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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 Sr. Rosaline

Dear Friends,

Following Vatican II, the Sunday Gospels were revised into a three year cycle: year A - Matthew; year B - Mark and year C - Luke; and the Gospel of John is read on certain Sundays throughout the three years. Luke highlights the Christ of mercy who reaches out to the poor, the outcasts, foreigners and women – much as we have heard and read from Pope Francis.

Our Old Testament reading for today is Ezra's explanation of God's covenant and Law to the Israelites. The people heard the word of God, revered it and went home to celebrate it. In our gospel, today, Jesus; like Ezra, picks up the scroll and reads the word of God. And, St. Paul reminds us that through Jesus we have been made one with God. Today, the Liturgy of the Word consists of a reading (from the Old Testament), a Psalm (the prayer), and another two readings. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading uses the term Law which referred to all of God's revelations to the Jews. It not only included rules and regulations; but also the wonderful stories of God's revelation to the Jews through scripture.

Today, the words of God and Francis, our Pope, challenge us not to compare ourselves with others. Rather to recognize that God has given each of us different gifts. Therefore, we should be concerned about trying to be faithful to the grace God gives us each day.

Our Gospel, today, leads us to the basic fact that we, as Christians have a distinct obligation to practice social justice – have we ignored this message? We are to help the poor, the imprisoned, the captive and the physically impaired. These are the things Jesus wants us to do, if we are followers of him. Think about your New Year's resolutions (if we are able to remember what they were). And, if not, resolve, right now, to follow the Lord's command to help others – to make "social justice" a reality in the Wildwoods. So, that one day, we might experience Jesus saying to us: "Come to me, all who labor and find life a heavy burden... You will find rest for your souls." And again, the various gospel stories such as the Good Shepherd, seeking the lost sheep and carrying it to safety; the cry of the good thief: "Lord, remember me". And, of course Jesus' reply to the murderer crucified beside him on Calvary: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Thus we find a gentle, patient, forgiving, understanding and sympathetic Jesus.

Are we, a people, who doesn't understand what Christianity is all about? Are we of the mind that Christianity is all about sin and judgment, heaven and hell; and that God is a heavenly policeman watching our movements, writing down all our sins, and waiting to condemn us to hell. Please adjust your thinking and see our God as loving and merciful and without punishment and do all we are able to do to practice and promote social justice by "bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the prisoners go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Reach out to all in need! We should be concerned, not only with saving another's soul, but also their, bodies, their health, their housing and their jobs. Begin by helping others in our parish, especially at Lazarus House, which was suggested by Father Wallace in last week's letter.

Prayerfully,

Sister Ro

## *Parish Activities*

**Mary, Refuge of Sinners  
Prayer Group** Wednesday  
after 8: 30 AM Mass at  
Assumption Church in  
Msgr. Kelly Hall. Begins  
9/30/2015.

**Franciscan Fraternity of  
Divine Mercy** welcomes  
you every 3rd Sunday of  
each month at St. Elizabeth  
Seton Church, Absecon.  
All are welcome. For  
information call Tom  
Stephano @729-6284.

**Knights of Columbus** Our  
Lady of the Rosary Council  
#2572 Meetings are held  
the 2nd Monday of the  
month at 8:00 PM at the  
Council Home, 206 New  
York Ave, N. Wildwood.

**Columbian Squires Circle  
#558** a Catholic Young  
men's organization for ages  
11 thru 16. Contact Dan  
DeMaio 729-1427 or Tom  
Connelly 408-6398.

**Forever Young** meets the  
fourth Tuesday of the  
month at 12:00 Noon at  
Kelly Hall for lunch and  
program.

**Legion of Mary** Tuesday at  
11:00 AM in St. Ann  
Chapel

**Adoration** is held every  
Thursday after the 7:00 AM  
Mass until Noon at St. Ann  
Church.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and  
Benediction** 1st Friday of  
the month 3:00 PM at  
Assumption Church.

**Rosary for World Peace**  
1st Saturday of the month  
4:00 PM at St. Ann Church.

## 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.



### **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**



### *Yes we did...tell your friends!* WCHS Crusader Club & Post Prom Committee are hosting **Ladies Night Bingo**

Coach, Longaberger, Michael

Kors, Dooney & Bourke

**Saturday Feb 27, 2016**  
**Former St. Ann's School Magnolia & NJ Ave**  
**\$30 per person, 20 games**  
**7-10pm, Doors open at 6pm**  
Fundraiser – food & beverages for purchase  
For further information / reservations contact Bonnie Feraco  
602-3774

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!



