# Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

www.notredamedelamer.org

### Mass Schedule

#### St. Ann Church 2901 Atlantic Avenue Wildwood

Monday to Friday (Chapel) 7:00 AM Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10:30 AM 7:00 PM (Spanish)

**Confessions** Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

#### Assumption Church 7100 Seaview Avenue Wildwood Crest

Monday to Friday (Kelly Hall) 8:30 AM Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

> **Confessions** Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Office is opened Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Closed Saturday & Sunday, Religious Holydays & Civic Holidays.

### **Our Mission Statement**

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

El amor de Jesus Cristo nos unifica para acoger a todos como hijos de Dios





## November 27, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

Homework assignment! Re-read the readings from the first Sunday of Advent - year C. They are Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; and Matthew 24: 37-44. While you are reading these passages; keep in mind when others have become Church for you. When has God come to me unexpectedly? God comes to us when we least expect him as St. Matthew tells us. Have you ever been very sad, perhaps at the loss of a loved one, and then someone or some people came to see you? God comes when we least expect him and when we most need him.

Matthew wrote his gospel some 50 years after the temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed. It was devastating for the Jewish people – much like 9/11 was for Americans. Matthew knew that Jesus was the new temple and preached this to the people of his time. Let's go back in history a little. The early followers of Jesus expected him to return very soon. But by the time Matthew wrote his Gospel in the mid 80's, Jesus had not returned and in Matthew's thoughts, the believers had grown complacent. This was a wake-up call for the early Christians.

Most of us need a wake-up call as a reminder of things to come, such as birthdays or anniversaries. We depend on computers, calendars and friends to help us remember. This first Sunday of Advent begins our Church year and it is our reminder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus.

Jesus uses three examples in today's gospel. First of all, he tells us about the naïve people in the time of Noah; then he speaks of the workers in the field, and lastly, the home owner who had been burgled. As we re-read this gospel, it becomes crystal clear to us that we must not miss God's coming; so we must stay awake-and pay attention by living, loving, and remembering.

Remembering reminds us where we have come from. Advent reminds us about the hopes of those who lived before Jesus was born. Advent is a time of remembering God's faithfulness and how he wants to be in relationship with us. So, <u>NOW!</u> is the perfect time for us to live like Jesus. <u>NOW</u> is the time for us to tell others and show others that we are truly Christian or Christ – centered.

Let's begin by asking ourselves what gifts we have been given by God? And equally as important – how am I using these gifts? Let us spend some time this Advent pondering these two questions, and of course, thanking God for these gifts and the grace to use them, to honor him.

Prayerfully, Sister Ro



### Mass Intentions

SATURDAY December 3 4:30 PM Jack P. Burke r/b Kevin & Kathie Mc Gowan

SATURDAY	November 26
4:30 PM	Joseph Jest r/b his Wife, Pat
	Dr. John Incarvito r/b his Wife, Dottie
	Mary & Connie Kilgarriff r/b their Family
	Catherine Cieslinski & Kathleen Hoffman
	r/b their Family
	Rehanna English Mc Glensey r/b David &
	Rachelle Crispi
CUND AV	November 27
SUNDAY	Eleanor Koniecki r/b Al & Tero Koniecki
10:30 AM	
	Harvey Forsythe r/b his Family
	Charles Harvey r/b Mary Pat Hastings
	Bob Starr r/b North Wildwood Buildings,
	Parks & Grounds
	Margot Simons r/b John & Linda Winsett
7:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
MONDAY	November 28
7:00 AM	Harry T. Robinson r/b Joe & Marie Tighe
TUESDAY	November 29
7:00 AM	Alice Seaberg (2nd anniv.) r/b her Family
WEDNES.	November 30
7:00 AM	Elizabeth Walsh r/b her Husband, Peter
THURSDAY	December 1
7:00 AM	Julia Spinelli r/b John Fair
FRIDAY	December 2
7:00 AM	Intentions of the Priest
<b>SATURDAY</b>	December 3
4:30 PM	Edwin Brunell r/b Don & Faith Brunell
	Richard Palusek r/b J & M O'Shaughnessy
	Assumption Church
<b>SATURDAY</b>	November 26
4:30 PM	Marguerite F. Mahoney r/b her Family
	Rudy Kita, Jr. r/b his Wife, Helen Sarah
	Intentions of MaryAnn Metzger r/b Kita
	Family
SUNDAY	November 27
8:30 AM	Peg & Jack Quinlan r/b their Family
0.00 111.1	John Burke r/b Betty Katz & Family
	Mary Ann Fala r/b Troiano Family
	John R. Barkovitch r/b Frank & Lois Leone
MONDAY	November 28
8:30 AM	Carol Baily r/b Your Friends at the Fleur de
0.50 AM	Lis Motel
TUESDAY	November 29
8:30 AM	Borneman Family r/b Ed Borneman
WEDNES.	November 30
8:30 AM	
0.30 AM	Eileen Hoban Kreelman (4th anniv.)
THIDODAY	r/b Mom & Dad
THURSDAY	
8:30 AM	Frances Lebenz r/b Frank & Lois Leone-
FRIDAY	December 2
8:30 AM	John Tirello r/b Betty Katz

