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8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Or anytime by appointment

Closed for Religious and
Civic Holidays



Letter from AnnaMae Muryasz

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Second Sunday of Advent!

The season of Advent is a time of waiting: waiting to receive our Savior anew into our hearts on Christmas Day. During this wonderful season we also anticipate the beginning of the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. The year of Mercy will begin on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2015) and end on the Presentation of Mary (November 21, 2016).

When we look at the meaning of the word "mercy", Webster says: compassion shown to an offender. The compassion that is mentioned is not that which is shown only by God or shown only by those close to God. It is mercy that we as people of God show to each other each day. Mercy for wrongs that are committed with intent and without intent. It is the looking the other way when we are hurt by those that we love and yet still showing them love at the same time. It is the reaching out with the Love of Jesus to those who are in need when we may be in need ourselves. Although we live in an imperfect world we each need to make it a little more perfect by our actions and decisions each day. Mercy needs to be shown and received in the lives of all of us. Let us try to make it a daily action to show mercy to those that we meet.

Next week the first of many opportunities to experience Mercy during this special year will take place. The Mercy Triduum will begin on Tuesday, December 15, and continue through Thursday, December 17th. During these three days the sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at one of the Deanery parishes. On December 15, at 7 p.m. the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at St. Ann Church, on December 16, at 12:15 p.m. reconciliation will be offered at St. Joseph Church, Sea Isle and lastly on December 17, at 7 p.m. the sacrament will be offered at St. Isidore Church, Vineland. Since the sacrament is offered three times on consecutive days it is considered a Triduum. This will be taking place throughout all the Deaneries in the Diocese of Camden.

On Monday, December 14, our young children will receive the Sacrament of Mercy for the first time at Assumption Church at 6:30 p.m. Please remember these young children in your prayers and come and join in the celebration of the Mercy of God's love. After the service there will be refreshments in Kelly Hall.

May you see God's love and mercy in your life during the season of Advent and always!

Prayerfully,

AnnaMae Muryasz – Life Long Faith Formation Director

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.

Important Notice to Daily Morning Mass attendees at Notre Dame de la Mer Parish!

Keeping everyone safe is our main concern and in order to accomplish this we ask that you please follow the procedure below when weather is not favorable in the morning to attend Mass:

Please listen to the radio to see if Cape Trinity Catholic School or Wildwood Catholic High School is closed-if the schools are closed **there will be no morning mass.** **(This is for the 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM Mass.)**

Please know that we want you safe to be able to return to the family of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish when the weather permits. Do not take chances that are not necessary. We understand and we know that God understands.

Wildwood Catholic High School Events!

New York City Bus Trip

December 27, 2015

\$50 per person

Do what you like in New York City.

Enjoy the Christmas Sights, Shop, See a Show...

Check out GROUPON for deals.

Support Wildwood Catholic High School

Bus leaves at 8:00 am from:

Wildwood Catholic High School, 1500 Central Avenue,
North Wildwood

Bus leaves at 7:00 PM from:

Times Square, New York

Please reserve by December 13

Call MaryBeth Horwell 609-374-0699

Or email: lsandcastle@verizon.net

Jewelry Shopping

Meaningful "Faith Inspired" Jewelry Collections for the whole family. Shop Christian Bling at ctbling.com. Sale ends December 13 for Christmas delivery. Enter the code **GIVE WCHS** and 10% of the sales will be donated to Wildwood Catholic. Available: Virtues & Gift Line, Sacrament and Saints Collection, Papal Signature Collection, Breast Cancer Awareness and more...



Wildwood Catholic High School
Crusader Club



LUCK OF THE IRISH CASH RAFFLE

To benefit the Academic and Athletic Programs at Wildwood Catholic High School

Drawing on St. Patrick's Day March 17th, 2016 at 2pm
at WCHS 1500 Central Ave. North Wildwood, NJ 08260

\$50 for 1 ticket
\$100 for 3 tickets

Go in together with family and
friends to purchase multiple
tickets!



Grand prize 35%
Second prize 10%
Third prize 5%

Maximum of 1500 tickets being
sold

Mail check made payable to WCHS Crusaders with your name, address, and phone
number and we will mail your tickets to you!

Join us at Cape Trinity Catholic School

for a
**VERY
MERRY**

Supper with
Santa **FREE
ADMISSION**
Sunday Dec 6, 2015
2pm-6pm

Dinner Available

Dinner adults \$10.00
Kids \$5.00

Served by

Owens Pub, Panico's Bistro,
Nino's Family Restaurant, Alfe's,
The Wharf, Alumni Grill,
Delux Bakery

Music by the
McGuigan family

MAGIC SHOW

CAPE TRINITY
CATHOLIC
PARENT ASSOCIATION

**Santa • Games
Crafts • Balloon Man
Glitter Tattoos**

15th & Central Ave., N. Wildwood

**Gift Baskets • Raffles
Silent Auction
50/50 Raffle**

Call for more info 609-522-2704



Supper with Santa

50/50 Raffle

To benefit Cape Trinity Catholic

\$50.00 Donation

Drawing to be held December 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM
at the conclusion of the Supper with Santa Dinner,
which will be from 2:00-6:00 PM

A maximum of 500 tickets sold

1st Place: Up to \$10,000

Plus

5 Second Places of: Up to \$500

Tickets are available before and after our weekend Masses .



