

## *Parish Offices*

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## *Parish Office Hours*

Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Or anytime by appointment

Closed for Religious and  
Civic Holidays & Holydays



## Letter from Fr. Wallace

Dear Parishioner,

As the Church celebrates this milestone in Pope Francis' papacy with his historic announcement of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Catholics and really all Christians throughout the world have an opportunity to reflect on how God's mercy touches our everyday lives and the life of the Church. This coming week the Christian world celebrates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This week of prayer was initiated by Fr. Paul Wattson, a convert from the Episcopal Church in 1908. Throughout the world Christians set aside this week which covers the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul. The ecumenical celebration this year uses the symbols of a Bible, a lighted candle and salt to express visually the "mighty acts of the Lord," that we are called, as baptized Christians, to proclaim to the world. Both salt and light are Gospel images that Jesus uses in the Sermon on the Mount. They describe our Christian identity: You are the salt... You are the light... And they describe our mission: salt of the earth... light of the world...

Later this afternoon, Bishop Sullivan will join other Christian bishops and ministers to pray for the unity that Christ so desired at The Catholic Church of St. Mary in Cherry Hill at 3:00pm. With the overarching theme of God's Mercy this year, Christians are to bear witness to God's mighty acts in a variety of ways. By healing the wounds of the world: Wars, conflicts and abuses have wounded the emotional and relational lives of so many in our world. God's mercy helps us to beg forgiveness for the obstacles which prevent reconciliation and healing, to receive mercy and to grow in holiness. We are called, to search for truth and unity: awareness of our common identity in Christ calls us to work towards answering the questions that still divide us as Christians. We are called like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to share our experiences and so discover, that in our common pilgrimage, Jesus Christ is among us. We are called to an active commitment to human dignity: Christians who have been brought out of darkness into the marvelous light of the Kingdom recognize the extraordinary dignity of all human life. Through common social and charitable projects, such as our ecumenical Lazarus House, to reach out to the poor, the needy, the addicted and the marginalized.

As Father Yvans and I travel with a group from our parish and local area to Haiti this coming week to share in the corporal acts of mercy, by reaching out to needy children and their families, I ask that you lift us up in prayer. Fr. Charlie Noone will be shepherding our parish for the week. Please keep us in prayer this week.

Fr. Wallace

## *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.

### 2016 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

A bus will leave Our Lady of the Angels Church on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 6:45 AM. The bus will make a second passenger pickup a 7:00 AM at the Garden State Parkway Mile Post 18 Service Area. The bus will start the trip back from Washington, D.C. at about 4:00 PM and will arrive back in Cape May Court House at about 8:00 PM. Contact bus co-captains Steve Atzert 609-465-7765 or [satzert1@verizon.net](mailto:satzert1@verizon.net) or Alvin Westerland 609-374-0499 to reserve your seat or if you have any questions.



### 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.

## FOREVER YOUNG

Presents a 3 day / 2 night trip to

**Washington, DC**

With a visit to the World War II Memorial

June 9-11, 2016



### Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodations in the Washington, DC area
- 2 breakfasts
- 2 dinners
- **Guided city tour of Washington, DC** to view famous sites
- **Visit to the Smithsonian Institute**
- **Visit the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
- Baggage handling, hotel taxes and meal gratuities
- Motorcoach transportation included.

**Price \$350.00 per person double occupancy**  
**\$50 per person initial deposit with reservation.**  
**Final Payment is due April 20, 2016**  
**Call Phyllis Bocelli 609-425-9523**

CAPE TRINITY  
CATHOLIC PARENT ASSOCIATION  
Join us for Cape Trinity Catholic School's

# Breakfast with the EASTER BUNNY

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**  
Parish Hall 520 Lafayette St., Cape May

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**  
**8:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Admission:**  
Adults \$10.00 • Kids \$5.00  
Family Max: \$25

**Easter Baskets Raffles • Breakfast • Pictures with the Easter Bunny!**

Please buy your tickets in advance at the Cape Trinity Catholic office.  
For more info call 609- 522-2704



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!



### Bus Trip to Philadelphia

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 ~ Treasures of

the Vatican & St. Rita of Cascia's Shrine ~ \$98 per person. Trip includes: Transportation, entrance to the Franklin Institute's "Vatican Splendors", visit to St. Rita's Shrine and lunch. Trip departs St. Ann's at 8:00 AM. For information call Rose Leone 856-797-1888 or Joe Tighe 609-522-3362 or register at Miracles Fitness Gym in Rio Grande. **Note change in date!!**



**Mercy Works** is a project that invites the diocesan community to observe the Jubilee Year by deepening our commitment to working for peace and justices in our region and beyond.

