

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

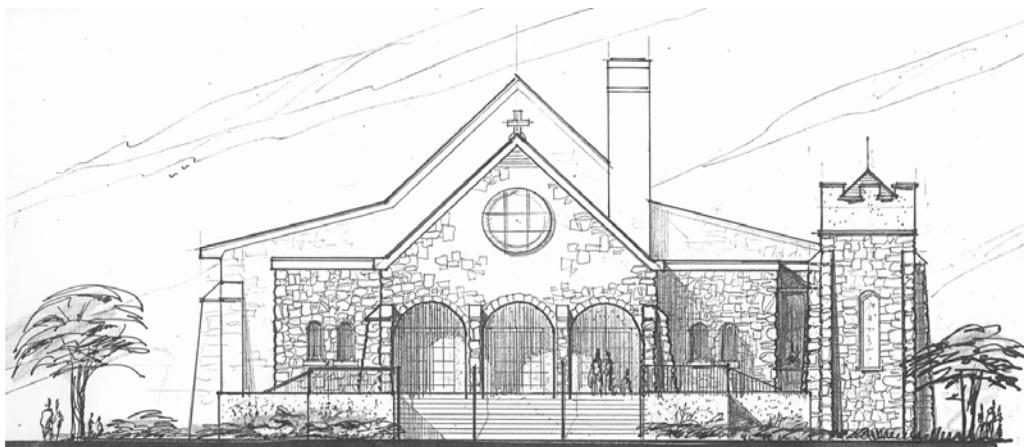
**Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017**

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love, and enduring hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father, knowing brothers and sisters loved by God how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.”

Paul with his companions wrote this letter to give praise to God and encouragement to the disciples at Thessalonica. As I reread this inspired message, I can put a name and face of people of our time to whom a similar writing could be addressed.

I consider persons of great faith who have walked among us, as St. Teresa of Calcutta. I hear the words calling for justice spoken by the martyred Oscar Romero in his labor of love. I reflect on the word of hope generated by the exhortation of Pope Francis in the ‘Joy of the Gospel.’

Their example reminds me that I too have been chosen. More than just the written word, these models remind me that I have been chosen and the power of the gospel and Spirit lives within me. The fruit of the reflection calls me to live the same message with deeper conviction for ‘I am the Lord, there is no other.’



CHURCH OF ST. DENIS

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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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 8:30 pm Carmine Granite by Gordon & Barbara Strout
 8:30 pm 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

Monday, October 23, 2017

- 7:30 am Mary Galvin by Jimmy Conrey
 7:30 am Kathryn Milkowski by Liz Callahan

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

- 7:30 am Louis & Bessie Fattell by Bernadette
 7:30 am Kathryn Kroeger by her Sisters

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

- 7:30 am Ann Laskowski by JoAnn Korb
 7:30 am Clay Warnick by his Family

Thursday, October 26, 2017

- 7:30 am Lenny Sullivan by his Family
 7:30 am Thomas Flaherty by the Stansfield Family

Friday, October 27, 2017

- 7:30 am Richard Sorrentino by his Family
 7:30 am Pat O'Keeffe by his Family

Saturday, October 28, 2017

- 8:30 am Rosemarie Siggia by Toni & John Kovak
 8:30 am Rosalie Dompieri by Jane & Jack Tully
 4:30 pm Lori Opdyke by Gloria & Dave Smith
 4:30 pm Josephine & Nicholas Oleksik by the Family

Sunday, October 29, 2017

- 8:00 am Jim Geiger by his Family
 8:00 am Sal Atanasio by John & Marlene Wagner
 9:30 am Anthony & Catherine Rotonda by the Family
 9:30 am Terrence Fay by Paul Garvey
 10:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am John Feeny, Jr. by the Family
 11:00 am Nicola Santorelli by the Family



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Giambrone, 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 Eleanora Bongiovanni.



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.

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!



For the Love of God... Praise & Sing
Come, Praise our Lord with Contemporary Christian Music. 30 minutes of prerecorded music with lyric sheets provided. Every First Friday at 7:00 pm in St. Denis Church. For info call Allison Penkethman 732.528.4976

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH BENEDICTION- Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm. Come join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction in Saint Denis Church on Fridays. Spend a few minutes praising, thanking and just being with Jesus.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- All children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Children will proceed to the church basement (Monsignor O'Connor Hall) before the first reading and return during the offertory. Volunteers are needed for this ministry. If interested, please call Debbie at 732-223-9823.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS- Mass is boring... NO MORE. Our next Youth Group get together is this 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

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 info.*

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

As we continue Respect Life, I congratulate our parishioner George Taylor who is recognized as a Champion for Life by our local Pro-Life Group here at our part of the Jersey Shore. George has utilized his power of prayer for years and years and in-so-doing has witnessed to our belief in the Right to Life and the pastoral care that women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy are in need of. With George's witness in mind, I share with you notes about "Building a Culture of Life", from the USCCB Respect Life Program:

We are sent on a mission to build a culture of life. God is filled to overflowing with compassion and mercy, and the way He shows it is by giving His guidance, which always leads to life, through the Church. The Gospel of St. John connects these ideas: "My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me." (Chapter 10, verse 27) When the sheep hear His voice, as Catholics do through the Church, God "knows them" and can show His compassion and mercy to all who are "in Christ." God has a plan for each person, and God's guidance never compromises the happiness of a person for his own ends. When God speaks through His Church, we can trust that we "will not die," because He knows us so intimately and has no limit to His compassion and mercy.

