

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 office

Lent / Holy Week / Easter Schedule

Please see the schedule listed in the in the bulletin on pg. 12.

Sung Stations of the Cross:

Every Friday of Lent (Starting March 7) 6:00PM at Assumption Church

Lenten Communal Penance Service:

April 9—6:00PM at Assumption Church

Parish Consecration to the Eucharist:

April 27 at 10:30 Mass—St. Ann (Divine Mercy Sunday)

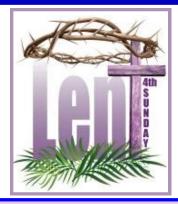
Assumption Gift Shop: Only cash and check are accepted for payment.

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.







March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent "Laetare Sunday"

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, NI 08260 Phone: 609-522-2709 Fax: 609-522-9375 www.NotreDamedelaMer.org **Pastor** Rev. Cadmus D. Mazzarella....x215 cmazzarella@notredamedelamer.org Parish Administrator Mr. Kevin Quinn....x217 kquinn@notredamedelamer.org Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas Kiely.....x211 tkiely@notredamedelamer.org Retired Weekend Assistant Rev. Ernest Soprano

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Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Jim Di Fazio

Stewardship



March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent Stewardship Security

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

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.

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 $^{\text{TM}}$.

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

From the desk of Rev. Leonard Peterson (A Reflection)

Dear Parishioners,

What's in a name? That question gets asked by Juliet on Act 2, Scene 2 of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Her conclusion: "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

On this "Laetare" or "Rejoice" Sunday, the Fourth of Lent with features this year in the Scripture cycle the most famous parable of Our Lord which we commonly call "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." That's not a bad name, for sure. But it omits a significant part of the story involving the elder son. And it passes over the great heart of the father in the plot.

Without claiming any originality, may I suggest that the story be better titled "The Parable of the Loving Father." For it is the behavior of the father with both of his sons that offers a great teaching for us in that he represents God the Father.

Regarding the wastrel son who rebelled against his father in a particularly awful way, the father was a beautiful example of forgiveness and love. I have often imagined him going out from his house each evening, scanning the horizon for that particular silhouette of the prodigal coming over the hill. Then turning back sad at not seeing what he came for. When that son finally comes home, he gets vested with a robe and a ring with a banquet to follow. That son represents us when we have seriously sinned against God and come running to the confessional with sorrowful hearts.

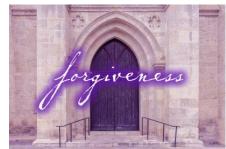
But now turn your attention to the older son. He has stayed close to home. He has rarely, if ever, been disloyal to his father. He has dutifully fulfilled his obligations, never seriously complained. He represents the faithful Catholic who keeps all the rules and lives out his or her baptismal promises as best he or she can.

But then a certain sense anger wells up in their hearts when he or she notes how the observably "bad" Catholic who is so easily reconciled by a good confession. They hear the father's kindly explanation about joy over the reprobate's return in the parable. But they are not satisfied.

This late in Lent, the Lord is asking us which son best describes us. Perhaps we take turns being one or the other son at different times. Thank God and praise Him that God the Father's forgiveness, available in the confessional, is present all the time. Apropos of that, there happens to be, on an unnamed tombstone outside of Sydney, New York, with just one word carved in it: "Forgiven."

God love you and honor your name as a Christian...

Rev. Leonard Peterson



Mass Intentions

Saint Ann Church

SATURDAY March 29

4:30PM Jennifer Ann Ward r/b Mom, Dad, & Sister

(20th Anniversary)

SUNDAY March 30

10:30 AM Rita DiBruno r/b Penny Helker

Thomas DiDonato, Jr. r/b Mom, Dad, TJ Mary Kennedy r/b Kathleen McCullough Peggy Fithian Bustard r/b Donna Bacino Joseph Falciani r/b Kelly Calabrese Hitchner &

