



# 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

### **FULL CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEULE—Pg 12**

NEW YEARS EVE MASS - 4:30PM St. Ann Church  
NEW YEARS DAY MASS - 8:30AM Assumption Church

### **Catholic Schools Week Mass**

Help us celebrate the gift of Catholic School  
January 26, St. Ann Church 10:30 AM

### **Blessing of the Throats**

After each mass on February 1 and 2

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



**December 29, 2024**  
**The Holy Family of**  
**Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

## **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

1500 Central Avenue, Suite 100  
North Wildwood, NJ 08260

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[www.NotreDamedelaMer.org](http://www.NotreDamedelaMer.org)

#### *Pastor*

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#### *Funeral Coordinator / Altar Servers*

Ms. Patricia Monaghan.....610-246-1079  
[patmonaghan@aol.com](mailto:patmonaghan@aol.com)

#### *Maintenance Supervisor*

Mr. Jim Di Fazio

## Stewardship



**December 29, 2024**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Stewardship Family**

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)*

During this **Stewardship** season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

Due to publishing timelines during December, the collection figures will be from a week or two previous.

Dec.15, 2024 - \$17,269.00

Same weekend(s)2023 -\$16,995.00

***Thank you for your continued generosity and support!***

### **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



Dear parishioners,

What are the lessons we can learn from today's feast of the Holy Family?

My friends, by celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. Indeed, they were a model family in which both parents worked hard, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, are the rule.

You see, the home is well suited for education in the virtues. But this my friends, requires an education in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-control. Accordingly, parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children."

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, and of society, each family is called to holiness. It is through the sacrament of Matrimony, that Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family.

My friends, families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. In fact, Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. For sure, there must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home.

On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the important responsibility which God has placed on them.

Let us pray, therefore, for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church.

May God our Father bless all your families and give you Grace and peace!

Deacon Nick



God Bless  
You In The  
New Year

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# Mass Intentions

## Saint Ann Church

**SATURDAY December 28**

**4:30PM** Caroline Doherty r/b Jean  
Marie Tighe r/b The Rudolph Children  
Janine Provence r/b Jim & Maureen Chambers  
Doris Wade Bob & Marge Powell  
Mark A. Jones, Sr. r/b Michelle & Ed Hamman  
& Family  
Peter Walsh r/b Anne Dowling  
Janet Brock r/b Tom & Joyce Wilson  
Don Volk r/b Simmons ? McAlarnen Families  
Joey Berthesi r/b Poppy & Nanny  
Michael Fay r/b Tom & Kathy Melchiorre-

**SUNDAY December 29**

**10:30 AM** Pro Populo

**TUESDAY December 30—NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

**4:30 PM** Intentions of the Priest

## Assumption Church

**SATURDAY December 28**

**8:30 AM** James Mooney r/b Nancy Kelly

**SUNDAY December 29**

**8:30 AM** Intentions of the Priest

**MONDAY December 30**

**8:30 AM** Greg Diantonio r/b Kreni & Jeff

**TUESDAY December 31**

**8:30 AM** Fr. Tom Kiely r/b Phyllis Kollar

**WEDNES. January 1—NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

**8:30 AM** Raymond McGrath r/b Kass Fredericksdorf

**THURS. January 2**

**8:30 AM** Jack Holland r/b Jim & Jennie Folgias

**FRIDAY January 3**

**8:30 AM** William & Diane Finnegan

**SATURDAY January 4**

**8:30 AM** Jack Holland r/b Kass Fredericksdorf

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



## Readings of the Week

### First Reading

*1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28*

Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10*

Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.

### Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-2,21-24*

We are God's children now.

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 2:41-52*

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

- In today's Gospel, the Holy Family is on a pilgrimage from their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee to Jerusalem in Judea.
- It is the feast of Passover, one of the high feast days on which devout Jews came to the temple to celebrate.
- Luke stresses in the story of Jesus in the temple that even Jesus' parents only come to know Jesus' divinity and his connection to his heavenly Father, through the gift of faith.

