Our Lady Star of the Sea

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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 18, 2026

Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30(Live Stream as well), 11:00AM
6:00PM
St. Agnes, Cape May Point
8:30AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday @ 11:00AM
Rosary 10:30AM
(Star of the Sea)

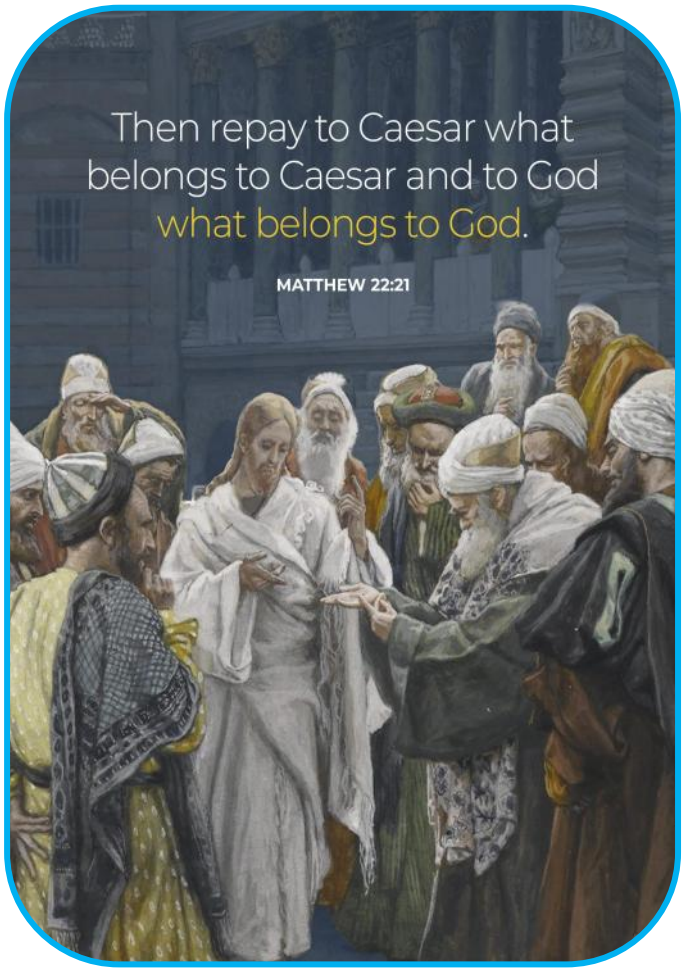
Confessions: Sat. 3:00PM
Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:
1st Friday of Each Month
9:00AM - 11:00AM

1st Saturday of Each Month: Mass @ 9:00AM

Church open for Private Prayer:
Mon.- Fri. 9:30AM - 4:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday
9:00AM - 12:00PM
1:00PM - 4:00PM



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.

525 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ 08204 • 520 Lafayette Street (Parish Office/Mailing Address)
Phone: 609-884-5312 • Fax: 609-542-9702 • www.ladystarofthesea.org

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, October 17
4:00p Albina M. Meehan & Angelina Virona r/b Kevin & Donna Meehan
Eleanor DiDonato r/b Giuseppe & Irma Ruzzi
Veronica Kendra r/b Bill & Mary Lakofsky
Christine Back r/b John & Renee Welde

SUNDAY, October 18
8:00a Daniel & Catherine Maggiano & Michaeline Hoad r/b Tom Maggiano & Family
Beth Keating r/b Tom & Joan Keating
9:30a Timothy Kenny r/b Mike & Maureen Glennon
11:00a For the People of the Parish
6:00p Dec'd Members of the Zavada Family r/b The Borrelli Family

St. Agnes, Cape May Point
8:30a Bill Flick r/b Meg & Joe Kubiak

MONDAY, October 19
11:00a John Tice, Sr. r/b His Family

TUESDAY, October 20
11:00a Robert Familetti r/b His Wife

WEDNESDAY, October 21
11:00a Sean & Marie Faherty

THURSDAY, October 22
11:00a Janice Harron r/b The Maloney Family

FRIDAY, October 23
11:00a Mary McCullagh r/b Kathy Prince

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week

In Honor of Shaina and Tim Davidson r/b Martine Simonis

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parish@ladystarofthesea.org

The Altar Flowers This Week at Our Lady Star of the Sea are In Loving Memory of John Tice, Sr. r/b His Family

Salesian Reflection

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (10/18/2026)

As the Church reminds us in the new **Catechism**, the Scriptures are the living Word of God meant to speak God's word for our living today. Today's second reading is a good example.

God wants you to know that he is aware of how you are working each day to live your faith. He wants to encourage you to continue the good work you are doing, allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to guide your living.

Today's other two readings remind us that we live our faith in a real world, and we are to take an active role in our world. As disciples of Jesus, we are members of his body, the Church. As citizens of the United States, we must be involved citizens who show our concern and care for our country and our fellow citizens, especially the least powerful among us.

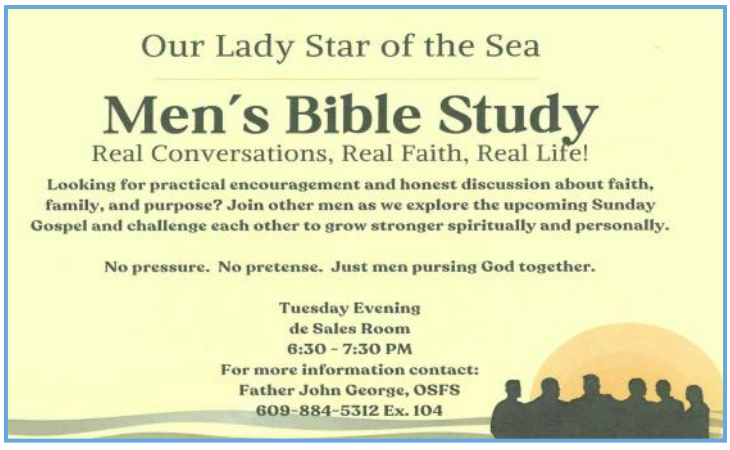
Jesus tells us in the Gospel that we have rightful duties as good citizens, but the state cannot lay claim to what belongs to God. As the prophet Isaiah reminded Cyrus, the pagan ruler of Persia, it is God who is the source of any power he has as ruler. As disciples of Jesus, we may well have to remind our elected officials that any power they have comes from God and ought to be used for the good and well being of the people they serve. Our reminders must always be given in a caring way with a concern for the truth, and not be given in self-righteous judgment.

In the gospel incident, Jesus didn't allow himself to be drawn into the deceptions of those who questioned him about paying the tax. He answers with the truth: ***"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's but remember to give to God what is God's."***

Reminding our fellow citizens that there is a higher good (a good which comes from God) is an important part of living our faith in a real world.

May the Lord continue to strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus and concerned citizens of our country. May his Spirit within us guide us to speak the truth in the most loving way we can.

An Oblate of St. Francis de Sales



Mass of Remembrance

On Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 7:00PM we will honor all who died since November 1, 2025 at a special Mass of Remembrance. If you are able to join us, please complete the form below, put it in the collection basket, or call Martine Simonis at 609 -884-5312 x 110 by October 25th.

Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

Name of person presenting a flower (provided by the parish):

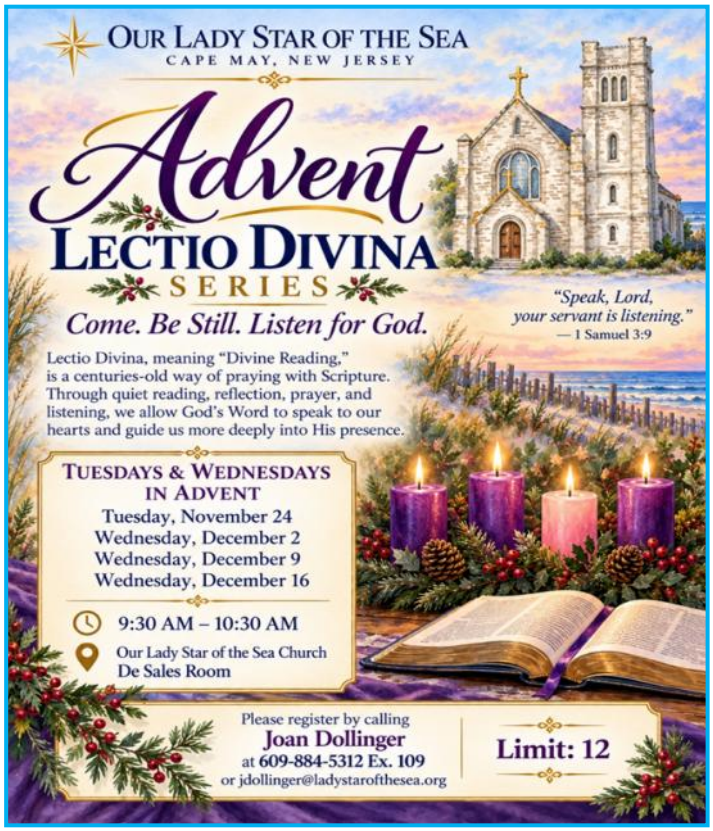
_____

Contact Person: _____

Relation to the Deceased: _____

Phone or email: _____

All Parishioners are invited to attend.



Male Spirituality Retreat

When: Nov. 13 - 15

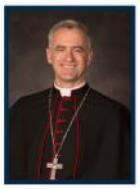
Retreat: This weekend is open to men of all ages, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men.

Contact: mfrc@capemaymarianists.org or 609-884-3829

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage

Saturday, November 7th, 2026

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.



- Explore and spend time in prayer at the Basilica
- Confessions available
- Concert of Sacred Music
- Visit the Catholic Gift Shop & Book Store
- Holy Mass with Bishop Williams in the Great Upper Church

Contact the parish office to register TODAY !!!

