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Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Or anytime by appointment

Closed for Religious and
Civic Holidays & Holydays



Letter from Father Wallace

Dear Parishioner,

This Wednesday we begin our Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes upon our foreheads with the injunction that comes to us from the Gospel of St. Mark, "The Kingdom of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the Good News!" In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are called to mission. A contingent of parishioners under the direction of Fr. Yvans just returned from a "mission" to his beloved homeland of Haiti, where I assure you in the theology of St. Francis, it was in giving that we received. The people, especially the children in various schools and the orphanage that we visited brought Jesus to us in their faith filled lives and utter simplicity of life.

Yes we are called to mission during Lent. Our Lenten mission this year during the Year of Mercy is a call to conversion and belief in the Good News. If we willingly change our hearts and our lives, we will find the love and freedom promised by Christ. But more than that, we will also find that very real gift we all seek, joy! When we Christians are joyful, even in the worst of conditions, as we found in Haiti, we can still find joy. That is why Christianity thrives today even under the burdens of poverty and oppression, because the Christian mission delivers joy even in the worst of circumstances.

Our mission during Lent this year is described by Pope Francis as a call to conversion and a time to deepen our faith life, demonstrating and sharing it through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. "Faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit," the pope said in his message for Lent. Feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, welcoming the strangers, offering instruction, giving comfort – "on such things will we be judged," said Pope Francis. Particularly during the Year of Mercy, he said, Catholics are called to recognize their own need for God's mercy, the greatness of God's love seen in the death and resurrection of Christ and the obligation to assist others by communicating God's love and mercy through words and deeds.

Let us make our Lenten mission fruitful this year by attending our Wednesday Lenten soup and reflections, Friday Stations of the Cross and daily Masses when possible. Remembering that our mission does not stop simply at reaffirming that God is merciful, but clearly indicates that his children must be merciful, too, by living a greater love, especially by taking care of the little ones, the poor and defenseless. I pray that our Lenten mission is successful!

Fr. Wallace



Parish Activities

**Mary, Refuge of Sinners
Prayer Group** Wednesday
after 8:30 AM Mass at
Assumption Church in
Msgr. Kelly Hall. Begins
9/30/2015.

**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.

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.



FOREVER YOUNG
Presents a 3 day / 2 night trip to
Washington, DC
With a visit to the World War II
Memorial
June 9-11, 2016

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodations in the Washington, DC area
- 2 breakfasts
- 2 dinners
- **Guided city tour of Washington, DC** to view famous sites
- **Visit to the Smithsonian Institute**
- **Visit the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
- Baggage handling, hotel taxes and meal gratuities
- Motorcoach transportation included.

Price \$350.00 per person double occupancy
\$50 per person initial deposit with reservation.
Final Payment is due April 20, 2016
Call Phyllis Bocelli 609-425-9523

NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP



MARCH 5, 2016

\$50 per person

Do what you like in New York City.
Shop, Dine, See a Show...
Check out GROUPON for deals.

Supports Wildwood Catholic Crusader Club and Post Prom

Bus leaves at 8:00am from:

Wildwood Catholic High School, 1500 Central Avenue, North Wildwood

Bus leaves at 7:00pm from:

Times Square, New York, NY
Please reserve by Feb. 20

Call MaryBeth Horwell (609)374-0699
or email: 1sandcastle@verizon.net



*Yes we did...tell
your friends!*

WCHS Crusader Club &
Post Prom Committee are
hosting

**Ladies Night
Bingo**

Coach, Longaberger, Michael

Kors, Dooney & Bourke

Saturday Feb 27, 2016

Former St. Ann's School Magnolia & NJ Ave

\$30 per person, 20 games

7-10pm, Doors open at 6pm

Fundraiser – food & beverages for purchase

For further information / reservations contact Bonnie Feraco
602-3774



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Mass with the distribution
of Ashes at St. Ann Church
8:30 A.M. Mass with the distribution
of Ashes at Assumption Church
6:30 P.M. Mass with the distribution
of Ashes at St. Ann Church

