## 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 10:30 AM\*

Sunday:

Confessions Saturday ~ 3:30 PM \*Livestream - on our Webpage or Facebook

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

8:30 AM

Mon.- Sat.(Daily): Sunday:

8:30 AM Confessions Wed. & Friday  $\sim$  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)

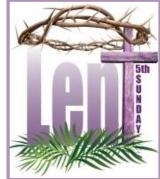
Assumption Gift Shop: Only cash and check are accepted for payment.

### 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.







April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent

**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 www.NotreDamedelaMer.org

### Pastor

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### Parish Administrator

Mr. Kevin Quinn.....x217 kquinn@notredamedelamer.org

### Parochial Vicar

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*Retired Weekend Assistant* Rev. Ernest Soprano

### Parish Catechetical Leader

Ms. Donnamarie Sexton......x218 dsexton@notredamedelamer.org

**Pastoral Associate – RCIA , Baptismal Preparation, and Weddings** Deacon Jim Hallman.....x222

### **Pastoral Associate** Deacon Rich Roenbeck

### Director of Music & Liturgy

Mr. Jonathan Delgado.....x219 jdelgado@notredamedelamer.org

### Administrative Assistant

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### Spanish Apostolate Associate Sr. Anne Lafferty, IHM.....484.550.1042

salihmpastoral@gmail.com

*Funeral Coordinator / Altar Servers* Ms. Patricia Monaghan......610-246-1079 patmonaghan@aol.com

*Maintenance Supervisor* Mr. Jim Di Fazio

### Stewardship



April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent Living Stewardship

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts. Living <u>Stew-</u> <u>ardship</u> by sharing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

### **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.



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^{\rm 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 Dear Friends in Christ,

You've all heard the phrase, "the power of prayer," but unless you personally experience it, those are just words and unless you pray you won't experience the power of prayer. Quite a conundrum isn't it? Do you struggle with prayer; not praying enough, not having a conversation with our Lord, not spending enough time with Him?

We are almost through the Lenten Season which is a time for us to reflect on our lives, acknowledge our sins and seek forgiveness. It is also a period for spiritual preparation for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Lent encourages practices like prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to foster a closer relationship with God and strengthen spiritual discipline. Traditionally, during Lent, many abstain from a favorite item, be it food, TV shows, Facebook, candy, alcohol, etc. Up until last year I tried to give up a favorite "something" and was never successful. I felt like a failure by not being able to give something up for Jesus, who gave so much for me. Last year during his homily Father Mazz suggested doing something extra, such as, help a needy person, pray more, volunteer. When I spoke to a friend about this they suggested I use the Hallow app, but I wasn't going to pay to pray! Therefore, I used Laudate and decided to meditate on the rosary every day. I can't say that I was completely successful, but I did much better than I would have if I gave up a favorite item. However, once Easter was over that was it; I finished my commitment.

This year I made the same commitment but added more prayer time by using the Hallow app. I realized there were so many useless apps/streaming services I pay for, why wouldn't I pay for Hallow? I actually began this journey before Lent and have continued. I'm still not 100% successful, but I'm getting better and it has become part of my normal day. I now have a routine of spending time with God throughout the day. I can attest that spending more time with our Lord has definitely helped me. After praying, I feel refreshed and energized. I've noticed several changes in my mood, my outlook is positive and generally I'm not as grumpy. I feel that my heart, mind and eyes have been opened in so many different ways. I am more aware of my faults, I see my fellow humans in a better light. I am kinder and more at peace. That being said, I'm certainly not perfect and still have many negative moments. However, when I recognize those moments, I realize it is Satan, and when that happens, I pray for strength and ask for forgiveness. This year I am committed to continuing this practice instead of ending my commitment when Easter is over, which is why, I am grateful for Father's suggestion.

I've discovered "doing something extra" during Lent offers the opportunity to make, whatever that something extra is, part of a routine. There are apps you can download that can help enhance your prayer life. The Hallow app helped me not only increase my prayer life, it has helped educate me as well. There are other apps such as; Ascension/Bible & Catechism, Laudate, Catholic Prayer & Bible are just a few.

So if you've been in a "spiritual slump" during this Lenten season, it's not too late to add more time with God to your schedule. It's certainly something you can do anytime and prayer definitely has power!

