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## Parish Office Hours

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

Closed for Religious and  
Civic Holidays



# Letter from Sister Rosaline

Dear Parishioners,

The Third Sunday of Advent or Laetare Sunday is our celebration today. John the Baptist challenges us to change our lives. We are never too old; nor are we incapable of this change. It is important for us to remember that Jesus, his parents, relatives and friends are all Jewish. There is no baptism in the Jewish tradition. The word *baptism* stems from the Greek word *baptizo*, which means *to wash, to dip under, to immerse*.

In the Jewish tradition, the ritual of dipping or immersing in water, is understood as spiritual cleansing rather than a physical act. The water must be living water (fresh, running water as in the River Jordan.) This cleansing is called *mikveh* which in Hebrew refers to any gathering of waters or bath for purification. The prophet Jeremiah tells us that God is the *mikveh* of Israel. In other words, God is the hope, or the awaited of Israel. To take the cleansing bath, John preaches is to turn toward God and the hope Jews await. It is an act of conversion that commits one to new ways of acting.

In today's gospel John insists that his hearers must pay attention and change their daily lives before they receive baptism. John tells them to share their belongings and food with those who are without clothes and food. He tells tax collectors to collect only the money taxes require. He tells soldiers not to bully people nor accuse them falsely. John reminds them and us to practice justice in our everyday lives and work.

Since it is only after we have chosen to take care of others, that we can immerse ourselves in the water and receive the baptism of repentance. John teaches that not being clean is a spiritual condition rather than a physical one.

When people wash in the Jordan, they express a commitment to just living – they will turn toward sharing, express honesty in taxes and business by respecting others and building peace. They now, have become not only children of Abraham by blood, but people of the covenant by commitment. A woman goes to the *mikveh* after the birth of a child to signify the life change. Jesus was baptized to signify his change in direction from his private life to his public life. We, as adults, no longer share the ritual of *mikveh* with our Jewish brethren, but we do share the responsibility to care for those who are without the basics of life.

Just as John the Baptist helped the people of his time examine their consciences, Pope Francis is calling us to ecological conversion. He wants us to change our way of thinking about progress, so that it can include and sustain all people. Are we willing to accept this challenge? What are we able to do? Let's talk about the places in creation that brought us joy. What are some practical ways and steps we might take to participate in the "culture of care" that Pope Francis wants us to build? What are some actions that we might practice which will keep the earth sustainable? How do we experience joy?

Prayerfully with joy,  
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.

### Important Notice to Daily Morning Mass attendees at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish!

Keeping everyone safe is our main concern and in order to accomplish this we ask that you please follow the procedure below when weather is not favorable in the morning to attend Mass:

Please listen to the radio to see if Cape Trinity Catholic School or Wildwood Catholic High School is closed-if the schools are closed **there will be no morning mass. (This is for the 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM Mass.)**

Please know that we want you safe to be able to return to the family of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish when the weather permits. Do not take chances that are not necessary. We understand and we know that God understands.

### Wildwood Catholic High School Events!

#### Jewelry Shopping

Meaningful "Faith Inspired" Jewelry Collections for the whole family. Shop Christian Bling at [ctbling.com](http://ctbling.com). Sale ends December 13 for Christmas delivery. Enter the code **GIVE WCHS** and 10% of the sales will be donated to Wildwood Catholic. Available: Virtues & Gift Line, Sacrament and Saints Collection, Papal Signature Collection, Breast Cancer Awareness and more...



Wildwood Catholic High School Crusader Club



#### LUCK OF THE IRISH CASH RAFFLE

To benefit the Academic and Athletic Programs at Wildwood Catholic High School

Drawing on St. Patrick's Day March 17th, 2016 at 2pm at WCHS 1500 Central Ave. North Wildwood, NJ 08260

\$50 for 1 ticket  
\$100 for 3 tickets



Grand prize 35%  
Second prize 10%  
Third prize 5%

Go in together with family and friends to purchase multiple tickets!

Maximum of 1500 tickets being sold

Mail check made payable to WCHS Crusaders with your name, address, and phone number and we will mail your tickets to you!