The humility and obedience of Christ and Mary is an effective model for how we can go out into the world and share the encouragement and solace that comes from following the ways of God, humbly regarding others as more important than ourselves, just as St. Paul tells us Christ did. It's not only in word, but also in deeds, in following, that we spread the Gospel and find the Lord's compassion and mercy for ourselves. Example: Building a culture of life will always require the Christian to go out into the world, to cultivate around himself what Pope Francis calls a "culture of encounter," having, as St. Paul teaches, "the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." This is not something we can do by ourselves—Christ himself makes it possible. We need not be discouraged when, like the elders whom Christ chastises in the Gospel reading from St. Matthew, the culture does not immediately "change its mind and believe." God will "guide the humble to justice"; we only must follow where his voice leads, knowing that his plan is always triumphant in the end.

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

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.**



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.

HEALING MASS-The Healing Shepherd Prayer Group of Holy Cross Church invites all to a special Healing Mass on Monday, October 23, 2017 at Holy Cross Church, Ward Ave. and Rumson Road in Rumson at 8:00 pm. Rev. Al Tamayo will be the celebrant. The next Healing Mass will be on October 27, 2017. For information call 732-345-8400.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS – Those in need of these specially-approved Communion hosts at Mass are invited to receive from the deacon (if present at Mass) or the priest. Look for the small cup attached to the minister's ciborium, in order to receive the sacramental Body of Christ with a low-gluten host.



**SAINT DENIS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY
732-223-1383**

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.

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS is Thursday, November 2nd. Our deceased loved ones will be remembered in a Novena of Masses beginning on that day. At the exit doors there are special All Souls Novena envelopes. They have also been included in the monthly packets. Please fill out an envelope with the names of your deceased loved ones and return it to the rectory no later than Monday, October 30th. These envelopes will then be placed on the altar during our All Souls Novena of Masses.



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets at St. Rose weekly on Mondays (since 1982) at First Presbyterian Church of Belmar from 7:00-7:45 pm. Introduction is given and new members are always welcome. For more info call Gregory at 732-681-6238 or email giryan@wccm.org

COMMUNITY THERAPUTIC YOGA is designed for cancer patients, arthritis sufferers, or individuals with other health issues who would benefit from a gentle and modified exercise program. In this class we will utilize various techniques and modifications to yoga postures for physical and medical challenges. Moving slowly into and out of postures we will stretch, tone, and strengthen muscles. Each class includes breathing exercises, posture exercises, and relaxation techniques. The class will take place in the St. Denis school building on Fridays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost is free to members of the community with health issues who would benefit from a modified exercise program. Call Bobbi at 848-459-4255 or Ronnie at 732-859-2601 for more information. This program is not associated with the Manasquan Recreation Department.

VINCENT'S LEGACY HELPNG HANDS- The Trenton Diocesan Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has launched an exciting initiative to provide gently used furniture and household goods to our neighbors in need called Vincent's Legacy. Its mission is to ensure every family has a comfortable, functioning home. Please visit its Crowd Source funding site, <https://youcaring.com/svdpVincentlegacy> to learn more about this important ministry and prayerfully consider a \$5 donation.

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



In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives, there is no problem giving others 'their due'. Jesus says, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do for me." Members of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul strive to grow spiritually and to serve those in need in our area. Through your generous gifts to the Society, you are enabling us to be your hands and hearts and to help your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and unsure of what the future holds.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 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!

ROMAN CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS IN CONVERSATION: *We at St. Denis are hosting* the concluding conversation of the joint Lutheran/RC *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry & Eucharist.* **Mark your calendar for 11:00 am or 7:00 pm for this Tuesday, the 24th.** Pastor Mary Farnham will be speaking. Come out and welcome our guests and take part in our important effort of ecumenism. *“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*)

CINDERELLA CHEESECAKE SALE- The Catholic Daughters are taking orders for delicious cheesecakes which are distributed by the Cinderella Cheesecake Company. They come in assorted varieties and are precut into 16 slices. Cakes retail for \$36 and up, but they are being offered for \$23.00 and \$26.00. Order forms are available at the rectory office during normal business hours. You may call Chris at 732-742-4703 with questions or to place an order. Orders must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Prepayment is required and checks should be made payable to: CDA. Orders will be available for pick-up on Monday, Nov. 20th, 3:00-6:00 pm, in Msgr. O’Connor Hall. The cheesecakes are good to have for the holidays and make great gifts!



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY- A day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith-leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith

with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at *Chat-WithThePope.org*. Chat-Pray-Give this World Mission Sunday.



October 1, 2017

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| Weekend Collection- | \$13,784.00 |
| Average Envelope Donation- | \$24.94 |
| 2nd collection (Parish Debt Reduction)- | \$4,826.00 |
| Average Envelope Donation- | \$14.15 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Recovery Corner



Are You in AA or NA? If so, you may like our one-hour meeting at St. Denis where we study a 12-step Recovery Bible. It’s the best-selling Recovery Bible out there and people in recovery LOVE IT because we know our higher power is Christ and we can grow closer to Him by reading His Word! Meetings are at 10:00 am in the school building AND 7:00 pm in Msgr. O’Connor Hall (St. Denis basement) on Thursdays. Call 848-333-7085 for more information.

ALATEEN- Alateen is a fellowship of young people, ages 11-18, whose lives have been affected by the family disease of alcoholism. The only requirement for membership in Alateen is a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend. Time: 6:00-7:00 pm Day: Tuesdays Place: The Samaritan Center, 36 South Street in Manasquan Contact the Samaritan Center for more information at 732-223-4673.

NJ ADDICTION SERVICES HOTLINE- Need help with a drug or alcohol problem? For assistance and a referral to treatment please call toll-free 1-844-276-2777. Phone calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is a service of Rutgers Behavioral Health Care.

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES- Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. The service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

GOOD COUNSEL’S 11TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET 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.

Diocese of Trenton Pilgrimage to the Nation Basilica in DC

St. Catharine– St. Margaret Parish is hosting a bus for the Pilgrimage on Nov. 4th. The bus will depart from St. Catharine Rectory at 7:30 am. \$25 per person. First Come First Served.

Itinerary

12 noon- Gathering in the Great Upper Church, Welcome, Angelis, Tour of Faith, Luminous Mysteries

12:45-2:30 pm- Pilgrim Passports, Various Chapels in the Upper and Lower Church

1:30-2:30 pm- Catechetical Session with Bishop O’Connell, Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 pm- Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop O’Connell

4:30 pm- Depart for Spring Lake
Contact 732-449-5765 x169 to reserve your seat. Payment due at time of reservation. Space is limited.



ST. CATHARINE/ST. MARGARET PARISH SPONSORED TRIP– Father Gary Koch and Sister Margaret Tierney invite you to travel with them to Croatia and Italy next year. The trip will be from April 16 until April 30. It will include a cruise on a yacht for seven nights and seven nights on land. The trip will stop in Medjugorje, Venice and Milan. There will be a presentation on October 25th at 2:00 pm in St. Margaret’s Church, 300 Ludlow Ave. in Spring Lake. For more information please call 732-449-5765.

RED BANK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting two Open House events this fall. If you have an interested student, you are welcome to visit the school on Sunday, 10/22/17 from 2:00-4:00 pm, or Monday, 10/23/17, 4:30-7:00 pm. At the Open House you will be able to meet faculty, coaches, students and administration to answer any questions about academics, athletics, student service projects, and what it means to be a “Casey.” Please visit the Red Bank Catholic website at www.redbankcatholic.org for additional information.

THE UPPER ROOM SPIRITUAL CENTER IN NEPTUNE PRESENTS:

Padre Pio: A Personal Experience Padre Pio is a prophet of the people and saint of our 21st century. This presentation will focus on the presenter’s personal experience as Padre Pio’s secretary and the three loves that formed his spirituality; the Eucharist, Mary, and Jesus Crucified. Presenter: Rev. John Aurilia, OFM, CAP, lecturer on Padre Pio in Canada and the U.S. Date: Tuesday, 10/24/17 Time: 7:00-9:30 pm Place: Upper Room Spiritual Center Fee: \$25-\$50 (sliding scale)

Twenty-Second Annual Spirituality Conference.. Living with Less Fear in Our Lives: Trusting in a Wise and Fully Empathetic God Presenter: Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, Ph.D, international speaker and author of many articles and books including Holy Longing Date: Saturday, 10/28/17 Time: 9:00 am-4:00 pm Place: Georgian Court University in Lakewood Fee: \$75-\$100 (sliding scale) Box lunch available for an additional \$10. To register for either event or for more information, please call the Upper Room at 732-922-0550.

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.

SPECIAL VETERANS DAY MASS will be celebrated at St. Rose Church in Belmar on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 am. All veterans are encouraged to turn out for this special Mass that honors all veterans, living and the fallen. It is also a special opportunity to pray for peace in our world. This invitation is extended to all members of the neighboring military posts and lodges, including the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FAITH IN ACTION- Have you received hope, comfort and love at a time in your life when you needed it most? Do you feel it’s time to give to others the blessings you have received? There are hospice patients in your area that would benefit greatly from your companionship and encouragement. As a VITAS volunteer you would be trained in how to work with hospice patients and their families. Your assignments would suit your schedule and your location. Find out more about our amazing team of caring VITAS volunteers by calling Rev. Fred Whitehurst at VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® of Jersey Shore at 732-389-0066.

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