## Family Reflection Corner

**Theme:** Jesus establishes his obedience to and relationship with God the Father.

### 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:** Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

**Question for Adults:** How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

**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:** Betti McNamara r/b Husband

**Assumption:** Greg DiAntonio r/b Krenie and Jeff





**“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 Fuscello, 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, 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,...

**Josephine Zampirri  
Ken Ford  
Robert Romano  
Janet Harkins  
Richard Curran**



**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](http://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](mailto:smattia@notredamedelamer.org)**

*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.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS WILL BE READY BY JANUARY 31**

**-See Below-**

**If any parishioner would like a statement of contributions to NDDL M for 2024, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Business Office. Feel free to place it in the collection basket at mass or call the office at 609.522.2709, x. 210**

**Please mail me a copy of my 2024 contributions to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 January 20](#)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**January / February topics to be determined**

**Where:** Monsignor Kelly Hall, Assumption Church.

**Contact:** Chuck Mirarchi - [cpmvp1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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** 1<sup>st</sup> 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"*

#### **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

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### **Assumption Church at 6:30PM in Kelly Hall**

#### **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](mailto:cpmvp1@gmail.com)



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

**"Discovering Our Dignity"**

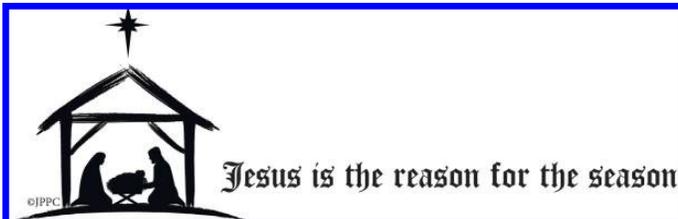
A study of Women in the Bible  
Register now for the Fall Session  
We meet Wednesday's 9:15 -11:00 AM  
**We are Starting September 11, 2024**  
Assumption Church @ Msgr. Kelly Hall

Please contact Kathy Woodside  
for more information.  
[Ltsdanz@verizon.net](mailto:Ltsdanz@verizon.net)  
609-828-1105

***Come as you are.***

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

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



## 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](http://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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) Find Healing on Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends

### **A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS**



The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* in **Kelly Hall at Assumption Church** for 5 weekly session. Please call Donnamarie Sexton at 609-522-2709 ext 218 to register and order a book by 1/13/25. The books are \$26.95.

**Classes will be held:** Tuesday 6:30-8pm on 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4  
Wednesday 11am-12:30pm on 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5

**A brief overview and book pick up will be held 1/28 at 6:30pm & 1/29 at 11am**



## 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.

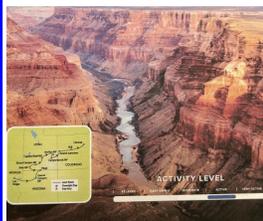


### FOREVER YOUNG TRIP CRIMSON CANYONS



**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



**FOR MORE INFO and EARLY BIRD:**

Call Phyllis Bocelli at 609.425.9523  
or email [phyllisbocelli@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisbocelli@gmail.com)



### 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 **Monday, February 24** 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](mailto: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](http://www.VMbytheSea.com) or call 609-964-7696

**Wednesday, January 22**

**10:00 am—4:00 pm \$25**

**Private Day of Prayer**

On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Lunch is provided.

**Friday, January 31**

**8:45 am—2:15 pm \$60**

**Arise and Call Her Blessed**

Come to celebrate God's gift of his Mother – whom we usually refer to as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let's "push pause" and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive "Blessed" as well as our everyday "go to" prayer: the Hail Mary. Let's come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plays in keeping us close to Jesus. Lunch and mass included

**Thursday, March 6**

**Begins 8:45 am \$60**

**H.O.P.E**—We will spend the day leaning into compassion for ourselves and others who are mourning/grieving in times of loss. Sister Anne will offer her experience with grief and loss and the ways to move through these challenges with H.O.P.E. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch.



