



Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

www.notredamedelamer.org

Mass Schedule – Summer Schedule

St. Ann Church
2901 Atlantic Avenue
Wildwood

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:00 AM *Last Mass 9/3
8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday ~ 4:00 PM

Assumption Church
7101 Seaview Avenue
Wildwood Crest

Monday to Saturday 8:30 AM
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
10:30 AM * Last Mass 9/3

Confessions

Wed. & Friday ~ 9 AM-10AM / Saturday ~ 3:30 PM
Adoration: Monday ~ Friday



Upcoming Special Parish Information

Sunday 10:30AM Mass live-streamed

Livestreaming is available through our Facebook & YouTube account . A link to the Mass can be found on our webpage.

Traveling Statues of Mary: Reserve your date to take home either Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of Lourdes for a week. See page 8 for details

Nativity Set: We are more than halfway there. Assumption Church is in need of a new nativity. See page 8 for details.

Forever Young Trips: Hudson Valley NY, Mendenhall Inn/ Longwood Gardens & New England/Canada Cruise See pages 6 & 8 for information

Assumption Gift Shop: The gift shop will be **OPEN** after all Masses. Only cash and check are accepted for payment.

Labor Day Weekend Masses: Last Masses - St Ann: 7:00AM; Assumption: 10:30AM



September 3, 2023
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Our Mission Statement

The love of Jesus Christ gathers us together to welcome and embrace all God's Children.

Staff Directory

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Stewardship



September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Wisdom

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this Stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world

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 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!



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™.

Please enroll today by visiting our parish website.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

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

It's fast, safe and secure.

No sign-up required. Click "pay now"

QR code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website



Dear Parishioners,

By this time, you should have all received an email from me explaining the need for a change to our mass schedule. The Bishop sent out a decree earlier this year stating that only 1 Mass may be celebrated on Saturday evening as of July 1, 2023. Since we have an influx of people during the summer, we are blessed to be able to have an added mass to accommodate our visitors throughout the summer. A copy of the decree can be found on page 8 of this bulletin.

After we received this decree we took it to the Parish Council Meeting on December 6, 2022, to discuss new Mass times with the Board. The Mass schedule was finalized and approved at the February 14, 2023 meeting. It was determined it would be better to wait to inform the parishioners until it was time for the change to avoid confusion.

This decision was not an easy one. As stated in the email and also in the explanation from the Bishop on page 8 of the bulletin, there were many factors taken into consideration before determining this change. All members who attended the December and February meetings voted to eliminate Assumption Saturday evening Mass. We know this will cause some inconvenience to some parishioners' routines. I sympathize as it will be an adjustment for me also. I will now have to drive to St. Ann instead of walking across the street for confession and Mass on Saturday evening.

We are blessed to have 2 beautiful churches in our parish to celebrate Mass, funerals, weddings, and sacraments! Times are changing and we need to do what is best for everyone. We are one parish and together we can work together to make the best of this situation.

May 25, 2024, will be here before you know it and we will be back to celebrating two Saturday evening Masses for the summer again. For those who attend Saturday night Mass regularly at Assumption, please give St. Ann a chance. Traffic is almost non-existent during the off-season. For those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers, ushers and greeters, this is the time to meet other parishioners. You are welcome and encouraged to serve at St Ann.

Let's look at this as a positive change. One where we can come together as one parish to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass instead of two separate churches.

