



Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

www.notredamedelamer.org

Current Mass Schedule

See Page 5 for Year Round Schedule w/ Changes

St. Ann Church
2901 Atlantic Avenue
Wildwood

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM*

Confessions

Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

*Livestream - on our Webpage or Facebook

Assumption Church
7101 Seaview Avenue
Wildwood Crest

Mon.- Sat.(Daily): 8:30 AM
Sunday: 8:30 AM

Confessions

Wed. & Friday ~ 9 AM-10 AM

Adoration:

Monday ~ Friday

See page 7 for details



Upcoming Special Parish Information

Traveling Statues of Mary: Reserve your date to take home either Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of Lourdes for a week. Please call the parish office

Advent Communal Penance Service:
December 11 at 6:00PM, St. Ann Church

SAVE THE DATE: Prelude to Christmas Concert
December 15 at 6:00PM, Assumption Church
Performed by our Parish Music Ministry

CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEULE

Please see page 12 for complete schedule and other Information regarding the Christmas Holiday

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



December 8, 2024
Second Sunday
of Advent

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

Parish Business Offices

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Stewardship



December 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent
Live Stewardship

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To live **Stewardship** and grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

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



From the desk of Kevin Quinn, Parish Administrator

Dear Friend,

Usually, Advent sneaks up on me. And due to the late Thanksgiving holiday, it has once again! It is hard for me to fathom as I sit here during the last week of November, still pondering the things I am grateful for, I am writing this letter to you for the bulletin of Dec.08, the Second Sunday of Advent. It is with those thoughts of gratefulness and preparation that remind me of what lies ahead during the next few weeks.

I do love Advent. I love the themes of hope and peace, love and joy; expectation and preparation. The changing of the Church seasons always allows space for reflection and a reset of the spiritual life if we happen to be in a rut. This year in particular, entering into the Advent season with hope and peace on our minds and in our hearts, it is fitting to have hope and peace at the forefront of our thoughts as we navigate our nation's political landscape and the global geopolitical landscape as well.

As you are keenly aware, the news is filled with stories of war, violence, greed, political theatre, racial tension, and environmental calamity. In my conversations with my children, I realized that they feel they're inheriting a world filled with problems that cannot easily be solved. I can only encourage them to see beyond what is and what has been, heed the negatives as warnings to change, and imagine a future that is not defined by the past. As they are beginning their college careers, I remind them what they must do! They must have HOPE. They must strive for PEACE. They must remain JOYFUL. They must LOVE. Additionally, they must become part of the solution by using the traditional values instilled in them by our family and our parish / school community. There is an opportunity for them, and all of us for that matter, to lead and become a light.

Our faith tells us that solutions are very rarely what we imagine them to be. Advent is about hoping for the fulfillment of a promise, without understanding what that fulfillment will be. Advent is a season of the impossible becoming reality.

The word 'advent' comes from Latin and means 'coming' or 'arrival' and points to our celebration of Christ's first coming as a child and our celebration of his expected second coming. Remembering His coming draws us outside of ourselves, it draws us out of the difficult circumstances in which we are tempted to wallow. The liturgy of the Advent season prepares the faithful for Christmas through the change of vestments and the beautiful readings and liturgies that point to Christ's coming.

There is a yearning that accompanies the human heart during this time of year. Personally, I am yearning for the hope that comes with the advent season. I yearn for the feelings that exist when hope is placed in Jesus. And I also pray for peace...peace in my heart and peace on the earth! What are you yearning for this Advent? More importantly, what are you praying for this Advent?

Humbly,
Kevin

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR

Lord Jesus Christ!

Saint Ann Church

SATURDAY December 7

4:30PM Fred Nicolai r/b Carol
Geraldine Woolston r/b Dom & Monica
Versaggi
Antonietta Melchiorre r/b Tom Melchiorre
Scott Orgonas r/b Judy & Andy Orgonas
Marie Tighe r/b William & Bernice Sullivan
Mary & William Provence r/b Jim & Maureen
Chambers
Thomas Keenan r/b Bob & Marge Powell
Mark A. Jones r/b Suzanne McGinty & Family
Peter Walsh r/b John & Kathleen Milligan
Laura Capella r/b Joann & Bill Rosetti

