

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

www.notredamedelamer.org

Current Mass Schedule
See Page 5 for Year Round Schedule w/ Changes

St. Ann Church 2901 Atlantic Avenue Wildwood

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM*

Confessions Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

*Livestream - on our Webpage or Facebook

Assumption Church 7101 Seaview Avenue Wildwood Crest

Mon.- Sat.(Daily): 8:30 AM 8:30 AM Sunday: **Confessions**

Wed. & Friday ~ 9 AM-10 AM

Adoration:

Monday ~ Friday See page 7 for details

Upcoming Special Parish Information

Traveling Statues of Mary: Reserve your date to take home either Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of Lourdes for a week. Please call the parish pffice

Ash Wednesday - March 5 8:30 AM at Assumption Church (Mass)

4:00PM at Assumption Church (Distribution, not a Mass) 6:00PM at St. Ann Church (Mass)

St. Patrick's Day Observance Mass:

Saturday, March 15th at St. Ann Church 10:00AM Followed by the City of NW Celebration and Parade

Assumption Gift Shop: Only cash and check are accepted for payment.



HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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.







February 23rd, 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 North Wildwood, NJ 08260 Phone: 609-522-2709 Fax: 609-522-9375

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Mr. Jim Di Fazio

Stewardship



.February 23, 2025 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time <u>Stewards Love</u>

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, in <u>Stewardship</u>, we are to imitate Christ. Most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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 items like **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!

For more info call us at 609.522.2709 or you can visit www.camdengiftlegacy.org to see options.



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 TM .

Please enroll today by visiting our parish website.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Sign up for our Parish Electronic Giving platform

It's fast, safe and secure

Here on vacation? Want to donate but don't have any cash on hand?

No sign-up required. Click "Give as Guest"



QR code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website

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From the desk of Donnamarie Sexton, Parish Catechetical Leader

Dear Friends,

Todays Gospel is a hard one to swallow. In the secular world we are taught to put our own needs first. In a "what's in it for me" society it is a difficult to think about others first and even more difficult to think of loving your enemy, doing good to those who hate you, blessing those who curse you, and praying for those who mistreat you. But right now, I would like you to stop for a second and think about the world as it is today. Is this the world you grew up in? Is this the world you envisioned to raise your family in. What has changed? What is different? Do you prefer the world now? Or then? Do you think it would be different if we did the things Jesus is asking us to do?

We live in a Country so divided on what individuals think of as right and wrong that friends and families no longer talk to each other. We live in a world where some people are looked down upon because of their color or nationality. In this world not everyone is treated equal because of where they were born. We live in a world where people think it is okay to end a life because it is unwanted and a mistake. In this world money trumps dignity. Our world is broken and it needs to be fixed.

When Jesus was born the world was also broken. He came to earth, suffered and died for us so we can live free from the chains of sin. While he was here, he taught us lessons to live by to help keep us free from our sins. We need to start listening to his words. In today's Gospel there are major lessons that can help us. I would like to focus on three lines.

"Do to other as you would have them do to you"

What a wonderful world it would be if we actually lived this line. If we actually treated others as we would want to be treated. If we loved everyone as Jesus taught us. Think about it, most people who are mean and do hurtful things do it because it was done to them. What if instead of treating them the same we showed them kindness and respect. We showed them how it feels to be loved so they would want to do the same.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned."

We all have a story. We all have our reasons for our own actions. We need to stop judging and condemning others for their actions and look upon ourselves. Are you living as Jesus taught you? Are you treating others as you want to be treated? Would you want to be judged and condemned because of someone else actions? Then why do it to others?

If we all lived our lives full of **JOY** this would be a wonderful world! $\underline{\mathbf{J}}$ - Jesus first, $\underline{\mathbf{O}}$ - others second, $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$ yourself last.