God Bless,

Fr. Mazz

Mass Intentions

Saint Ann Church

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

September 2

Mr & Mrs James O'Shaughnessy r/b Family

September 3

Pro Populo

Betty Walsh r/b Peter

Thomas Doherty r/b Barbara & William Weinacht

Karen Griffith r/b Hennessy & Griffith Families

Tommy Schaffer r/b Denise Rahn

Dorothy Thompson r/b Colleen & Fran Stevens

Carmella Caruso r/b Jim Stephano

Madeline Tilton r/b MaryAnn Tarbotton

Chicki Cini r/b Lorraine Nicholas

Assumption Church

SATURDAY

8:30 AM

4:30 PM

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

September 2

Anna Donato r/b Granddaughter, Anna Marie

Amanda Holland r/b Anthony & Rosemary Zuccarella

September 3

Shereen Lloyd r/b Joe & Family

Christopher Bowman r/b Alice Mount

Andrew Drake r/b Sandra Harvey

Nina & Consolato Rosania r/b Family

Michael P Murray r/b Charles Melough

Madeline Cirillo r/b Barbara & Lisa Deeley

Tracey McHugh r/b Lazarus House

Volunteers

Terrence Hull r/b Cher & Vin

September 4

Save & Protect the Unborn

September 5

Ed McClain r/b Nettie

September 6

Anna Charlton r/b Sullivan Family

September 7

Matt & Stella Diana r/b Friends

September 8

Jack & Maryann Bielec r/b Family

September 9

Lucrezia Baiocchi r/b Daughter, Anna Marie

OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12 PM ON FRIDAYS

**OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
LABOR DAY**

Readings of the Week

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9

I suffer for the sake of doing God's work.

- The first reading refers to a time when the prophet Jeremiah has just come out of hiding in fear for his life.
- Jeremiah is mocked and scorned for preaching against the sins of Israel.
- Even at the cost of such suffering, preaching God's word is better for Jeremiah than suppressing it.

Reading II: Romans 12:1-2

Be transformed.

- Paul proclaims self-surrender in the Letter to the Romans.
- When we offer God our whole life, our prayer and rituals are meaningful.
- Paul urges Christians to let their lives be transformed in the image of eternal life.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Take up your cross.

- In a series of three passages, Jesus announces his imminent suffering and death, which is to be followed by his being raised from the dead.
- In today's passage, a misunderstanding of the prediction is voiced by Peter. It becomes clear that fidelity to Jesus would ultimately cost the disciple life itself.
- The paradox here is that the one who willingly gives up mortal life for Jesus' sake gains eternal life.

Family Reflection Corner

Weekly Readings Reflection

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings.

- To follow Jesus, to do the will of God, comes at a cost. Invite family members to answer the question: When is it difficult for you to follow Jesus? Remind family members that with God's grace and help, anything is possible.
- Have each family member cut a cross from construction paper. On the crosses, describe a cross that you will carry for Jesus this week. Keep the crosses on the refrigerator or in another prominent place in your home as a reminder of your commitment to Christ.
- As a family, discuss how you have experienced the Paschal Mystery. What events were crises for you? How were you able to survive them? What events have you celebrated as a family? How have these events been life-giving?

Funerals: To be arranged with the funeral director. Please call a funeral home of your choice.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anytime



Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:

St Ann: Deceased Members of McLaughlin Family r/b Judy McLaughlin

Assumption: Malgorzata Leniartek r/b Sea Chest Motel



*"To everything there is a season and a time
for every purpose under heaven..."*
Ecclesiastes 3:1

"A Time To Be Healed..."

Carlo J Accardi, Sandra Accardi, Patricia Arena, Gerry Baily, Christina Beck, Bernadette & Family, Victoria Bersani, Sam & Ronnie Black, Liam Blaney, Christina Bober, Alice Boyle, Nick Bonifante, Ed Brunell, Jackie Burroughs, Giuliana Burruezo, Matthew Bzwonariak, William Callahan, Leo Carano, Joseph Carfagno, Angela Carsillo, Jeanne Cassidy, Christine Cavaliere, Robert & Nancy Celebre, Don Chiancone, Carol Clark Korzeniowski, John Cleary, Patti Clifford, Joe Comdeica, John Connelly, Maureen (Peach) Cooper, David Cornell, Jim Cunningham, Bonnie Daniels, Frank DeAngelo, Niall Devlin, Bob DiPeso, Sr., Jack DiPaola, Baby Charles Ditchkosky, Dianne Dooley, Gianna Dotzler, Joseph Dotzler, Fran Dougherty, John Dougherty, Bill Douglas, Robert Fath, Patricia Foidl, Ken Ford, Lucy Blue Freeling, Robert Friend, Isabella Fuscellaro, Marie Gallagher, Linda Marie Gallo, Luke Gallo Sr, Matt Girard, Michelina Giuliano, Rosa Giuliano, Robert & Rita Gloner, Eileen Golden, Joanne Golley, Josie Gorman, Kate Grassi, Helene Grier, Nadine Halp, Carol Hanville, Mike Harbison, Sloan Hart, Kevin Harvey, Joan Hearn, Drew Heimack, Charles (Buddy) Hemphill, Donna Hemphill, Justin Hennessy, Joseph Herrera, Theresa Hogan Pettit, Pete Horn, Neal Horrell, John E. Howe, Jay Hunt, Michael Iacona, Nick Iocco, Joe Inemer, Ron Isaacson, Dexter M James, Luke D Johns, Mark Jupin, Dana Kane, Mary Kane, Frank Keiser, Margaret Kilkenny, Ronnie & Barbara Klecz, Enzo Kramer, Michelle Lauriello, Roger Lee, Joan Lentz, John Leonetti Sr, Charles Long, Daniel Long, Dorothy Long, Don Long, Ismael Lopez, Max Lopez, George Ludwig, Salvatore M. Larry, Barbara Maggi, Michelle, Jeremy & Jessica Mankoff, Charles Marcinkiewicz, Stanley Marcinkiewicz, Christine Marcinkiewicz-Rose, Carmen Lidia Maldonado, James Maxwell, John MacDonald, Terry Mc Ardle, Mary Ann Metzger, Joan Mikulewicz, Sharon Monti, Bill Morey, Jr., Simon Mosaad, Sean Murphy, Vito Navarra, Lynn Nichols, Sonia O'Connor, Rose Osborn, Sherrie Owens, Brittany Peace, Marie Pellicore, Maria Perez, William Peter, John Pyfer, John Pisani, Russ Pizzo, Gloria Porto, Diane Prout, Brent Reichenbach, Cass Ricci, Nicholas Ricci, Anthony Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Mickayla Rohrer, Sandy Rudnick, Leona Ruddy, Heather Santoro, Samantha Rogers, Ed Ruth, Maureen Samanns, Bailey Schafer, Theresa Sherwin, Bob Scully, Bob Siciliano, Joe Simmon, Irene Simone, Jack Smithson, Kathy Snyder, Dan Spencer, Gene Spiegel, Joseph Stever, Peter Subers, Sharon Tanelli, John Teti, Damien Tirello, Olivia Tirello, Michelle Tarbotton-Rucci, Celia Troisi, Joseph J Troiano, Thomas Vanella, Michael Vitali, Rose Mary Walch, Regina Walsh, Tom Waring, Maureen Wilent, Dawn Herman Williams, Shelby Williams, Pat Winans, Ronald Woods, Michael Yurescko

Please let us know if we should remove any names

"A Time To Be Born..."

"A Time To Die..."

Doris Wade
Sherrie Gardler
Margaret Woods
Anne Katherine Bradley

"A Time To Welcome..."

Kevin Good
Jamie Ritchie

"A Time To Be Baptized..."

Mila Fahim
Caroline Emily Becker

"A Time For Peace..."

CPT. Daniel Fida
CMC Joseph M. Orlando

"Time To Be Married..."

prayerNETWORK

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.

St. Jude Prayer Warriors are keeping our sick and their caregivers in their daily prayers

Parish Information



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.

All Are welcome

Giving online? (**PARISH GIVING**) If you want to stop receiving envelope, please contact the office.

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Registration for “New” Members

Complete the form which are on the **PINK** chairs in each church

Meetings are Monday 9:30 - 11:00AM beginning September 25

Purchase the book - “Opening Your Heart” \$40

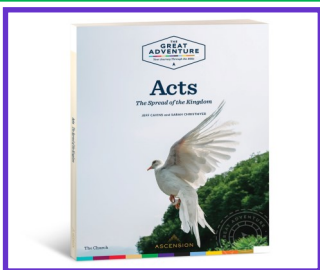
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### Returning Members

Meetings are Wednesday 9:30 - 11AM beginning September 27

Contact Kathy Woodside for book

All meetings are held in  
Msgr. Kelly Hall ~ Assumption Church  
For info contact: Kathy Woodside  
Ltsdanz@verizon.net



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Come join us on Wednesdays as we study the amazing works of the first disciples of Jesus as they spread the word of God and build his Kingdom.

Sessions will begin 9/20/2023  
11-12:30 pm in Kelly Hall  
RSVP by 8/23 if you want a book.  
Donnamarie Sexton 609-522-2709 ext 218

### Forever Young:

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is September 26. All “seniors” are welcome to join the group. Call Carol 609-523-4246 for more information.

### Join Forever Young Holiday Extravaganza at the Mendenhall Inn For Sunday Brunch and Longwood Gardens Christmas

Sunday, December 3

Cost: \$155.00\*

\*Package includes; Bus transportation, Sunday Brunch, Admission to Longwood Garden’s Christmas, Meal taxes, meal gratuity and driver gratuity

Contact Phyllis for reservation: 609-425-9523

### Respect Life Ministry

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN**

Next meeting - Monday, Sept.11 after 8:30 Mass in the  
St. Joseph Room - Assumption Church



### “Good Grief” Support Group (additional meeting time)

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?

**Second & Fourth Tuesday of the Month**  
St. Ann (former chapel) at 1:00p.m. and **Fourth Monday Evening of the Month** at 6:30p.m. at Assumption (St Joseph’s Room) Feel free to bring a friend. Contact Nancy McGann 856.236.2265

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

### 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.

“... I was sick, and you took care of me...” Matthew 25:26

If you or your loved one is homebound and would like a visit and communion brought to them, please contact the office.

### 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

## 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 are therefore providing time each month when parishioners can come together to pray for all children and young adults, as well as all the intentions they hold in their hearts.

**Next holy hour will be September 18<sup>th</sup>  
at Assumption Church after 8:30 AM Mass**



### Adoration

**Monday - Thursday**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Friday**

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM closing with

Divine Mercy at 3PM

**WHERE:** Msgr. Kelly Hall.

Please sign-up so we have continuous coverage.  
Sign-up sheets will be available after daily Mass.

### 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.

### Men's Spiritual Group

As Catholic Men, have you found yourself wondering or even questioning how to understand, defend and promote our Catholic faith and live as disciples of Jesus Christ?

NDDLM has a vibrant men's group exploring issues we are confronted with as Catholic men. If you have neighbors or friends visiting, please bring them. All are welcome. We usually meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Msgr. Kelly Hall at Assumption Church after 8:30AM Mass.

**Next meeting is September 16.** At our September 16th meeting, the Men's Group will learn about *Maria Esperanza de Bianchini* (Servant of God). Father Mazarella will share his personal relationship with Maria Esperanza. She has been a visionary and prophet as she has seen and talked with Our Lady, The Blessed Virgin Mary". She has written books and is destined for Sainthood." Coffee & donuts are provided

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



### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 11  
Paul VI High School

More information to follow. Contact  
Chuck if interested in carpooling or  
specific information

## Additional Parish and Community News

### Parish & Community Organizations

**Knights of Columbus** Our Lady of the Rosary Council #2572 Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 PM at the Council Home, 206 New York Ave, N. Wildwood. Contact: Joe Lloyd (Grand Knight) at 609-425-2255. For hall rentals call Joe Gillespie 215-870-5632

**Columbian Squires Circle #558** a Catholic Young men's organization for ages 11 thru 18. For additional information or to join the group please contact: Bill McCartney - 609-522-7364 / Tom Manning 609-675-0728

**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians CMC Div-1**

Follow us on Facebook "LAOH CMC Div 1" Or call Judy McLaughlin, President at 609-675-0881. We meet in North Wildwood.