"When it comes to immigration, the Church reminds us that in the end, all of us are children of the same loving God," Pope Francis said during his speech at Independence Hall in September. "That makes us brothers and sisters, despite the borders that separate us. And in arguing over borders to keep people out, we need to be vigilant against erecting those same borders in our hearts." Get involved with the Catholic Church's efforts to make our immigration system more just. Visit [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) to see how you can get involved.

## Stewardship Gifts Irreplaceable



*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (Corinthians 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your **Stewardship** gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

***Thank you for your generosity.***



### Monthly Meeting

Join us on  
Tuesday, January 26, 2016  
12:00 PM in Kelly Hall

New members are always welcomed!



### Attention

#### Anyone who loves to knit/crochet

We are asking anyone who knits/crochets to be kind enough to make hats, scarves or gloves to be given out this coming winter to all those in need. You can put these in the baskets at church along with the canned goods.

This would mean a great deal to those who come to Lazarus House in these upcoming cold months. If anyone would like to donate these items, that would be greatly appreciated also.

Thank you for your time and talent!



## Misericordiae Vultus

Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical Year is never ordinary as "ordinary goes". This is the time God gives us to focus more fully on growing in faith by listening more deeply to Jesus in order to better understand what He calls us to BE as His disciples. This year is certainly no exception as Pope Francis challenges all of us to go forth from our own "comfort zones" and contemplate the mystery of Mercy in our lives. Here we'll try to do this by offering the actual words Pope Francis spoke in Proclaiming this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy "Misericordiae Vultus". In Francis' words may we see the Face of Mercy and may God's blessings of Mercy be on all of us.

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in Him. Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his action, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a well spring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."



### Winter Blast!

The holidays are a thing of the past; come and join our Winter blast.

Saturday, February 13, 2016 4:00—10:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Hall ~ North Wildwood

Tickets \$30 per person includes dinner a 2 drinks

Menu includes Roast Beef and Chicken Marsala

Sponsored by the Ladies for the Knights to benefit Lazarus House and KOC home association!

For tickets contact Vicki 215-694-7232 or Sue 215-327-7712

## IRS Statement for 2015 Contribution

If any parishioner would like a statement of contribution to the church for 2015, please complete the form to below and return it to the parish center or drop it into the collection basket.

**Please mail me a copy of my 2015 contributions for IRS purposes.**

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

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

Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_





## **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.



### **WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.....**

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next weekend dates are Feb 19-21 and Apr 22-24, 2016. Call [609-742-4035](tel:609-742-4035) for information

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

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

### **Engaged Encounter Ministry**

When the required Marriage Preparation Program is accomplished through Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends good things are occurring. A vast majority of attending couples are reporting a much needed positive weekend of spiritual connection and opportunity for improved couple communication in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

If you know an engaged couple, encourage them in their final time of preparation. Consider sponsoring their EE weekend.

Contact: Mary Lou Hughes 856-583-2903

### **Engaged Encounter Weekends**

The Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, NJ. All weekends begin promptly at 8:00 PM, Friday evening, and close by 3:00 PM Sunday afternoon. All meals and accommodations are included in the reservation fee of \$395.00. Upcoming Weekends are March 11-13 and June 10-12, 2016.

Registration procedure for Engaged Encounter and more information can be found at <https://www.camdendiocese.org/index.php/workshops78engaged-encounter> or by calling 856-583-2903.



## **VITALity**

### **Catholic Healthcare Services**

*Do you or someone you love need care at home?*

Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

**1-888-26 VITALity (1-888-268-4825)**

A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe, and secure in their homes.

#### **The VITALity HELP-LINE:**

- + Provides information and access into Community, Health and Medical Services.
- + Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare insurance and provider system.

All this is provided at no charge through the charitable efforts of the Diocese of Camden.

Visit [Vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://Vitality.camdendiocese.org) for more information.

A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese

Funded through the House of Charity and the Healthcare Foundation of the Camden Diocese.



### **Gift Cards**

GET YOUR GIFT CARDS AT CTC! Cape Trinity Catholic (1500 Central) sells Gift Cards year round and every school day from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. How convenient is that! We stock gift cards for over 50 stores and restaurants and can special order hundreds more! These are the same gift cards you've seen at local stores. They won't cost you an extra cent and we raise money on every gift card we sell-please tell your friends and family and buy your gift cards for shopping and gift giving from CTC! Look for the red CTC Gift Card packet in the back of the churches! In it you will find order forms for the gift cards we stock plus the special order gift card list and holiday order dates. Payment of cash or check is accepted. Email [joanne-messer@gmail.com](mailto:joanne-messer@gmail.com) or call the school office at 609-522-2704 with any questions. Thank you for your support!