Peace & Love, Sharon

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## Mass Intentions

### Saint Ann Church

Saint Ann Church	
SATURDAY	April 5
4:30PM	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	April 6
10:30 AM	Dolores Connelly r/b Family
Assumption Church	
SATURDAY	April 5
8:30 AM	Carol M. Dean r/b John & Carol Wagner
SUNDAY	April 6
8:30 AM	Shereen Lloyd r/b Joe & Her Family
	Elaine Faia r/b The Hunt Family
	Elaine Faia r/b Paul & Mary Bakey & Family
	Leon & Michael Mazzochi r/b Wife & Mom
	Amanda Holland r/b The Holland Family
	Billie Jo Grace r/b The Gelzunas Family
	Ronald Golden r/b The Holland Family
	Emily Maglioni r/b Kathleen McCullough
MONDAY	April 7
8:30 AM	Save & Protect the Unborn
TUESDAY	April 8
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Dean Family r/b The
	Hullihan Family
WEDNES.	April 9
8:30 AM	Stanley Sebzda r/b Sullivan Family
THURS.	April 10
8:30 AM	Carol M. Dean r/b Friends of Lazarus House
FRIDAY	April 11
8:30 AM	Glendon Shank Jr. r/b Bill & Dodie Briggs
SATURDAY	April 12
8:30 AM	Scott Orgonas r/b Judy & Andy Orgonas

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



### Readings of the Week

#### Reading I : Isaiah 43:16-21

God makes a new way for us.

- After exile in Babylon, the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem.
- The Jewish people were aware that the trip back to Jerusalem would be arduous and lead them to a devastated county in need of rebuilding.
- In today's first reading, the prophet encourages the people to accept deliverance in this new exodus.

### Reading II : Philippians 3:8-14

Freedom is knowing Christ Jesus.

- In his letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of a different kind of liberation.
- Jewish Christians in Philippi insisted that Christians, including Gentiles, could be saved only by keeping all the prescriptions of Jewish law.
- Paul insists that salvation comes not through scrupulous observance of the law but through faith in Christ and his resurrection.

#### Gospel : John 8:1-11

Who is without sin and can throw the first stone.

- In today's Gospel, the Pharisees, intent on trapping Jesus, present a woman accused of adultery to him.
- Jesus did not contradict the law nor declare the woman guiltless.
- Instead, he forgave the repentant sinner and confronted her accusers with their own sinfulness.

### Family Reflection Corner

Theme: Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom. 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:** How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness? **Question for Youth:** Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

**Question for Adults:** Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

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 April 6 – April 12 in loving memory of:

<u>St Ann:</u> Frances Furfari r/b Mary Henderson <u>Assumption</u>: 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

### **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 <u>remove</u> any names.



### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We remember those that have died. Especially,... Marie Sorensen

Pat Manning

Charles Sansone Mark Devlin Marie Colangelo Jane Macrina



#### prayerNETWORK

### <u>St. Jude Prayer Warriors</u>

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-

<u>St. Ann</u> 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-

<u>St. Ann</u>

Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

<u>Assumption</u> 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



### Branches Outtreach

The Branches Outreach is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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

### <u>St. Gabriel Ministry</u>

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



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

### Ordination of Rev. Mr. Thomas Piro

**Ordination** 

Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at 10:30 AM Our Lady of Lourdes Church Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish 500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028

### First Mass

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at 11:00 AM St. Ann Church Notre Dame de la Mer Parish 2901 Atlantic Ave, Wildwood, NJ 08260 ~a light reception to follow~ Wildwood Catholic Academy to receive a prayer and offer congratulations

### 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.

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#### 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 Francaise, 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 April 21

### ~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:** 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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory  $isn^{2}t$  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.

### **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.

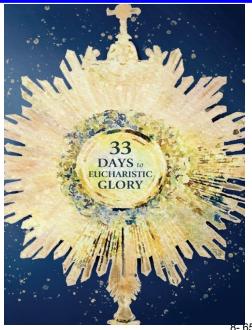
Our Respect Life group meets the first Monday of the month.