**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.

*Take action to Welcome the Stranger.* During this month where we remember the corporal works of mercy to Welcome the Stranger, you can have a direct impact on the lives of refugees who are beginning their new lives in the U.S. Donate basic items comprising of one of four "Welcome kits" in the areas of household, kitchen, bedroom and hygiene. These basic necessities help Catholic Charities furnish home for families who arrive in the U.S. after an exhausting journey with little more than the clothes on their backs. Shopping for these items or building a welcome kit as a family can provide a great opportunity to enter together into the experience of newly arrived refugee families. Find the listing of welcome kit items and learn how to donate by visiting [CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/mercy](http://CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/mercy).

## Stewards Share



*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”*  
(Nehemiah 8:10 a)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life, he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us in Stewardship to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

***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!

### Catholic Schools Week

Next Sunday, January 31 is the beginning of Catholic Schools week, there will be a special collection to benefit the Catholic schools in the diocese. Envelopes for this collection are available in the rear of the church. Thanks for your support.



### Bus Trip to Philadelphia Note change in date!!

**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!!**



### Misericordiae Vultus

*Grace, Mercy, and peace to all who continue to read Pope Francis’ letter:..... “Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive. I will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.....I will announce that in every local church, at the cathedral - the mother church of the faithful in any particular area.... a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy year. At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened....since visits to these holy sites are so often grace- filled moments as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church’s universal Communion. ....With these sentiments of gratitude for everything the Church has received, and with a sense of responsibility for the task that lies ahead, we shall cross the threshold of the Holy Door fully confident that the strength of the Risen Lord, who constantly supports us on our pilgrim way, will sustain us. May the Holy Spirit, who guides the steps of believers in cooperating with the work of salvation wrought by Christ, lead the way and support the People of God so that they may contemplate the face of mercy.” MV3-4*



### 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.



**NOW THAT THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS IS 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 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.



**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.



**Gift Cards**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2016**  
**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY PRESENTS**

**"SWING INTO SPRING"**  
**32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

GRAND HOTEL-BALLROOM  
1045 Beach Ave, C.M  
11:30 AM – 3 PM  
Luncheon Tickets - \$35  
Contact Kay – 609-729-5773

Luncheon – Cash Bar – Prizes – Raffles  
**ENTERTAINMENT – PHILLY FRIENDS**

## Liturgy & Prayers

**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**

**Stuhl**

**Church**

**SUNDAY January 24**

**8:30 AM Josephine Corino** r/b Stella Diana

**10:30 AM Philip Gaughan** r/b Family

**Joseph Weachter** r/b Jim & Dotty Jordan

**Albert J. Thame, III** r/b the Poukish Family

**Sr. Patricia Carson** r/b Tara Vogdes

**Nan Mitzen** r/b Tara Vogdes

**7:00 PM For Our Parishioners**

**MONDAY January 25**

**7:00 AM Santo Cardile** r/b Knights of Columbus

**8:30 AM Fred Alfonsi** r/b Maryann

**TUESDAY January 26**

**7:00 AM No Intention**

**8:30 AM Lena Bower** r/b Mom, Dad & Brothers

**WEDNES. January 27**

**7:00 AM Not Intention**

**8:30 AM No Intention**

**THURSDAY January 28**

**7:00 AM No Intention**

**8:30 AM No Intention**

**FRIDAY January 29**

**7:00 AM No Intention**

**8:30 AM Borneman Family** r/b Ed Borneman

**SATURDAY January 30**

**4:30 PM Mary Watson** r/b NDDL Parish Staff

**Assumption James E. Mahoney** r/b Cousins: Dennis, James R, Kathryn & Mary & Family

**Church**

**Pete Savard** r/b Family

**4:30 PM Robert Mac Arthur** r/b George & Theresa

**St. Ann**

**Stuhl**

**Church**

**Paul V. Flaherty, Sr.** r/b Pat Matthews

**Catherine Sullivan** r/b Kathleen & Jack

Connelly

**Evelyn Poslusny** r/b her Daughters

**Brean Bee** r/b her mother, Joan Quinn



**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 Our Service Men & Women and at St. Ann Church for Jim Matteo r/b Kathleen McCullough

Please Pray for the Happy Repose of the Soul of:

**Carmela Catanese**

### A Prayer for Everyday

*But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You." (Psalm 5:11)*

Dear Lord,

I pray for your protection on me today. It is a normal day like always, but still be with me. So many things could be potential hazards: driving, my job, agitated people, those controlled by Satan and my own health. I am thankful for my family, Lord! Please bring us all through our day safely, so that we can be together later. I put my trust in You today! Guide me home safely! I love you! Amen



### Pause to Ponder

*People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.*

Maya Angelou