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Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Or anytime by appointment

Closed for Religious and
Civic Holidays & Holydays



Letter from Sister Rosaline

Dear Parishioners,

How many times have we had a transforming experience in our lives? Let's begin by asking ourselves have we gone to a quiet place to pray. Jesus went up to the mountain; out to the desert TO PRAY. It was when Jesus prayed that Jesus' face was transformed and his clothes became as white as snow. It was also at that time that, as Luke tells us, Jesus talked about the *exodus* which will take place in Jerusalem and likens it to the event in Israel's history when God led the people out of slavery in Egypt. The word *exodus* means *departure* or *going forth*.

Meanwhile, as Jesus prayed, Peter, James and John slept, and Jesus' spirit and body became one, Jesus pictured himself like the prophet Elijah who would confront those officers of the temple and the empire after he had prayed. According to Luke, Jesus prayed at his baptism when the Spirit came upon him and anointed him. We also read in the Gospel of St. Luke that Jesus often withdrew to deserted places to pray. And again, before Jesus chose twelve of his disciples, as apostles, he spent a night on the mountain in prayer. Likewise, he teaches us to call God, Our Father; and after the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed, "Father, if it is possible let this chalice pass from me; but not my will but yours be done."

As Peter, James, and John awaken from their sleep, Jesus appears to them in all his glory for he is in the company of Moses and Elijah. Jesus (like Moses who led the Jews in an exodus from slavery to freedom) leads us from death to new life – a life of love. Let's take a moment to think about and pray for those persons, in our lives, who have helped us become who and what we are today. The point is that Jesus prayed before every special event in his life and teaches us to do the same. Our Gospel, today, challenges us to look at Easter so that we might focus our sights on Jesus' death and resurrection. Let's spend some quality time each day during Lent to really consider just what his death and resurrection mean for us. Is it merely an historical event or does it truly impact the way we live our lives? Does Jesus' life of prayer help us as we face the problems that we encounter in our daily lives? "Open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and change of heart..."

In our first reading today, Abram is promised the land by God; but with Jesus, we are not promised any land. In our second reading from St. Paul to the Philippians, we are called to look at the fact that we are not only citizens of the U.S. but we are citizens of heaven. In the Gospel, God the Father speaks to Peter, James, and John and says: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

This is what Lent is all about! It took the apostles a long time to get to know Jesus, but it seems to me, the longer they were with him, the better they got to know him and understand him and just what he expected from them and us. "Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and change of heart..." Happy Lent – get to know Jesus and who he is for you!

Prayerfully,
Sister Ro

Parish Activities

Mary, Refuge of Sinners Prayer Group

Wednesday after 8: 30 AM
Mass at Assumption
Church in Msgr. Kelly
Hall. Begins 9/30/2015.

**Franciscan Fraternity of
Divine Mercy** welcomes
you every 3rd Sunday of
each month at St. Elizabeth
Seton Church, Absecon.
All are welcome. For
information call Tom
Stephano @729-6284.

Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of the Rosary
Council #2572 Meetings
are held the 2nd Monday of
the month at 8:00 PM at
the Council Home, 206
New York Ave, N.
Wildwood.

Columbian Squires

Circle #558 a Catholic
Young men's organization
for ages 11 thru 16.
Contact Dan DeMaio 729-
1427 or Tom Connelly 408-
6398.

Forever Young meets the
fourth Tuesday of the
month at 12:00 Noon at
Kelly Hall for lunch and
program.

Legion of Mary Tuesday
at 11:00 AM in St. Ann
Chapel

Adoration is held every
Thursday after the 7:00
AM Mass until Noon at St.
Ann Church.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet
and Benediction** 1st
Friday of the month 3:00
PM at Assumption Church.

Rosary for World Peace
1st Saturday of the month
4:00 PM at St. Ann
Church.



FOREVER YOUNG

*Presents a 3 day / 2 night trip to
Washington, DC*

*With a visit to the World War II
Memorial*

June 9-11, 2016

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodations in the Washington, DC area
- 2 breakfasts
- 2 dinners
- **Guided city tour of Washington, DC** to view famous sites
- **Visit to the Smithsonian Institute**
- **Visit the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
- Baggage handling, hotel taxes and meal gratuities
- Motorcoach transportation included.