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. Please email joannemesser@gmail.com or call the school office at 609-522-2704 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Weekend Mass Schedule Change !!

Our weekend Mass schedule has changed:

Assumption Church: Saturday 4:30 PM with confessions from 3:30 to 4:30 PM and Mass Sunday at 8:30 AM.

St. Ann Church: Saturday 4:30 PM with confessions from 3:30 to 4:30 PM and Mass Sunday at 10:30 AM.

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Presents The 15th Annual “Sounds of Christmas Concert”

We are making plans for our 15th Annual “Sounds of Christmas Concert” with the BelCanto Lyric Company & Symphony Orchestra with a Medley of Traditional Christmas Music to be held at the Church of the Assumption on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are available before and after Mass on the weekends or at the parish office. Questions please call 609-522-2709 x210.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.

A “Date Day” with the Lord

Mark your calendar for next month–lest the “date” be overlooked by our busy comings and goings– **First Friday, December 4, Assumption Church 3:00-4:00 PM**, exposition, adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Too busy for the hour? Just stop in for 5 minutes of peace and prayer. Also remember our parish is blessed to have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Ann Church **every Thursday 7:30 AM to Noon**, may the coming Year of Mercy renew in all of us the need to just sit and “Be” before the Lord.



VFW Voice of Democracy

The essay theme this year was “My Vision for America” Congratulations to the winners from WCHS:

VFW Post 5941 ~ 1st Place ~ Molly Mc Nulty
2nd Place ~ Thomas Piro

VFW Post 3509 ~ 1st Place ~ Maryann Mathis
2nd Place ~ Casey Manera

Stewardship Holiday Values



“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value....”
(Philippians 1:9-10A)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our Stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Thank you for your generosity

Forever Young Reminders



There will be **NO MEETING** in December for our Forever Young Group. **BUT** we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon on

Wednesday, 12/16/15
Duffinetti’s Restaurant
4600 Pacific Ave.
Wildwood, NJ
at 1:00 PM

Members \$20. – Non Members \$25.

Lunch includes: salad, entrée and rice pudding for dessert.
Entrée choices: lasagna, chicken parm, and flounder Italiano.
For information and reservations call:
Phyllis @ 609-884-3525.



Cub Pack 184

Cub Pack 184 is still accepting boys; grades K thru 5th grade who would like to join the fun of scouting, please call Dan Petela @609-780-0581 or email mac1150@verizon.net.



2015 Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Penance Service
At St. Ann Church
Tuesday, December 15th ~6:30 PM

Confessions
Saturday, December 19th 3:00 - 4:00 PM
St. Ann & Assumption Churches

Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th
St. Ann Church ~ 4:30 PM (Children's Mass)
Assumption Church ~ 5:30 PM
Prelude ~5:00 PM

Christmas Day, Friday December 25th
St. Ann Church ~ 10:30 AM
Assumption Church ~ 8:30 AM
Mass in Spanish Language ~ 7:00 PM

New Year's Eve, Thursday December 31st
St. Ann Church ~ 4:30 PM

New Year's Day, Friday January 1st
Assumption Church ~ 8:30 AM
St. Ann Church ~ 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Merry Christmas

The Giving Trees are up in each of our churches and once again we are asking for your generosity. More children than ever need our help. Take a tag from the tree and select an age appropriate gift for a child. Random gifts are also welcomed. So if you see a great sale pick up an extra even if you don't have a tag. Please no cash or gift cards. Cash or check donations are appreciated and the elves will do the buying for you. Return all gifts to the tree before December 20, 2015. In 2014 over 125 children were helped by Notre Dame de la Mer Parish.



The manger is empty during Advent as we await the coming of our Saviour. Let the anticipation of Christ's birth fill our hearts with love for all God's children

Angelus Chorus
First United Methodist Church, Wildwood Crest
Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 PM
Free-will offering
Traditional Christmas music and Scripture

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.



Jubilee of Mercy

Holy Doors of the Diocese of Camden

To celebrate the beginning of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica on December 8. Soon after, five Holy Doors will open throughout the Diocese of Camden welcoming pilgrims who wish to partake in this ancient ritual.

December 13

- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden
10:30 AM

December 20

- Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mary Mother of Mercy Parish, Glassboro **8:00 AM**
- Church of St. Nicholas, Parish of Saint Monica, Atlantic City
12:00 Noon
- Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Divine Mercy Parish, Vineland **12:30 PM**
- Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cape May **10:30 AM**

For more information on the Jubilee of Mercy go to camdendiocese.org/mercy



Gift Shop

The gift shop at Assumption Church is available before and after our Masses at that location or by calling Betty at 609-675-5146. We are currently offering 50% off all Christmas items. Spend \$20 and receive a free tote bag.