Stations of the Cross

6:30 P.M. – Friday evenings at Assumption Church

Masses

Weekday

7:00 A.M. Mass at St. Ann Church (Chapel)
8:30 A.M. Mass at Assumption Church (Kelly Hall)

Weekend

Saturday 4:30 P.M. Mass at Assumption Church
And 4:30 P.M. at St. Ann Church
Sunday 8:30 A.M. at Assumption Church
And 10:30 A.M. at St. Ann Church
Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. Mass (in Spanish)
at St. Ann Church

Confessions

Saturday – 3:30 P.M. – Assumption Church
Saturday – 3:30 P.M. – St. Ann Church

Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
6:30 P.M. Assumption Church



Mercy Works is a project that invites the diocesan community to observe the Jubilee Year by deepening our commitment to working for peace and justices in our region and beyond.

The Mercy Works theme for February is “Care for the Sick.” As disciples of Christ and members of His Church, we are all called upon to be His healing hands, extending mercy and love to those among us who are ill or infirmed.

Those who are sick are so often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them. Each week this month, this space will feature an idea of what you might consider doing during the month to care for the sick.

Give blood. Participate in the next blood drive within your community or at your work place.

For more information; check the Diocese of Camden’s Home and Parish Healthcare Services at 856-583-6423.

Stewardship means 'Send Me'



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day ~ in little ways and in big ways ~ God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of **Stewardship** opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Thank you for your generosity.



Misericordiae Vultus

Grace, mercy, and peace to all who continue to prayerfully reflect on Pope Francis' letter. In his words, "...so they may contemplate the face of mercy." (4)

"For his mercy endures forever." This is the refrain that repeats after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God's revelation. By virtue of mercy, all the events of the Old Testament are replete with profound salvific import. Mercy renders God's history with Israel a history of salvation. To repeat continually "for his mercy endures forever," as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father. It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm - the "Great Hallel," as it is called - in its most important liturgical feast days.

Before the Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel when he says that, "when they had sung a hymn" (26:30), Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. While he was instituting the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial of himself and his paschal sacrifice, he symbolically placed this supreme act of revelation in the light of his mercy. Within the very context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: "for his mercy endures forever."

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4: 8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick and the suffering are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion."



Winter Blast!

The holidays are a thing of the past; come and join our Winter blast.

Saturday, February 13, 2016 4:00—10:00 PM
Knights of Columbus Hall ~ North Wildwood

Tickets \$30 per person includes dinner a 2 drinks

Menu includes Roast Beef and Chicken Marsala

Sponsored by the Ladies for the Knights to benefit Lazarus House and KOC home association!

For tickets contact Vicki 215-694-7232 or Sue 215-327-7712



Electronic Giving

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.

IRS Statement for 2015 Contribution

If any parishioner would like a statement of contribution to the church for 2015, please complete the form to below and return it to the parish center or drop it into the collection basket.

Please mail me a copy of my 2015 contributions for IRS purposes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope No. _____ Phone No. _____



FaithFULL Food Drive March 5-6 2016

As part of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has called upon all of us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The first corporal work of mercy is to Feed the Hungry.

In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing its third annual FaithFULL Food Drive. On the weekend of Saturday March 5 and Sunday March 6 every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to Mass. Notre Dame de la Mer parish has again received approval from the Diocese that all food collected during the FaithFULL Food Drive will go directly to Lazarus House emergency food pantry.

Please bring canned tuna fish, pasta, canned pasta sauce, canned soup, boxed cereal, canned stews and chili, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables.

Crusade for Excellence



Wildwood Catholic High School has pursued a Crusade of Excellence since 1948. Today WCHS is stronger than ever with increasing enrollment, enhanced curriculum and improved facilities; all of this occurring in a faith-filled environment.