God Bless, Donnamarie



Mass Intentions

Saint Ann Church

SATURDAY February 22 4:30PM Charlie Piro r/b Mom

John Connelly (1st Anniv. Of Death) r/b

Kathleen Connelly

Mary Affronti r/b Kay Tombleson Marlin McMaster r/b Jill & Wendi

Peggy Fithian Bustard r/b Michele & Michael

Cummiskey

Joanne Goetz r/b Michael

Maria Altagracia-Martinez r/b Tom & Joyce

Wilson

Frank Antico r/b Kass Fredericksdorf

SUNDAY February 23 10:30 AM Pro Populo

Assumption Church

SATURDAY February 22

8:30 AM Joan Maxwell r/b James & Matthew Maxwell

SUNDAY February 23

8:30 AM Jack Holland r/b Joe Lloyd

Frank Medvec r/b The Spishocks Mark Burke r/b The Burke Family Anne Shay r/b Janice Schumann Stephen Gazak r/b Linda Corzao Peggy McGuckin r/b Family

Anthony Venuti r/b Dave & Barbara Ingersoll

Larry McMonagle r/b Wife Richard Curran r/b Joe Lloyd

MONDAY February 24

8:30 AM Ken Ford r/b Friends of Lazarus House

TUESDAY February 25

8:30 AM Bob Romano r/b Friends of Lazarus House

WEDNES. February 26

8:30 AM Dorothy and Bernard Keeney r/b Daughter

THURS. February 27

8:30 AM Ken Ford r/b Frank & Lois Leone

FRIDAY February 28

8:30 AM Robert Sague r/b Jeff Bauhaus

SATURDAY March 1

8:30 AM Robert Romano r/b Karen Pommer

Intentions will <u>only</u> be listed for the current weekend masses and the upcoming weekday masses.



Readings of the Week

Reading I: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm you.

- Consumed with jealousy, Saul and three thousand men head into the desert searching for David.
- When given the opportunity, David does not harm Saul because he is God's anointed.
- The Lord will reward the just and faithful.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

- As humans, we resemble Adam, who was made from the earth. We also inherit Adam's weaknesses.
- We are also created in God's image.
- We will share in Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel : Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

- Jesus teaches the disciples to love their enemies.
- Treat others as you want to be treated.
- Be kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Family Reflection Corner

Theme: Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

Which line in this reading caught your ear? What sense do you get about God as you listen to this Word proclaimed today?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to treat others as we would want others to treat us. How do you treat others as you want to be treated?

Question for Youth: How do you follow Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you?

Question for Adults: Jesus says, "Give, and gifts will be given to you." When have you experienced your generosity coming back to you?

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 .

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week of February 23 - March 1 in loving memory of

St Ann: Betti McNamara r/b Husband

Assumption: Anita Cole r/b The Cole Family



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"A Time To Be Healed..."

ANNOUNCEMENT:

After many discussions, we are changing the way we receive and list names for the "Sick List".

Names are listed in chronological order as they are received....newest to oldest. Names will remain on the list for <u>one year</u> unless we are notified before that time to remove the name. You can simply call to add the name back to the list.

Most Recent Addition:

Brian Zaikowski

Current List:

Patricia Bastion, William Zaccagni, John Baily, Fran Grace, John Berthsci, Luciana Magueri, Pat McGuire, Kevin Malloy, Charlotte Lawrence, Mary Hallowell, Dave Pennock, Dennis Devine, Lizzy Parades, Dina DeLero, Jason Gushue, Chuck Behle, Margaret Gardner, Maryann Burke, Bea Fadgen, Judy Saunders, Kitty Vito, Joseph Hughes, Susan Hughes

Please call 609.522.2709, x210 to let us know to add a name to the sick prayer list or if we should remove any names.



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We remember those that have died. Especially,... Elizabeth Wilson



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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. Our St. Jude Prayer Warriors are keeping all sick in their prayers.

Our Year Round Mass Schedule with the Changes Throughout the Year (Current Schedule in RED)

Summer Schedule

-Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend-

St. Ann

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Modified Summer Schedule

-The Weekend Following Labor Day through the Last Weekend in September-

St. Ann

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:30AM

Winter Schedule

-The First Weekend in October through the Weekend Before Memorial Day-

St. Ann

Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Sunday: 8:30AM

Parish and Local Information



The Branches Outreach is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit providing social services and programs for vulnerable individuals in Cape May County with dignity and respect. We provide food, personal care necessities, and assistance with issues related to homelessness, poverty, mental health, and more. F ollow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn! Donations can be made via our website at www.thebranchesoutreach.org or by check made out to The Branches Outreach, 201 Hirst

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

Volunteers Needed



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Volunteers Opportunity!

We are looking for a few specific volunteers in our parish family and liturgical ministries.