Liturgy & Prayers

SATURDAY December 5

4:30 PM **Danny H.** r/b Pat Ronn
Assumption Church **Joan Novak** r/b her husband, Jack
4:30 PM **John & Albina Karabian** r/b Johnny & FAB
St. Ann Church **Joseph Leonard, Jr.** r/b his stepmother Joan
Dorothy Cunningham r/b The Priest of the Parish
John Mc Bride, Jr. r/b J & M O'Shaughnessy
D'Ann Nangaretli r/b Daniel & Elaine Orsi

SUNDAY December 6

8:30 AM **Our Parishioners**
10:30 AM **Luke Gallo** r/b his Mom
Dorothy Warren r/b Jack & Joanne Warren
Joe Hogan Gleason r/b Al & Teri Koniecki
Provence, Chambers & Ostrow Families
John Mc Bride, Jr. r/b Bea Pessagno
7:00 PM **For Our Parishioners**

MONDAY December 7

7:00 AM **Antonietta Melchiorre** r/b Family
8:30 AM **Intentions of Fr. Joseph D. Wallace** r/b Betty Katz

TUESDAY December 8

7:00 AM **Dan Confalone** r/b Betty Corcoran
8:30 AM **James "OB" Young** r/b Family

WEDNESDAY December 9

7:00 AM **Francis G. Corcoran** r/b Betty Corcoran
8:30 AM **Joan Novak** r/b her husband, Jack

THURSDAY December 10

7:00 AM **Ann Mc Carthy** r/b The Spiewak Family
8:30 AM **Alma De Sabatubi** r/b Lee & Corrine Robinson

FRIDAY December 11

7:00 AM **No Intention**
8:30 AM **Marie Fitzpatrick** r/b her family

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Ty Howie and at St. Ann Church for Msgr. George Tomachek

Pray for our Deceased

Josephine Corino

SATURDAY December 12

4:30 PM **Minnie Giannetti** r/b Mary & Rocky
Assumption Church **Charles William Ronn, Jr.** r/b his mom, Pat
4:30 PM **Dominic Apikos** r/b Leon & Stephani Stratoti
St. Ann Church **Walt Everitt** r/b Family
John Mc Bride, Jr. r/b the Clarke Family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL-

Thomas Ankrua, Jean Archer, Isoletta Batten, Edward Bauman, Melissa Bauman, Jacob Bouren, Robin Brown, Jack Burke, Thomas Burke, Jr., Christian Buscham, Betty Campbell, Kathleen Cantwell, Joseph Carfagno, Maggie Chase, Don Chiancone, Betty Collins, Patricia Cook, Stumpy Countiss, Jean Cunningham, Angie Dabbingino, Kathryn D'Amico, Tyler Dodson, Dolores Dorman, Charles Durnin, Dan Elkins, Bette Engblom, Ginny Feltwell, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Mary Fioravante, James Futrell, Helen Garagosa, Jennifer Graber, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Maggie Hartley, Drew Heimack, Nick Herman, Sr., Janet Johnson, Kelly Joyce, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Jean Kottea, Yvonne Kukiella, Lois Lauriello, Amanda Long, Charles Long, Elizabeth Love, Rose Mattera, Mary McCall, Francis McCullough, Dolly Mc Gee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullen, Mary Ann Metzger, Janet Meyer, Helen Mihal, Kathleen Miller, Krista Mote, Marie Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Genevieve Oliver, Tom Olsen, Madison Pagliaccetti, Brittany Peace, Karen Prendergast, Kimberly Prendergast, Cecelia Puerta, Mamie Reed, Tom Ribnick, Tony Robinson, Pat Rooney, Luigi Rovar, Rose Salvitelli, Jane Scarano, Michael Bailey Schafer, Steven Seeberger, Baby Tommy Seibert, Carol Seibert, Michael Schaefer, Jeff Silver, Eileen Simone, Catherine Simone, Lorraine Sirianni, Sally Smith, Donald Staffieri, Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, Bernie Sullivan, Harry Taylor, John & Jennifer Tipton, Stacey Tipton, Cheryl Tolen, Luke Trask, Marie Tumolo, Brian Uetz, Colleen Veireck, 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.**



Christmas Bus Trip

Radio City Christmas Spectacular 2015 ~ Tuesday, December 15 \$112 per person, Trip includes transportation and show tickets.

Holiday Express ~ Bus Transportation to New York only—\$45 per person. For information call Joe Tighe 522-3362 or Rose Leone 856-797-1888. Sign up at Miracles Fitness Gym - Rio Grande also.

Soup and Sandwich Benefit

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus #2572 is sponsoring a Soup and Sandwich at Mulligan's, 310 W. Hildreth Ave., Wildwood. December 1-23 ~ Noon to 8:00 PM. Cost \$10. Includes: Soup, sandwich and non-alcoholic drink. Tickets are available at Mulligan's Bar or by contacting Cathy Balis at 609-522-5238.