Family

Intentions of Helen Kita r/b Helen Kita

Brian Kelly r/b Lori Fortino

Danny "The Music Man" r/b The Ramsey

Family & All the Boys

Heidi Krogstad r/b Al & Teri Koniecki

Carol M. Dean r/b Nancy Doyle & Chris Beggy

Assumption Church

SATURDAY March 29

8:30 AM Intentions of Dodie Briggs

SUNDAY March 30 8:30 AM Pro Populo MONDAY March 31

8:30 AM Carol Dean r/b Nancy & Dan

TUESDAY April 1

8:30 AM The Carr Family r/b The Provenzano Family

WEDNES. April 2

8:30 AM Carol M. Dean r/b Karen

THURS. April 3

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

FRIDAY April 4

8:30 AM Marie Hearn r/b Dan Hearn

SATURDAY April 5

8:30 AM Carol M. Dean r/b John & Carol Wagner

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



Readings of the Week

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

They ate the produce of the land.

- The first reading recounts Israel's rebirth in the land of promise.
- As the people crossed the Jordan River, they celebrated Passover, just as they had when they crossed the Red Sea.
- The period of wandering in the wilderness was over.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We are reconciled with God through Christ.

- The main subject in Paul's second letter to the Church of Corinth is reconciliation.
- Paul stresses reconciliation with God, with himself, and with the Corinthian Community.
- Through Christ, sinners are reconciled to God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The son that was lost came back home.

- In the presence of the Pharisees and Scribes, who are outraged by Jesus' treatment of sinners, Jesus tells the story of the return of the prodigal son.
- Today's parable shows that God's forgiveness is for everyone.
- God's mercy and love is immeasurable and beyond human understanding.

Family Reflection Corner

Theme: God wants us to come back. Now is the time to reconcile.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

Question for Youth: Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

Question for Adults: How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/ or absent from 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 the week of March 30- April 5 in loving memory of:

St Ann: Maureen Dougherty r/b Mary Henderson **Assumption**: Members of the Parish





"A Time To Be Healed..."

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 if necessary.

Most Recent Additions:

Margaret Kilkenny Elizabeth Markee Leon Walle

Current List:

Mike Seidenburg, Marcella Profitt, Michael Hallman, Baby Michael Weinhardt, Rose Osborne, Frank Tarantella, Geri Baiochi, Mary Kenny-Lee, Al Deissroth, Frank Barnat, Jerry McNamara, Brian Zaikowski, Patricia Bastian, John Baily, Fran Grace, John Berthsci, Luciana Magueri, Pat McGuire, 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 <u>add</u> 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,... Charles Sansone

Charles Sansone Mark Devlin Marie Colangelo Jane Macrina

Ronald Golden



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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: 4:30PM

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: 4:30PM

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



Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion here at Notre Dame de la Mer, there will be two training sessions which are both required for certification.

Tuesday April 1, 2025; Zoom meeting, 7:00-7:00pm

Tuesday April 8, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Offices. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Delgado at 609-522-2709 Ext219

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.

The Christ Child Society of Cape May County Annual Spring Fling Luncheon "THE ENCHANTED GARDEN" SundayMay18, 2025 11:30am - 3:00pm

The Shore Club 1170 Golf Club Rd Cape May Court House, NJ. All are invited for an afternoon of fellowship, good food and fun.

A three course luncheon will be served with entre choices of: Flounder Française, Chicken Piccata, Teres Major Steak or Vegeterian Pasta

Tickets are \$50 and all proceeds benefit children in need in the community

Call Kay at 609-224-3229 for tickets and entre choice Chances, basket raffles and 50/50 will be held



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.

This Lent and Spring season, we have some dynamic topics and speakers set to help us understand majors catholic issues facing men.

Our speakers over the next 3 months are Deacon Jim Hallman, Joe Flood Jr., and Rich Maggi.

When: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 9AM Where: Monsignor Kelly Hall, Assumption Church.

Upcoming Schedule:

March 15: Rosary & Discussion -First Sunday of Lent

April 5: Rosary & Stations of the Cross **April 19:** Rosary & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

May 3: Rosary & The Saints

May 17: Fatima May Procession



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.

ATTENTION Notre Dame de la Mer Parishioners

Message Regarding Daily Eucharistic Adoration Location: Monsignor Kelly Hall at Assumption Church



FACT: WE ARE AT RISK OF LOSING DAILY ADORATION.

In order to preserve this most precious gift, we urgently need commitments from pray-ers for one (1) hour during the times listed on the schedule below to ensure continuous coverage.

