

Parish Offices

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Parish Office Hours

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 Parishioners,

Today we are presented with the parable of the fig tree. It is a wonderful if not somewhat sobering metaphor for the living out of our Christian vocation, as well as, a reminder that we are co-workers in the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth. Our parish of Notre Dame de la Mer here in the Wildwoods is one such fig tree planted in the vineyard of the Lord.

We have initiated a process of renewing our commitment to living our faith with a greater awareness of the innate strengths, gifts and talents that God has entrusted to each of us here at our parish. The inspiration for this renewal ultimately comes to us from the scriptures. St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:23 calls us to "let the Spirit renew your minds."

A number of parishioners called to service as parish staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and High School Board members have received the book, "Living Your Strengths" and have taken the Clifton StrengthsFinder, an online tool that reveals your top five themes of talent (your Signature Themes). Living Your Strengths shows parishioners how to use their innate gifts to enrich their parishes. It teaches you to identify and affirm your talents and how to use them for growth and service. Through this discovery of those strengths and talents that we possess and the tools to maximize them for the good of the community, our parish will bear good fruit!

In a parish up in Port Jefferson Station, New York, where parishioners read the book and took the StrengthsFinder survey, Fr. Bill Hanson, their pastor reported three reactions by the majority of parishioners. 1. Amazement at its accuracy. "How could they possibly know this about me?" Of course it's based on our own personal responses to statements in the online survey, as well as the patterns of talent that emerge in the context of so many people's patterns of behavior. 2. Genuine surprise. "I always thought (or was always told) that this particular behavior of mine was weakness. I never thought of it as a valuable talent!" 3. Gratitude. "In the last three years since learning our Signature Themes, I have come to understand my spouse better than in the previous thirty years!" People are also saying this about their teenagers, parents, bosses, co-workers, friends and even people they consider their enemies!

I would soon like to branch out with this to our whole parish community. We will begin with a core group of 12, a good biblical number, to help spearhead the move toward a Strengths-based parish. So that the "fig tree" planted here in the Wildwoods will bear the sweet fruit of our talents and gifts for the building up of God's Kingdom and the renewal of our parish!

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.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, there will be a special training session held at Wildwood Catholic High School in the Doherty Room on Tuesday March 15th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Please pray about this ministry and give Jonathan Delgado a call at the Parish Office (609-522-2709, ext 219) anytime, and he will get you pointed in the right direction to register for this training session. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated!



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



LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Monday, March 14, 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.

One great way to care for the sick this month and all year round: Next time you prepare a meal that can be easily, frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Calling All Encountered Couples
To a Community Enrichment Weekend
Our Story Through the Years - Dialogue
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – Game Time- Dancing
March 18-20, 2016 at the Grand Hotel, Cape May
Call John & Theresa Garrity [609-226-6318](tel:609-226-6318)

johntheresag@comcast.net for more information



The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way in which we use them.

Anonymous

Stewards Nurture and Return Gifts



Parish Stewardship

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"
(Luke 13:7)

Are you the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what have you done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember not only are we called to be generous, we are called as Christian **Stewards** to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

Thank you for your generosity



Ecumenical Lenten Soup Lecture Supper

During Lent 2016 the churches of the "Wildwoods" will be sponsoring the "Wednesday Lenten Soup Lecture Suppers". The suppers will take place at a different church each of the five Wednesdays of Lent. Those who attend will gather for a simple meal of a hearty soup and bread and dessert with a hot or cold drink. The meal will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. and a 30 to 45 minute presentation will follow.

Please come and take part in the series.

March 2, 2016—First Presbyterian Church, Pacific Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

March 9, 2016—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Atlantic Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

March 16, 2016—North Wildwood United Methodist Church, Central Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ

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)

Pope Francis continues.... "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy." (Evangelii Gaudium 24) Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

Let us not forget the great teaching offered by Saint John Paul II in his second Encyclical, "*Dives in Misericordiae*" (Rich in Mercy), which at the time came unexpectedly, its theme catching us by surprise. I draw you to two passages. First, Saint John Paul II highlighted the fact that we had forgotten the theme of mercy in today's cultural milieu: "The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of 'mercy' seem to cause uneasiness in man, who thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it. (cf. *Gen* 1:28), This dominion over the earth sometimes understood in a one-sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy.....And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God". (*Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*, Opening Address of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council)

"Heart Eyes"

In *Misericordiae Vultus* {"The Face of Mercy") Pope Francis has asked us (the Church) to focus our attention on several key ideas;

Encountering the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Mercy - Reconciliation;

The importance of making a pilgrimage as a reminder that we are a pilgrim people;

Living mercifully through the practice of the Spiritual and the Corporal Works of Mercy.

This Lent, especially in the light of the Jubilee of Mercy, should be the "Best Lent Ever". We Catholics (church) have been personally challenged to make it evident that the Church (u r church) is a **living witness** to the compassion of God. To do this we *need* to recognize the presence of the Father's mercy in our own lives through deeper prayer, reflection, and reconciliation. As we grow in these, almost simultaneously, we are better prepared to recognize and respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those around us - the lonely, the discouraged, the forgotten, the sick, the oppressed, the stranger, the poor, the imprisoned, the left out etc.etc.etc..... Let us pray fervently for one another and as a Parish that God will give us "the heart eyes" to see others as He sees them. ... they are closer to us than we think.

In spirit and prayer,

U R Church



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. **Next weekend, 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.



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

Are we surviving or thriving???

