

## Parish Offices

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### Pastor

Rev. Joseph D. Wallace x215

### Parochial Vicars

Fr. Yvans Jazon x214

Fr. Cesar A. Rebolledo-  
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### Parish Administrator

Mr. Kevin Quinn x217

### Life-Long Faith Formation Director

Ms. Anna Mae Muryasz x218

### Pastoral Associate

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Sr. Rosaline Walters x221

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### Office Staff

#### Bookkeeper

Mrs. Anna Landis x213

#### Parish Secretary/Volunteers

Mrs. Pat Manning x210

#### Religious Ed Assistant

Mrs. Sonia Ford x218

## Parish Office Hours

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

Closed for Religious and  
Civic Holidays & Holydays



## Letter from Fr. Cesar

Dear Parishioner,

With the baptism of the Lord the season of Christmas is concluded; and as Saint Justin Martyr said, concludes the revelations that Christ makes of himself to humanity. The question that worries many is : Why Jesus insists on being baptized? The baptism of John was of repentance and expressing the deep desire to be purified of sin. Within the mystery of the Redemption Christ wanted to be counted among sinners. In his incarnation Christ sympathizes with humanity. Solidarity, as defined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1948, "is the virtue ... that leads to the exercise to communicate spiritual goods ". Obviously this does not preclude the material goods which are necessary and are not the most important. In this solidarity is based some articles of faith that we express in the Creed as they are in "the communion of saints" and the "unity of the Church" refers to the solidarity between the Church triumphant and militant to which we belong. St Paul says in his letters that Christ gave himself up for his Church and that is the reason to talk about a "redemptive solidarity". This solidarity was expressed in the death of the Lord. If it is true that they did not have to be baptized by not be sinner in the same way should not die because the scriptures said : " death is wages of sin ". What we celebrate today is the gift to be children of God. Christ wanted to share with us, to the very depths of our being and our fate in an absolute way, without the sin. In this way and through the Solidarity he wanted to transform that same reality. Not only did he want to be counted among sinners, but Christ seized all of the sins of mankind and its consequences. In reality it is not the water of the Jordan which purifies Jesus. But on the contrary, it is he himself who gives the water the power of sanctifying. Our baptism is the real participation in his Passover and therefore we are truly regenerated to be new creatures. From our own freedom, we opened our soul to the Divine Grace, so that the action of the Holy Spirit makes us children of God and members of the Church.

Fr. Cesar



## 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.



### 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!



**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**

## 2016 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

A bus will leave Our Lady of the Angels Church on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 6:45 AM. The bus will make a second passenger pickup at 7:00 AM at the Garden State Parkway Mile Post 18 Service Area. The bus will start the trip back from Washington, D.C. at about 4:00 PM and will arrive back in Cape May Court House at about 8:00 PM. Contact bus co-captains Steve Atzert 609-465-7765 or [satzert1@verizon.net](mailto:satzert1@verizon.net) or Alvin Westerland 609-374-0499 to reserve your seat or if you have any questions.

## Crusade for Excellence



Wildwood Catholic High School has pursued a Crusade of Excellence since 1948. Today WCHS is stronger than ever with increasing enrollment, enhanced curriculum and improved facilities; all of this occurring in a faith-filled environment.

We invite you to be a part of our success. Our ANNUAL APPEAL is an ongoing campaign. Four times a year the school newspaper. The Crusader X Press, is sent to about 5000 recipients. Every dollar is important and is greatly appreciated. Wildwood Catholic is the only Catholic high school in the county. Without your assistance, we may not be able to fulfill our promise to future students who want to have a Catholic education.

Each month a Mass is celebrated for the intentions of all who support WCHS. Be a part of our Crusade for Excellence.

School newspapers are available at the back of the church or call the school to receive your copy.



## Bus Trip to Philadelphia

**Wednesday, January 27, 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. **Note change in date!!**



## 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.



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

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



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

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!

## Baptized Stewards



*"John answered them all, I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Luke 3:16a)*

The Catholic Catechism states the "*Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will.*" In other words, as baptized Stewards there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus-the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.



Congratulations to Allie Fiore (pictured on right) who placed first in the North Wildwood 'Veterans of Foreign Wars' Post 5941 Patriotic Pen essay contest. Marina Zolna, a fellow eighth grade student placed second. The essay themes, decided yearly by the national VFW Commander were distributed to schools at the start of the school year. All essays were submitted by November 1. Many thanks to Mr. Joe Orlando, Commander of Post 5941, dedicated veteran and volunteer. First place winners were honored at a dinner and received a monetary prize.



### 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!



### Happy New Year

CTC's *Annual Fund* report for 2014-2015 has been published. Sister Sheila is grateful for the many donations that *Annual Fund* provides. Thank you for your support of Cape Trinity Catholic School and please continue to keep our students and faculty in your prayers during the peaceful time of Christmas.



### Monthly Meeting

Join us on  
Tuesday, January 26, 2016  
12:00 PM in Kelly Hall  
New members are always welcomed!

## IRS Statement for 2015 Contribution

If any parishioner would like a statement of contribution to the church for 2015, please complete the form to below and return it to the parish center or drop it into the collection basket.

**Please mail me a copy of my 2015 contributions for IRS purposes.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_







## Young Adults Retreat

Marianist Family Retreat Center  
417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212  
Questions? Please call 609-884-3829  
Email us at: [mfric@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfric@capemaymarianists.org)  
[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)



### Come Pray, Reflect & Laugh!

February 5 - 7, 2016

This Weekend is intended for Young Adults (age 22 to 35, married or single) who want to examine their personal faith, in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, reflection, faith sharing and social interaction.

**SCHEDULE:** Friday Dinner (6:30 pm) to Sunday (no later than 2:00 pm)

**Cost: \$125 Per Person**

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#### Registration Form

**Program:** Young Adults Retreat Weekend, February 5-7, 2016

Name: _____ (D.O.B.) _____ Spouse: _____ (D.O.B.) _____	<b>Financial Aid?</b> If yes, a financial aid form will be sent to you.  Please list special needs on reverse of this form (e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor room)
Address: _____	
City/State/Zip: _____	
Phone: _____ Email: _____	
Occupation: _____ (Spouse): _____	

**Please mail this form with a \$60.00/person deposit** (payable to the Marianists) that is deductible from the cost but non-refundable if canceled less than 2 weeks prior to the retreat date. **Send to:**

Marianist Family Retreat Center  
417 Yale Avenue P.O. Box 488  
Cape May Point, NJ 08212-0488  
609-884-3829

Questions? Please call or email us at [mfric@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfric@capemaymarianists.org)



## WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.....

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next weekend dates are Feb 19-21 and Apr 22-24, 2016. Call [609-742-4035](tel:609-742-4035) for information

or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).

Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

## Engaged Encounter Ministry

When the required Marriage Preparation Program is accomplished through Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends good things are occurring. A vast majority of attending couples are reporting a much needed positive weekend of spiritual connection and opportunity for improved couple communication in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

If you know an engaged couple, encourage them in their final time of preparation. Consider sponsoring their EE weekend.

Contact: Mary Lou Hughes 856-583-2903



**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.

Luis was imprisoned when he spoke out for human rights in Cuba. He made the heart wrenching decision to leave his adult children behind and come to the U.S. as a refugee. Now he gives back by volunteering with Catholic Charities during his two days off from work a week as a furniture delivery and pick up volunteer. He says he is motivated by the gratitude he feels towards Catholic Charities, and by a desire to help others like him find the "good path" that he has found. Read more of the incredible stories of refugees and learn how you can get involved at [CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/mercy](http://CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/mercy).



## VITALity

### Catholic Healthcare Services

**Do you or someone you love need care at home?**

Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

**1-888-26 VITALity (1-888-268-4825)**

A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe, and secure in their homes.

#### The VITALity HELP-LINE:

- ✦ Provides information and access into Community, Health and Medical Services.
- ✦ Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare insurance and provider system.

All this is provided at no charge through the charitable efforts of the Diocese of Camden.

Visit [Vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://Vitality.camdendiocese.org) for more information.

A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese

Funded through the House of Charity and the Healthcare Foundation of the Camden Diocese.

## Pray for Discernment

God Our Father,  
You have a plan for each one of us,  
You hold out to us a future full of hope.  
Give us the wisdom of your Spirit  
So that we can see the shape of your plan  
in the gifts you have given us,  
and in the circumstances of our daily lives.  
Give us the freedom of you Spirit,  
to seek you with all our hearts,  
and to choose your will above all else.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

## Liturgy & Prayers

### SATURDAY January 9

**4:30 PM** Josephine Corino r/b Bill Rooney  
**Assumption Church** Mary Watson r/b George & Theresa Stuhl  
**4:30 PM** Norma Kelly r/b Bill Kelly & Family  
**St. Ann Church** William D. Mc Neill r/b Joe & Marie Tighe  
**Kathy Mc Conney Boyce** r/b aunt, Joan Leonard

### SUNDAY January 10

**8:30 AM** Josephine Corino r/b Janice Schumann  
**Thomas Marrone** r/b Leon & Stephanie Stratoti  
**Dominic Apikos** r/b Leon & Stephanie Stratoti  
**10:30 AM** Joey Hart r/b Team Hart  
**Margaret E. Smith** r/b her husband, George  
**Philip Gaughan** r/b Anne Richart & Family  
**Stacy Gelzunas** r/b Family & the "Girls"  
**7:00 AM** For Our Parishioners

### MONDAY January 11

**7:00 AM** Carl de Vecchis r/b Pat Jest & Family  
**8:30 AM** John Kosempa r/b Stella Diana

### TUESDAY January 12

**7:00 AM** No Intention  
**8:30 AM** Anna Bucutto r/b Frank & Marina Franco

### WEDNES. January 13

**7:00 AM** Rosamond Walters r/b her daughter  
**8:30 AM** Alice Borneman r/b Ed Borneman

### THURSDAY January 14

**7:00 AM** Thomas Kelhower r/b his wife, Theresa  
**8:30 AM** No Intention

### FRIDAY January 15

**7:00 AM** Dorothy T. Matthews r/b her Husband, Pat  
**8:30 AM** No Intention

### SATURDAY January 16

**4:30 PM** Josephine Corino r/b Barbara & Kevin Burns  
**Assumption Church** Mary Watson r/b George & Theresa Stuhl  
**4:30 PM** William Brunell r/b Don & Faith Brunell  
**St. Ann Church** Joan Mc Devitt r/b Bob Kilgore



### 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, Dan Elkins, Bette Engblom, Ginny Feltwell, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Mary Fioravante, James Futrell, Linda Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Jennifer Graber, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Marie Grecia, Maggie Hartley, Drew Heimack, Nick Herman, Sr., Janet Johnson, Kelly Joyce, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Henry Koreniowski, Jean Kottea, 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 Schafer, Steven Seeberger, Baby Tommy Seibert, Carol Seibert, Michael Schaefer, Jeff Silver, Eileen Simone, Catherine Simone, Lorraine Sirianni, Sally Smith, Donald Staffieri, Stanley Stefankiewicz, Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, 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 our military and at St. Ann Church for Jim Dugan r/b Kathleen Mc Cullough



### Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

**Margaret Callinan, Joseph Cressman, Joseph Weachter, Dolores Mazzotta, and Melissa Chism**