Saint Ann Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL-

John Barkovitch, Isoletta Batten, Walter Bendis, Kevin Brennan, Christian Buscham, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Bob Collelouri, Betty Collins, Stumpy Countiss, Angie Dabbingino, Rosemarie Delgado, Marion & Dana Di Caprio, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Andre Ferry, Mary Fioravanti, Anthony & Barbara Flacco, Ken Ford, Jerry Founds, Rita Frankowski, Linda Marie Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Drew Heimack, Barbara Hicklin, Nina Ianero, Janet Johnson, Jessica Karabian, Henry Korzeniowski, Lois Lauriello, Michelle Lauriello, Charles Long, Elizabeth Love, Francis Mc Ananey, Mark McKee, Marge McMullin, Jack Meehan, Mary Ann Metzger, Krista Mote, Marie Murphy, Laura Nathan, Lynn Nichols, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Madison Pagliaccetti, Brittany Peace James Peterson, Alexander Punchello, Mamie Reed, Tony Robinson, Pat Rooney, Luigi Rovar, Rose Salvitelli, Maria "Gabby" Sarri, Jane Scarano, Michael Bailey Schafer, Steven Seeberger, Michael Schaefer, Rita Sicilia, Leatrice Spiewak, Sr., Joe Stella, Philomena Stendardo, Tom Stephano, Paul Taraschi, Barbara Taylor, Mary Taylor, John & Jennifer Tipton, Stacey Tipton, Cheryl Tolen, Luke Trask, Brian Uetz, Marie Vanella, Sue Reich Walden, Bob Wallace, Dawn Herman Williams, Shannon (Lentz) Wilson, Caitlyn Young. Also, anyone who wishes to receive Communion may also call the parish offices.

#### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Charles Ronn, Sr. r/b his Wife, Pat and at St. Ann Church for James I. Simcox r/b Lorraine Celinski & Family

### Stewardship



#### **Stewards Prepare**

"*Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know* on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when in living *Stewardship* you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.



Thank you to all those who have already given generously to the 2016 House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are all called to be instruments of God's Mercy. We invite all parishioners who have not already done so to support the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden by making a pledge to this year's campaign. We ask that anyone who received the mailing from the Diocese to return your pledge to the parish office. Additional cards are available in the back of the church.

Our parish goal is \$145,170.00 of which we have received \$82,897.00 please pray about this and make your pledge.

### Save the Date



#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

Tickets are now available on the weekends at both of our churches and also at the parish office!

Mark your Calendar! Our Summer Intensive Religious Education Program will begin on Monday, July 24, 2017 and end on Friday, August 4, 2017. Additional details and registration will be given at a later date.



Electronic or "e-Giving" is available to parishioners and friends of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish. It's easy to set up, and YOU have complete control of how and what you donate to the parish. It's convenient, consistent, secure and insures privacy. To register, and set up your personal account, go to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Web Page and click on the link on the front page.

Please follow the directions. And if you're interested, coupon slips can be printed so you have something to place in the collection baskets. If you have questions, or concerns, there is a FAQ section that should help you in your decision. Be sure to visit Parish Pay. Thank you for your generosity.

### Parish Information

#### **Sacraments**

Pre-Baptismal Classes: As the primary educators of their child, the parents/guardians and godparents have the most important influence on the faith development of children and parishes must provide catechesis for them before their child is baptized. Notre Dame de la Mer Parish offers six Baptism Preparation Classes throughout the year. It is important for the expectant parents/guardians to arrange to attend a session 5 months before the birth and Baptism of the child. Contact the parish offices for more information. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

**Funerals:** To be arranged with a priest and funeral director.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anytime

Marriage: Arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to making reception plans.



#### Notre Dame de la Mer Baptism

Baptism is celebrated after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month. In the months of March, June, September and December each year Baptism will also be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the Second Sunday of the month. Please check the parish website for a list of the baptism dates for next year.

