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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 & Holydays



Letter AnnaMae Muryasz

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent. Traditionally in the church this Sunday has been known as "Laetare Sunday". The name was based on the mood and theme of this Sunday and where it fell in the Lenten calendar. The theme was one of hope and rejoicing that Easter was near and Lent was half over. However, after the Second Vatican Council some of these traditions have taken on new meaning. In the church today we see the priest wearing the Rose colored vestments of joy and rejoicing, but the reason for the mood is not the same. Now we rejoice and are joyful as we observe the Elect experience the scrutiny's in preparation for full communion in the faith at the Easter Vigil Service.

This year our parish is blessed to have three individuals who have requested acceptance into the faith on Holy Saturday. The three individuals are Melissa Rossi, Carl Becica, and Efran Cruz-Ramirez. These individuals have spent time studying the faith and all its teachings. They have also experienced a deeper relationship with the Lord through prayer and the reading of the Bible. In a beautiful ceremony attended by all parishes of the Diocese with Bishop Sullivan. They were accepted as the "Elect" for this Easter Vigil along with the others that gathered before the Bishop to be received and blessed as they bring their journey to completion as full members with the Catholic Church. Please pray for them as they continue on the road of faith fulfillment in their lives.

On Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at Assumption Church we will have thirty-nine candidates confirmed by Bishop Sullivan. Thirty of the candidates are religious education students, seven are students at Cape Trinity Catholic and two are adult members of the Spanish Community. These young men and women are wonderful representatives of our local parish of the future church. They have completed service to the poor, taken part in activities to raise money for the sick, provided assistance in parish events and they have reached out in so many other ways to the people of the "Wildwoods". We ask that you remember each of them in your prayers as the date for their Confirmation draws closer.

In today's Gospel we see two brothers having different expectations of their father and his goods. One brother is willing to wait patiently and work for what he believes the Father will in time give to him out of great love. The other is impatient and wants to have it all now, so that he can go out and have a good time. Are we not often like these two brothers? Do we not sometimes feel like the Lord has given us all that we could possibly need to be happy? At other times do we not wish for and want a great deal more? As we continue to walk through the days and weeks of Lent let us remember that it is in the Lord that we are to find our happiness and not in possessions, people or titles. May the rest of Lent bring you closer to He who is ALL.

Sincerely in the Lord,
AnnaMae Muryasz – Director of Life Long Faith Formation

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.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, there will be a special training session held at Wildwood Catholic High School in the Doherty Room on Tuesday March 15th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Please pray about this ministry and give Jonathan Delgado a call at the Parish Office (609-522-2709, ext 219) anytime, and he will get you pointed in the right direction to register for this training session. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated!



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**

Report Sexual Abuse 1-800-964-6588

Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry. A special toll free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Child Protection Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

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

Masses

Weekday

7:00 A.M. Mass at St. Ann Church (Chapel)
8:30 A.M. Mass at Assumption Church (Kelly Hall)

Weekend

Saturday 4:30 P.M. Mass at Assumption Church
and 4:30 P.M. at St. Ann Church
Sunday 8:30 A.M. at Assumption Church
and 10:30 A.M. at St. Ann Church
Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. Mass (in Spanish)
at St. Ann Church

Confessions

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

Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 14, 2016
6:30 P.M. Assumption Church



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

One great way to feed the hungry this month and all year round: Donate non-perishable food items to a local food pantry. For more information; check the Diocese of Camden’s Home and Parish Healthcare Services, contact VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services at 856-583-6423.

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un numero telefonico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diocesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diaconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntaries. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clinic licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estad, los abusos de menores son reportados a la Division de Proteccion de la infancia y la Permanencia y a la policfia. Para mas informacion of para obtener servicios de consejeria y apoyo, llame at: 1-800-964-6588

Chrism Mass 2016

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

God Provides for His Stewards



Parish Stewardship

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12b)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide His **Stewards** with all that we need.

Thank you for your generosity.



Ecumenical Lenten Soup Lecture Supper

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

Please come and take part in the series.

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

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



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/16 through 12/31/16), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on SUNDAY, June 19, at 3:30 p.m. Mass in Northfield, at St. Bernadette Church, St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant.

A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or at parish offices.

Registration deadline is May 27, 2016.