SUNDAY December 8

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Assumption Church

SATURDAY December 7

8:30 AM Tony Flacco r/b Barbara

SUNDAY December 8

8:30 AM Rose Goffredo r/b Tom & Rita Goffredo
Alanna Mussachio r/b Mary, Bob, Jeff, Renee &
Family
Mary Vey r/b The Lacivita Family
Charles Ronn, Jr. r/b Mother
Amanda Holland r/b The Family
Frederick Reber r/b Neighbors
Jack Holland r/b John & Toni Kill
Alanna Mussachio r/b The Lacivita Family
Jack & Patsy McDermott r/b Joseph & Nancy
McDermott

MONDAY December 9

8:30 AM Kathy McFarlane r/b The Hullihan Family

TUESDAY December 10

8:30 AM Josaphine Bonnani r/b The DiGiuseppe & Bloom
Families

WEDNES. December 11

8:30 AM Leon Mazzochi r/b Wife

THURS. December 12

8:30 AM Domenica Baiocchi r/b Granddaughter, Anna
Marie

FRIDAY December 13

8:30 AM Helen Seibert r/b Sullivan Family

SATURDAY December 14

8:30 AM Fr. Tom Keily r/b Mr/Mrs Sam T. Evangelista,
Jr. & Family

Intentions will only be listed for the
current weekend masses and the
upcoming weekday masses.



Reading I : Baruch 5:1-9

God will show all the earth the splendor of Jerusalem.

- The passage from Baruch borrows the prophetic language of Second Isaiah which presents a glorious vision of the vindication of God's people.
- Jerusalem, clothed in the glory and justice of God, would welcome her children home.
- All creation would share in the delight and make a smooth shady path for the people of God.

Reading II : Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

He who has begun a great work in you will continue to strengthen you.

- Paul's Letter to the Philippians expresses his great hope for the people in Philippi whom had enthusiastically accepted the Gospel of Christ.
- The Philippians had supported Paul financially and shown kindness to him during his imprisonment.
- Paul reminds them to love one another and to value what truly matters.

Gospel : Luke 3:1-6

The preaching of John the Baptist.

- In today's Gospel, Luke sets the story of Jesus in historic context for his Gentile audience by listing the important figures of the time.
- At the end of the list, he concentrates on John the Baptist.
- The lone prophet, John the Baptist, was to preach the arrival of God's salvation in Jesus.

Family Reflection Corner

Theme: We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

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: What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

Question for Youth: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Question for Adults: Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

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 this week in loving memory of

St Ann: Mary Vey r/b Bob & Marge Powell

Assumption: Deceased Members of the Family of Jack & Peg Quinlan r/b The Quinlan Family





“A Time To Be Healed...”