### JOIN FOREVER YOUNG TRIP TO LANCASTER



**NOAH at SIGHT & SOUND THEATER**

**Thursday, June 12 2025**

**Cost: \$189/person**

**Includes:** Transportation, preferred reserved seating on main floor, lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant, meal/bus gratuities

**Depart 9:30 AM**

**Return Home 8:30PM**

For more information call:

**Stephanie Devlin at 609.889.2888**



## Baptism, Marriage & RCIA



### PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[www.notredamedelamer.org](http://www.notredamedelamer.org)

- ◆ GO TO SACRAMENTS
- ◆ GO TO BAPTISMS
- ◆ CLICK ON REGISTRATION FORM and COMPLETE IT
- ◆ SEND THE FORM TO THE PARISH (Deacon Nick)

DEACON NICK WILL CONTACT YOU FOR A REQUIRED PRE-BAPTISM MEETING (CLASS)



**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to making reception plans.

Contact Deacon Nick  
609-522-2709, X. 222



### BECOMING CATHOLIC

*An opportunity for:*

*Individuals and families wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith*

*Baptized Christians seeking a deeper relationship with Christ within the Catholic Church*

*Spouses of Catholics or those engaged to Catholics seeking to join the Church*

*Catholics baptized as youth wishing to reconnect with their faith, complete Sacraments and find a church home*

**BUILDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND HIS CHURCH!**

Contact: Deacon Nicholas Danze  
609-522-2709 Ext. 222

## Music Ministry



### JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

If you are interested in joining our **Music Ministry Family** here at Notre Dame de la Mer Please contact our Music Director Jonathan Delgado at the Parish office 609-522-2709 ext 219.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Saint of the Week:

**December 29: Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

*c. 1119–1170*

*Patron Saint of clergy*

**Canonized by Pope Alexander III on February 21, 1173**



**Prayer:** *Saint Thomas Becket, you lived much of your life in a worldly pompous way, but upon being consecrated a bishop, you turned to a life of prayer, penance, and defense of the Church. Please pray for me, that I will also turn from all worldly attractions and will devote myself wholeheartedly to the service of God and His Church. Saint Thomas Becket, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You*



Discover more about vocations at [www.camdenpriest.org](http://www.camdenpriest.org)

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**REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE**

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**



**HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT**

**JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

**EM for Hospital Visit**

Are you an Extraordinary Minister who has an interest in visiting patients in the hospital? If so, our team can use your help. We are so blessed to have a wonderful team of dedicated Extraordinary Ministers (EMs) who visit hospitalized patients in Cooper University Cape May Regional Hospital. We are seeking to add back-up support to our team for those times when one of our EMs has an appointment or is on vacation. Can you assist? For more information, please contact Associate Hospital Chaplain, Mary Kay Dunne, at 856-701-8512



**Hope for a Better Marriage**

Helping marriages heal and grow.

Over 100,000 couples helped.

**The Retrouvaille Marriage Program**

Weekend programs in February, August, and October in Malvern PA

[HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
215-766-3944



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples.

**MARRIED COUPLES—GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS:**

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day!

**The next weekend date is March 14-16, 2025.**

Call 609-741-8012 for information

or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).

Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).



**Ministerio Regional Hispano**  
**Cape May County**

**St. Raymond**

700 Bayshore Road, Villas, NJ 08251

Teléfono 609-886-1759

**Oficina del Ministerio Regional Hispano**

Horario de Atención:

Lunes y martes 11am a 2pm

Jueves y viernes 6pm a 8pm

# CHRISTMAS SEASON INFORMATION



Thank you to all that helped us Decorate the Churches for Christmas.



**A REMINDER THAT WE NEED TO UNDECORATE TOO!**  
This is your invitation

**We will need your help to UNDECORATE the Church!**

**Assumption Church** will be un-decorated Jan. 5 after 8:30 Mass

**St. Ann Church** will be un-decorated By WCA Students during the week.

Please consider lending your time to help make our Churches ready for Christmas.

**It only happens with your help.**



**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



## 2024 Christmastide Liturgy Schedule



### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday, December 21st**

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

### **CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
St. Ann Church.....4:30 PM

**New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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



Thank You to all that have sent Christmas Cards to Fr. Mazz, Fr. Tom and the Parish Staff. We all appreciate the kind words and gifts that have been received. Wishing you all of the Lord's Blessings this Christmas.



## Flowers Donation



Thank You!

**Thank you** to everyone who had a part in making the "Prelude to Christmas" & Holy Nativity a huge success.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

A giant **thank you** to Jonathan and our three choirs, as well as, Cassandra and the children of the Nativity for bringing joy and happiness to the parish. Notre Dame de la Mer is truly blessed with having so many talented people in our parish.

We hope that you enjoy the Christmas Flower displays this year. A thank you to all of those that have donated to the flowers in memory of your loved ones.



# Wildwood Catholic Academy

PreK-3 to 12th grade 609-522-7257

## EXPLORE

# Wildwood Catholic



### Shadow A Student

We have Shadow Days open for prospective students to join us and come visit the school. It is a great opportunity to meet students and faculty, go through a class schedule, and spend a day in the life of a Crusader.



### Applications

At this time we are accepting applications for the 2025/2026 school year and also for transfer students for this year. Applications can be completed on our website, or a hard copy can be downloaded and sent to the school. If you would like to schedule an appointment to come in and sit down with an admissions representative, we would be happy to walk you through the process and have your child's application completed and reviewed on the same day.

### 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.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the building and sharing more about Wildwood Catholic Academy and all we have to offer.

Lauren Zuccarello - Director of Enrollment

l.zuccarello@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org  
609-522-7257 ext. 4

Linda McBride - Guidance & Admissions Office

l.mcbride@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org  
609-522-7257 ext. 9

[www.wildwoodcatholicacademy.org](http://www.wildwoodcatholicacademy.org)



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Happy New Year ...



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... and a blessed year ahead.

From all of us at  
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Plan a Shadow Day or a School Visit

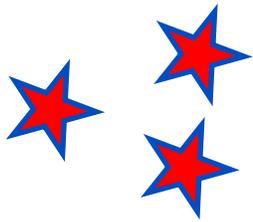
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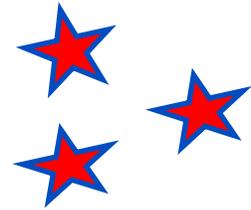
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## Religious Education



### Faith-Filled Events

Has your child completed their 6 Faith-Filled Events? Check out the Liturgy Corner of our bulletin or some of these websites for ideas:

[Familybiblechallenge.org](http://Familybiblechallenge.org)  
[Bustedhalo.com](http://Bustedhalo.com)  
[Dynamiccatholic.com](http://Dynamiccatholic.com)  
[Lifelongcatechesis.osv.com](http://Lifelongcatechesis.osv.com)

You can turn anything you do into a Faith-Filled Event by inviting God to join you through prayer!

**Faith-filled movie night is also a great idea.**  
God is not dead, Miracles from Heaven,  
Heaven is for real, I can only imagine.  
The Chosen Series.... Can be all of your events!

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

### PREP

#### Parish Religious Education Program

Our Parish has a few choices for anyone wishing to receive their sacraments and become Catholic:

**Children:** 1st-8th graders have two choices:

**School Year Family Catechesis:** Which meets once a month to view lessons completed at home.

**Summer Intensive:** The 2nd & 3rd weeks in July Monday-Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm.

**Teens:** 9-12th graders will be decided on an individual bases. Depending on the level of instruction needed.

**Adults** seeking the faith will be entered into the RCIA program. RCIA usually meets once a week starting in September and going through the Easter Season.

### 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.**

#### 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

\*\*\* Palm Sunday 4/13/25 at 10:15am St. Ann Church  
\*\*\* May Procession 5/11/25 at 8:30 am Mass  
Assumption Church

### 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