#### Gift Cards

GET YOUR GIFT CARDS AT CTC! Cape Trinity Catholic (1500 Central) sells Gift Cards year round and every school day from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. How convenient is that! We stock gift cards for over 50 stores and restaurants and can special order hundreds more! These are the same gift cards you've seen at local stores. They won't cost you an extra cent and we raise money on every gift card we sell-please tell your friends and family and buy your gift cards for shopping and gift giving from CTC! Look for the red CTC Gift Card packet in the back of the churches! In it you will find order forms for the gift cards we stock plus the special order gift card list and holiday order dates. Payment of cash or check is accepted. Email [joannemesser@gmail.com](mailto:joannemesser@gmail.com) or call the school office at 609-522-2704 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

### REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**

### Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía.

Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al:

**1-800-964-6588**

### 성폭행 신고 접수

사제, 부제, 수도자, 종업원, 혹은 자원 봉사자들에 의한 성폭행 사례 신고자들을 지원하기 위하여 무료 상담 전화가 캠프 교구에 설치되었습니다. 통화내용은 전문 상담 치료사에 의해서 신중히 처리됩니다. 뉴저지 법률에 의거, 어린이 성폭행 사례들은 뉴저지 아동 보호 및 관리부, 그리고 법률 집행부서로 보고 됩니다.

상담과 지원 서비스에 대한 기타 자세한 정보나 문의 전화는,

**1-800-964-6588**

### TỔ CÁO LẠM DỤNG TÌNH DỤC

Địa Phận Camden có đặt để biệt lập một điện thoại miễn phí để cho những ai bị các linh mục, thầy phó tế, sơ, nhân viên hay tình nguyện trong giáo xứ lạm dụng tình dục trẻ em. Sẽ có nhân viên có bằng cấp làm việc xã hội và đáng tin cậy để nhận phôn và lắng nghe. Luật tiểu bang buộc phải báo cáo những trường hợp dưới vị thành niên bị lạm dụng tình dục tới cơ quan bảo vệ trẻ em. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về hướng dẫn hay giúp đỡ xin gọi số điện thoại: 1 (800) 964-6588



#### Attention

#### Anyone who loves to knit/crochet

We are asking anyone who knits/crochets to be kind enough to make hats, scarves or gloves to be given out this coming winter to all those in need. You can put these in the baskets at church along with the canned goods.

This would mean a great deal to those who come to Lazarus House in these upcoming cold months. If anyone would like to donate these items, that would be greatly appreciated also. Thank you for your time and talent!



**Notre Dame de la Mer  
Parish Presents The 15th  
Annual  
“Sounds of Christmas  
Concert”**

Our 15th Annual “Sounds of Christmas Concert” with the BelCanto Lyric Company & Symphony Orchestra with a Medley of Traditional Christmas Music will be held at the Church of the Assumption this Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are available before and after Mass this weekend or at the door. Cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Religious give thanks.** “We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never out done in generosity, to reward you”. Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

**Forever Young Reminders**



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There will be **NO MEETING** in December for our Forever Young Group. **BUT** we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon on

Wednesday, 12/16/15  
Duffinetti’s Restaurant  
4600 Pacific Ave.  
Wildwood, NJ  
at 1:00 PM

**Members \$20. – Non Members \$25.**

Lunch includes: salad, entrée and rice pudding for dessert.  
Entrée choices: lasagna, chicken parm, and flounder Italiano.  
For information and reservations call:  
Phyllis @ 609-884-3535.



**Cub Pack 184**

Cub Pack 184 is still accepting boys; grades K thru 5th grade who would like to join the fun of scouting, please call Dan Petela @609-780-0581 or email

[mac1150@verizon.net](mailto:mac1150@verizon.net).



**Stewards Share in Thanksgiving**



*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”*  
(Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give his **Stewards** all that they need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**New Jersey Right to Life Winners**

The following are the winning ticket numbers:

- 1st Prize 2016 Volvo #07973
- 2nd Prize \$1,000 Shop Rite Card #169767
- 3rd Prize \$ 750 Shop Rite Card #140061
- 4th Prize \$ 500 Shop Rite Card #097797

Congratulations! Thank you to all who participated in the raffle and to our volunteers for their time.