Price \$350.00 per person double occupancy
\$50 per person initial deposit with reservation.

Final Payment is due April 20, 2016

Call Phyllis Bocelli 609-425-9523



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

6:30 P.M. – Friday evenings at Assumption Church

Masses

Weekday

7:00 A.M. Mass at St. Ann Church (Chapel)

8:30 A.M. Mass at Assumption Church (Kelly Hall)

Weekend

Saturday 4:30 P.M. Mass at Assumption Church
and 4:30 P.M. at St. Ann Church

Sunday 8:30 A.M. at Assumption Church
and 10:30 A.M. at St. Ann Church

Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. Mass (in Spanish)
at St. Ann Church

Confessions

Saturday – 3:30 P.M. – Assumption Church

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Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 14, 2016

6:30 P.M. Assumption Church

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP



MARCH 5, 2016

\$50 per person

Do what you like in New York City.

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Check out GROUPON for deals.

Supports Wildwood Catholic Crusader Club and Post Prom

Bus leaves at 8:00am from:

Wildwood Catholic High School, 1500 Central Avenue, North Wildwood

Bus leaves at 7:00pm from:

Times Square, New York, NY

Please reserve by Feb. 20

Call MaryBeth Horwell (609)374-0699

or email: 1sandcastle@verizon.net



Mercy Works is a project that invites the diocesan community to observe the Jubilee Year by deepening our commitment to working for peace and justices in our region and beyond.

The Mercy Works theme for February is "Care for the Sick." As disciples of Christ and members of His Church, we are all called upon to be His healing hands, extending mercy and love to those among us who are ill or infirmed.

One great way to care for the sick this month and all year round:
Take time to stop by and visit with an elderly neighbor. This gesture will bring delight and serve to remind them that they are still a vital member of their church and community.

For more information; check the Diocese of Camden's Home and Parish Healthcare Services, contact VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services at 856-583-6423.



*Yes we did...tell
your friends!*

WCHS Crusader Club &
Post Prom Committee are
hosting

**Ladies Night
Bingo**

Coach, Longaberger,

Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke

Saturday Feb 27, 2016

Former St. Ann's School Magnolia & NJ Ave

\$30 per person, 20 games

7-10pm, Doors open at 6pm

Fundraiser – food & beverages for purchase

For further information / reservations contact Bonnie Feraco

602-3774



Extraordinary Ministers Meeting

As the Jubilee of Mercy year unfolds for us, it is important for all our Liturgical ministries to pray and be open to all the mercies and graces God wishes to bestow on you and our parish of Notre Dame de la Mer through your gift service. **Mark your calendar: February 22, 2016, 6:30 PM** will be an evening of renewal and updating for all our **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. It is most important that all our ministers be present. If it is impossible for you to attend, please contact Jonathan Delgado at the Parish Center 522-2709 x219 ~ until then... *"Blessed be the Name of the Lord, for His mercy endures forever!"*

Stewards Show Gratitude



Parish Stewardship

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we as **Stewards** show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we Make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

Thank you for your support!



Ecumenical Lenten Soup Lecture Supper

During Lent 2016 the churches of the "Wildwoods" will be sponsoring the "Wednesday Lenten Soup Lecture Suppers". The suppers will take place at a different church each of the five Wednesdays of Lent. Those who attend will gather for a simple meal of a hearty soup and bread and dessert with a hot or cold drink. The meal will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. and a 30 to 45 minute presentation will follow.

Please come and take part in the series.

February 24, 2016—First Baptist Church of Wildwood, Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

March 2, 2016—First Presbyterian Church, Pacific Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

March 9, 2016—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

March 16, 2016—North Wildwood United Methodist Church, Central Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ

CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Divorce and Beyond is a seminar/support group for those who are separated and have made the decision to divorce or have gone through a divorce. A 12-week program will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish on Wednesday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM beginning March 2 at the Parish Center, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. A \$20 registration fee will cover the cost of the seminar and materials. For more information Debbie: 856-881-4133.