It is also suggested that if you will be celebrating the sacrament of Baptism in the near future and need to attend a baptismal preparation class that you look ahead and attend the class before your child is born. In the same way that you prepare for the birth of your child with clothing and furniture and a new room you need to prepare for your child in the faith by attending the baptismal preparation class and selecting appropriate godparents who can help you with your child's growth in the faith. Any questions about Baptism please call AnnaMae at the parish office at 609-522-2709 ext. 218

### Parish News



#### Christmas 50/50 Raffle

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle in time for Christmas. Tickets sales began just in time for "Christmas in July" and

the winning ticket will be drawn December 18, 2016, in time for "Christmas". Tickets are available before and after weekend masses at both of our churches and at the parish offices. Tickets are \$1 each.

Our Jackpot is currently over \$5,000.00.





#### Do you hear the "little angels" calling??

Christmas is a time of memory making and children in prayer. It is a time of family

gatherings and children singing carols of the New Born King. To make this happen at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish this year we need the help of someone who can lead and direct the children with the Christmas *Pageant*. If you feel that you are the one that the Lord is calling to this mission and the one we are looking for please call the office at 609-522-2709 Ext. 219 and leave your name and number. We will be sure to contact you.

#### Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of men or women volunteers to help clean the altar and sacristy at Assumption Church. If you can give us about an hour every two weeks, please contact Bill at 609-435-0890 or see Rosemary Rogers.

#### **Day of Recollection**

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish will have a day of recollection at the Marianist Retreat Center in Cape May Point on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Donation: \$25.00 which includes breakfast and lunch. If interested call Eva Lista 609-522-3070

### Wildwood Catholic High School



Phone: 609-522-7257 Website: www.wildwoodcatholic.org For information, or bulletin content please contact our Development Director: Julie Roche j.roche@wildwoodcatholic.org

**Mission Statement of Wildwood Catholic High School:** Since 1948, Wildwood Catholic High school has provided a valuecentered, college preparatory education to the youth of Southern New Jersey. We nurture hearts and minds by the light of Christ forming well-rounded individuals who will shape their communities through leadership and service. All are welcome to become part of our tradition.

*Wildwood Catholic High School* is hosting the 'Steered Straight' assembly on:

### Monday November 28, 2016 at 6:30pm Auditorium at 1500 Central Avenue Open to the Community!

http://www.steeredstraight.org/our-founder/

Michael DeLeon brings his assembly to all community members interested in learning about his *Mission*: to educate the youth to stay in the right direction when it comes to serious life issues, especially drugs. Michael is the founder and powerhouse behind *Steered Straight*, Inc. a non - profit formed in 2000 and designed to carry an important message to youth on the extreme dangers of drugs, gang involvement and associated criminal activity. *Steered Straight's* program reaches out to children, teens, and young adults with a message of reality about life-choices and the importance of consequential thinking so they understand there are consequences to their actions. The reality of the message comes from Michael himself, who was entwined in the life of drugs and traveled a troubling road to get to his future.

*Wildwood Catholic High School* is grateful to the *Greg DiAntonio Memorial Fund* for sponsoring this event. The *Fund* provides assistance in raising awareness, recovery support and erasing the stigma of addiction through education. *Wildwood Catholic* student body and faculty will assemble during the school day with Mr. DeLeon for a student presentation.

### Cape Trinity Catholic School



Phone: 609-522-2704 Website: www.capetrinitycatholic.org For information on admission or bulletin content please contact our Development Director: Julie Roche~ roche@capetrinitycatholic.org

**Mission Statement of Cape Trinity Catholic :** A school for critical thinking, is based on gospel values and the promotion of academic excellence. We challenge all to engage in meaningful learning and to make Christ-like decisions in an environment rich in prayer and service. With the support of our caring community, we aspire to develop students who will celebrate life and make a positive difference in the world.



#### Gift Cards

CTC sells gift cards all year long so make sure to come to us for all your Gift Giving and Shopping needs this Christmas! In addition to the 50+ gift cards we stock and sell every school day, we have another 1,000 gift cards available! See them all at <u>www.shopwithscrip.com</u> or stop by the Parish Office to pick up the list. Special Holiday orders will be placed on 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19, with gift cards ready for you by the end of the same week! Orders, with payment, must be received at CTC no later than the Thursday before the order dates listed above. Thank you for supporting Cape Trinity Catholic!