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers

Parking Lot Help at St. Ann Church

If you are interested in getting involved give us a call to discuss some opportunities.

Please call the office or reach out to Sharon Mattia 609.522.2709, X.210 smattia@notredamedelamer.org

Parish and Local Information

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.



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.



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 cn 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.

40 Hours of Continuous Adoration

Notre Dame de la Mer invites each of you to participate in **The Parish's 4th annual 40 continuous Hours of Adoration Devotion**. This is a joyful and spiritual start to the 2025 Lenten season. During the 40 Hours we ask for commitments from those Adoring the Most Blessed Sacrament, who will be Guarding Him, that He be not alone. This is a wonderful way to start your Lenten season by giving up One-hour commitment. This is your Lenten season sacrifice. This is the source and summit of our Faith. To be in the presence of the King of the Universe and the Eucharist is the King!

For us to be successful we need two people per hour, from Sunday March 2nd at the 3PM, with the Exposition and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, through Tuesday March 4th at 1PM, concluding with Benediction and Mass. Followed with coffee and donuts in Kelly Hall.

Sign-up sheets, by hour, can be found in Kelly Hall, Assumption Church, and the Lobby at Saint Ann Church. Our success and continuation of 40 Hours Devotion is up to you.

"When Jesus returned, he approached his disciples and found them sleeping.

And he said to Peter: "So you were not able to keep vigil with me for One hour?" MT26:40

Thank you and God Bless you.

Contact: Chuck Mirarchi, 215-284-2942, cpmvp1@gmail.com

Where: Monsignor Kelly Hall

When: March 2 at 3:00pm to March 4 at 1:00pm



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 meet after the 8:30AM Mass 3rd Monday of month. At Assumption Church. Next holy hour will be March 17

~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 Mirarchi cpmvp1@gmail.com or 215-284-2942 Hope to see you!

> Join by Microsoft Teams by computer or phone https://teams.live.com/meet/9349847848697 (Best to use in Chrome, Google or Edge)

"Iron Sharpens Iron, and Men Sharpen Men"

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Contact Chuck Mirarchi at 215-284-2942 or cpmvp1@gmail.com

Men of the Catholic faith, NDDLM has an active and vibrant men's group exploring issues, we as Catholic men are confronted with. Our mission is to defend The Catholic faith. We are the **Men of the Messiah**.

We explore the secrets of the bible; Where sacraments are written and commanded us by Jesus; We learn how to fully understand the Eucharist; Why we love The Blessed Virgin Mary; The papacy, The confession of sins; Who are the Apostles and who are the Saints.

Notre Dame de la Mers men group, the Men of the Messiah, tackles issues of the day and allows men, fathers, sons' to defend their faith. We open every meeting praying the Rosary. We support the parish in other needs, when called upon.

All Men Are Welcome. We meet twice a month:

When: First and Third Saturday of the month, 9AM, following morning Mass.

Where: Monsignor Kelly Hall, Assumption Church.

When: Saturday, 9AM **Upcoming Schedule**

March 1 and 2 - 40 Hours Devotion 3/2-3/4

March 15 - Rosary, discussion on the Sacraments Jesus gave

us.

Coffee and Donuts are served.

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 7:00 PM with the rosary said prior to meeting beginning at 6:40PM at the Council Home, 206 New York Ave, N. Wildwood. Contact: Joe Lloyd (Grand Knight) at 609-425-2255. For hall rentals call Linda Gorman 609-290-1158

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians CMC Div-1

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Cape May County Div 1. Follow us on Facebook "LAOH CMC Div 1" or email: laohcmc1@gmail.com Or Pat Lang 856-217-4955

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 1st Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM at St. Ann Church.

"Good Grief" Bereavement Ministry



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? How about just some quiet conversation?

St. Ann Church at 1:00PM

Held in the "old chapel"

Upcoming 2025 schedule

2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/2310/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23

Assumption Church at 6:30PM in Kelly Hall Upcoming 2025 schedule

2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 5/19, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/22

Feel free to bring a friend.

Contact Nancy McGann 856.236.2265 Meet your team: Pat Monaghan, Carolyn Miller, Nancy McGann and Deacon Rich

Adoration

Adoration is Held:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Friday

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

WHERE: Assumption Church / Msgr. Kelly Hall. Please sign-up so we have continuous coverage.

Sign-up sheets will be available after daily Mass.

See or contact Chuck Mirarchi for help signing up: 215-284-2942 or via email: cpmvp1@gmail.com

Additional Parish and Community Information



Walking With Purpose A Catholic Women's Bible Study

"Discovering Our Dignity"

A study of Women in the Bible We meet Wednesday's 9:15 -11:00 AM Assumption Church @ Msgr. Kelly Hall

Please contact Kathy Woodside for more information. Ltsdanz@verizon.net 609-828-1105



NDDLM PARISH 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.

If you or your loved one is homebound and would like a visit and communion brought to them, please contact the office. "... I was sick, and you took care of me,..." Matthew 25:26

RESPECT LIFE

Building a culture that cherishes and protects every human life.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Respect Life Ministry strives to build a culture that supports and protects every human life through prayer, education and action by working to affirm the sacredness of life from the moment of conception to a natural death while also promoting the importance and sanctity of marriage and family.

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

If you would like to join in the fight to respect life from conception until natural death, please contact: **Scott Woodside (**scottwoodside76@gmail.com) or *Chuck Mirarchi* (cpmvp1@gmail.com)

For additional information please find our in-depth resource page on the parish webpage.

www.notredamedelamer.org/pages/respect-lifeministry

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) www.rachelsvineyard.org Find Healing on Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends

Lenten / Holy Week Schedule and Information

ASH WEDNESDA

MARCH 5, 2025 Mass w/ Distribution of Ashes

8:30 AM - Assumption Church 6:00 PM - St. Ann Church

Distribution of Ashes with The Liturgyof the Word*

4:00 PM - Assumption Church *Please note this is NOT A MASS

Abstinence Fasting

during Lent

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



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.

Forever Young

FOREVER YOUNG MEMBERSHIP:

General meetings for Forever Young are held the fourth Tuesday of each month in Kelly Hall at Assumption Church in Wildwood Crest....meetings start at 11:30

The next general meeting will be on February 25 Doors will open at 11:15 and ALL ARE WELCOME (including NEW MEMBERS). There will be a short presentation by a local speaker, followed by lunch and our meeting. For more info. call Carol at 609-523-4246.

FOREVER YOUNG SENIOR BOWLING CLUB

The Forever Young Senior Bowling Club is undway. We bowl every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. 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.

FOREVER YOUNG RETREAT

Forever Young is sponsoring a day of prayer at Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center located in Stone Harbor on **April 8.** Sister Emily Vincent Rebalsky, the program director at the Retreat Center, will direct our day. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with mass at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. Hospitality after mass and lunch are included. The cost of the Retreat is \$60 with registration and payment due by March 25. For more information or to register, call Kay at 609-224-3229.

Catholic Grandparent's Ministry

The Catholic Grandparents ministry builds a community of support for grandparents and shares resources to pass on our faith to our families. Nex meetings will be held Monday, February 24 after the 9AM daily mass at St John Neumann church on Townbank Rd, North Cape May. We look forward to seeing you for mass, fellowship, and prayer with our fellow grandparents.

For more info. please contact Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535 or southjerseygrands@gmail.com



FOREVER YOUNG TRIP **CRIMSON CANYONS**



Departs September 4th, 2025



*Las Vegas Start *Grand Canyon Nat'l Park *Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park *Zion Nat'l Park *Capitol Reef Nat'l Park *Arches Nat'l Park *Canyon Lands Nat'l Park *Grand Junction and Denver

FOR MORE INFO and EARLY BIRD:

Call Phyllis Bocelli at 609.425.9523 or email phyllisbocelli@gmail.com



JOIN FOREVER YOUNG TRIP TO LANCASTER



NOAH at SIGHT & SOUND THEATER Thursday, June 12 2025

Cost: \$189/person

Includes: Transportation, preferred reserved seating on main floor, lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant, meal/bus gratuities

Depart 9:30 AM Return Home 8:30PM

For more information call:



Stephanie Devlin at 609.889.2888

Forever Young Cape May Trolley and Physick House Tour

When – Tuesday, May 13

Time – Trolley will leave at 10:00am...Meet at 9:45am

Where – Meet at the Physick House parking lot (limited parking, please car pool)

Cost - \$28

The tour combines a guided tour by trolley of Cape May's Historic District and a guided tour of the Physick House Museum, providing an in-depth look into Cape May history and architecture. Learn why Cape May is the only National Historic Landmark City in the nation as you appreciate the details of Cape May's unique Victorian streetscapes via trolley and take a guided tour of the first and second floors of the 1879 Physick House Museum, for a detailed look at Victorian architecture and the period.

For information or to sign-up for the trip, call Kay at 609 224-3229. The deadline to sign-up is Tuesday, April 22.

Baptism, Marriage & RCIA



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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)



Marriage: Arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to making reception plans.

Contact Sharon Mattia
609-522-2709, X. 210





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: Donnamarie Sexton 609-522-2709 Ext. 218

Music Ministry



JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

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 form 6:00-8:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church. Our first rehearsal for the new season will be on Wednesday September 11^{th.}

The Adult Choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at St. Ann Church and once a month at The Church of the Assumption. All are welcome. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church. Our first rehearsal for the new season will be on Thursday September 12th.

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. Our first rehearsal will be held on Tuesday afternoon September 24th.

Saint of the Week:

Vincent de Paul, Priest, c. 1580-1660

Vincent was born at Pouy, France in 1581, the third of six children. He was ordained a priest and served in several key positions. He became noted for his work among the poor, and was a chaplain to galley slaves waiting to be shipped abroad. In 1625, with the help of a wealthy friend, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Missions (known today as the Vincentians), an order devoted to work among the peasants. In 1633, along with Saint Louise de Marillac, he founded the Sisters of Charity. In his lifetime, Vincent de Paul established hospitals, orphanages, and seminaries; ransomed slaves in northern Africa; sent his priests abroad to preach missions; and organized far-flung relief among victims of war. It is remarkable that one man could achieve so much.

Even though he was ordained a priest at an early age, it took an awakening event for Vincent to recognize what God was calling him to do. The same is true for many of us, no matter what age we are. God may be asking us to do something as simple as praying for our neighbor. On the other hand, God may be asking us to do much more

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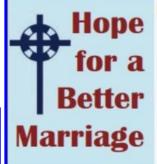
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Classes will be held: Tuesday 6:30-8pm on 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4

Wednesday 11am-12:30pm on 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

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When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

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Additional Questions please email:

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Tickets must be purchased by March 10,

Below are the upcoming Retreat offerings of Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor, NJ! For more information or to register, visit www.VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7696

Thursday, March 6 Begins 8:45 am \$60



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Lifelongcatechesis.osv.com

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Confirmation Students DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22: Confirmation class at WCA 10-12 **March 27:** Confirmation Retreat at Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point. 4:30-8pm. **Confirmation:** date to be announced from the Bishop's office.

Rehearsal: Will be the day before Confirmation

First Holy Communion Students DATES TO REMEMBER

January 25: First Reconciliation Retreat at Assumption Church. There will be two time slots to choose from. 9-12 or 12:30–3:30.

February 12: First Reconciliation at Assumption Church at 6pm

April 12: First Communion Retreat at St. Ann Church. There will be two time slots to choose from. 9-12 or 12:30-3:30.

April 30: FHC Rehearsal at 6 pm in St. Ann church May 3: First Holy Communion at 10 am in St. Ann Church

Any questions about religious education or anything on this page, please contact:

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609-522-2709 ext. 218

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Parish Religious Education Program

Our Parish has a few choices for anyone wishing to receive their sacraments and

become Catholic:

Children: 1st-8th graders have two choices: **School Year** *Family Catechesis:* Which meets once a month to view lessons completed at home. **Summer Intensive:** The 2nd & 3rd weeks in July Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm.

Teens: 9-12th graders will be decided on an individual bases. Depending on the level of instruction needed.

Adults seeking the faith will be entered into the RCIA program. RCIA usually meets once a week starting in September and going through the Easter Season.

School Year Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis will start at 8:45 am with a light breakfast of coffee and cakes or cereal. Class begins promptly at 9:00 am. After class students and parents are to attend 10:30 am Mass at St. Ann Church. This is considered part of the class.

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.

Class Schedule:

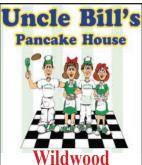
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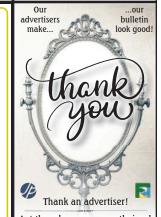
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