### Lazarus House

(Emergency Food Pantry)

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food"...*

We welcome all donations of food and new personal care items delivered to Lazarus House on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Lazarus House is located in the Living Waters Veterans Memorial Chapel at Burk & Pacific Aves., Wildwood, NJ. Items can also be placed in the baskets by the doors of St. Ann and Assumption Churches. Monetary donations and bequests are welcomed. Checks, gift cards and cash can be dropped off at the pantry or mailed to: **Lazarus House, PO Box 1792, Wildwood, NJ 08260**. Additional information or questions please contact Frank Stone, Director, at the pantry; 609-522-1500. Thank you for your continued support. to help feed the hungry.

### ~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/join/9349847848697>  
(Best to use in Chrome, Google or Edge)

### Weekly 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

September 3: We support Wildwood Catholic Academy

September 10: Catholic University

September 17: Catholic Star Herald

*Thank you for your generosity*

### 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.



## 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.



## SHOULDER SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

### St Ann Church – 2900 Atlantic Avenue Wildwood

**September 9, 2023 – October 1, 2023**

Saturday: 5:00PM      Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

### Assumption Church – 7101 Seaview Avenue Wildwood Crest

**September 9, 2023 – October 1, 2023**

Saturday: 4:30PM      Sunday: 8:30AM



## Where did Labor Day come from?

Labor Day was created as a way to acknowledge and pay tribute to the workforce for all that they have done to make our country prosperous and strong.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City, and other cities followed this example in the following years. It was in 1894 that Congress passed a law making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

**Now that you know... have a great Labor Day!**



## NATIVITY SET

Assumption Church is in need of a new nativity set. Most of the pieces are chipped and it is missing a wise man. We are looking for donors to help defray the cost of a new set. It is will cost us \$10,300. We currently have \$6700. Please consider making a donation in memory or honor of a loved one.

For more information or to donate please contact Mary in the parish office.  
(609.522.2709.210 or  
mvey@notredamedelamer.org)



## **Join the 4-Ever Young Group on the Norwegian Breakaway**



For a 8 Day/7 Night New England & Canada Cruise. Round-trip from New York.

**Sept. 15-22, 2024**

**Cost:** \$919 –1375pp based on double occupancy. (various types of cabins)

A representative from Norwegian Cruise line will be at Msgr Kelly Hall to showcase the cruise on Saturday, September 30 at 1PM. A \$125 deposit is due when making the reservation. Final payment: May 18, 2024. Questions: Phyllis 609-425-9523.





## 2023 APPEAL: “FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD”

*In every way, the work of our ministries emanates from the Eucharist. As Saint John Paul II said, “The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom.” The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus Christ, it is the spiritual food that gives us strength to carry out His work each day and everything we do as Catholics emanates from that.*

**GOAL: \$151,800**  
**RAISED TO DATE: \$42,570**  
**28%**

Your *Catholic Ministries Appeal* gift helps our young men and our seminarians to become “men of prayer”, helps guide them as they discern if they are called and then helps prepare them to stand “in the person of Christ” and serve their bride, the Church, through their preaching and teaching and most of all by celebrating the Sacraments.

Support the 2023 South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal  
[www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma](http://www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma)

## CURIOUS ABOUT THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE?

Seek answers at *Discovering Christ*.

More information will be given at all  
weekend masses 9/9 & 9/10

## Discovering Christ Sessions will be held Tuesdays Oct 3-Nov 28 at 6PM.

Call or Email  
Donnamarie Sexton to register or  
for more information.  
609-522-2709 ext 218  
[dsexton@notredamedelamer.org](mailto:dsexton@notredamedelamer.org)

### IMPORTANT CHANGE AND ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Bishop's office in the Diocese of Camden announced this past spring that all parishes in the Diocese will no longer be able to have more than one Saturday evening mass, even if you are a parish with more than one church. The shore communities with permission from the Bishop are only allowed to have an additional Saturday Mass in the summer season. See decree.

