



## A Brief History of our Stained Glass Windows

Mayer & Co., of Munich Germany established a New York office in 1888 bringing the company to full international status. In 1892, Pope Leo XIII named the company a "Pontifical Institute of Christian Art." Mayer signed the studio's windows in America as "Mayer and Co., Munich, New York."

Mayer's figurative windows were enormously popular throughout Canada and the United States. Munich style windows are recognizable and respected for their elaborate, finely executed painting and often incorporated imagery from Great Master paintings. Throughout the narrative scenes, based on the life of Christ and Old Testament stories, heavenly hosts and ordinary people are attired in jeweled tone and richly embroidered fabrics. Backgrounds contain architectural canopy, lush landscapes, intricately woven tapestries and finely laced cloths. These stained glass windows represented an aesthetic that was prized in its time for its craftsmanship and opulence as well as for its ability to engage the viewer emotionally and spiritually. In January of 1913, Mayer & Co, Munich – New York provided the magnificent stained glass windows for Our Lady Star of the Sea.

One hundred years later, in 2013, the final stages of an extraordinary effort to restore the stained glass are nearly complete. The restoration of our stained glass began in 2006 in efforts to maintain our sacred artistic treasures. Slowly but surely, 42 windows within the walls of our Church have been returned to their full glory for the benefit of present and future generations. It is our hope to raise the funds needed to complete the final phase for our stained glass.

## Our Mission

*Swept by the waves of Christ's love and guided by the Holy Spirit, we welcome all to the Catholic community of Our Lady Star of the Sea in the heart of Cape May.*

*We celebrate God's Presence in Word, Sacrament and Service.*

*We seek to be a faith-filled community where you experience the loving embrace of God.*



## How Our Lady Star of the Sea Serves the Broader Cape May Community

- Participation in Ecumenical gatherings
- Good Samaritans  
(Outreach to local Cape May people in need)
- Food Bank Monthly Collection
- Knights of Columbus outreach programs
- Residents of Victorian Towers are served without distinction
- Just friends (50+ Gatherings)
- Bible Study
- Bereavement Group
- Daily Mass & Rosary
- Wedding of the Sea Ceremony (August 15 yearly)
- Church is open year-round to all for visitation and prayers



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS  
Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00- 4:00 PM  
Mass Schedule available at  
[www.ladystarofthesea.org](http://www.ladystarofthesea.org)

Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis DeSales



## Our Lady Star of the Sea Cape May, New Jersey



*Shine on our Pathway, Fair Star of the Sea*