**Bus Trip to Philadelphia**

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 ~ Treasures of the Vatican & St. Rita of Cascia’s Shrine ~ \$98 per person. Trip includes: Transportation, entrance to the Franklin Institutes “Vatican Splendors”, visit to St. Rita’s Shrine and lunch. Trip departs St. Ann’s at 8:00 AM. For information call Rose Leone 856-797-1888 or Joe Tighe 609-522-3362 or register at Miracles Fitness Gym in Rio Grande.

**Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!**

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift to give to your spouse, and family, this Christmas!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attend a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of February 12 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.



## 2015 Christmas Liturgy Schedule

**Penance Service**  
**At St. Ann Church**  
**Tuesday, December 15th ~6:30 PM**

**Confessions**  
**Saturday, December 19th 3:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**St. Ann & Assumption Churches**

**Mass Schedule**  
**Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th**  
**St. Ann Church ~ 4:30 PM (Children's Mass)**  
**Assumption Church ~ 5:30 PM**  
**Prelude ~5:00 PM**

**Christmas Day, Friday December 25th**  
**St. Ann Church ~ 10:30 AM**  
**Assumption Church ~ 8:30 AM**  
**Mass in Spanish Language ~ 7:00 PM**

**New Year's Eve, Thursday December 31st**  
**St. Ann Church ~ 4:30 PM**

**New Year's Day, Friday January 1st**  
**Assumption Church ~ 8:30 AM**  
**St. Ann Church ~ 7:00 PM (Spanish)**

### **Merry Christmas**

The Giving Trees are up in each of our churches and once again we are asking for your generosity. More children than ever need our help. Take a tag from the tree and select an age appropriate gift for a child. Random gifts are also welcomed. So if you see a great sale pick up an extra even if you don't have a tag. Please no cash or gift cards. Cash or check donations are appreciated and the elves will do the buying for you. Return all gifts to the tree before **December 20, 2015** In 2014 over 125 children were helped by Notre Dame de la Mer Parish.



The manger is empty during Advent as we await the coming of our Saviour. Let the anticipation of Christ's birth fill our hearts with love for all God's children.

## **Lazarus House** (Emergency Food Pantry)



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."*

Thank you for your kind donations to Lazarus House emergency food pantry. We welcome all donations of food delivered to Lazarus House on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon, or placed in one of the baskets at the doors of the churches. All donations to poor boxes, plus cash, checks, gift cards or in memory of someone, or bequests identified for Lazarus House, in any collection, or sent to the parish offices, go directly to help provided food and other essentials for those in need in our community. We are always in need of cereal, pasta, tuna fish, peanut butter, hot chocolate, oatmeal, canned stews, pasta sauce and chili. Thank you. For questions or additional information contact: Frank Stone 609-729-7217.



### **Jubilee of Mercy**

#### **Holy Doors of the Diocese of Camden**

To celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica on December 8. Soon after, five Holy Doors will open throughout the Diocese of Camden welcoming pilgrims who wish to partake in this ancient ritual.

#### **December 13**

- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden  
**10:30 AM**

#### **December 20**

- Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mary Mother of Mercy Parish, Glassboro **8:00 AM**
- Church of St. Nicholas, Parish of Saint Monica, Atlantic City  
**12:00 Noon**
- Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Divine Mercy Parish, Vineland **12:30 PM**
- Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cape May **10:30 AM**

For more information on the Jubilee of Mercy go to [camdendiocese.org/mercy](http://camdendiocese.org/mercy)



### **Gift Shop**

The gift shop at Assumption Church is available before and after our Masses at that location or by calling Betty at 609-675-5146. We are currently offering 50% off all Christmas items. Spend \$20 and receive a free tote bag.