Following the new directive as we must, and through consultation with the Parish Council, it was decided that we will be having one Saturday Mass at 4:30pm which will be held at St Ann Church beginning on Saturday October 7th. There will not be a Saturday Mass at the Church of the Assumption after September 30 until Memorial Day weekend beginning again on May 25th and lasting through the summer months.

We will continue to have Daily Mass, Sunday 8:30AM Mass and other celebrations including Confirmation and the Easter Triduum at Assumption Church.

This decision was not made arbitrarily. Many factors were taken into consideration when deciding which church would be used for winter Masses.

1. St Ann is more centrally located on the island
2. St Ann has adequate parking for Mass
3. It is more cost efficient to heat St Ann than Assumption
4. The numbers for the last year support more people attending St Ann than Assumption



EPISCOPUS CAMDENSTIS

### DECRETE REGARDING PARISH MASS SCHEDULES IN THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

In order to better address the declining number of priests in the presbyterate of the Diocese of Camden, along with the decline in Mass attendance, and having taken counsel with both the Presbyteral Council and the Vicars Forane, in exercising vigilance over the celebration of the sacraments, in accord with canon 392 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, in order that the pastoral effort regarding the celebration of Mass may be more effective for the building up of the ecclesiastical community and so as to not overburden the priests of the diocese, allowing them to more adequately fulfill their ministry (cf. *Eucharisticum mysterium*, 25), I hereby decree the following in regards to Mass schedules in the Diocese of Camden:

1. A parish may have one Saturday evening Mass.
2. A parish may have two Sunday Masses if there is only one full-time priest assigned to the parish.
3. A parish may have one additional Mass on Sunday per full-time or part-time priest assigned to the parish as long as those Masses have an attendance of at least 60% of the capacity of the church building. A change in the Mass schedule will need to be made when staffing changes at the parish.
4. Parishes that serve the Latino community should incorporate the Mass celebrated in the Spanish language into the parish Mass schedule in accord with the guidelines above.
5. Parishes in the shore region of the diocese will need to plan, on an annual basis, the number of Masses they require and are able to cover. By May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, pastors of shore parishes are to file their summer Mass schedule and coverage plan with the Office of the Chancellor.
6. In parishes with only one priest, the parish weekday Mass schedules may reflect the pastor's day off by having no Mass scheduled on that day. In addition, when the pastor is on vacation, the weekday Masses may be suspended. Eucharistic services are NOT TO BE CONDUCTED on these occasions; the faithful are to be provided with nearby parish Mass schedules so that they may participate in Mass.

This decree takes effect on July 1, 2023.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Camden on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

*In witness whereof*  
  
Chancellor



Bishop of Camden

## Baptism, Marriage & RCIA



**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

[www.notredamedelamer.org](http://www.notredamedelamer.org)

- ◆ GO TO SACRAMENTS
- ◆ GO TO BAPTISMS
- ◆ CLICK ON REGISTRATION FORM and COMPLETE IT
- ◆ SEND THE FORM TO THE PARISH (Deacon Nick)

DEACON NICK WILL CONTACT YOU FOR A REQUIRED PRE-BAPTISM MEETING (CLASS)



### **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*

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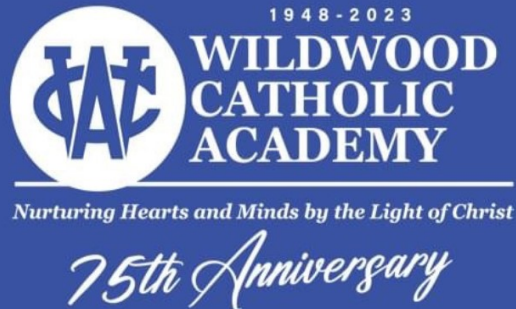
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Anyone can attend!

### Sacramental Preparation

The sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation require two years of instruction.

If your child is in need of either Sacrament, please call the parish office to speak with Donnamarie Sexton so she can help with the process.

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

**Donnamarie Sexton**  
**609-522-2709 ext. 218**  
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### PREP

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**Summer Intensive** program, which begins the last Monday in July through first week in August.

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

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