

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

4:30 PM

Saturday: 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 8:30 AM Sunday: **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 pffice

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.



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.







January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord

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 Phone: 609-522-2709 Fax: 609-522-9375 www.NotreDamedelaMer.org **Pastor** Rev. Cadmus D. Mazzarella....x215 cmazzarella@notredamedelamer.org Parish Administrator Mr. Kevin Quinn....x217 kquinn@notredamedelamer.org Parochial Vicar Rev. Thomas Kiely.....x211 tkielv@notredamedelamer.org Retired Weekend Assistant Rev. Ernest Soprano Parish Catechetical Leader Ms. Donnamarie Sexton.....x218 dsexton@notredamedelamer.org Pastoral Associate - RCIA, Baptismal Preparation, and Weddings Deacon Nick Danze.....x222 ndanze@notredamedelamer.org Pastoral Associate Deacon Rich Roenbeck Director of Music & Liturgy Mr. Jonathan Delgado.....x219 idelgado@notredamedelamer.org Administrative Assistant Mrs. Sharon Mattia.....x210 smattia@notredamedelamer.org Spanish Apostolate Associate Sr. Anne Lafferty, IHM.....484.550.1042 salihmpastoral@gmail.com Accounts Payable/Receivable Manager Mr. Gary Vaughn....x213 gvaughn@notredamedelamer.org Funeral Coordinator / Altar Servers Ms. Patricia Monaghan.....610-246-1079 patmonaghan@aol.com

Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Jim Di Fazio

Stewardship



January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord Stewards Give

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do Christian Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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 $^{\text{TM}}$.

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



From the desk of Deacon Thomas Piro

Dear Parishioners,

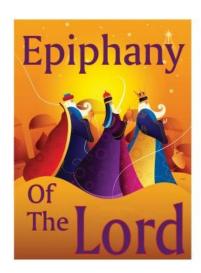
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Today, the Church celebrates the great feast of Epiphany, the day when the Magi came to pay homage to the Baby Jesus. On this day, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to all the nations symbolized by the Magi. The Magi after all were not Jewish but pagan. This event presents Jesus not coming for the Jewish people alone but for the whole world! As the responsorial psalm says, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

The Incarnation, the Son taking on human flesh, is a sign to the world that God is not a distant deity but a loving Lord, who desires all men to adore him so they may have life. If we look around, however, it seems the Lord is ignored and not adored as we prayed during the responsorial psalm. This lack of adoration does not change the fact that the Lord is King, who desires all to come to him.

Today in Camden, Bishop Sullivan celebrated the opening of the Jubilee Year, 2025. A Jubilee year is celebrated every 25 years and is a time for us to renew our faith, reconcile with the Lord and each other, and make pilgrimages to holy sites. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, themed this Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope." In his papal bull announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis provided insight into the meaning of this year's theme when he wrote, "May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

In a post-pandemic world filled with anxiety, fear, and war, this time of year is an invitation to renew not just our faith, but our hope, our hope in Jesus Christ. The Incarnate Lord, who manifested God's love for all the world to the Magi, is our comfort and remedy. He is our rock and our refuge. What good is it if we keep this gift of hope to ourselves? As believers of Christ, we are to be like the star that attracted the Magi to come to the Lord. During this Jubilee Year, may the Lord strengthen our hope and use us to bring his light to all the nations.

God bless, Deacon Thomas Piro



Mass Intentions

Saint Ann Church

SATURDAY January 4

4:30PM Dorothy Hogan r/b Peggy Curry

SUNDAY January 5

10:30 AM Marie Tighe r/b Lazarus House Joseph McAnaney r/b Family Michael Fay r/b Nettie & Family

Mary Clinton r/b Al & Teri Koniecki Christine Murzyn r/b Pat Monaghan

Marie Lezan r/b Pam & Jeff

Larry Fappiano r/b The Schoenleber Family

Bill Curry r/b Peggy

Kathy (Kathleen) Marshall r/b Mary Pat Hastings

& Carmen

Mary & Larry Orr r/b Robert Fischer

Assumption Church

SATURDAY January 4

8:30 AM Jack Holland r/b Kass Fredericksdorf

SUNDAY January 5 8:30 AM Pro Populo MONDAY January 6

8:30 AM James Waxmonski r/b Phyllis Kollar

TUESDAY January 7

8:30 AM Vincent McCabe r/b Eamonn & Deidre Cullen

WEDNES. January 8

8:30 AM Larry Fappiano r/b The Schoenleber Family

THURS. January 9

8:30 AM Dorothy Kirwin r/b John Trainor

FRIDAY January 10

8:30 AM Leon & Michel Mazzochi r/b Wife & Mom

SATURDAY January 11 8:30 AM Pro Populo

Intentions will <u>only</u> be listed for the current weekend masses and the upcoming weekday masses.

Readings of the Week

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Your light has come!