We invite you to be a part of our success. Our ANNUAL APPEAL is an ongoing campaign. Four times a year the school newspaper. The Crusader X Press, is sent to about 5000 recipients. Every dollar is important and is greatly appreciated. Wildwood Catholic is the only Catholic high school in the county. Without your assistance, we may not be able to fulfill our promise to future students who want to have a Catholic education.

Each month a Mass is celebrated for the intentions of all who support WCHS. Be a part of our Crusade for Excellence.

School newspapers are available at the back of the church or call the school to receive your copy.

CAPE TRINITY
CATHOLIC
PARENT ASSOCIATION
Join us for Cape Trinity Catholic School's
Breakfast with the EASTER BUNNY
Our Lady Star of the Sea
Parish Hall 520 Lafayette St., Cape May
**Saturday,
March 12, 2016
8:30 am - 11:30 am**
Admission:
Adults \$10.00 • Kids \$5.00
Family Max: \$25
Easter Baskets Raffles • Breakfast
• Pictures with the Easter Bunny!
Please buy your tickets in advance at the Cape Trinity Catholic office.
For more info call 609-522-2704

Gift Cards



GET YOUR GIFT CARDS AT CTC! Cape Trinity Catholic (1500 Central) sells Gift Cards year round and every school day from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. How convenient is that! We stock gift cards for over 50 stores and restaurants and can special order hundreds more! These are the same gift cards you've seen at local stores. They won't cost you an extra cent and we raise money on every gift card we sell-please tell your friends and family and buy your gift cards for shopping and gift giving from CTC! Look for the red CTC Gift Card packet in the back of the churches! In it you will find order forms for the gift cards we stock plus the special order gift card list and holiday order dates. Payment of cash or check is accepted. Email joannemessner@gmail.com or call the school office at 609-522-2704 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2016

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY PRESENTS



"SWING INTO SPRING" 32ND ANNUAL LUNCHEON

GRAND HOTEL-BALLROOM

1045 Beach Ave, C.M

11:30 AM – 3 PM

Luncheon Tickets - \$35

Contact Kay – 609-729-5773

Luncheon – Cash Bar – Prizes – Raffles
ENTERTAINMENT – PHILLY FRIENDS

**Wildwood Catholic High School
Crusader Club
Luck of the Irish Ca\$h Raffle**
To Benefit the Academic and Athletic Programs at Wildwood Catholic High School
Drawing at 1500 Central Ave North Wildwood NJ 08260 on
March 17, 2016 at 2:00pm
Please make checks payable to: WCHS Crusaders and send
to 1500 Central Ave with a return address and your tickets
will be mailed to you or see any WCHS Parent to purchase
Grand Prize 35% 2nd Prize 10% \$50.00 for 1 ticket or
3rd Prize 5% \$100 for 3 tickets
Maximum 1500 tickets being sold
NJ ID #154-6-233005 RL#460



Lent

a time to pray
fast
give

Liturgy & Prayers

SATURDAY February 6

4:30 PM Louise Fioravanti r/b his Wife
Assumption Church Marie Lacivita r/b her Niece, Rita Mae Thomas Marrone r/b Natalie Cafagno Pete Savard r/b Family Devon Grimme r/b Pat Russo
4:30 PM Paul V. Flaherty, Sr. r/b Pat Matthews
St. Ann Church Dolores (Wall) Diefenbach r/b Don & Faith Brunell Myrtle Brunell r/b Don & Faith Brunell Margaret & Martha Connelly r/b Kathleen & Jack Connelly Frances Furfari r/b her Daughter, Mary Henderson

SUNDAY February 7

8:30 AM Josephine Corino r/b Stella Diana Carmela Catanese r/b Frank & Lois Leone
10:30 AM Carol Banks r/b Laura Turner Bob Mac Namara r/b Marge Koester Dolores Sparks r/b her sister, Betty Mansfield
7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY February 8