Misericordiae Vultus

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

Pope Francis continues citing Saint John Paul II in his encyclical "Divine Mercy"..... "Furthermore, Saint John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in the contemporary world: 'It is dictated by love for man, for all that is human and which according to the intuitions of many of our contemporaries, is threatened by an immense danger. The mystery of Christ..... obliges me to proclaim mercy as God's merciful love, revealed in that same mystery of Christ, It likewise obliges me to have recourse to that mercy and to beg for it at this difficult, critical phase of the history of the Church and of the world.' (DM) This teaching is more pertinent than ever and deserves to be taken up once again in this Holy Year. Let us listen to John Paul's words once more: 'the Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy - the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer - and when she brings people close to the sources of the Saviour's mercy, of which she is trustee and dispenser'.

The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person, The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behaviour after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for her credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: A love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself, Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident, In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy. We want to live this Jubilee Year in light of the Lord's words: *Merciful like the Father.* (13)

Annual Fish Fry

Our Annual Fish Fry Dinners will take place on Friday, March 11th and Friday March 18th at the Vegas Diner, 14th & New Jersey Avenues, North Wildwood 4:00 to 7:30 PM Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children tickets are available at the Parish Office and will be sold at the door.



I'm blessed with everything I need. I am working hard towards everything I want. And most of all I appreciate and thank God for what I have.



FaithFULL Food Drive March 5-6 2016

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

This Sunday is the Diocese of Camden's *faithFULL* Food Drive. Thank you for your generous support of our sisters and brothers who are hungry here in South Jersey. Our *faithFULL* response is just one small way we are called to build the Kingdom of God. Notre Dame de la Mer parish has again received approval from the Diocese that all food collected during the *FaithFULL* Food Drive will go directly to Lazarus House emergency food pantry.

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

Taxpayer Alert! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

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

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

Mailing Address:

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

Phone: (609) 292-6000

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

NJCC Voter Voice System:

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

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

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

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

Liturgy & Prayers

SATURDAY *March 5*

4:30 PM No Intention

Assumption Church

4:30 PM **Lorraine Guymond** r/b Legion of Mary
St. Ann Church **Connie Meehan** Jim & Mary Meehan
Patricia Snyder r/b the Miller Family

SUNDAY *March 6*

8:30 AM **Louis Fioravanti** r/b his Wife
Josephine Corino r/b Francis & Marina Franco

10:30 AM **Anita Martorano** r/b Ernie & Donna
Jim Pellicore r/b Jim & Rita Di Bruno
Joan T. Meyers Al & Teri Koniecki
Jack Kilpatrick r/b Marge Koester
Barbara Hunter r/b Jim & Rita Di Bruno

7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY *March 7*

7:00 AM **Jim Pellicore** r/b A Friend
8:30 AM **Marge Enamual** r/b Maggie & Anthony Serpe

TUESDAY *March 8*

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM **Luke Gallo** r/b His Mom

WEDNES. *March 9*

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM No Intention

THURSDAY *March 10*

7:00 AM **Kelly Ann Mc Monagle** r/b her Family
8:30 AM **Oswald Sandora** r/b his Wife & Children

FRIDAY *March 11*

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM No Intention

SATURDAY *March 12*

4:30 PM **Dec'd Members of Serpe Family**
Assumption Church r/b Maggie & Anthony Serpe
John Mc Grody, Jr. r/b his Family
Joe & Peg Mc Garrie r/b their Family
Patricia Snyder r/b the Miller Family

4:30 PM **Dr. John Incarvito** r/b his Wife, Dottie
St. Ann Church **Lucy Wall** r/b Don & Faith Brunell
Walter Everitt r/b his Family
Nicholas Herman, Sr. r/b Carl & Betty O'Hala

Divine Mercy Shrine Pilgrimage

Join us for a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge MA on April 2, 2016. Cost is \$55 per person. Seats are limited please call Pat in the parish office to make your reservation 609-522-2709 x210.



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



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Larry Mc Callion r/b Kathleen Mc Cullough and at St. Ann Church for Dr. John Incarvito r/b his wife, Dottie

Pasta Festival Wildwood Catholic High School

Sunday, March 13

4:00pm to 7:00pm

Enjoy a pasta buffet served with
Caesar Salad & Dessert



Wildwood Catholic High School
presents
"Snoopy the Musical"
March 13 - 2 pm
Join us for a Pasta Dinner / Show combination ticket
\$25 (dinner immediately following show)

Wildwood Catholic High School
15th Street Cafeteria Entrance
Children (under age 10) ~ \$7.50 Adults \$15.00

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