"It is impossible to get close to Jesus and stay close to him without developing an intimate daily conversation with him. This conversation may be scheduled prayer and spontaneous prayer. One type of scheduled prayer-*The Prayer Process* can be a starting point for beginners and those trying to forge the habit of prayer. Its structure celebrates where you are on the journey.

Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for what you are grateful for today.

Awareness: Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you have learned from them.

Significant Moment: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through the event or person.

Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or him) and to fill you with a deep abiding peace.


Freedom: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life so that you can experience the freedom to-be-the-best-version-of-yourself.

Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Finish by praying the Our Father.

The habit of daily prayer will transform you in unimaginable ways.....We can survive without prayer, but we can not thrive without it. The question remains.....Are we thriving or just surviving?"

Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly (pages 122-123)



**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 \$100 for 3 tickets
3rd Prize 5%		

Maximum 1500 Tickets being sold
NJ ID #0364-6-23306 RL#480

Taxpayer Alert! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Every child transferring from a private school to a public school impacts your taxes. This request for increased transportation funding is minimal compared to the impact of transfers due to lack of available transportation.

Please call, write, or email the office of Governor Christie and ask him to increase the per-pupil allotment for nonpublic school transportation in his 2017 budget.

Mailing Address:

The Honorable Chris Christie
Governor of the State of New Jersey
The State House
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-6000

Email: <http://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>

NJCC Voter Voice System:

<https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/43871/Respond>

(you can simply add your signature to the sample letter)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE FUTURE OF OUR
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEPENDS ON ALL OF US!**

24 Hours of Mercy March 4 - 5, 2016

Our Holy Father invites dioceses throughout the world to celebrate 24 hours of Mercy. St. John Neumann Parish, St. John of God Church, North Cape May with the help of priests throughout Southern Cape May County, **Confessions from 3:00 PM Friday to 3:00 PM Saturday.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is welcoming and encouraging all during this same time period.

At these designated hours, the following is available:

3:00 PM ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel
7:00 PM ~ Stations of the Cross	Church
9:00 PM ~ Rosary ~ Joyful Mysteries	Church
8:00 AM ~ Rosary ~ Luminous Mysteries	Church
10:00 AM ~ Rosary ~ Sorrowful Mysteries	Church
12:00 PM ~ Rosary ~ Glorious Mysteries	Church
3:00 PM ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet	Chapel

Liturgy & Prayers

SATURDAY	February 27
4:30 PM	Rita Martorano r/b Joan Troiano
Assumption Church	Francis J. Mahoney r/b Cousins: Dennis, James R, Kathryn & Mary & Families
4:30 PM	Carmela Catanese r/b Helen Kita
	Charles Sullivan r/b Kathleen & Jack Connelly
St. Ann Church	Sister Eugene Margaret Donohoe r/b Mrs. Betty Mansfield
SUNDAY	February 28
8:30 AM	Josephine Corino r/b The Vogdes Family
	Elena Quinn r/b her Husband, Jack
	Elaine Fitzpatrick r/b Mary Ann & Ed
10:30 AM	Jim Pellicore r/b Joe & Marie Tighe
	Jack Morasco r/b The Sharkey Family
	Lillian Di Bruno r/b Jim & Rita
	Joseph & Michael Parson r/b Their Family
7:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
MONDAY	February 29
7:00 AM	Jim Pellicore r/b Priests & Staff of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish
8:30 AM	Borneman Family r/b Ed Borneman
TUESDAY	March 1
7:00 AM	Intentions of Pat Jest
8:30 AM	No Intention
WEDNES.	March 2
7:00 AM	No Intention
8:30 AM	No Intention
THURSDAY	March 3
7:00 AM	Intentions of Bill Rogers
8:30 AM	Dr. Gordon S. Klement r/b Pat Russo
FRIDAY	March 4
7:00 AM	Marie Graecilia St. Jean r/b Priests & Staff of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish
8:30 AM	No Intention
SATURDAY	March 5
4:30 PM	No Intention
Assumption Church	
4:30 PM	Lorraine Guymond r/b her Legion of Mary Friends
St. Ann Church	Connie Meehan r/b Jim & Mary Meehan

Our Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Mary Vail, Judy Brennan and Barbara Hunter



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL-

Jean Archer, Isoletta Batten, Christian Buscham, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Betty Collins, Stumpy Countiss, Jean Cunningham, Angie Dabbingino, Dan Elkins, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Linda Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Maggie Hartley, Nick Herman, Sr., John D. Howe, Janet Johnson, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Henry Korzeniowski, Lois Lauriello, Elizabeth Love, Joanne Lynch, Rose Mattera, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullin, Mary Ann Metzger, Marie Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Bob Necker, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Madison Pagliaccetti, Valerie Biedzian Parr, Halina Poznanska, 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, 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 Parish Ministers and at St. Ann Church for the Jest Boys r/b Family

Pasta Festival Wildwood Catholic High School

Sunday, March 13

4:00pm to 7:00pm

Enjoy a pasta buffet served with
Caesar Salad & Dessert

*Wildwood Catholic High School
presents*

"Snoopy the Musical"

March 13 - 2 pm

Join us for a Pasta Dinner / Show combination
ticket

\$25 (dinner immediately following show)

Wild-

wood Catholic High School

15th Street Cafeteria Entrance

Children (under age 10) ~ \$7.50 Adults \$15.00

**For tickets and/or information, please call
Wildwood Catholic High School at 522-7257
Carol 465-6081, 408-0612**