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM Luke Gallo r/b his Mom

TUESDAY February 9

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM No Intention

WEDNES. February 10

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM No Intention

THURSDAY February 11

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM No Intention

FRIDAY February 12

7:00 AM No Intention
8:30 AM Alice Borneman r/b Ed

SATURDAY February 13

4:30 PM Papa Hank r/b Dorothy
Assumption Church *Matt Diana r/b Wife, Stella
4:30 PM Brother Ed Dunn, OFM r/b Family
St. Ann Church Walter Everitt r/b Family Joseph Marsh r/b Pat Matthews Annette Napoli r/b her Mom Raymond Henderson r/b his Wife, Mary *Robert Mac Arthur r/b George & Theresa Stuhl

* Intentions have been rescheduled from Saturday, January 23, 2016 and the 8:30 AM intentions will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2016.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL- Thomas Ankrua, Jean Archer, Isoletta Batten, Edward Bauman, Melissa Bauman, Jacob Bouren, Robin Brown, Jack Burke, Thomas Burke, Jr., Christian Buscham, Betty Campbell, Kathleen Cantwell, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Betty Collins, Patricia Cook, Stumpy Countiss, Jean Cunningham, Angie Dabbingino, Kathryn D'Amico, Tyler Dodson, Dolores Dorman, Dan Elkins, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Mary Fioravante, James Futrell, Linda Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Jennifer Graber, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Marie Grecia, Maggie Hartley, Drew Heimack, Nick Herman, Sr., John D. Howe, Janet Johnson, Kelly Joyce, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Henry Korzeniowski, Jean Kottea, Lois Lauriello, Amanda Long, Charles Long, Elizabeth Love, Rose Mattera, Mary McCall, Francis McCullough, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullen, Mary Ann Metzger, Janet Meyer, Helen Mihal, Kathleen Miller, Marie Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Bob Necker, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Genevieve Oliver, Tom Olsen, Madison Pagliaccetti, Valerie Biedzian Parr, Brittany Peace, Halina Poznanska, Karen Prendergast, Kimberly Prendergast, Cecelia Puerta, Mamie Reed, Tom Ribnick, Tony Robinson, Pat Rooney, Luigi Rovar, Rose Salvitelli, Jane Scarano, Michael Bailey Schafer, Steven Seeberger, Baby Tommy Seibert, Carol Seibert, Michael Schaefer, Jeff Silver, Eileen Simone, Catherine Simone, Lorraine Sirianni, Sally Smith, Donald Staffieri, Stanley Stefankiewicz, Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, Roger Thompson, Jr., John & Jennifer Tipton, Stacey Tipton, Cheryl Tolen, Luke Trask, Marie Tumolo, Brian Uetz, Colleen Veireck, Marissa Vinni, David Wardius, Frank Werba, Dawn Herman Williams. **Also, anyone who wishes to receive Communion may also call the parish offices. Names will remain on the sick list for three months.**



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Our Servicemen and women and at St. Ann Church for Intentions of Cheryl Tolan r/b Mary Sittineri

Our Deceased

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Anita Martorano

"Hope and Healing Service" for all those suffering from illness or loss of a loved one. Family, friends, and caregivers are also encouraged to attend. Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Parish: St. Agnes Church, 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ, 08012. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. McGivney Guild in conjunction with Diocesan Community Relations, and Our Lady of Hope Parish. Light refreshments to follow. For more information, please contact Diane Scafidi at 856-287-5275 or smhh@verizon.net or Phil Pfaffman at 609-335-7829.

Casino Bus Trip to Resorts

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 ~ \$40 per person

See the Neverly Brothers, lunch at Gallagher's and \$10 slot play
A musical tour thru Rock N Roll, Rhythm & Blues and hits from the 50's & 60's

Bus departs St. Ann at 11:00 AM and Atlantic City at 6:00 PM
 For more information call Joe Tighe @ 609-522-3362