

# Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

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May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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John 13:34

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**<u>Current Mass Schedule</u>** See Page 5 for Change to Schedule

See Page 5 for Change to Scher 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 Sunday: 8:30 AM Confessions Wed. & Friday ~ 9 AM-10 AM Parish Business Offices 1500 Central Avenue, Suite 100 North Wildwood, NJ 08260 Phone: 609-522-2709 Fax: 609-522-9375 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

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#### 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

#### THIS WEEKEND!!!

Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mr. Thomas Piro May 17/18...please See Page 6 for more information

Summer Mass Schedule begins Memorial Day Wknd -See Page 5 for SUMMER SCHEDULE -Please note Saturday Afternoon Masses will be 4:30 at both of our churches this Summer

Our Lady of the Rosary Knights of Columbus #2572 Our parish KofC will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on June 7th, 2025. Tickets for their 100th Anniversary Dinner will be on sale after masses during May.

Assumption Gift Shop: accepting cash and check only

Our Year Round Mass Schedule with the Changes Throughout the Year (Upcoming 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> Saturdayu A

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-

<u>St. Ann</u> Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 10:30AM

<u>Assumption</u> Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM Sunday: 8:30AM

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Dear Parishioners,

The day has come. Yesterday, May 17, 2025, Bishop Joseph A. Williams ordained me to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ. The past eight years of seminary have concluded, and now I begin a new era on my journey of faith as a priest ministering to God's holy people.

Today's gospel, however, reminds me of the foundation of my vocation—God's initial love for me and his command to love one another. What is this "love" Jesus speaks about? How do we show this "love"? Many of us have different definitions, experiences, and perceptions of love. In fact, the Scripture expresses the complexity of love by using four different words to describe it (*storge, philia, eros*, and *agape*). The command Jesus gives us today is the strongest form of love, the *agape* love. *Storge* involves familial love. *Philia* pertains to friendships. *Eros* is a passionate love. *Agape*, though, is total, sacrificial, unconditional self-giving. This command to "love one another" means to give everything to another without any cost. This is the love Jesus commands us to practice.

During the ordination rite, those to be ordained prostrate themselves on the floor as the people sing the litany of the saints. The gesture of prostrating, lying face down on the floor, symbolizes the total self-gift, the *agape* love, that I give to the Lord and to the people he has entrusted to me. I have given myself completely to the service of God and his people unconditionally. Many may question why a young man may choose to do this, and the answer is clear. Christ showed me his *agape* love by dying on the cross for me, and has called me to live out this command of total self-giving love through the priesthood.

The command to love one another, however, is not reserved for priests. This is a command to every single person touched by Christ's *agape* love! It is not an option. Married couples live *agape* love by giving each other totally to their spouses and children. Religious brothers and sisters live *agape* love by dedicating themselves to their charism, whether it be serving the poor, teaching, or going to the peripheries to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. How is Christ asking you to exercise *agape* love?

Indeed, the day has come. I will begin to minister to God's holy people as his priest. I ask you to pray for me, pray that I may always exercise *agape* love to those I serve. Please also pray for more young men to lay down their lives for the Lord and his people. Know that I will always keep the Notre Dame De La Mer Family in my prayers, and know of my gratitude for the *agape* love you have shown me all these years. *Oremus pro invicem*!

God bless, Fr. Thomas Piro



## Mass Intentions

#### Saint Ann Church

SATURDAY	May 17
4:30PM	Anastasia McNicholas r/b Bob & Anastasia
	Steffney
	Kathy Polcharski r/b Pat Orr
	James Resetar r/b Elaine & Dan Orsi
	Nancy Esher r/b Deborah O'Connor
	James McGorry, Sr. r/b Chris & Donna Kanya
	Pat Manning r/b Michael Celinski & Family
	John McCullough r/b Jeanne Wack Cassidy
	Eleanor Ruehmling r/b Maggie Balderman
	Jane Macrina r/b Colleen & Gregory Hanna
	Sean Tipping r/b John & June Arnoldy
SUNDAY	May 18
10:30 AM	Pro Populo
<u>Assumptio</u>	<u>n Church</u>
SATURDAY	May 17
8:30 AM	Anne Marie Melough r/b Joseph & Nancy
	McDermott
SUNDAY	May 18
8:30 AM	Jack Holland r/b Richard and Marie Turco
	Anita Cole r/b Family
	Betti McNamara r/b Husband
	Julia Katheder r/b Ruth & Petr Cava
	Joe Visalli r/b Joe Lloyd Joseph Fusto r/b Tom & Kathy Melchiorre
MONDAY	May 19
8:30 AM	Joan H. Dunn r/b Teri & Steve Carey
TUESDAY	May 20
8:30 AM	Denise Hearn r/b Dan Hearn
WEDNES.	May 21
8:30 AM	Chick Brown r/b Family
THURS.	May 22
8:30 AM	Thomas Kelhower r/b Theresa, Wife
FRIDAY	May 23
8:30 AM	Walt Collins r/b Sisters
SATURDAY	•
8:30 AM 4:30 PM	Intentions of the Priest Kathleen Burke r/b Alfred & Micaela Kurtz, Jr.
4. <i>JU I M</i>	Elizabeth Crawford r/b Jack & Regina McCoy
	Robert Romano r/b Rosalie Herbig
	Frank Giorgina r/b Kathleen McCullough
	Mickey Sorenson r/b Janice Schumann
	Joesph Visalli r/b Bonnie, Victoria, & Theresa
	Frank Petruccelli r/b Rita & Al Petruccelli
	Ken Ford r/b Theresa Cassasanta
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Intention mas	s will <u>only</u> be listed for the current weekend ses and the upcoming weekday masses.



## **Readings** of the Week

#### Reading I : Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

- The reading from Acts describes the return of Paul and Barnabas to Antioch to report on the success of their missionary efforts.
- They help the new Christians organize their small communities.
- The Christian communities are encouraged to persevere in spite of the suffering that their new faith might bring them.

#### **Reading II : Revelation 21:1-5a**

God will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

- The vision from Revelation is a description of God's final victory over evil and the establishment of the kingdom in its fullness.
- Jerusalem, the city of God and God's people, comes from heaven and is made new by God.
- The new community is represented by love for God and for one another.

#### Gospel : John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Love one another!

- The Gospel presents the heart of Jesus' message: "Love one another as I have loved you."
- Before the passage, Judas left to betray Jesus.
- The glorification of Jesus happens through betrayal, suffering and death

## Family Reflection Corner

Theme: Jesus commands us to love one another! **Breaking Open the Word** Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

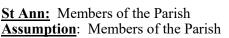
As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your memory?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

Question for Youth: The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment? **Ouestion for Adults:** Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of May 17 – May 1624 in loving memory of:







"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: John Pisani



#### Current List:

Lena Weredene, Shelby Williams, Dawn Williams, Rick Conte, Joanne Godleski, Giacomo DiPaolo, Ronnie Budetta, Russell Hendershot, Elizabeth Markee, 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.

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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.

### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

#### Carmella Collilora Albert Campanella



**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 .

## Stewardship



May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter Stewardship Love

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part for <u>Stewards</u> – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

#### Sign up for our Parish Electronic Giving





QR code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website.....*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"

### Parish and Local Information



## Branches Outpreach

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



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#### **Volunteer Opportunities!**

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

#### THIS WEEKEND 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

#### <u>First Mass</u>

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 Mass~ 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.



## 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 May 19

#### ~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 <u>https://teams.live.com/meet/9349847848697</u> (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.

#### Upcoming Schedule:

May 24: Rosary & Discussion on The Pope/Conclave

June 7: Rosary & Discussion on The Saints

June 21: Rosary & Discussion The Blessed Virgin Mother.

July 5: Rosary only. July Rosary & Discussion on Sundays Gospel"

Where: Monsignor Kelly Hall, Assumption Church. When: 9:00AM



## 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

#### <u>GROUP MEETINGS</u>

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.



To preserve this most precious gift, we urgently need commitments from prayers for one (1) hour a week during the times listed on the schedule below to ensure continuous coverage.

#### Weekly Adoration Schedule:

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 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.



#### <u>Upcoming events at other Parishes</u> <u>Creating a Just and Loving Community: Under-</u> <u>standing Catholic Social Teaching</u>

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7 p.m. St. Thomas More Parish Hall,1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 For more information and registration (free), contact: Chris Baeckstrom at cbaeckst@gmail.com Or Call 856-583-2910 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

Memorial Day Mass Schedule at Cemeteries Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us

Please join us for our Memorial Day Masses held on Monday, May 26, in most of our Catholic Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice.

For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at **SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org** 

"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God, is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



## **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

#### **SUPPORT JERSEY SHORE WOMENS CENTER**

Respect Life Ministry at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish sponsored an envelope drive to support the Jersey Shore Women's Center, a free service to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Your generosity is appreciated to help women and their families who are in need of your help.

Checks can be made out directly to: Jersey Shore Women's Center 335 E. Jimmie Leeds Road, 200 Building, 2nd Floor, Suite D Galloway, NJ 08205