Misericordiae Vultus

Grace, mercy, and peace to all who continue to prayerfully reflect on Pope Francis' letter. In his words, "...so they may contemplate the face of mercy." (4)

Pope Francis continues.... "We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to live joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle's exhortation: "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year.

As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicated God's action toward us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviours that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." MV 9

At this time we pause from the text to encourage all of us to go on the web for our own copy of "**Misericordiae Vultus**" so we can actually **hold** Francis' words in our hands and pray with them often during this Lenten Season, reflecting in greater depths on just what Our Holy Father is calling all of us toPope Francis says, "**Merciful like the Father, is the motto of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely asking nothing in return.**" MV 14

Just a suggestion!

If you are still searching out God's Plan "4U" this Lent how about trying to "Rediscover Jesus" by making the Best Lent Ever? Visit DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver to register and learn more. This is a free (totally Catholic) and popular program that is about helping Catholics reenergize their lives and narrow the gap between "my life and the Gospel".

It is a program connected to the Book Rediscover Jesus—an invitation. By Matthew Kelly that has been in the back of our churches for some time. The e-mail program will take you on a short daily spiritual/vide journey to help you encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way and help you begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer.

Lives can change when habits change. Prayers and blessings on all of us in Rediscovering Jesus in our daily lives now and—after lent is over.



FaithFULL Food Drive March 5-6 2016

As part of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has called upon all of us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The first corporal work of mercy is to Feed the Hungry.

In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing its third annual FaithFULL Food Drive. On the weekend of Saturday March 5 and Sunday March 6 every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to Mass. Notre Dame de la Mer parish has again received approval from the Diocese that all food collected during the FaithFULL Food Drive will go directly to Lazarus House emergency food pantry.

Please bring canned tuna fish, pasta, canned pasta sauce, canned soup, boxed cereal, canned stews and chili, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables.

Are we surviving or thriving???

"It is impossible to get close to Jesus and stay close to him without developing an intimate daily conversation with him. This conversation may be scheduled prayer and spontaneous prayer. One type of scheduled prayer-*The Prayer Process* can be a starting point for beginners and those trying to forge the habit of prayer. Its structure celebrates where you are on the journey.

Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for what you are grateful for today.

Awareness: Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you have learned from them.

Significant Moment: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through the event or person.

Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or him) and to fill you with a deep abiding peace.

Freedom: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life so that you can experience the freedom to-be-the-best-version-of-yourself.

Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Finish by praying the Our Father.

The habit of daily prayer will transform you in unimaginable ways.....We can survive without prayer, but we can not thrive without it. The question remains.....Are we thriving or just surviving?"

Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly (pages 122-123)

Taxpayer Alert! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Every child transferring from a private school to a public school impacts your taxes. This request for increased transportation funding is minimal compared to the impact of transfers due to lack of available transportation.

Please call, write, or email the office of Governor Christie and ask him to increase the per-pupil allotment for nonpublic school transportation in his 2017 budget.

Mailing Address:

The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of the State of New Jersey
The State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <http://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>

NJCC Voter Voice System:

<https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/43871/Respond>

(you can simply add your signature to the sample letter)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE FUTURE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEPENDS ON ALL OF US!

24 Hours of Mercy March 4 - 5, 2016

Our Holy Father invites dioceses throughout the world to celebrate 24 hours of Mercy. St. John Neumann Parish, St. John of God Church, North Cape May with the help of priests throughout Southern Cape May County, **Confessions from 3:00 PM Friday to 3:00 PM Saturday.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is welcoming and encouraging all during this same time period.

