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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 Jonathan Delgado

Dear Parishioners,

This week, we enter into the most sacred of weeks in the church year- Holy Week. Today, we begin the holiest of weeks for the Catholic Christian. We journey with Jesus through triumph and tragedy. This greatest love story unfolds in the wonderful three days we call the triduum.

The Triduum begins with Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 pm Holy Thursday. This liturgy doesn't end at this point but rather takes a pause until the Liturgy at 6:30 pm on Good Friday. We then continue the Liturgy with a service of word, the Wood of the Cross and Holy Communion. As you will notice the time of the Good Friday liturgy has been changed from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm as many people are not able to take off work that day a new time has been initiated so all can participate in the continuation of this most holy liturgy. This liturgy then pauses once again until the Night watch of the Resurrection the Easter Vigil 8:00 pm Saturday. The liturgy that began Holy Thursday comes to closure at the Easter Vigil and the fifty day Easter celebration begins.

We are excited to welcome into our faith community, Melissa Rossi, Efran Cruz-Ramirez and Carl Becica. They will enter the waters of Baptism and join us at the Eucharist.

Please join us as we journey from the Last Supper to the betrayal, trial, suffering and death to the stone laid cross his grave and finally the celebration of new life. Have a blessed Holy Week.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Delgado
Director of Music and Liturgy



Holy Week

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.

HOLY WEEK
Spanish Celebrations
(St. Ann Church)

Palm Sunday ~ March 20, 2016
(Procession and Mass) 6:30 PM
Holy Thursday ~ March 24, 2016
(Mass of the Lord's Supper) 6:30 PM
Good Friday ~ March 25, 2016
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 6:30 PM



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

Chrism Mass 2016

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

Holy Hour to pray for Vocations

The Office of Vocations has scheduled Holy Hours for Vocations called **First Thursdays** throughout the diocese. Every month, a different deanery will host a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our deanery's Holy Hour will be on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Divine Mercy Parish, Vineland, beginning at 7:00 PM. "Pray...pray...pray to the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Please come - your presence and your prayers are most important to this cause as we all work together in the work of vocations.

Palm Sunday

Palms distributed before all Masses

Masses

Saturday, March 19

4:30 PM – The Assumption - Procession with Palm

4:30 PM – St. Ann Church

Sunday, March 20

8:30 AM – Assumption Church

10:30 AM – St. Ann Church – Procession with Palm

Holy Thursday – March 24

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM – Assumption Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM

Good Friday – March 25

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 6:30 PM – Assumption Church

Holy Saturday – March 26

12:00 Noon Blessing of the food baskets – St. Ann Church

Easter Vigil Service and Mass at 8:00 PM – St. Ann Church

Easter Sunday – March 29

8:30 AM – Assumption Church

10:30 AM – St. Ann Church



Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine

Stockbridge, MA

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Cost \$55.00 per person (adults or children)

Seats are limited ~ call Parish Office 609-522-2709

x210 for reservations

5:30 ~ Departure from Wildwood Catholic Parking Lot

8:30 ~ Return to Wildwood Catholic Parking Lot

Coffee & doughnuts will be served on the bus!

A spiritual, fun trip!!



Faithfull Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who made donations of food to the Bishop's 2016 Faithfull Food Drive. Our parish total was 6,939 pounds of food, which was added to the Diocesan goal of 125,000 pounds. The volunteers and guests of Lazarus House (Emergency Food Pantry) are most appreciative of your support and thoughtful generosity.

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

Stewards Speak Up



Parish Stewardship

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively of you? As **Stewards** we pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

Thank you for your generosity.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/16 through 12/31/16), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on SUNDAY, June 19, at 3:30 p.m. Mass in Northfield, at St. Bernadette Church, St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant.

A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or at parish offices.

Registration deadline is May 27, 2016.

iRace4Vocations



On **Sunday, April 17, 2016**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Road, Sewell) for our 5th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at t offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. For more information and to register for the event, visit www.camdenpriest.org



Our monthly meeting will be Tuesday, March 22nd at 12:00 Noon in Kelly hall.

Misericordiae Vultus

*Grace, mercy, and peace to all who are prayerfully reflecting on Pope Francis' letter and trying to put his challenge of **silence and pilgrimage** into practice..... "so they may contemplate the face of mercy." (4)*

Pope Francis continues..... "The Lord Jesus shows us the steps of the pilgrimage to attain our goal: "Judge not and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:37-38). The Lord asks us above all *not to judge and not to condemn*. If anyone wishes to avoid God's judgment, he should not make himself the judge of his brother or sister. Human beings, whenever they judge, look no father than the surface, whereas the Father looks into the very depths of the soul. How much harm words do when they are motivated by feelings of jealousy and envy! To speak ill of others puts them in a bad light, undermines their reputation and leaves them prey to the whims of gossip. To refrain from the judgment and condemnation means, in a positive sense, to know how to accept the good in every person and to spare him any suffering that might be caused by our partial judgment, our presumption to know everything about him. But this is still not sufficient to express mercy. Jesus asks us to *forgive* and to *give*. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God. To be generous with others, knowing that God showers his goodness upon us with immense generosity.

Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year. In mercy we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her prayer with, "O God come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste help me" (Ps 70:2)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God's mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others". (14)

Mercy Talk

On Wednesday, March 30, 2016 in Kelly Hall at 6:30 we will present the first of our Parish Mercy Talks. Fr. Wallace will give the first of these talks on "Mercy and the Church Fathers". The evening will begin with a cover dish. The parish will supply the meat and the drink and we are asking those who attend to bring a cover dish in the following way.

Using the first letter of your last name
A-H- is asked to bring a VEGETABLE
I-P- is asked to bring a DESSERT
R-Z is asked to bring a POTATO, RICE OR PASTA

Please join us for an inspiring, spiritual talk and for some friendship!

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://voterveice.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!

SUMMER INTENSIVE 2016 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

The Summer Intensive Program for the summer of 2016 will run from **July 25, 2016 to August 5, 2016.**

The classes will start daily at 8:30 AM and conclude at 12:00 noon. For more information please call AnnaMae at the office at 609-522-2709 x218 to request a registration form. Please leave a message if I am not in the office when you call. Thank you.

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.

Closing the Gap

The word “radical” means *to get to the root of things*. Jesus was a radical. Jesus was interested in getting deep down to the root of things. He was interested in what was essential- not the topping but the heart of the matter....the core, the root, the truth. His life and teachings are a radical invitation to come beyond what most of us have settled for in our every day lives. He wants us to get down to the core of what matters- my personal relationship with Him.

Lent is the time to close the “Gap” between my life and the life Jesus invites me to live in the Gospel. There are many ways to get close to Jesus. Some are simple and can be practiced in the flow of everyday activity, while others require a time and place set apart from the busy, noisy, world. But they all require time and effort. Here are four practical daily ways to “Rediscover Jesus”.

Read the four Gospels - over and over again for 15 minutes each day.

Practice the Prayer Process - This is a simple process designed to help you enter into a daily conversation with Jesus. (page 123)

Deny yourself - Find a handful of small ways to deny yourself each day.

Practice Spontaneous Prayer - Talk to Jesus as the events of your day unfolds.

Lives change when habits change...begin a brand new day. Resist any temptation to put it off. Close the relationship gap between you and Jesus.. (taken from Mathew Kelly’s book *Rediscover Jesus* pages 112-115.)



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.



I’m blessed with everything I need, I am working hard towards everything I want. And most of all I appreciate and thank God for what I have.

Liturgy & Prayers

SATURDAY March 19

4:30 PM Dec'd Members of Emanuel Family
Assumption Church r/b Maggie & Anthony Serpe
 Dec'd Members of Knapp Family
 r/b Maggie & Anthony Serpe
4:30 PM Living Members of G. Vesper Family
St. Ann Church Elijah Joseph Ulbrich r/b Donna & Ed Koehler
 Chuck O'Brien r/b his Wife, Nancy
 Living & Dec'd Members of Leonard & McKeown Families r/b Joan Leonard
 Bernie Mc Namee r/b Winsett Family
 Frank Musselman r/b Uncle John & Aunt Fran

SUNDAY March 20

8:30 AM Colette Jones r/b Greer Family
 Josephine Corino r/b Ernie & Donna
 Living Members of E. Robinson Family
10:30 AM Douglas Rose r/b Clint Rose, Jr.
 Jim Pellicore r/b Little Flower Alumnae Association Cape May County
 John Amenhauser r/b Tom & Kathy Melchiorre
 Barbara Hunger r/b Parson Family
 Judy Brennan r/b Blue Ocean Realty
 Charles Slider r/b Chris Borkowski
7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY March 21

7:00 AM Thomas Kelhower r/b His Wife, Theresa
8:30 AM Louis Celenza

TUESDAY March 22

7:00 AM Living Members of J. Anderson Family
8:30 AM Fred Alfonsi r/b Maryann

WEDNES. March 23

7:00 AM Living Members of R. Jermyn Family
8:30 AM Matt Diana r/b His Wife, Stella

THURSDAY March 24 (Holy Thursday)

Assumption Church
6:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY March 25 (Good Friday)

Assumption Church
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death

SATURDAY March 26 (Holy Saturday)

St. Ann Church
12:00 PM Blessing of the food baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil



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, Drew Heimack, John D. Howe, Janet Johnson, Jessica Karabian, Henry Korzeniowski, Lois Lauriello, Elizabeth Love, Joanne Lynch, Rose Mattera, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullin, Mary Ann Metzger, Krista Monte, Marie Murphy, Mimi Jean Myra, Lynn Nichols, Bob Necker, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Ramona Oliver, 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, Leanna Shortall, Sally Smith, Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, Roger Thompson, Jr., John & Jennifer Tipton, Stacey Tipton, Cheryl Tolen, Luke Trask, Brian Uetz, 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 Visitors and at St. Ann Church for Dee Birchall r/b Stephany O'Leary

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