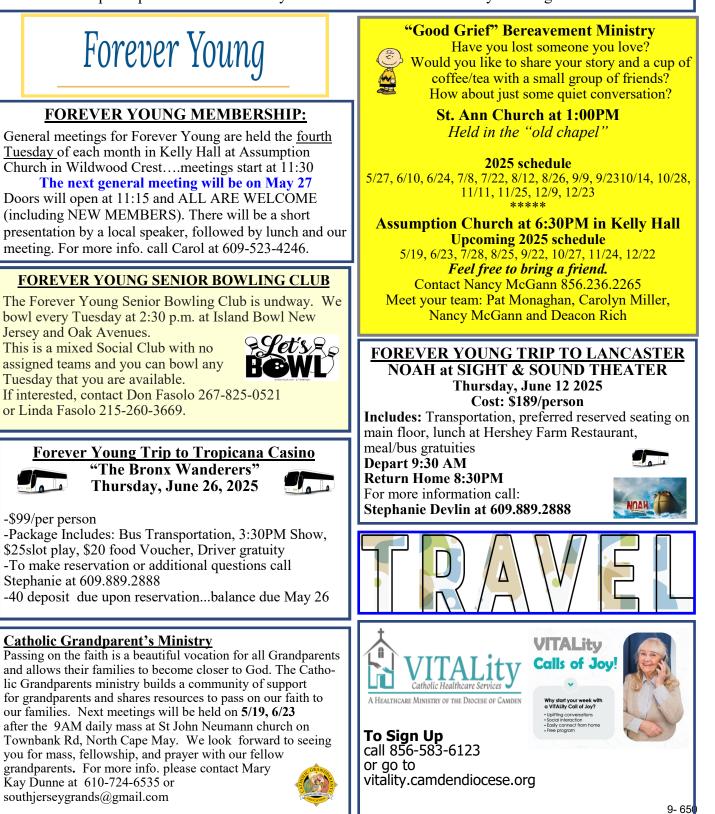
Envelopes were handed out in Church the weekend of May  $10^{\text{th}} \& 11^{\text{th}}$  and can be mailed directly to the center with your tax-deductible donation.



### **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.



## 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:

Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor, (293-373) Athanasius became the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt at the age of thirty. He lived at a time when many people believed false teachings that Jesus was not really the Son of God. As bishop, Athanasius defended the doctrine of the Trinity. Because of his outspokenness, he was sent into exile—not once, but five times over the course of his life. During these times he lived in hardship but spent his time writing, praying, and encouraging other Christians.

**Feast Day:** The Church celebrates his feast day on May 2.

Athanasius' message today: Athanasius kept the faith when it would have been easy to give in to the heavy pressures which he was under. There are a lot of false gods in our times: more money, a bigger house, a fancier car. Our culture would have us put these things into our lives at the cost of our faith.

 Are you strong in your faith, enough to resist the cultural influences which may put you in conflict with it? Diocesan and Community News



#### Discover more about vocations at www.camdenpriest.org

#### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

#### St. Joseph's Seminary and College—Dunwoodie

Pursue a Master of Arts in Theology or Post-Bacc Certificate with St. Josephs Seminary!

Prepare for an academic or ministerial career. Grow intellectually and spiritually in your Catholic faith. Take courses for personal enrichment.

Don't Delay—Your Future Begins Today! Seminarian, aand Lay Women and Men opportunities Contact:

St. Joseph's Seminary and College 201 Seminary Avenue Yonkers, NY 10704 Admissions: 914.367.8145, x.8145 Email: sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu Webpage: www.dunwoodie.edu



#### Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology Grow in Your Faith! Fall courses from Immaculate Concep-

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.

#### Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 21, 2025. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology..

#### **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** 

**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.



#### Helping marriages heal and grow. Over 100,000 couples helped. The Retrouvaille

## Marriage Program

Weekend programs in February, August, and October in Malvern PA

HelpOurMarriage.org

215-766-3944



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.

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 you 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 <u>applications@wwme-southjersey.org</u> Visit our website <u>wwme-southjersey.org</u>





Ministerio Regional Hispano Cape May County

**St. Raymond** 700 Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251 Teléfono 609-886-1759 **Oficina del Ministerio Regional Hispano** Horario de Atención: Lunes y martes 11am a 2pm Jueves y viernes 6pm a 8pm

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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

#### St. Denis Parish Havertown Bicentennial Gala (1825-2025)

When: Sunday, June 8th, 2025 4pm Cocktail Hour with Hors d'oeuvres 5pm Sit Down Dinner & Dancing Where: Drexelbrook Cost: \$100 per person /Open Bar

The Gala is a 16 years and older event (Accommodations at Holiday Inn & Suites available)

For More Information: www.saintdenis.org call 610-446-0200



#### Class of 1975 50th Year Reunion Friday, May 30, 2025 (7 PM to 11 PM)



7, May 30, 2025 (7 PM to 11) The Southampton Room 2980 Southampton Road Philadelphia, PA 19154 Tickets on Sale



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Philadelphia, PA 19154 Tickets on Sale www.arhs.me/class75reunion Email: friendsofryan.team@gmail.com

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~FIT KIDS~ New class at Crest Pier AEROBICS, DANCE FITNESS, AND YOGA Dance to the beat of top 40 music. Get fit and have fun! Class meets every Tuesday 4:30 pm- 5:20 pm. Open to children ages 7-12.

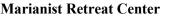
Parents must fill out a registration form. There is no fee. Bring water and wear sneakers. Crest Pier, 5800 Ocean Avenue, Wildwood Crest, NJ. For more information call 609-523-0202



#### **Retreat Offerings**

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center, Stone Harbor For more information or to register, visit www.VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7696

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**2025 APPEAL: "Our Journey United in Hope"** By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you are supporting many programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged. When we support the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, we shine a light of hope throughout the Catholic community of South Jersey. This year's theme: "Our Journey United in Hope" connects to the Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." It reflects our commitment to walk this path together grounded in the hope

and love that Christ gives us. In Spes Non Confudit\* Pope Francis said, "During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind."

## 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 h is our largest fundraiser and 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!







#### **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



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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