### **Electronic Giving**

Electronic or "e-Giving" is available to parishioners and friends of Notre Dame de la Mer Parish. It's easy to set up, and YOU have complete control of how and what you donate to the parish. It's convenient, consistent, secure and insures privacy. To register, and set up your personal account, **go to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Web Page and click on the link on the front page.**

Please follow the directions. And if you're interested, coupon slips can be printed so you have something to place in the collection baskets.

If you have questions, or concerns, there is a FAQ section that should help you in your decision. Be sure to visit Parish Pay. Thank you for your generosity.

## Liturgy & Prayers

### **SATURDAY January 16**

**4:30 PM Josephine Corino** r/b Barbara & Kevin  
**Assumption Church Burns**

**4:30 PM William Brunell** r/b Don & Faith Brunell  
**St. Ann Church Joan Mc Devitt** r/b Bob Kilgore  
**Frederick S. Robinson** r/b Family

### **SUNDAY January 17**

**8:30 AM Ginny Young** r/b Family  
**Dorothy Chiponis** r/b Joan & Ron Dainton  
**10:30 AM Robert Leonetti** r/b Joan Troiano  
**Anna May Parker** r/b Priest & Staff of  
Notre Dame de la Mer Parish  
**Tony Catanoso** r/b his wife, Phyllis  
**Gia Chiarella** r/b Friends  
**Jeffrey Boehmke** r/b George & Carolyn  
Miller  
**7:00M For Our Parishioners**

### **MONDAY January 18**

**7:00 AM James De Temple** r/b Knights of Columbus  
**8:30 AM Timmy Koelle** r/b Kathleen & Michael  
Mc Callion

### **TUESDAY January 19**

**7:00 AM Dorothy T. Matthews** r/b her husband, Pat  
**8:30 AM James "OB" Young** r/b Dad

### **WEDNES. January 20**

**7:00 AM William J. Hemberger** r/b Anthony &  
Lorraine Manero  
**8:30 AM No Intention**

### **THURSDAY January 21**

**7:00 AM No Intention**  
**8:30 AM Louis Celenza**

### **FRIDAY January 22**

**7:00 AM No Intention**  
**8:30 AM No Intention**

### **SATURDAY January 23**

**4:30 PM Matt Diana** r/b his wife, Stella  
**Assumption Church**  
**4:30 PM Robert Mac Arthur** r/b George & Theresa  
**St. Ann Church Stuhl**

### **Propagation of the Faith**

Our second collection next weekend, January 23-24 will be for missions served by the Propagation of the Faith. Please be as generous as possible.



### **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, Dan Elkins, Bette Engblom, Ginny Feltwell, Fran Feketics, Jean Feketics, Mary Fioravante, James Futrell, Linda Gallo, Helen Garagosa, Joanne Golley, Jennifer Graber, Ann Grasso, David Grasso, Marie Grecia, Maggie Hartley, Drew Heimack, Nick Herman, Sr., Janet Johnson, Kelly Joyce, Jessica Karabian, Eleanor Kimball, Henry Korzeniowski, Jean Kottea, Lois Lauriello, Amanda Long, Charles Long, Elizabeth Love, Rose Mattera, Mary McCall, Francis McCullough, Dolly McGee, Mark McKee, Marge McMullen, Mary Ann Metzger, Janet Meyer, Helen Mihal, Kathleen Miller, Krista Mote, Marie Murphy, Lynn Nichols, Bob Necker, Frank Niemczak, Tim O'Leary, Sr., Genevieve Oliver, Tom Olsen, Madison Pagliaccetti, Valeroe Biedzian Parr, 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, Stanley Stefankiewicz, Joe Stella, Tom Stephano, Laura Stuart, Harry Taylor, Roger Thompson, Jr. 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.**



### **Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Assumption Church is lit this week for Connie Petrosino r/b Rita & Jim Di Bruno and at St. Ann Church for Christine Gibson Flounder r/b Kathleen McCullough



O God, we thank you for the lives of great saints and prophets in the past, who have revealed to us that we can stand up amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life and not give in. We thank you for our foreparents, who've given us something in the midst of the darkness of exploitation and oppression to keep going. Grant that we will go on with the proper faith and the proper determination of will, so that we will be able to make a creative contribution to this world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray.