



# Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

www.notredamedelamer.org

## Mass Schedule

**St. Ann Church**  
**2901 Atlantic Avenue**  
**Wildwood**

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 10:30 AM

**Confessions**  
Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

**Assumption Church**  
**7101 Seaview Avenue**  
**Wildwood Crest**

Monday to Saturday 8:30 AM

Sunday 8:30 AM

**Confessions**  
Wed. & Friday ~ 9 AM-10AM

**Adoration:** Monday ~ Friday  
See page 7 for details



## Upcoming Special Parish Information

\*\*\*Sunday 10:30AM Mass live-streamed\*\*\*

Livestreaming is available through our Facebook & YouTube account . A link to the Mass can be found on our webpage.

**Traveling Statues of Mary:** Reserve your date to take home either Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of Lourdes for a week. See page 8 for details

**Catholic Schools Week Mass:** 10:30, January 28th

**Blessing of the Throats:** February 3rd and 4th (all)

**Ash Wednesday (February 14):**

Mass w/ ashes...8:30 AM - Assumption 6:00PM - St. Ann  
Ashes w/ Liturgy of the Word 4:00PM - Assumption

**Assumption Gift Shop:** The gift shop will be **OPEN** after all Masses. Only cash and check are accepted for payment.



**January 7, 2024**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

## **Notre Dame de la Mer Parish** **Business Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days, & Civic Holidays.

## **Our Mission Statement**

**The love of Jesus Christ gathers us together to welcome and embrace all God's Children.**

## Staff Directory

### Parish Business Offices

1500 Central Avenue, Suite 100  
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### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Mr. Jim Di Fazio

## Stewardship



January 7, 2024

### The Epiphany of the Lord

#### Stewards Worship

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Christian **Stewards**, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

#### Planned Giving

St. Francis of Assisi taught us that it is in giving that we receive. Please consider remembering your parish when planning your estate. You could continue to support your parish into the foreseeable future through your planned giving. Please call us to discuss the possibility of giving through stock gifts, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, real estate gifts and life insurance gifts. Through your generosity the good works of the Church, her spiritual and corporal works of mercy will continue for years to come!



Technology is here to stay.

Everyday, more and more of life's everyday tasks are made easier and automatic through ever-evolving technology.

One way technology can make your life easier is signing up for online giving with Parish Giving™.

Please enroll today by visiting our parish website.

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It's fast, safe and secure.

No sign-up required. Click "pay now"

QR code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website



## *A Reflection From the Desk of Rev. Leonard Peterson*

Dear Parishioners,

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed on January 6, the “Twelfth Day of Christmas.” That was my beloved mom’s birthday. Added in the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia.

Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance.

What it celebrates is captured in the very word “Epiphany” itself. It means a “manifestation” or “showing.” It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about “the wideness of God’s mercy.” His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: “Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?”

Here is a selection from the texts for today’s feast found at St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in London:

The Magi

It might have been just someone else’s story;  
Some chosen people get a special king,  
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,  
We don’t belong, it doesn’t mean a thing.  
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,  
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;  
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,  
A pilgrim’s eye that sees beyond the stars.  
They did not know his name but still they sought him  
They came from elsewhere but still they found;  
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,  
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.  
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice  
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.



- Fr. Peterson

# Mass Intentions

## Saint Ann Church

**SATURDAY** *January 6*

**4:30PM** Bill Cullen r/b John Trainor  
 Annamarie Colliton r/b Chris Knox Sechrist  
 Dolores Connelly r/b Connelly Family  
 Harlan Hoffman r/b Wayne & Judy Sanders  
 Marie Gallagher r/b Forever Young  
 Chuck Long r/b Forever Young  
 Filippo & Concetta Sparacio r/b Rosalia & Family  
 Margaret E. Smith r/b Husband  
 Margaret C. Callahan r/b Murphy Family

**SUNDAY** *January 7*

**10:30AM** Pro Populo

## Assumption Church

**SATURDAY** *January 6*

**8:30 AM** Dr. & Mr. Bob & Bunny Furey r/b Karen Liebert

**SUNDAY** *January 7*

**8:30AM** June Barkovitch r/b Joe & Cookie Sullivan  
 Doris Wade r/b McWilliams Family  
 Greg DiAntonio r/b Kreni & Jeff  
 Robert Gehringer r/b Maryann McGuckin  
 Austin Hood r/b Janice Schumann  
 John Peter Ranieri r/b Paris & Peggy Branda  
 Frank Critini r/b Boda / Quinlan Family  
 Marion Turkington r/b Debra D'Acqua  
 Margaret C. Callahan r/b Ed Murphy and Family

**MONDAY** *January 8*

**8:30 AM** Kellie Connor r/b Bob & Nancie McBrearty

**TUESDAY** *January 9*

**8:30 AM** Living & Deceased Members of the Hullihan & Dean Families

**WEDNES.** *January 10*

**8:30 AM** Helen Marie McCartney (Living) r/b A Friend

**THURS.** *January 11*

**8:30 AM** Salvatore Donato r/b Grandmother, Anna Marie

**FRIDAY** *January 12*

**8:30 AM** Tom Stephano r/b Karen Pommer

**Intentions will be listed for the current weekend masses and the upcoming weekday masses.**



**Sanctuary Lamp:** *The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:*

**St Ann:** Stanley A. Rosinski r/b Son, Ron

**Assumption:** Dr. & Mrs. Bob & Bunny Furey r/b Karen Liebert



## Readings of the Week

### Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Your light has come!

- The showing forth of God's glory is apparent in today's passage from Isaiah.
- All nations will walk by Jerusalem's light, the glory of God within it.
- The prophet announces to the people that even in the midst of darkness, they will forever be enlightened by the presence of God.

### Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

We all share the same promise!

- The earliest Christians, mostly Jews, struggled with the realization that even Gentiles are included in God's plan of salvation.
- Today's letter points out that people in former ages did not understand that God's mercy extended to all people.
- Gentiles and Jews are one body in Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts.

- Matthew's Gospel clearly demonstrates that all the prophecies of old have come to fulfillment in Christ.
- As promised, Gentile wise men recognize Jesus as Messiah even when the Jerusalem sages do not.
- The official priests and scribes quote the messianic prophecies that identify Bethlehem, the city of David's birth, as the birthplace of the Messiah. However, they do not follow their own wisdom.

## Family Reflection Corner

### Weekly Readings Reflection

- The word epiphany means to reveal or to be manifest. What have you learned about God from your family? Cut star shapes out of white paper, one for each family member. Have family members write their responses to the question on the paper stars. Older family members can write for younger children.
- Help your family experience a true epiphany. Spend time this week looking for God. Go out for a walk, or look for God in your home. See where God leads you.
- Discuss these questions: What stops us from seeing God's presence in our world today? What helps us see God's actions and presence in the world around us?

**Funerals:** To be arranged with the funeral director. Please call a funeral home of your choice.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Anytime . Please call the office at 609.522.2709 .



*"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

**“A Time To Be Healed...”**

Carlo J Accardi, Sandra Accardi, Patricia Arena, Gerry Baily, Christina Beck, Bernadette & Family, Victoria Bersani, Sam & Ronnie Black, Liam Blaney, Christina Bober, Alice Boyle, Nick Bonifante, Ed Brunell, Jackie Burroughs, Giuliana Burruezo, Matthew Bzwonariak, William Callahan, Leo Carano, Joseph Carfagno, Angela Carsillo, Jeanne Cassidy, Christine Cavaliere, Robert & Nancy Celebre, Don Chiancone, Carol Clark Korzeniowski, John Cleary, Patti Clifford, Joe Comdeica, John Connelly, Maureen (Peach) Cooper, David Cornell, Sue Cortese, Jim Cunningham, Bonnie Daniels, Frank DeAngelo, Al Deissroth, Niall Devlin, Bob Di-Peso, Sr., Jack DiPaola, Baby Charles Ditchkosky, Dianne Dooley, Gianna Dotzler, Joseph Dotzler, Fran Dougherty, John Dougherty, Bill Douglas, Robert Fath, Patricia Foidl, Ken Ford, Lucy Blue Freeling, Robert Friend, Isabella Fuscellaro, Linda Marie Gallo, Luke Gallo Sr, Matt Girard, Michelina Giuliano, Rosa Giuliano, Robert & Rita Glonner, Eileen Golden, Mary Golden, Joanne Golley, Josie Gorman, Kate Grassi, Nadine Halp, Carol Hanville, Mike Harbison, Sloan Hart, Kevin Harvey, Joan Hearn, Drew Heimack, Charles (Buddy) Hemphill, Donna Hemphill, Justin Hennessy, Joseph Herrera, Theresa Hogan Pettit, Pete Horn, Neal Horrell, John E. Howe, Jay Hunt, Michael Iacona, Nick Iocco, Joe Inemer, Ron Isaacson, Dexter M James, Luke D Johns, Mark Jupin, Dana Kane, Frank Keiser, Margaret Kilkenny, Ronnie & Barbara Klecz, Enzo Kramer, Michelle Lauriello, Roger Lee, Joan Lentz, John Leonetti Sr, Charles Long, Daniel Long, Dorothy Long, Don Long, Ismael Lopez, Max Lopez, George Ludwig, Salvatore M. Larry, Barbara Maggi, Michelle, Jeremy & Jessica Mankoff, Charles Marcinkiewicz, Stanley Marcinkiewicz, Christine Marcinkiewicz-Rose, Carmen Lidia Maldonado, James Maxwell, John MacDonald, Terry Mc Ardle, Mary Ann Metzger, Joan Mikulewicz, Sharon Monti, Bill Morey, Jr., Simon Mosaad, Sean Murphy, Vito Navarra, Lynn Nichols, Sonia O'Connor, Rose Osborn, Sherrie Owens, Brittany Peace, Marie Pellicore, Maria Perez, William Peter, John Pyfer, John Pisani, Russ Pizzo, Gloria Porto, Diane Prout, Brent Reicenbach, Cass Ricci, Nicholas Ricci, Anthony Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Mickayla Rohrer, Sandy Rudnick, Leona Ruddy, Courtney Santarsiero, Heather Santoro, Samantha Rogers, Ed Ruth, Maureen Samanns, Bailey Schafer, Theresa Sherwin, Bob Scully, Bob Siciliano, Joe Simmon, Irene Simone, Jack Smithson, Kathy Snyder, Dan Spencer, Gene Spiegel, Joseph Stever, Peter Subers, Sharon Tanelli, John Teti, Damien Tirello, Olivia Tirello, Michelle Tarbotton-Rucci, Celia Troisi, Joseph J Troiano, Thomas Vanella, Mary Vey, Michael Vitali, Rose Mary Walch, Regina Walsh, Tom Waring, Maureen Wilent, Dawn Herman Williams, Shelby Williams, Pat Winans, Ronald Woods, Michael Yuresko

**Please let us know if we should remove any names**

**“A Time To Be Born...”**

**“A Time To Die...”**

*Florence Matteo  
Mary Kane*

**“A Time To Welcome...”**

*Marie Donahue  
Arthur & Michelle Hayes*

**“A Time To Be Baptized...”**

*Miles Andrew Hackett  
Adeline Hope Abrantes*

**“A Time For Peace...”**

*CPT. Daniel Fida  
CMC Joseph M. Orlando*

**“ Time To Be Married...”**

**prayerNETWORK**

**St. Jude Prayer Warriors**

The Notre Dame de la Mer **PRAYER LINE** is operational. To place someone on the list, please call or text Karen at 609-602-6106. Leave the name of the person and prayer intention. If you would like to join the prayer line, call Karen.

St. Jude Prayer Warriors are keeping our sick and their caregivers in their daily prayers

## Parish Information



**New to the Parish:** Please register. Forms are available on our website under "About Us" or contact the parish office. Any changes such as a new phone number or email, please let us know. If **moving** out of the area, kindly notify the office.

**Come as you are.**

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God



### Walking With Purpose A Catholic Women's Bible Study

"Opening Your Heart" New Registrants

Monday's 9:30-11:00 AM  
St. Joseph Room

"Touching The Divine"

Wednesday's 9:15-11:00 AM  
Msgr. Kelly Hall

For more information contact Kathy Woodside at  
[LTSDANZ@verizon.net](mailto:LTSDANZ@verizon.net) or 609-828-1105



### LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

For 5 weeks during Lent you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary revealing his amazing love for us.

February 21 2024—March 20, 2024  
11-12:30 pm in Kelly Hall  
RSVP by 2/7/24 if you want a book.  
Donnamarie Sexton 609-522-2709 ext 218

All Are  
welcome

Giving online? (**PARISH GIVING**) If you want to stop receiving envelope, please contact the office.

#### Forever Young:

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is January 23rd. All "seniors" are welcome to join the group. Call Carol 609-523-4246 for more information.

January meeting 1/23  
Meeting starts at 12:00...doors open at 11:45

### HEALING THE PAIN OF ABORTION ONE WEEKEND AT A TIME

Do not continue to live in shame, fear or numbness. Call our toll-free national hotline Rachel's Vineyard 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463), National Hotline for Abortion Recovery 866 -482-LIFE (866-482-5433) <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>  
Find Healing on Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends



### "Good Grief" Support Group (additional meeting time)

Have you lost someone you love?  
Would you like to share your story and a cup of coffee/tea with a small group of friends?

Tuesdays: January 9 and 22 at St Ann (former chapel) at 1 pm....enter around the back of the church

Feel free to bring a friend. Contact Nancy McGann  
856.236.2265

Meet your team: Pat Monaghan, Carolyn Miller, Nancy McGann and Deacon Rich

### Homebound Ministry

**Thank you** to those who have recently joined our Homebound Ministry. With the increase of homebound parishioners and the limited number of ministers /priests, **we welcome extraordinary ministers to join this fulfilling ministry.** Your visits to our homebound can be on a weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please contact Karen at 609-602-6106.

"... I was sick, and you took care of me,..." Matthew 25:26

If you or your loved one is homebound and would like a visit and communion brought to them, please contact the office.

### St. Gabriel Ministry

When an individual is confined to their home, it may be difficult to connect with those who love and care for them.



Are you interested in lifting a person's spirits with an occasional phone call? If interested, call Karen at 609-602-6106

## Prayer Opportunities

### Holy Hour of Intercession

The Youth and Young Adults Office at the Diocese of Camden requested that parishes come together in Intercessory Prayers for our youth. With so many daily distractions and temptations negatively affecting the mind, body, soul and spirit of our young people, it is important that we pray for healthy interactions and correct moral values in their lives. We are therefore providing time each month when parishioners can come together to pray for all children and young adults, as well as all the intentions they hold in their hearts.

**Next holy hour will be January 15th  
at Assumption Church after 8:30 AM Mass**



### Adoration

**Monday - Thursday**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Friday**

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM closing with  
Divine Mercy at 3PM

**WHERE:** Msgr. Kelly Hall.

Please sign-up so we have continuous coverage.

Sign-up sheets will be available after daily Mass.

### GROUP MEETINGS

**Mary, Refuge of Sinners Prayer Group** Wednesday after the 8:30 AM in St Joseph's Room at Assumption.

**Rosary for World Peace** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM at St. Ann Church.

### Men's Spiritual Group

NDDLM has an active and vibrant men's group exploring issues we as Catholic men are confronted with. We try to know better what is the Eucharist, why we love Mary, why we confess our sins and who are the apostles and who are the Saints?