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



### **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 <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 on 4/28, 5/19, 6/23 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

### 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<sup>th.</sup>

**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 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>.



#### **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

### Saint of the Week:

Joseph of Arimathea, Layman, First Century Joseph of Arimathea was a righteous and virtuous man who was a member of the Sanhadrin and a searct discin

who was a member of the Sanhedrin and a secret disciple of Jesus. When Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin to be condemned to death, Joseph opposed their decision. After Jesus died on the cross, Joseph asked for Jesus' body and wrapped the body in clean linen and laid it in a new tomb. Legend has it that Joseph inherited the chalice, the Holy Grail, used by Jesus in the Last Supper. Joseph led a group of missionaries to Glastonbury where they built a new church in honor of Our Lady. He is the patron saint of funeral directors.

**Feast Day:** St. Joseph of Arimathea is the patron of funeral directors. Though he has no memorial on the liturgical calendar, he is honored on March 17.

**Joseph's message today:** After Jesus' death on the cross, Joseph chose to reveal himself as a follower of Christ, a move which must have caused his expulsion from the Sanhedrin. We too are sometimes asked to make sacrifices in the name of Jesus.

• Do you offer those sacrifices which Jesus asks of you willingly or do you try to find a way to avoid them?

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### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

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tion Seminary School of Theology Interested in learning more about your faith? Learn more about graduate theological courses offered this Fall in Biblical Studies, Church History, Christian Ethics, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Evangelization, and Multicultural Catechesis. For details, please email theology@shu.edu or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

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### REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588

SJ Catholic Cemeteries Garden Permit Program Spring is Just Around the Corner

It's that time of year when we begin to plan our gardens. Our Garden Permit Program, available for most raised headstones, offers you the ability to grow a garden in front of your loved one's memorial, giving it a more personal touch. If you chose the Garden Permit Prime Program, the annual fee remains at \$50 and includes an upgraded landscape edging. The standard Garden Permit Program includes a black standard plastic landscape edging for a fee of \$35

Submit an application for either of these options. Please contact your cemetery by March 15th.For a listing of cemetery locations including contact information visit https://southjerseycatholiccemeteries.org/locations/





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Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. Your don't need it vou DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekends are Oct 3-5 and Dec 5-7, 2025. For more information call 609-741-8012 or

email applications@wwme-southjersey.org Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org





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### Miscellaneous Parish and Greater Community Information

### EM for Hospital Visit

Are you an Extraordinary Minister who has an interest in visiting patients in the hospital? If so, our team can use your help. We are so blessed to have a wonderful team of dedicated Extraordinary Ministers (EMs) who visit hospitalized patients in Cooper University Cape May Regional Hospital. We are seeking to add backup support to our team for those times when one of our EMs has an appointment or is on vacation. Can you assist? For more information, please contact Associate Hospital Chaplain, Mary Kay Dunne, at 856-701-8512

#### 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 Holly Gibson 609-560-3392

### **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

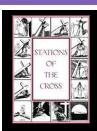
**Forgiveness, The Other Side of Love -** Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are the obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored on this conference day. In addition, modern day examples of people who have forgiven 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





### Lenten and Easter Season Information

Holy Thursday/Disciples Needed We are in need of twelve disciples to have their feet washed in the tradition of Christ's desire to serve. If you are willing to have your feet washed during the Mass please contact Jonathan Delgado at the Parish Office (609) 522-2709 EXT 219.



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Every Friday of Lent 6:00 PM - Assumption Church

### 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 4:30PM, St. Ann Sunday, April 13 at 8:30AM, Assumption Sunday, April 13 at 10:30AM, St. Ann (Procession w/ Palm)

### <u>Easter Triduum</u>

Holy Thursday, April 17 at 6:00PM, Assumption Church Good Friday, April 18 at 3:00PM, Assumption Church Holy Saturday, April 19: Blessing Food Baskets ~12:00PM, St. Ann Church Easter Vigil ~ 8:00PM, Assumption Church

### Easter Sunday, April 20 8:30AM

Assumption Church and St. Ann Church **10:30AM** Assumption Church and St. Ann Church



## Wildwood Catholic Academy PreK-3 to 12th grade 609-522-7257



2025 WC Hall of Fame Honorees to be inducted at the event

### **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 <u>wildwoodcatholicpta@gmail.com</u> 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**

**F**amily 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! Classes are Mon-Fri 8:30am-12pm July 14-July 25 TAKE NOTE OF EARLIER DATES

Call or email Donnamarie Sexton with any questions.





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