- The showing forth of God's glory is apparent in today's passage from Isaiah.
- All nations will walk by Jerusalem's light, the glory of God within it.
- The prophet announces to the people that even in the midst of darkness, they will forever be enlightened by the presence of God.

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

We all share the same promise!

- The earliest Christians, mostly Jews, struggled with the realization that even Gentiles are included in God's plan of salvation.
- Today's letter points out that people in former ages did not understand that God's mercy extended to all people.
- Gentiles and Jews are one body in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts.

- Matthew's Gospel clearly demonstrates that all the prophecies of old have come to fulfillment in Christ.
- As promised, Gentile wise men recognize Jesus as Messiah even when the Jerusalem sages do not.
- The official priests and scribes quote the messianic prophecies that identify Bethlehem, the city of David's birth, as the birthplace of the Messiah. However, they do not follow their own wisdom.

Family Reflection Corner

Theme: The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this familiar story again today, what one word or thought really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend? Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

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: Joan O'Shaughnessy r/b Husband, John AND All ministries, ministers & their families.





"A Time To Be Healed..."

Carlo J Accardi, Sandra Accardi, Gerry Baily, John Bailey, Chuck Behle, Bernadette & Family, Victoria Bersani, John Berthcsi, Liam Blaney, Christina Bober, Alice Boyle, Nick Bonifante, Geraldine Buckly, Mary Ann Burke, Jackie Burroughs, Giuliana Burruezo, Matthew Bzwonariek, 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, Lucy Blue Freeling, Robert Friend, Isabella Fuscellaro, 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 Mikulewiczz, 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 Reicenbach, 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,... Carl Botzenhardt
Frances Broughton
Joanne Vitola



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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-

<u>St. Ann</u>

Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 10:30AM

Assumption

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:30AM

Sunday: 8:30AM

Parish and Local Information



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. F ollow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn! Donations can be made via our website at 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

Volunteers Opportunity!

We are looking for a few specific volunteers in our parish family and liturgical ministries.

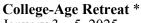
Parking Lot Help at St. Ann Church

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

Marianist Retreat Center

417 Yale Avenue • P.O. Box 488 Cape May Point, NJ 08212-0488 609-884-3829 mfrc@capemaymarianists.org www.capemaymarianists.org



January 3 - 5, 2025Cost: \$150 per person

* High School Seniors are welcomed

Young Adult Retreat February 7 - 9, 2025

Cost: \$150 per person



Gluten-Free

Parish and Local Information

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 cn 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.





To Sign Up call 856-583-6123 or go to www.vitality.camdendiocese.org



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

NDDLM 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 or 215-284-2942 Hope to see you!

> Join by Microsoft Teams by computer or phone https://teams.live.com/meet/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

NDDLM 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 4 - Discuss The Epiphany of the Lord

January 25 - Pro Life Rosary (national event - America needs Fatima

Where: Monsignor Kelly Hall, Assumption Church. Contact: Chuck Mirarchi - 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 Linda Gorman 609-290-1158

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: laohcmc1@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 1st 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, 9/2310/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23

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

Additional Parish and Community Information



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 609-828-1105



amilies that stay together.

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-lifeministry

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 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 <u>fourth</u> <u>Tuesday</u> 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



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



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 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

- ♦ 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 form 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^{th.}

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 12th.

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 24th.

Saint of the Week:

John Neumann, Bishop - 1811–1860

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After attending a diocesan seminary, John Neumann came to the United States from the Czech Republic. Soon after his arrival he was ordained a priest and served European immigrants on the frontier. He joined the Redemptorist Order and established many schools. Later, John was named bishop of Philadelphia. He encouraged religious orders to settle in the area. He also built a number of new parishes and began building a cathedral.

His feast day is January 5.

Prayer: Saint John Neumann, you loved God from the depths of your soul and desired to serve Him and His people through tireless charity, preaching, leadership, and compassion. You brought the Gospel on foot to people far and wide, had a deep love for the poor and troubled, and worked as an effective administrator, building up the life of the Church. Please pray for me, that I may be inspired by your zeal and commit myself to the fulfillment of God's will for my life. Saint John Neumann, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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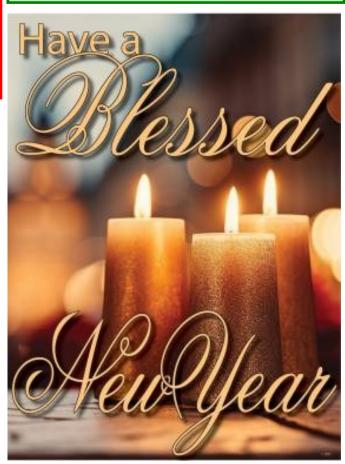
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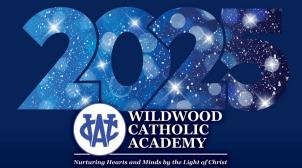
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Confirmation Students DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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.

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:

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