At these designated hours, the following is available:

3:00 PM ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
7:00 PM ~ Stations of the Cross	Church
9:00 PM ~ Rosary ~ Joyful Mysteries	Church
8:00 AM ~ Rosary ~ Luminous Mysteries	Church
10:00 AM ~ Rosary ~ Sorrowful Mysteries	Church
12:00 PM ~ Rosary ~ Glorious Mysteries	Church
3:00 PM ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel

Liturgy & Prayers

SATURDAY February 20

4:30 PM Kathleen Carfagno r/b Eleanor Schaffer
Assumption Beth Walker r/b Eleanor & Robert
Church Kimball

Church Helen Nowakowski r/b Bob & Carole
 Pyzia

4:30 PM Intentions of Jeanne Williams r/b Friends
St. Ann Joey Berthesi r/b Nanny & Poppy
Church

SUNDAY February 21

8:30 AM Josephine Corino r/b Betty Katz
 Louis Celenza

Francis Furey r/b Laura Turner
 Robert Moore r/b Laura Turner
10:30 AM William Dale Sokel r/b George & Carolyn
 Miller

Diane Bove Mc Cullough r/b Carlo &
 Valerie Bove & Family

John O'Malley r/b his Wife, Claire

John Mc Bride, Jr. r/b his Family

Rick Lamb r/b Ernie, Donna & Mary

7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY February 22

7:00 AM Jim Pellicore r/b Forever Young Group

8:30 AM Intentions of Sister Rosaline r/b The Girls

TUESDAY February 23

7:00 AM No Intention

8:30 AM Matt Diana r/b his Wife, Stella

WEDNES. February 24

7:00 AM David Jest r/b his Mom, Pat

8:30 AM Fred Alfonsi r/b Maryann

THURSDAY February 25

7:00 AM No Intention

8:30 AM No Intention

FRIDAY February 26

7:00 AM Charles Zimmerman r/b his Wife, Wilma

8:30 AM Lena Bower r/b Mom, Dad & Brothers

SATURDAY February 27

4:30 PM Rita Martorano r/b Joan Troiano

Assumption Francis J. Mahoney r/b Cousins: Dennis,
Church James R, Kathryn, Mary & Families

Carmela Catanese r/b Helen Kita

4:30 PM Charles Sullivan r/b Kathleen & Jack
St. Ann Connelly

Church Sr. Eugene Margaret Donohoe
 r/b Mrs. Betty Mansfield



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL- Jean Archer, Christian Buscham, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Betty Collins, Stumpy Countiss, Jean Cunningham, Angie Dabbingino, Dan Elkins, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Linda Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Maggie Hartley, Nick Herman, Sr., John D. Howe, Janet Johnson, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Henry Korzeniowski, Elizabeth Love, Rose Mattera, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullin, Mary Ann Metzger, Marie Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Bob Necker, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Madison Pagliaccetti, Valerie Biedzian Parr, Halina Poznanska, Cecelia Puerta, Mamie Reed, Tom Ribnick, Tony Robinson, Pat Rooney, Luigi Rovar, Rose Salvitelli, Jane Scarano, Michael Bailey Schafer, Steven Seeberger, Baby Tommy Seibert, Carol Seibert, Michael Schaefer, , Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, Roger Thompson, Jr., John & Jennifer Tipton, Stacey Tipton, Cheryl Tolen, Luke Trask, Marie Tumolo, Brian Uetz, Colleen Veireck, Marissa Vinni, David Wardius, Frank Werba, Dawn Herman Williams. **Also, anyone who wishes to receive Communion may also call the parish offices. Names will remain on the sick list for three months.**



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Physicians and Associates and at St. Ann Church for Stella Rakowski r/b the Celinski Family

Pasta Festival

Wildwood Catholic High School

Sunday, March 13

4:00pm to 7:00pm

Enjoy a pasta buffet served with
 Caesar Salad & Dessert

**Wildwood Catholic High School
 presents**

"Snoopy the Musical"

March 13 - 2 pm

**Join us for a Pasta Dinner / Show combination
 ticket**

\$25 (dinner immediately following show)

Wild-

wood Catholic High School

15th Street Cafeteria Entrance

Children (under age 10) ~ \$7.50 Adults \$15.00

**For tickets and/or information, please call
 Wildwood Catholic High School at 522-7257
 Carol 465-6081, 408-0612**

Jewelry Trunk Show

Help support WCHS Forensics Team to compete in the NCFL Grand National Tournament in Sacramento, CA
 Sunday, February 28, 4-7 PM ~ Crest Tavern. Wildwood Crest ~ 609-522-1200
 Admission \$2 ~ includes appetizers, entry in raffle ~ Jewelry price ranges from \$10-\$35 per piece!