Carlo J Accardi, Sandra Accardi, Gerry Baily, John Bailey , Chuck Behle, Bernadette & Family, Victoria Bersani, John Berthesi, Liam Blaney, Christina Bober, Alice Boyle, Nick Bonifante, Geraldine Buckley, Mary Ann Burke, Jackie Burroughs, Giuliana Burruezo, Matthew Bzwonariak, Leo Carano, Joseph Carfagno, Angela Carsillo, Jeanne Cassidy, Christine Cavaliere, Robert & Nancy Celebre, Don Chiancone, Carol Clark Korzeniowski, John Cleary, Patti Clifford, Joe Comdeica, Maureen (Peach) Cooper, David Cornell, Sue Cortese, Jim Cunningham, Bonnie Daniels, Al Deissroth, Dina DeLero, Dennis Devine, Niall Devlin, Nancy Dick, Jack DiPaola, Dianne Dooley, Gianna Dotzler, Joseph Dotzler, Fran Dougherty, John Dougherty, Bea Fadgen, Robert Fath, Patricia Foidl, Ken Ford, Lucy Blue Freeling, Robert Friend, Isabella Fuscellaro, Linda Marie Gallo, Luke Gallo Sr, Margaret Gardner, Jr, Matt Girard, Michelina Giuliano, Rosa Giuliano, Robert & Rita Gloner, Eileen Golden, Mary Golden, Joanne Golley, Josie Gorman, Fran Grace , Kate Grassi, Jason Gushue, Mary Hallowell, Nadine Halp., 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, Joseph and Susan Hughs, Michael Iacona, Nick Iocco, Joe Inemer, Ron Isaacson, Dexter M James, Luke D Johns, Mark Jupin, Dana Kane., Frank Keiser, Margaret Kilkenny, Ronnie & Barbara Klecz, Enzo Kramer, Michelle Lauriello, Charlotte Lawrence, Roger Lee, Joan Lentz, John Leonetti Sr, Daniel Long, Don Long, Ismael Lopez, Max Lopez, George Ludwig, Salvatore M. Larry, Michelle, Jeremy & Jessica Mankoff, Charles Marcinkiewicz, Stanley Marcinkiewicz, Christine Marcinkiewicz-Rose, Luciana Magueri, Carmen Lidia Maldonado, James Maxwell, John MacDonald, Diane McDonald, Terry Mc Ardle, Thomas McAteer, Joan Mikulewicz, Phillip Mitchell, Louise Molczan, Sharon Monti, Bill Morey, Jr., Simon Mosaad, Sean Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Elizabeth O’Connor, Sonia O’Connor, Rose Osborn, Sherrie Owens, Lizzy Paredes , Brittany Peace, Marie Pellicore, Dave Pennock, Maria Perez, John Pyfer, John Pisani, Russ Pizzo, Gloria Porto, Diane Prout, Brent Reichenbach, Cass Ricci, Nicholas Ricci, Anthony Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Samantha Rogers., Mickayla Rohrer, Sandy Rudnick, Leona Ruddy, Ed Ruth, Judy Saunders , Courtney Santarsiero, Heather Santoro, Maureen Samanns, Bailey Schafer, Theresa Sherwin, Bob Siciliano, Joe Simmon, Irene Simone, Jack Smithson, Kathy Snyder, Dan Spencer, Gene Spiegel, Joane Spiewak, Joseph Stever, Peter Subers, Sharon Tanelli, John Teti, Damien Tirello, Olivia Tirello, Frank Tarantella, Michelle Tarbotton-Rucci, Celia Troisi, Joseph J Troiano, Thomas Vanella, Michael Vitali, Kitty Vito, Rose Mary Walch, Regina Walsh, Tom Waring, Maureen Wilent, Dawn Herman Williams, Shelby Williams, Ronald Woods, Michael Yurescko

**Please let us know if we should remove any names.
609.522.2709, x.210**

In order to not put the names in on time limits it is important that we are updated when it comes time to remove a name.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

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

Francis Pellegrino

James Miles, Jr.



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. Our St. Jude Prayer Warriors are keeping all sick in their prayers.

Our Year Round Mass Schedule with the Changes Throughout the Year

Summer Schedule

-Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend-

St. Ann

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Modified Summer Schedule

-The Weekend Following Labor Day through the Last Weekend in September-

St. Ann

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30AM

Winter Schedule

-The First Weekend in October through the Weekend Before Memorial Day-

St. Ann

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Sunday: 8:30AM

Parish and Local Information



The Branches Outreach

The Branches Outreach is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit providing social services and programs for vulnerable individuals in Cape May County with dignity and respect. We provide food, personal care necessities, and assistance with issues related to homelessness, poverty, mental health, and more. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn! Donations can be made via our website at www.thebranchesoutreach.org or by check made out to The Branches Outreach, 201 Hirst

St. Gabriel Ministry

When an individual is confined to their home, it may be difficult to connect with those who love and care for them. Are you interested in lifting a person's spirits with an occasional phone call? If interested, call Karen at 609-602-6106



Volunteers Needed

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Volunteers Opportunity!

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

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

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Notre Dame de la Mer parish is excited to announce the start of rehearsals for this year's Christmas Pageant! The pageant will be held on Sunday December 15th at 6pm, as the finale to "A Prelude to Christmas" concert. All children ages kindergarten through eighth grades are invited to take part in bringing the Holy Nativity to life. **Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday November 20th from 4-5:30pm at Assumption Church.**

Permission slips can be found at the parish office and at the welcome centers at both churches. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents in any way, including but not limited to: costume design, gathering props, set design or organization please see/call Cassandra Wallach 609-827-3360 Or email Cassandrawallach@gmail.com



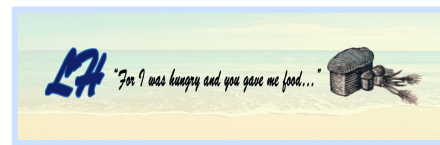
Parish and Local Information

Gluten-Free

Hosts are available for communion. You MUST see the sacristan in the sacristy **BEFORE** Mass begins. Any questions contact Jonathan Delgado at the office.



New to the Parish: Please register. Forms are available on our website under "About Us" or contact the parish office. Any changes such as a new phone number or email, please let us know. If **moving** out of the area, kindly notify the office.



Lazarus House

(Emergency Food Pantry)

"For I was hungry and you gave me food"

Lazarus House is located in the Living Waters Veterans Memorial Chapel at Burk & Pacific Aves in Wildwood, NJ We welcome all donations of food and new personal care items delivered to Lazarus House on Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 10AM & 12PM. Items can 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

On the weekend of November 17 Members of Lazarus House will hand out grocery bags. Take as many as you wish; fill them with nonperishable items and Bring your family's bag to Church with you on **November 23/24 and place in the "Lazarus House" area or bring with you to Thanksgiving Day Mass.** If you decide to bring your bag to Thanksgiving Day Mass you will be called forth to be part of a special offertory procession to place "your gift" at the altar.

Thank you for sharing "your family's giving thanks" with our friends and neighbors

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 December 16**

NDDL M 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

~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)

"Iron Sharpens Iron, and Men Sharpen Men"

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Contact Chuck Mirarchi at 215-284-2942 or cpmvp1@gmail.com

NDDL M has an active and vibrant men's group exploring issues we as Catholic men are confronted with. We are exploring the secrets of the bible, where sacraments are written and commanded us by Jesus. Such things as the Eucharist, why we love Mary, the confession of sins, who are the apostles and who are the Saints? Notre Dame de la Mers men group tackles issues of the day and allows men to defend their faith. **All Men Are Welcome**

Our upcoming meeting schedule:

When: Saturday, 9AM

Dec. 21 : Rosary and Joe Flood Jr - "Prophesy of Our Lady of Good Success in Quito Ecuador

Where: Monsignor Kelly Hall, Assumption Church.

Contact: Chuck Mirarchi - cpmvp1@gmail.com

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 Joe Gillespie 215-870-5632

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: laohcmcl@gmail.com Or Pat Lang 856-217-4955

GROUP MEETINGS

Mary, Refuge of Sinners Prayer Group Wednesday after the 8:30 AM in St Joseph's Room at Assumption.

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

"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"

12/10

2025 schedule

1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23/10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23

Assumption Church at 6:30PM in Kelly Hall

12/23

2025 schedule

1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 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

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



**Walking With Purpose
A Catholic Women's Bible Study**

"Discovering Our Dignity"

A study of Women in the Bible
Register now for the Fall Session
We meet Wednesday's 9:15 -11:00 AM
We are Starting September 11, 2024
Assumption Church @ Msgr. Kelly Hall

Please contact Kathy Woodside
for more information.
Ltsdanz@verizon.net
609-828-1105

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

**Make authentic connections with other
women | Learn more about God**

OPPORTUNITY TO DONATE

We are looking to replace our altar candles, sanctuary lamp and processional cross in the sanctuary at St. Ann Church.

Thank you to everyone that donated to this endeavor. We now have a complete set of sanctuary furniture.



The price of the 16" Altar Candle is \$1,300/each. Four of these are needed. **All 4 have been Purchased**



The price of the Processional Cross for the sanctuary is \$3,020. **Processional Cross has been Purchased**



The price of the 44" Sanctuary Lamp and Holder is \$2,625. **Sanctuary Lamp has been Purchased**

If you are interested in donating one of these items to our sanctuary at St. Ann Church, please contact Jonathan Delgado at 609.522.2709, x219 or via email at jdelgado@notredamedelamer.org

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-life-ministry

**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

TOT-TIME OPPORTUNITY

Wednesdays from 10am—12noon
Wildwood Crest Pier Recreation
Great time to meet other parents
and give the kids some time to play and learn
For Kids 2-4 yrs old!



CREST KIDS TOT TIME

- ✓ 2-4 YEAR-OLDS
- ✓ LOTS OF FUN
- ✓ CHILD MUST BE WITH AN ADULT

SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS
10 AM - 12 PM

WILDWOOD CREST PIER RECREATION | 5800 OCEAN AVE



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

The next general meeting will be on January 28

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.



Catholic Grandparent's Ministry

The Catholic Grandparents ministry builds a community of support for grandparents and shares resources to pass on our faith to our families. Nex meetings will be held **Thursday, Dec. 19** 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



Below are the December 2024 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, December 18

10:00 am—4:00 pm \$25

Private Day of Prayer

Enjoy a quiet day with the Lord on your own! Lunch and Mass provided



FOREVER YOUNG TRIP CRIMSON CANYONS



Departs September 4th, 2025

*Las Vegas Start

*Grand Canyon Nat'l Park

*Bryce Canyon Nat'l Park

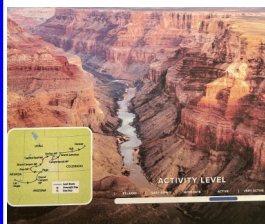
*Zion Nat'l Park

*Capitol Reef Nat'l Park

*Arches Nat'l Park

*Canyon Lands Nat'l Park

*Grand Junction and Denver



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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 from 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 11th.

The Adult Choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at St. Ann Church and once a month at The Church of the Assumption. All are welcome. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church. Our first rehearsal for the new season will be on Thursday September 12th.

Our Children's Choir is open to any student in our Parish Family from grades 3-8. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30pm in The Wildwood Catholic Academy Music Room. Our first rehearsal will be held on Tuesday afternoon September 24th.

Saint of the Week:

Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor, c. 340-397

Ambrose was a brilliant lawyer and while speaking to an assembly at a church while they were selecting a bishop, was nominated for bishop himself. He had never been baptized, but when he did decide to become baptized, was elected bishop one week later. He began studying Sacred Scripture and the writings of great religious scholars. He spoke against the Arian heresy and had it mostly eliminated from his diocese. Saint Augustine studied with him, was baptized by him, and was a strong supporter. Saint Ambrose was a strong political and religious figure who used his power to fair and just ends.

Feast Day: December 7.

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Assumption Church will be decorated on December 15 after 8:30 Mass.

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We will also need help undecorating the church on Jan 5.

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Sunday, December 15th

Assumption Church.....6:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 21st

St. Ann Church.....3:00PM ~ 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24th

St. Ann Church.....4:30 PM*
(*Nativity of the Lord*)

*4:00 PM - Preludes with Adult Choir & Orchestra

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25th

Church of the Assumption.....10:30 AM
(Choral Ensemble/Trumpet)

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31st

Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
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New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1st

Church of the Assumption.....8:30 AM

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Reach Out

Please let us know if you would like to schedule a Shadow Day, a family tour, or an admissions appointment. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

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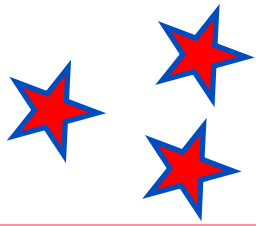
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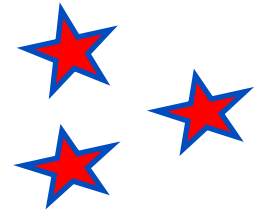


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Any questions about religious education or anything on this page, please contact:
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609-522-2709 ext. 218



Thank you to the Confirmation student and parents who came together 11/17 for a Community Service Project. We made a total of 218 sandwiches and donated \$100 to Branches Outreach in Rio Grande.

Confirmation Students DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22: Confirmation class at WCA 10-12
March 27: Confirmation Retreat at Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point. 4:30-8pm.
Confirmation: date to be announced from the Bishop's office.
Rehearsal: Will be the day before Confirmation

School Year Family Catechesis

Family Catechesis will start at 8:45 am with a light breakfast of coffee and cakes or cereal. Class begins promptly at 9:00 am. After class students and parents are to attend 10:30 am Mass at St. Ann Church. This is considered part of the class.

All students and at least one parent/guardian must be present at every class & event listed. If you cannot attend let me know ASAP and a written note must be handed in.

First Holy Communion Students DATES TO REMEMBER

January 25: First Reconciliation Retreat at Assumption Church. There will be two time slots to choose from. 9-12 or 12:30-3:30.
February 12: First Reconciliation at Assumption Church at 6pm
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

Parent Meeting for new students 9/15/24 after 10:30 am Mass at St. Ann Church.

This will be the last time to register for classes.

Class Schedule:

9/22/24, 10/20/24, 11/17/24, 12/15/24, 1/12/25, 2/9/25
3/9/25, 4/6/25, 5/4/25, 6/1/25

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