

## *Parish Offices*

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### *Pastor*

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x215

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x214  
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x211

### *Parish Administrator*

Mr. Kevin Quinn  
x217

### *Life-Long Faith Formation Director*

Ms. Anna Mae Muryasz  
x218

### *Pastoral Associate*

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Sr. Rosaline Walters  
x221

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x219  
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### *Office Staff*

#### **Bookkeeper**

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x213

#### **Parish Secretary/Volunteers**

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x210

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x222

### *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 Sister Rosaline

Dear Parishioners,

In our first reading, today, we learn to take a look at how our early Church was able to resolve its first real problem of whether or not the Gentiles should keep the Law of Moses which stated that "all men must be circumcised." We must understand that it was at the people of the ancient world respected the Jews for their worship of one God, and for their dedication to the law.

It was the Law of Moses that gave Jews recognition as a worshipping community and respect among the Gentiles. Christian Jews continued to keep the Mosaic Law and many of them wanted the Gentiles to do the same, in order to become Christians.

The Council of Jerusalem, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit addressed this problem and answered it by stating that early Christians were to abstain from eating meat that was sacrificed to idols; from blood; from meat of strangled animals and from illicit sexual union; in order to be saved. Today's gospel is a further extension of our first reading since it brings the Trinity into the picture. The Holy Spirit will help us remember the teachings of Jesus and Jesus, true teacher that he was, left us his spirit.

It was Thomas who wanted to know where Jesus was going so that he might know the way. Jesus replied to him: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Philip challenges Jesus by stating: "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus answers him by posing a question, "Have I been with you all this time, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

And later, Judas, son of James asks: "How is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" The gospel, today, has the answer of faith, love, and sacrifice. Jesus reveals himself to believers. His power is not revealed in military strength but in love. This message is given to us at the Last Supper when Jesus gives two commands to his disciples. First, by example, he washes their feet and tells them: "As I have done, you also must do."

Secondly, Between the prophesy that Judas would betray him and Peter would deny him, Jesus stated "Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for one another."

Is this Spirit alive in us?

Are we able to live as Jesus taught us?

Do we have the wisdom, the gift of the Holy Spirit, first received at Confirmation to recognize God, follow him, and be able to answer (one day) to him?

Prayerfully,  
Sister Ro

## *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.

## Mercy Talk

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in Kelly Hall at 6:30 we will present the third of our Parish Mercy Talks. Father Wallace will speak 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 DESSERT

I-P- is asked to bring a POTATO, RICE OR PASTA

R-Z is asked to bring a VEGETABLE

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



Would you (both men and women) like to spend some time with the Lord? Please join the "Forever Young" senior group at the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat House at Cape May Point on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 9:45 AM. The day will follow like this: Eucharistic Liturgy at 10:00 AM, followed by a coffee break at 10:45 AM, then we'll have Input - Part I at 11:15 AM-presented by Sister Mary Ann Mulzet SSJ, followed by a Reflection period at 11:30 AM. At 12:15 PM we'll have time for sharing, followed by lunch. After lunch at 1:30 PM, we'll have Input- Part II, again presented by Sister Mary Ann; reflection time will follow at 1:45 PM. At 2:30 PM we will have time for sharing followed by a Closing Ritual. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Reservations and payment are due by Friday, May 19, 2016. Call Kay 609-729-5773.

## 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.



## Wildwood Crest Yard Sale

May 7, 2016

9404 Seaview Avenue

All donated items to support Wildwood Catholic will be available at this address. Please stop by and continue to support our high school. Thank you!



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## New Parish Webpage and Social Media Resources

Please VISIT, LIKE, and FOLLOW our sites for Parish Happenings



## 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 the parish offices.

**Registration deadline is May 27, 2016.**



## May Procession and Crowning of Our Lady

Please join us at the Assumption Church for a Procession and Crowning of our Blessed Mother Statue on **Sunday, May 8, 2016, Mother's Day** following the 8:30 AM Mass.

## Ascension Thursday Holiday of Obligation

This Thursday, May 5, 2016 is Ascension Thursday, our Vigil Mass will be Wednesday May 4th at 6:30 PM at St. Ann Church and masses on Thursday will be 7:00 AM at St. Ann Church and 8:30 AM at Assumption Church. **Our parish offices will be closed both Thursday & Friday, May 5th & 6th.**

## Bereavement Sessions

Are you in need of prayer and compassion regarding the loss of a loved one; or do you know a friend or someone in your neighborhood who might have this need? If so, please come to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Conference Room for our bereavement sessions. These meetings are held each Wednesday beginning May 4, 2016 through June 29, 2016 at 1:00 pm. One does not need to be a member of the parish in order to attend. All are welcome to come; pray; and share the stories of their loved ones. Please join us! For further information, please call Sister Ro at the parish offices: 609-522-2709 ext. 221. Thank you.

## Stewardship Trust



Parish Stewardship

*"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."* John 14:27B

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety of fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a **Stewardship** plan for you.

*Thank you for your generosity.*



### Car Raffle Volunteers

Do you like to people watch and enjoy the sounds of the ocean? We are in need of volunteers to sell car raffle tickets on the boardwalk. Are you available to help our parish's major fundraiser which supports our two schools: Cape Trinity Catholic and Wildwood Catholic High School? **Any time you can give is appreciated.** Please contact Pat Manning at 609-522-2709 x210 or [pmanning@notredamedelamer.org](mailto:pmanning@notredamedelamer.org).



### The Car Raffle is Back!

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish is selling chances on a 2016 Ford Mustang coupe with the complete California Special Package. Chances are available on the boardwalk, after weekend masses and in the parish office or by mailing a check to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, 1500 Central Avenue #100, North Wildwood, NJ 08260 or for credit card purchases call Pat at 609-522-2709 x210.



### Gift Shop

The gift shop at Assumption Church is available before and after our Masses or by calling Betty at 609-675-5146.

## Misericordiae Vultus

On this 6th Sunday of Easter Pope Francis tells us "This is the opportune moment to change our lives"! ,,,,,, and so...we bravely continue .....*Grace, mercy, and peace to all who are sincerely striving to reflect seriously, engage prayerfully and act boldly on Pope Francis' letter which challenges us daily to be.....*

**"Merciful like the Father".** (the "motto" of this Holy Year (MV14) )

*Pope Francis continues,,,,,,,"This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen, as I am too, along with my brother bishops and priests. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.*

It is not out of place at this point to recall the relationship between *justice and mercy*. These are not contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is the fundamental concept for a civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as "judge". In these passages, justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite living in conformity with God's commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. To overcome this legalistic perspective we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as faithful abandonment to oneself to God's will". (MV20) *(as we close Pope Francis' text this week we beg God for a greater understanding of the connection of mercy and justice ("two dimensions of a single reality") in our lives and in society because God calls us to both. We can not be so legalistic so as not to "bend" nor can we completely disregard what is "due others." --- ( Dear Jesus, help us to use the moments of this Holy Year to change our lives. Help us be "merciful like the Father".)*

## COME AND 'SEA' DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

May 20-22, 2016

5:00 PM Friday until 2:00 PM Sunday

**Curious about religious life?**

Wondering if God is calling you to a vowed life of service?  
Asking what difference would this life choice make for me?

Come and join other women and men, ages 21-45, who are exploring these questions. At Saint Mary by-the-sea Retreat House in Cape May Point, you will have the opportunity to walk with others who have similar feelings in their hearts. Vocation directors from the Delaware Valley will lead the group in prayer and guided reflection to help each person discern God's call.....no stress or pressure, just God's grace and invitation and the sea.

**"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" Pope Francis**  
Offering for the weekend:\$60 per person (\$30 deposit)  
For registration and information: [comeandsea2016@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsea2016@gmail.com)



## **Lazarus House** (Emergency Food Pantry)

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

Thank you for your kind donations to Lazarus House emergency food pantry. We welcome all donations of food delivered to Lazarus House on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon, or placed in one of the baskets at the doors of the churches. All donations to poor boxes, plus cash, checks, gift cards or in memory of someone, or bequests identified for Lazarus House, in any collection, or sent to the parish offices, go directly to help provided food and other essentials for those in need in our community. We are always in need of cereal, pasta, tuna fish, peanut butter, hot chocolate, oatmeal, canned stews, pasta sauce and chili. Thank you. For questions or additional information contact: Frank Stone 609-729-7217.



***Come Grow With US!***  
***Registration for 2016 - 2017 is happening now!***  
***Call today to reserve your child's spot for next year.***  
***Preschool 4 all day program has a few openings,***  
***don't delay, call today!***  
***Call Julie Roche @522.2704 or roche@capetrinitycatholic.org***  
***We are a school for critical thinking, based on gospel values and the promotion of academic excellence.***  
***Habla espanol!***



## **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 [joannemesser@gmail.com](mailto:joannemesser@gmail.com) or call the school office at 609-522-2704 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

## **#ThumbsUp4Genny**

### *The Genny Farnan Robinson Scholarship Fund*

The Lunch with Lynch Foundation will reinvest 100% of donations received into the Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors at Wildwood Catholic High School! The foundation's goal is to make this a yearly contribution to college bound students. Genny was a graduate of WCHS class of 2005. To make a donation go to [www.lunchwithlynch.com](http://www.lunchwithlynch.com)



## **Wildwood Catholic Scholarship Exam Winners Congratulations to the following incoming Freshman!**



- Scott Fiore - First Place - Our Lady of the Angels - Middle Township
- Ben Church - Second Place - Our Lady of the Angels - Middle Township
- Grace Stuart - Third Place - Notre Dame de la Mer - Crest Memorial
- Damon Stefankiewicz - Fourth Place - Notre Dame de la Mer- Cape Trinity Catholic
- Tanner Lamoreaux - Fifth Place - Our Lady Star of Sea - Cape Trinity Catholic
- Anika Marks - Sixth Place - Our Lady Star of the Sea - Cape Trinity Catholic

## Liturgy & Prayers

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 30</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Eleanor Kimball</b> r/b The Nanos Family
<b>Assumption Church</b>	<b>Ann &amp; Frank Lebato</b> r/b Cheryl & Charlie Visalli, Jr. & Family
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Intentions of Ladies in Solidium</b>
<b>St. Ann Church</b>	<b>Jerry, Billy &amp; Dottie Rahill</b> r/b J & M O'Shaughnessy
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Maria De Santis</b> r/b Paris & Peggy Branda
	<b>Pasquale Grassi</b> r/b his Son, Paul
	<b>Rosie Laguidice</b> r/b Pat & Margaret Visalli
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Donna Tanelli</b> r/b Frank & Lois Leone
	<b>Maureen Fitch</b> r/b Ernie, Donna & Mary
	<b>John O'Malley</b> r/b his Family
	<b>Dorothy Sexton</b> r/b Rocco & Hannalore D'Andrea & Family
	<b>Lucy Scherer</b> r/b the Gusty Family
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>For Our Parishioners</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 2</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>For Our Parish Volunteers</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>For Our Homebound</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Thomas Amenhouser, Sr.</b> r/b Joe & Kathy Duncan
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Alfred J. Kurtz</b> r/b Family
<b>WEDNES.</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>For Our Servicemen &amp; Women</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>For Our Local Elected Officials</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Vigil Mass - St. Ann Church</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 5 (Ascension Thursday)</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Ed Namiotka</b> r/b his Wife, Kay
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>For Our Youth</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 6</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>For Our Clergy</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Louis Fioravanti</b> r/b His Wife
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 7</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Walter &amp; Evelyn Posluszny</b> r/b Their Daughters
<b>Assumption Church</b>	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Margaret E. Smith</b> r/b her Husband, George
<b>St. Ann Church</b>	<b>Intentions of Molly Heloskie</b> r/b Poppy & Nanny
	<b>Michael Parson</b> r/b his Family
	<b>Genny Farnan</b> r/b Wildwood Catholic High School Community
	<b>Norma Kelly</b> r/b her Daughters



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL-** John Barkovitch, Isoletta Batten, Edward Daniel Bauman, Melissa Anne Marie Bauman, Victoria Bersani, Christian Buscham, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Betty Collins, Stumpy Countiss, Jean Cunningham, Angie Dabbingino, Patricia Anne Di Vianca, Dan Elkins, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Ken Ford, Linda Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Maggie Hartley, Drew Heimack, John D. Howe, Janet Johnson, Jessica Karabian, Patricia Kedra, Barbara Klecz, Henry Korzeniowski, Lois Lauriello, Elizabeth Love, Joanne Lynch, Rose Mattera, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullin, Mary Ann Metzger, Krista Mote, Marie Murphy, Mimi Jean Myra, Lynn Nichols, Bob Necker, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Ramona Oliver, Madison Pagliaccetti, Valerie Biedzian Parr, Brittany Peace, Halina Poznanska, Cecelia Puerta, Mamie Reed, Tom Ribnick, Tony Robinson, Pat Rooney, Luigi Rovar, Rose Salvitelli, Noel Sanesec, Jane Scarano, Michael Bailey Schafer, Steven Seeberger, Baby Tommy Seibert, Carol Seibert, Michael Schaefer, Leanna Shortall, Jess Silver, 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.**

### Our Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Dolores Catalano**



### Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Our Parishioners and at St. Ann Church for Our First Holy Communion Students & their Families.

### Jubilee Mass

Bishop Dennis Sullivan will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year.

The Jubilee Mass for our Priests will be held on  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist Church  
344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill

All are invited to attend this special Mass. Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese.



### Mother's Day Cards

Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day. In back of the church you will find a beautiful Mother's Day Mass Card for your mom. Please pick up one of these cards, place your mom's name on the outside envelope with your donation of \$10 or more and these will be placed on the altar for the month of May and your mother will be remembered at all the Masses.