### Community Outreach



#### 2016 Christmastide Liturgy Schedule

#### PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Ann Church Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

#### **CONFESSIONS**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th

#### Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Church of the Assumption	8:30 AM
St. Ann Church	.10:30 AM
St. Ann Church Mass in the Spanish Language	7:00 PM

#### New Year's Eve – Saturday. December 31<sup>st</sup>

(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)		
Church of the Assumption	Л	
St. Ann Church	Μ	

#### New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of Go	od)
Church of the Assumption8:	30 AM
St. Ann Church	30 AM
St. Ann Church Mass in the Spanish Language7	00 PM

#### **Christmas Remembrance**

We are in the process of replacing many of our old and outdated Christmas decorations. We are asking for parishioners to memorialize the following. We are in need of new artificial Christmas trees and garland for the churches. It is a nice way to remember your loved ones as you look upon the symbols that speak of our joy at the miracle of the Incarnation. Please call the parish office 609-522-2709 x 210, if you are interested in this memorial opportunity!

Thank you for your consideration and support! Fr. Wallace



#### Merry Christmas

The Giving Trees are up in each of our churches and once again we are asking for your generosity. More children then ever need our help. Take a tag from the tree and select an age appropriate gift for a child. Random gifts are also welcomed. So if you see a great sale pick



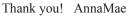
up an extra even if you don't have a tag. *Please no cash or gift cards*. Cash or check donations are appreciated and the elves will do the buying for you. Return all gifts to the tree before December 18, 2016. In 2015 over 140 children were helped by Notre Dame de la Mer Parish.

The manger is empty during Advent as we await the coming of our Saviour. Let the anticipation of Christ's birth fill our hearts with love for all God's children

#### Wanted!!! Parents to take part in the God-Share Program

The church communicates that parents are the first teachers of their children and we all know that children learn by example. What better example is there for parents to be to their children than instructors in the Faith? We are in need of parents to take part in the Liturgy of the Word to instruct the children. We will provide you with the Newsletters the children receive, small rewards to give to the students and lesson plans on the readings for each Sunday as well as anything else you may need to be a successful instructor. But we need you and so do the children to help spread the word of God......

If you are interested in being part of this most important ministry at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish please call me at 609-522-2709 Ext. 218.





### Community Events



#### **Christmas Amoré Concert**

On Saturday, December 3, all are invited to "Christmas Amoré," an evening concert with the Sicilian Tenors in support of the South Jersey Scholarship Fund for Catholic schools. This fund helps keep tuition affordable for many families seeking a Catholic education.

The diocesan Christmas concert has grown in popularity every year and is a hallmark event for schools and the South Jersey community. In addition to the renowned Sicilian Tenors, this year's concert will feature performances by a combined choir of diocesan high school musicians.

Make it a night out by enjoying dinner at a show! Local restaurants will be offering special dining deals:

• La Verde, 200 Hurffville Road, Turnersville, NJ 08102, 856-227-5522, (Special Menu)

• Arugula, 373 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ 08080, 856-589-0475, (10% off with ticket) Randazzo's Pizza and Pasta, 288 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ 08080, 856-582-3555, (Special Menu) Christmas Amoré will be held at the Investors Bank Performing Arts Center in Sewell, NJ at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about "Christmas Amoré" or to purchase tickets go to <u>www.camdendiocese.org/</u> <u>christmas-amore-featuring-sicilian-tenors or call 856-</u> <u>853-6195</u>.



Join our "Forever Young" group on Sunday, December 11, 2016 as we go to the Cape May Stage to see *One Christmas Carol* at 3:00 PM and dinner at the Merion Inn at 5:30 PM. Combination tickets for the show and dinner is \$55 per person including tip. For reservations please call Phyllis at 609-884-3535.



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### More Parish News

#### **Parish Activities**

Mary, Refuge of Sinners Prayer Group Wednesday after the 8:30 AM at Assumption Church in Msgr. Kelly Hall.

**Franciscan Fraternity of Divine Mercy** welcomes you every 3rd Sunday of each month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Absecon. All are welcome. For information call Tom Stephano @729-6284.

**Knights of Columbus** Our Lady of the Rosary Council #2572 Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 PM at the Council Home, 206 New York Ave, N. Wildwood.

**Columbian Squires Circle #558** a Catholic Young men's organization for ages 11 thru 16. Contact Dan DeMaio 729-1427 or Tom Connelly 408-6398.

**Forever Young** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 12:00 Noon at Kelly Hall for lunch and program. Our next meeting is November 22, 2016.

**Legion of Mary** Tuesday at 11:00 AM in St. Ann Chapel

**Adoration** is held every Thursday after the 7:00 AM Mass until Noon at St. Ann Church.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction** 1st Friday of the month 3:00 PM at Assumption Church.

**Rosary for World Peace** 1st Saturday of the month 4:00 PM at St. Ann Church.



#### Gift Shop

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish gift shop located at The Church of the Assumption is available to all! The gift shop is open

before and after our weekend Masses at that location, also after the Friday 8:30 AM daily Mass or by calling Betty 609-675-5146. 20% off all Christmas items!



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