school building cafeteria. For questions or to schedule an appointment call Joe Tully at 732-223-6656. Walk-ins are welcome! Thanks for giving the gift of life.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING COMING SOON! We will be having two altar server trainings for girls and boys from 3rd Grade through High School. You can come to one or both to learn about the privilege to “Serve at the Altar of God.” We ask that a parent or guardian stay for the 45 minute session to help his/her child be sized for an alb and also learn about the particulars of scheduling. Please come to the Church on Monday, Oct. 16 and/or Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 – 6:15pm. For more information contact Father Bill at 732-223-0287.

SAINT DENIS SENIORS will meet Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 12:00 noon in Msgr. O’Connor Hall. Lunch will be provided but please bring a dessert that you can share with others. New members are always welcome!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS— Mass is boring... NO MORE. Our next Youth Group get together is next Sunday, October 22nd from 6:00 pm -7:30 pm in the CHURCH for a TEACHING MASS, so you can sleep in on Sunday and go to Mass at night and learn more about the Mass as we celebrate the Mass. Followed by pizza in the church basement. Bring your friends and your appetite.

FAITH AND REAL LIFE— Back to school? Back to stress? Back to feeling like you don’t have time to have the faith life you really want? Join us for *Faith and Real Life*, a ministry for parents and other busy adults. Meet us at the Beach Chapel on **Wednesday, October 25th** at 7:00 pm. We will discuss tips and tricks for tending to your faith everyday. For those who are interested, we plan to walk up to Leggett’s later in the evening. If you have questions or need more info please call Kate Galdieri at 609-933-4231 or email her at kategaldieri@gmail.com

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop’s Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: **1-888-296-2965** or email abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

MESSAGE FROM FR. BILL

Today I share with you the Fiscal Year report for the period of July 2016 thru June 2017. It can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. I am very thankful for the financial support that you give as we continue the spiritual support of each other, and the world, through our prayers and offerings of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have been moving in a positive way financially, through your generosity. I would like to share with you some positive points to consider as we move forward. When I moved here in July 2015, the mortgage debt was \$2,671,623. Today it is even less than \$1,136,134. Because of our aggressive payments, the interest expense decreased \$54,000 this year alone. Overall, debt reduction donations have increased \$19,392. Our Faith to Move Mountain rebates (for spiritual programming and capital improvement projects) totaled \$45,800 and our Annual Appeal for the Diocese gave us a rebate increase of \$17,289. Along with this, I have spoken to the Finance Officer of the diocese and \$17,500 was saved as we continue to be current with all diocesan assessments and bills. Throughout the year, as the pastor, I make many choices to save the parish money. I renegotiated, through the diocesan offices, another lease with the Manasquan Recreation Department for two years with a third year option. In addition to the rent moneys for the gym and two adjoining rooms, we agreed upon a compensation for the utilities and cleaning services used by them. This will mean even more efficient income that we use to run the parish. I do ask that you always be aware that as a man called to the priesthood, I particularly, did not intuit God saying to me, “Run a million dollar business with multiple employees in an incredibly litigious and contentious society for Me.” Instead you discern something vastly different. So with that in mind, I ask you to not think of the parish as a business, but as a community of believers who desires Communion with God. I ask you to join me in thanking the trustees and members of the Finance Council who help me so much in making all the good things occur. I also ask for your prayers. As pastor here I try to balance my time in running the parish and the increase of spiritual programming. I also ask you to join me in thanking the staff at the parish as well as all who volunteer to work on projects for the good of St. Denis Parish. Thank you all.

THE ST. DENIS CHILDREN’S CHOIR practices on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 pm, in the church. New members are welcome to join.

SILENT SPIRITUAL RETREAT for men and women will take place at Loyola House of Retreats in Morristown, NJ, Friday-Sunday, November 10-12, 2017. This retreat is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Through silence, solitude and scriptural prayer, it is designed to help you discover God’s life within. Set in the beautiful rolling terrain of northern New Jersey, this retreat offers a time to relax away from business problems and family worries, a time to pray and awaken the sense of the reality of God and to grow in the precious gift of faith. Join together with Joe Leone for a quiet, prayerful weekend. To register contact Joe Leone at retreat@joeleones.com. For more information please visit www.loyola.org.



October 15, 2017
In Honor of the
57th Wedding Anniversary of
Ted & Carolyn Wojtech



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

On **Thursday, November 2, 2017**, a special **All Souls Mass** will be celebrated at **7:00pm** at St. Denis Church. We will remember in a special way the souls of the loved ones who have passed away in our parish during this past year. During this Mass, we will honor parishioners, family and friends who entered into eternal life. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one to be displayed and blessed at the Mass.** If your family member or friend was buried from another Church or more than a year ago we will be happy to include them in the memorial. Please contact **Eileen Ziesmer (732) 223-0287**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS- The Knights of Columbus Council #3231 of St. Denis & St. Mark Churches are celebrating a Memorial Mass for all deceased brother knights. The Mass will be celebrated Sunday, November 5th at 9:30 am at St. Denis Church. All widows of deceased brother knights are invited to attend the Mass. Also, any widow who wishes to attend the Mass, is also welcome to attend the complimentary breakfast at Simko's in Brielle. If you need a ride please call Betsy at St. Denis Rectory at 732-223-0287.



SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY
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Msgr. O'Connor Hall (lower level of church)

HOURS

EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

and

EVERY 3RD & 4TH SATURDAY:

10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Items needed at this time: Canned corn, canned mixed vegetables, rice, decaf coffee, fruit juice, flour, oil, canned milk, powdered milk, instant potatoes, crackers. We are currently overstocked on canned beans, dry pasta and canned soup (thank you). Parishioners are asked to place their non-perishable donations in the shopping cart that is located in the gathering space near the stairwell to Msgr. O'Connor Hall. **Non-perishable food may still be brought to the Beach Chapel.** Please check the expiration dates of your donations, as we cannot use expired items. Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR LATE AFTER-NOON FOOD PANTRY HOURS. PLEASE CALL THE HOTLINE (732-223-1383) IF YOU CAN BE OF HELP.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2017
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
DECEASED MEMBERS OF
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, COURT ST. DENIS
REQUESTED BY CDA, COURT ST. DENIS

THE DANIEL PLAN- GOD'S PRESCRIPTION FOR YOUR HEALTH- JOIN US... and CHANGE YOUR LIFE TODAY! The Daniel Plan is a groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program founded on biblical principles and focused on The Five Essentials: **Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends.** The program is an innovative approach to optimizing your health in each of these life areas, setting goals, and providing support and encouragement. **WHO:** Anyone looking to improve his/her health **WHEN: Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm** **WHERE:** St. Denis School Building **LEADER:** Monica Butler **Contact Eileen in the parish office with any questions (732)-223-0287.**

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!



NY GIANTS vs SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sunday, 10/22/17 @ 4:25 pm

2 Tickets (section 242) and Parking –
 Value \$880

St. Vincent de Paul Society

\$5.00 Raffle Tickets to Help Our Local Needy
 Sold After Masses This Weekend

Drawing Will be Held this Sunday, 10/15/17 @ 2:00 pm

ST. DENIS CHURCH- THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL



In the Gospel this week we hear Jesus say, "Many are called but few are chosen." The words "call" and "chosen" are not only common in scripture but in our own life discussions about God and faith. Many thousands of people have been "called" and invited to experience a more personal relationship with Christ. We should always be looking for ways to share God's word with others. God calls everyone in some way and gives them the power to respond- but, to be "chosen" we must respond to the call using the power God gives us for that purpose. To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If you might have an interest in learning about our ministry, the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017. General meetings are at 7:00 pm, the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month. New members are welcome.



CELEBRATE THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA- Join us on Thursdays in October at 7:00pm at St Denis Church. Fr. Richard Villanova will lead a Holy Hour with Meditations on the Life of Christ and the Virgin Mary in the

Holy Rosary. Draw closer to the Holy Family as you meditate on the Life of Christ!

2017 CHAMPION FOR LIFE!! SAVE THE DATE- Sunday, October 22, 2017- The annual Champion for Life Award Dinner at Doolan's Shore Club. We are happy to announce that *Deacon Ed Jennings of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish* in Spring Lake is the new 2017 "Champion for Life"! We are also very excited to announce that *St. Denis' very own George Taylor* will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award for all of his incredible pro-life efforts and hours and hours of pro-life prayer at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Steve Kenny at 201-221-6497. Registration forms can also be found in the gathering space of the church.

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY GIFT AUCTION will take place on 10/21/17 at the Woodlake Country Club in Lakewood. Tickets are \$40 which includes lunch and one sheet of tickets. Doors open at 10:30 am. Express ticket bags will be sold at the door. Follow us on Facebook to see pictures of some of the gifts. Contact Michele at Michele@churchofepiphany.org if you have any questions.

GOOD COUNSEL'S 11TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUEST to benefit homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside Home will take place on Thursday, October 26, 2017, 6:00-9:00 pm at The Merion, 1901 US Route 130 in Cinnaminson. Come hear the success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for the future. Reservations are required. For information or reservations please contact Mary Ann Lorimer at 215-989-0021 or lorimerma@aol.com. Come and celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home.



Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to "Chat With The Pope." To learn more about his Missions, go to ChatWithThePope.org Please keep the Missions in your prayers and support next week's 2nd collection. Please make all checks payable to St. Denis Church.



September 24, 2017

Weekend Collection-	\$14,067.00
Average Envelope Donation-	\$23.82

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Recovery Corner

St. Denis Recovery Ministry will be hosting our fourth recovery weekend. "Gratitude in Recovery" Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00 am-1:00 pm in the Church of Saint Denis School cafeteria. The donation is \$10 and includes lunch. Preregistration is required by calling 732-223-0287



ROMAN CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS IN CONVERSATION: We continue our conversation on the joint Lutheran/RC *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry & Eucharist*. **Mark your calendar for 11:00 am or 7:00 pm for the following Tuesdays: 10/17** – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 6 Osborn Ave., Manasquan (Msgr. Sean Flynn speaks on Ministry) **10/24** – St. Denis (Pastor Mary Farnham speaks on Church) *"Why now? Because in 2017 we will commemorate the 500th anniversary of a reformation movement that began in deep divisions and now calls us to the continued work of reconciliation for the sake of the gospel and our witness and work in the world."* (from Intro. to *Declaration on the Way*)

DONATE A BULB TO OUR 'MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN' PRAYER GARDEN! Do you know of a child who died before birth or in infancy? Honor the brief, yet meaningful lives of these little ones by donating a bulb to our prayer garden. Members of our youth group will be planting all of the donated bulbs this Fall. In the Spring, our garden will be bursting with color and LIFE to remind us of the beauty and sanctity of these children lost to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth and infant loss. Look for a 'Bulb Donation' basket in the Gathering Space. Bulbs will be accepted now through the end of October. *This effort is sponsored by the St. Denis members of Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry. Contact Rachel Hendricks at 732-223-1658 or maryschildprolifeministry@gmail.com for more information.*

CDA GIFT AUCTION- Join the Catholic Daughters, Court St. Elizabeth on Friday, 10/20/17 at 7:00 pm, for their annual Gift Auction at the Avon Municipal Bldg., 301 Main Street in Avon. This is a major fundraiser which benefits scholarships, as well as local and national charities. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Please call Mary Ann Jasaitis at 732-988-9250 for tickets and /or table reservations.

2017 DIOCESE OF TRENTON PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION- The Parish of Saint Catharine's/St. Margaret's in Spring Lake has very generously extended an invitation to members of our deanery to join them in going to the Diocese of Trenton Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage is scheduled for **Saturday, November 4, 2017** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Pilgrimage will include a special blessing for families, opportunities for confession and a celebration of the Holy Mass by Bishop David O'Connell. This day will be a wonderful way for individuals and families to grow in the faith. **St. Catharine's is sponsoring a bus for travel to the Pilgrimage. The bus will leave at 7:30 am from the church and return at 9:00pm. The cost of the bus is \$25 for adults** and you are asked to pack some type of food or snack for yourself for the ride home. Please call St. Catharine's about children under 12. If interested, **contact Lisa at the rectory at (732) 449-5765.**

ST. DENIS RC CHURCH
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

REVENUE

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$782,240
EASTER	47,715
CHRISTMAS	67,920
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	149,641
ASSESSMENT APPEALS	46,499
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	39,327
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	69,778
DONATIONS	43,736
INVESTMENT INCOME	2,079
PERQUISITES/OTHER	133,202

TOTAL REVENUE	1,382,137

EXPENSES

SALARIES	335,297
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	197,883
PROFESSIONAL FEES	18,413
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	1,334
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	79,955
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	59,990
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	32,561
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,979
RELIGIOUS ED SUPPLIES	22,660
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	3,195
INFO/COMMUNICATIONS	32,646
TRAVEL/TRANS EXPENSE	5,476
OPERATION OF PLANT	96,633
UTILITIES	118,389
SUPPLIES	4,671
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	4,476
CONTRACTED SERVICES	70,793
INSURANCE	162,868
INTEREST ON DEBT	69,206
OTHER	(32,597)

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,286,828

PARISH EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER
EXPENSES

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\$95,309

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