"Men please join us, as we begin 2024 with dynamic, enriching and mind blowing discussions this January. We will have a discussion presented by Father Mazzarella on the Holy Spirit. Later in the month we are going to dive deep into purgatory and watch a video and a discussion led by Joe Flood Junior. Stay tuned and keep reading the bulletin as we add to our following months discussions.

**Call or Email Chuck Mirachi for details:**

215.284.2942

cpmvpl@gmail.com

### ~You Are Invited: Wednesday Night Rosary~

Every Wednesday night our group prays the rosary and re-lives each Scripture mystery at 7PM via the link below.

Specific prayer intentions may be submitted via email & will be announced as you meditate on the rosary & scripture reading. If you have questions, contact Chuck Mirachi cpmvpl@gmail.com or 215-284-2942 Hope to see you!

Join by Microsoft Teams by computer or phone

<https://teams.live.com/join/9349847848697>

(Best to use in Chrome, Google or Edge)

## Additional Parish and Community Information

### Parish & Community Organizations

**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. Contact: Joe Lloyd (Grand Knight) at 609-425-2255. For hall rentals call Joe Gillespie 215-870-5632

**Columbian Squires Circle #558** a Catholic Young men's organization for ages 11 thru 18. For additional information or to join the group please contact: Bill McCartney - 609-522-7364 / Tom Manning 609-675-0728

### Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians CMC Div-1

Follow us on Facebook "LAOH CMC Div 1" Or call Judy McLaughlin, President at 609-675-0881. We meet in North Wildwood.

### Lazarus House

(Emergency Food Pantry)

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

Lazarus House is located in the Living Waters Veterans Memorial Chapel at Burk & Pacific Aves in Wildwood, NJ We welcome all donations of food and new personal care items delivered to Lazarus House on Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 10AM & 12PM. Items can also be placed in the baskets by the doors of St Ann & Assumption Churches.

Lazarus House is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Monetary donations & bequests are welcome. Deceased loved ones are remembered on Lazarus House "Remembers" memorial wall for a minimum donation of \$25. Checks, gift cards, & cash can be dropped off at the pantry or mailed to: **Lazarus House, PO Box 1792, Wildwood, NJ 08260.**

For additional information, please contact Frank Stone, Director, at the pantry. Call 609-522-1500. Thank you for your continued support to feed the hungry.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our Respect Life group meets the first Monday of the month.

We are also helping with the 8 week Christ Life - Discovering Christ series which started October 3 and meets every Tue. at 6PM

families that  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
stay together. ©JPPC

### Gluten-Free

Hosts are available for communion. You MUST see the sacristan in the sacristy **BEFORE** Mass begins. Any questions contact Jonathan Delgado at the office.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

MAY GOD'S GLORY FILL THIS YEAR FOR YOU

## Traveling Statues of Mary



Both of our worship sights now have a statue of Mary that we would like our parishioners to take home to pray with.

**St. Ann's Church** will be featuring  
*Our Lady of Fatima,*  
take her home to pray for peace.

**Assumption Church** will be featuring  
*Our Lady of Lourdes,*  
take her home to pray for healing.

Please call the office 609-522-2709 and schedule the statue to visit with you in your home. Drop off and

pick up will be in the sacristy of each church after the Sunday morning mass.



All Are  
*welcome*

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For more information or to make a reservation  
contact Phyllis: 609-425-9523

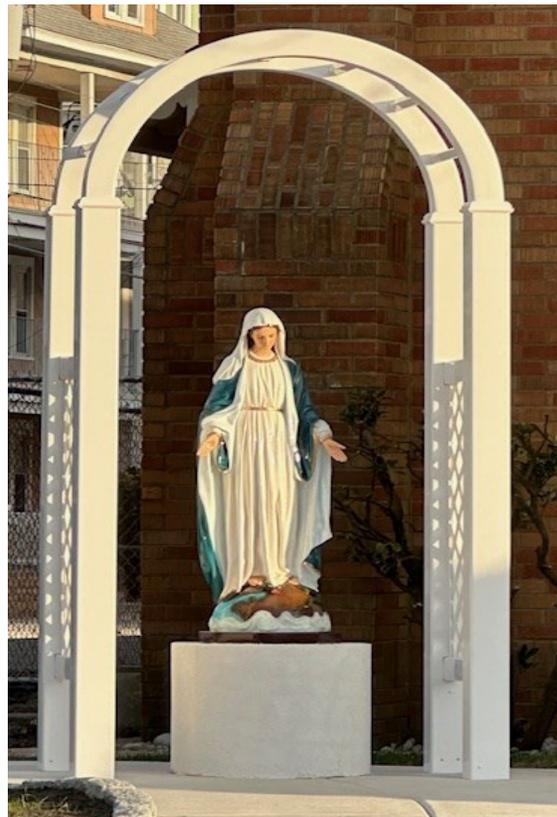
### The Forever Young Senior Bowling Club

Tuesdays at 2 PM at Island Bowl, New Jersey and Oak  
Avenues

This is a mixed Social Club with no assigned teams  
and you can bowl any Tuesday that you are available.

If interested, contact Don Fasolo @ 267-825-0521 or  
Linda Fasolo @ 215-260 3669.

**A CONTINUED BIG THANK YOU** goes out to  
those that help out by straightening up the pews  
after mass at Assumption Church and at  
St. Ann Church. It is much appreciated.



Thank you to the the following people for helping bring  
this prayer garden to fruition by their generous donations.  
**Tom Casso, Karen Pommer and Troiano and Sons**



Thank you to everyone who had a part in making the "Prelude to Christmas" & Holy Nativity a huge success. Our three choirs were breathtaking. The children were outstanding. A giant thank you to Jonathan (choir) and Cassandra (nativity) for bringing joy and happiness to the parish. Notre Dame de la Mer is truly blessed with having so many talented people in our parish.

Thank You to all that sent Christmas Cards to Fr. Mazz, Fr. Tom, and the Parish Staff. We all appreciate the kind words and gifts that have been received.



Thank you to those who have and will donate to our Christmas Flowers. The flower donation / remembrance envelopes will be present on the altar throughout the Christmas season.

A special THANK YOU to all of the donors that contributed to the new NATIVITY SET and MANGER for Assumption Church.

- Matt & Renee Bochanski
- Mr & Mrs Frank S Caruso
- Robert & Mary Walsh
- Pat Thomas
- Joseph & Dolores Walsh
- Deborah Cole
- Vince & Rita Bucolo
- A Few Anonymous Donors
- Carol Rodano
- Estelle Watson
- Domenic Cancelliere
- Forever Young
- Marilyn Goldrick
- Richard & Theresa Fetters
- Hugh & Karen Liebert MD
- Joseph & Jane Visalli
- Vincent Palagruto

- Josephine C Daning
- Pat & Margaret Visalli
- Michael Cunningham
- Ed Borneman
- Candia A Koleszar
- McGarry Family
- Torchy Bower
- Pat Strimel
- Mary Jane Latella
- Karen Liebert
- Irene & Andrew Orefice
- Roseanne Nelson
- William & Bonnie Jo Feraco
- Charles Bramley
- Michael & Kathleen Healy
- Marianne Lewis

**STATEMENTS WILL BE READY BY JANUARY 31**

**If any parishioner would like a statement of contributions to NDDL M for 2023, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Business Office. Feel free to place it in the collection basket at mass or call the office at 609.522.2709, x. 210**

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**Please mail me a copy of my 2022 contributions to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish**

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

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

**Envelope # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Baptism, Marriage & RCIA



### PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[www.notredamedelamer.org](http://www.notredamedelamer.org)

- ◆ GO TO SACRAMENTS
- ◆ GO TO BAPTISMS
- ◆ CLICK ON REGISTRATION FORM and COMPLETE IT
- ◆ SEND THE FORM TO THE PARISH (Deacon Nick)

DEACON NICK WILL CONTACT YOU FOR A REQUIRED PRE-BAPTISM MEETING (CLASS)



### BECOMING CATHOLIC

*An opportunity for:*

*Individuals and families wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith*

*Baptized Christians seeking a deeper relationship with Christ within the Catholic Church*

*Spouses of Catholics or those engaged to Catholics seeking to join the Church*

*Catholics baptized as youth wishing to reconnect with their faith, complete Sacraments and find a church home*

**BUILDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND HIS CHURCH!**

Contact: Deacon Nicholas Danze  
609-522-2709 Ext. 222



**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to making reception plans.  
Contact Deacon Nick  
609-522-2709\*222

## Liturgy & Music



If you are interested in joining our Music Ministry Family here at Notre Dame de la Mer Please contact our Music Director Jonathan Delgado at the Parish office 609-522-2709 ext 219.

The Contemporary Ensemble Sings at the 8:30am Mass at The Assumption Church and once a month at St. Ann's Church. All instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome. Our rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church. The Adult Choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at St. Ann's Church and once a month at the Assumption Church. All are welcome. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church.

Our Children's Choir is open to any student in our Parish Family from grades 3-8. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30pm in The Wildwood Catholic Academy Music Room. We warmly welcome our newest members Mary Kelly, Albert Catarro, Pat Della Bella and Michelle Ansuini to our Music Ministry Family!!





Discover more about vocations at [www.camdenpriest.org](http://www.camdenpriest.org)

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## Sacramental Preparation

The sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation require two years of instruction.

If your child is in need of either Sacrament, please call the parish office to speak with Donnamarie Sexton so she can help with the process.



## School Year Family Catechesis Registration is CLOSED

Family Catechesis will start at 8:45 am with a light breakfast of coffee and cakes. Class begins promptly at 9:00 am.

### School Year PREP Schedule

*All students and at least one parent/guardian must be present at every class & event listed. If you cannot attend let me know ASAP and a written note must be handed in.*

December 10 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am  
December 17 – **Advent Event:**  
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January 14 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am  
February 11 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am  
March 10 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am  
March 22 – **Lent Event:** Youth Stations of the Cross  
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April 14– Class at WCA 9 am-10 am  
May 5 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am  
May 12 – May Procession  
Assumption Church 8:30 am Mass  
June 9 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am

## First Holy Communion 2024

### Presentation Mass and Parent Meeting:

10/22 10:30 Mass @ St. Ann Church  
**First Rec Classes:** 11/11 & 1/20 @ WCA 9-12  
**Retreat:** 2/3 @ Assumption Church you may choose from 3 times 9-10:30, 10:45-12:15, 12:30-2. At least one parent must come with child.  
**First Reconciliation:** 2/7 @ Assumption 6 pm  
Parents are encouraged to go to confession also.  
**Communion Classes:** 2/24 & 3/23 @WCA 9-12  
**Retreat:** 4/27 @ St. Ann Church you may choose from 3 times: 9-10:30, 10:45-12:15, 12:30-2.  
**Rehearsal:** 5/1 @ St. Ann Church 6 pm  
**First Communion:** 5/4 @ St. Ann Church 10am  
**May Procession:** 5/12 @ Assumption Church  
8:30 am Mass

## Confirmation 2024

### Presentation Mass & Parent meeting:

11/19 8:30 am Mass @ Assumption Church  
Assumption Church  
**Confirmation Retreat:** Date TBA, 4-8pm at the Marianist Retreat Center in Cape May Point  
**Interviews:** Will take place in April more information will be available when a Confirmation date is given by the Diocese.  
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