## *Liturgy & Prayers*

### **SATURDAY** *December 12*

**4:30 PM** **Minnie Giannetti r/b Mary & Rocky**  
**Assumption Church** **Charles William Ronn, Jr.** r/b his mom,  
 Pat  
**Dominic Apikos** r/b Leon & Stephanie  
 Stratoti

**4:30 PM** **Walt Everitt** r/b Family  
**St. Ann Church** **John Mc Bride, Jr.** r/b the Clarke Family

### **SUNDAY** *December 13*

**8:30 AM** **Anna Muchetti** r/b her Husband  
**Alice Borneman** r/b Ed Borneman  
**Intentions of Donors to WCHS**  
**Charles William Ronn, Jr.** r/b his Mom

**10:30 AM** **Robert (Rocky) Bryant** r/b his Family  
**Provence, Chambers & Ostrow Families**  
**Michael D'Ettore** r/b Tina Staley  
**Stella Rakowski** r/b Charlotte Konopka  
**Intentions of Cheryl Tolan** r/b Pat Jest

**7:00 PM** **For Our Parishioners**

### **MONDAY** *December 14*

**7:00 AM** **Thomas Kelhower** r/b his wife, Theresa  
**8:30 AM** **Carl Joseph de Vecchis** r/b Fr. Joseph  
 Wallace

### **TUESDAY** *December 15*

**7:00 AM** **Albert Schmid** r/b the Hughes Family  
**8:30 AM** **Charles William Ronn, Sr.** r/b his wife,  
 Pat

### **WEDNES.** *December 16*

**7:00 AM** **John Mc Bride, Jr.** r/b Eleanor Schaffer  
**8:30 AM** **Antonette Dagati** r/b Mary & Rocky

### **THURSDAY** *December 17*

**7:00 AM** **Intentions of Linda Silimperi** r/b Ida &  
 Jerry Mc Cormick  
**8:30 AM** **John & Rita Novak** r/b Son, Jack

### **FRIDAY** *December 18*

**7:00 AM** **No Intention**  
**8:30 AM** **Joan Novak** r/b her husband, Jack

### **SATURDAY** *December 19*

**4:30 PM** **Caroline Doherty** r/b Jean & Helen  
**Assumption Church** **Josephine Corino** r/b John & Toni Kill  
**Mary Watson** r/b Bill & Charlotte  
**Dominic Apikos** r/b Leon & Stephanie  
 Stratoti

**4:30 PM** **John Mc Bride, Jr.** r/b The Spiewaks  
**St. Ann Church** **Norma & Marie Kelly** r/b Bill Kelly &  
 Family  
**Bob Mc Namara** r/b Kitty Lloyd



### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL-** Thomas Ankrua, Jean Archer, Isoletta Batten, Edward Bauman, Melissa Bauman, Jacob Bouren, Robin Brown, Jack Burke, Thomas Burke, Jr., Christian Buscham, Betty Campbell, Kathleen Cantwell, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Betty Collins, Patricia Cook, Stumpy Countiss, Jean Cunningham, Angie Dabbingino, Kathryn D'Amico, Tyler Dodson, Dolores Dorman, Charles Durnin, Dan Elkins, Bette Engblom, Ginny Feltwell, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Mary Fioravante, James Futrell, Helen Garagosa, Jennifer Graber, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Maggie Hartley, Drew Heimack, Nick Herman, Sr., Janet Johnson, Kelly Joyce, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Henry Koreniowski, Jean Kottea, Yvonne Kukielka, Lois Lauriello, Amanda Long, Charles Long, Elizabeth Love, Rose Mattera, Mary McCall, Francis McCullough, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullen, Mary Ann Metzger, Janet Meyer, Helen Mihal, Kathleen Miller, Krista Mote, Marie Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Genevieve Oliver, Tom Olsen, Madison Pagliaccetti, Brittany Peace, Karen Prendergast, Kimberly Prendergast, Cecelia Puerta, Mamie Reed, Tom Ribnick, Tony Robinson, Pat Rooney, Luigi Rovar, Rose Salvitelli, Jane Scarano, Michael Bailey Schaefer, Steven Seeberger, Baby Tommy Seibert, Carol Seibert, Michael Schaefer, Jeff Silver, Eileen Simone, Catherine Simone, Lorraine Sirianni, Sally Smith, Donald Staffieri, Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, Bernie Sullivan, Harry Taylor, John & Jennifer Tipton, Stacey Tipton, Cheryl Tolen, Luke Trask, Marie Tumolo, Brian Uetz, Colleen Veireck, 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 Charles William Ronn, Sr. & Jr. and at St. Ann Church for Robert (Rocky) Bryant