Weekly Adoration Schedule:

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

(16 needed)

Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(6 needed)

Please check your schedules and consider signing up for an hour. We need three (3) pray-ers for each hour. Please contact Chuck Mirarchi at 215-284-2942 or Carol Wagner at 609-760-2666 or sign the schedules posted at either church. Your role in this is invaluable.



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

Fearless & Free is the next book in our Women's bible study. This is a quick 6 week study and perfect for new comers. Classes begin 4/23 from 9:15-11:00 am at Assumption Church in Kelly Hall.

This book is for any woman confronting the reality that life isn't easy. The cost is \$25

For more information contact Kathy Woodside 609-828-1105. To register and order a book contact Donnamarie Sexton 609-522-2709 ext 218



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

Please join us on a Spiritual Journey to Consecrate our parish to the Eucharist.

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory isn't just another book. It is an invitation to participate in a sacred journey—a spiritual pilgrimage. It is a guide that will lead you to the essence of what it means to be Catholic... and it will change your life and our parish in the most marvelous of ways.

The Consecration to the Eucharist will be Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, in St. Ann Church at the 10:30 am Mass.

For anyone who wants to participate more fully in this journey to Consecration the parish has purchased a limited amount of books. These books consist of small daily readings and can be easily read at home during the 33 Days prior to the Consecration date.

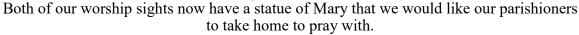
If you want to go even deeper into this spiritual journey I will be having meetings once a week leading up to the Consecration. There will be two sessions to chose from. Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm or Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am both at Assumption Church in Kelly Hall.

These sessions will begin 3/25 at 6:30 pm and 3/36 at 11:00 am. The books will be given out after each mass on 3/22 & 3/23. I recommend reserving a book by calling Donnamarie Sexton at 609-522-2709 ext 218.





Traveling Statues of Mary





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 <u>fourth</u> <u>Tuesday</u> of each month in Kelly Hall at Assumption Church in Wildwood Crest....meetings start at 11:30

The next general meeting will be on April 22 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 Trip to Tropicana Casino



"The Bronk Wanderers" Thursday, June 26, 2025



- -\$99/per person
- -Package Includes: Bus Transportation, 3:30PM Show, \$25slot play, \$20 food Voucher, Driver gratuity
- -To make reservation or additional questions call Stephanie at 609.889.2888
- -40 deposit due upon reservation...balance due May 26

Catholic Grandparent's Ministry

Passing on the faith is a beautiful vocation for all Grandparents and allows their families to become closer to God. The Catholic Grandparents ministry builds a community of support for grandparents and shares resources to pass on our faith to our families. Next 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

"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"

2025 schedule

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

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

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 & OCIA



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 Jim)

DEACON JIM 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 Deacon Jim at 609-522-2709, X. 222 Sharon Mattia at 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

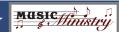
Spouses of Catholics or those engaged to Catholics seeking to join the Church

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:

Joseph, Husband of Mary (First Century)

Joseph, we know, was engaged to Mary. Upon learning that she was pregnant, he resolved to divorce her. Described in Matthew as a righteous man, Joseph did not want to expose Mary to public disgrace; therefore he intended to dismiss her quietly. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream to tell him, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." (Mt 1:20). He remained her faithful husband and helped raise Jesus. Joseph worked as a carpenter. We know that he taught his trade to Jesus, as was the custom of the times. We can also assume that Jesus, like most boys, picked up the mannerisms and speech of Joseph.

Feast Day(s): May 1 as the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He is also honored by a Solemnity on March 19.

Joseph's message today: In a time when families are breaking up, often with fathers abandoning their wives and children, Joseph provides a model for fathers who love their families.

• When the weight of the world seems to have settled on your shoulders, try saying a prayer to St. Joseph. Ask him to help you carry your burden

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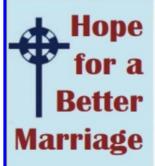
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EM for Hospital Visit

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Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is having A Spring Tea

When: April 6, from 2 to 4 pm

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 206 New York Ave Cost: \$20 for Ladies, \$15 for Little Ladies (ages 11-14)

children under 10 are free

BYOTC: Bring your own teacup and a friend

Tickets: Debbie Smith 484-574-1762

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Retreat Offerings

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



Wednesday, April 2 Begins 8:45am \$60

Forgiveness, The Other Side of Love - Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are the obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored on this conference day. In addition, modern day examples of people who have forgiven will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch

families that PRAY TOGETHER stay together.

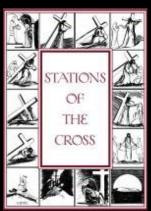


Lenten and Easter Season Information



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.



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April 4th

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Lenten and Holy Week / Easter Schedule:

Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, April 9 6:00PM at Assumption Church

Palm Sunday Weekend

Palms Distributed at all Masses
Saturday, April 12 at 4:30, St. Ann
Sunday, April 13 at 8:30, Assumption
Sunday, April 13 at 10:30, St. Ann (Process w/Palm)

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 17: 6:00PM at Assumption Good Friday, April 18: 3:00PM at Assumption Holy Saturday, April 19:

Blessing Food Baskets ~12:00PM at St. Ann Easter Vigil ~ 8:00PM at Assumption

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 at both Assumption and St. Ann 10:30 at both Assumption and St. Ann

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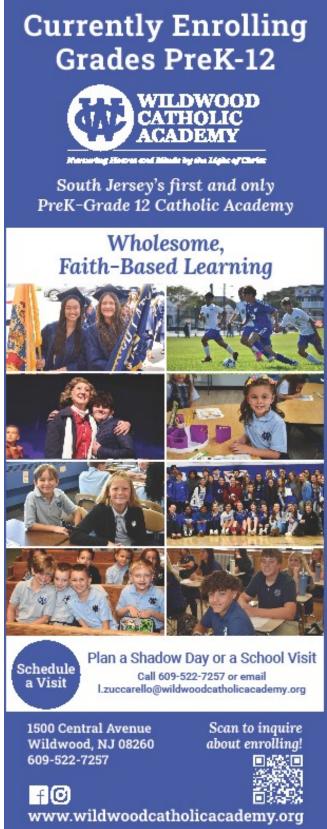
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Raffle Season Is Coming Soon Would You / Could You help us SELL?

Wildwood Catholic Academy's Summer Raffles are back and the Wildwood Catholic PTA is looking for volunteers and help. This season-long fundraiser helps support our school in a major way.

To inquire about how you can help or volunteer with selling our Jeep and 50/50 raffle tickets please email our PTA at wildwoodcatholicpta@gmail.com or call the school and leave a message for us at 609.522.7257, ext.6

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Religious Education



Any questions about Religious Education Or anything on this page please Contact Donnamarie Sexton 609-522-2709 ext 218 dsexton@notredamedelamer.org

Faith-Filled Events

Has your child completed their 6 Faith-Filled Events? Check out the Liturgy Corner of our bulletin or some of these websites for ideas:

Familybiblechallenge.org
Bustedhalo.com
Dynamic catholic.com
Lifelongcatechesis.osv.com
Hallo app
Ascension Press app

You can turn anything you do into a Faith-Filled Event by inviting God to join you through prayer!

Faith-filled movie night is also a great idea. God is not dead, Miracles from Heaven, Heaven is for real, I can only imagine. The Chosen Series.... Can be all of your events!

First Holy Communion Students DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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:

3/9/25, 4/6/25, 5/4/25, 6/1/25

*** Palm Sunday 4/13/25 at 10:15am St. Ann Church ***May Procession 5/11/25 at 8:30 am Mass Assumption Church

Confirmation Students DATES TO REMEMBER

March 27: Confirmation Retreat at Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point. 4:30-8pm. Confirmation: May 6 at 5pm. Parents, Sponsors and Students need to be at Assumption by 4:30 pm. Rehearsal: May 5 at 6pm in Assumption church



SUMMER INTENSIVE REGISTRATION Is now OPEN until Jun 30.

After that there will be a \$20 late fee and admittance into class only as space and supplies allow. Forms are available on our website!

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July 14-July 25

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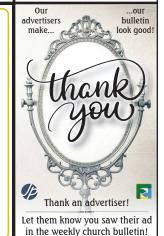
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