Survivors & Thrivers is a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer.

Next meeting: November 12th, 2026
Time: 4:00 - 5:00PM
Where: De Sales Room of the Parish Hall
Contact: Dani, flyhome@icloud.com or call 609-898-4431

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick

When: Friday, October 23rd @ 11:00AM Mass
Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

You will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament, which formerly focused on the dying, since Vatican II has been restored to its original meaning - healing for all those who suffer from any kind of illness or health problem and for those who are elderly. Come, as together we receive the gift of God's healing grace.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From the very beginning, the Church has been called to be the living presence of Christ's love in the world, especially to those who are most in need. In the Diocese of Camden, that mission is made real every day because of your generosity to the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Your gift is more than financial support; it is an act of faith. Through your generosity, children are educated in our Catholic schools, families receive food and shelter in moments of crisis, the sick and elderly are accompanied with dignity, and men preparing for the priesthood are formed to serve God's people.

These ministries exist because you choose to respond to Christ's call to love one another. Yet many of our brothers and sisters continue to face profound challenges: spiritual and material. The needs before us remain great. In this year's appeal, Missionaries of Mercy, I invite you to renew your commitment to charity, which lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. When we give, we become instruments of God's mercy, walking alongside those who are struggling and reminding them that they are never forgotten.

Together, as a diocesan family, your generosity helps transform lives, strengthen faith, and bring hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for being a witness to Christ's love in South Jersey.

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH A. WILLIAMS
BISHOP OF CAMDEN

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal: $147.300.00
As of 10/1/26: $79,691.44
% of Goal: 54%
Balance Remaining: $67,608.56

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

YOU ARE A MISSIONARY OF MERCY

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES:

- Faith community-based ministries for adolescents and young adults, encouraging a lifelong journey of faith.
- Support for campus ministries at Stockton, Rutgers Camden, and Rowan University.
- Programming designed to nurture the spiritual growth of young people in our community.
- *Summer in the City* Program for Teens.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

- Operational and programmatic support for South Jersey Catholic Schools, fostering academic excellence and faith formation.
- Tuition assistance programs that make Catholic education accessible to families.
- Specialized support for students with special needs in select South Jersey Catholic schools.

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Name

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone

Email

Parish 0155 - CMV

Parish Use Only
Affix Label Here or:

New Donor is a:	☐ Member	☐ Visitor

KIVA 2023

Yes! I would like to support the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal with a: *(Please check all that apply)*

☐ **One Time** Gift of: By: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

☐ **A Pledge** with Installments (details below)

☐ or see other side for my selection

Pledge Information if Applicable

Total Pledged Gift:	# of Monthly Installments:

☐ I have included the first installment by check today:

Check Number:	Check Date:

Please use a number of installments that ***conclude by March of next year***
Please make checks payable to ***"South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal"***

Credit Card information for One-Time Gift or Installment Payments:

☐ VISA	☐ MasterCard	☐ AmEx	☐ Discover

Name on Card:

Card Number:

Expiration Date:	CSV Code:

☐ Parish Office, please call me for the above Information.

I have already made my gift:

☐ Through my workplace giving program. ☐ Directly to the Pastor

☐ I am not able to make a pledge at this time

Signed: Date:

Lectors

Saturday - October 24
4:00p M. McDevitt

Sunday - October 25
8:00a E. Mahaney
9:30a T. Morris
11:00a J. Foreman
6:00p S. Holland

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday - October 24
4:00p 1. G. Kucher 2. J. Walls 3. D. Mount 4. M. Schuhl

Sunday - October 25
8:00a 1. ML. Hayko 2. C. Kopp 3. L. McGovern 4. S. Altman
9:30a 1. D. Dix 2. J. McFadden 3. A. Kufta 4. D. Bostard
11:00a 1. J. Foreman 2. Y. Kuemmerle 3. N. Minchew 4. C. Tobin
6:00p 1. M. Stewart 2. A. Raniszewski 3. D. Smith 4. B. Hodgdon

The Gift of Altar Flowers

Our Lady Star of the Sea
St. Agnes Chapel

Sponsor Altar flowers:
- ★ In memory of a loved one
- ★ In honor of someone special
- ★ In celebration of a special occasion

The sponsor and honoree will be included in the weekly bulletin. You may choose to sponsor flowers for Our Lady Star of the Sea or St. Agnes Chapel.

Cost: $75.00

Visit: www.ladystarofthesea.org
Download: donation form under the Current Events tab, complete and return to the Parish Office.

Plan Today & Leave a Legacy for Tomorrow

Thoughtful estate planning can do more than organize your assets – it can reduce taxes, support Our Lady Star of the Sea for future generations – and create a lasting legacy for your children and grand children. With the right plan, your generosity will make an impact for years to come on keeping up with our beautiful 115 year old Marian Shrine.

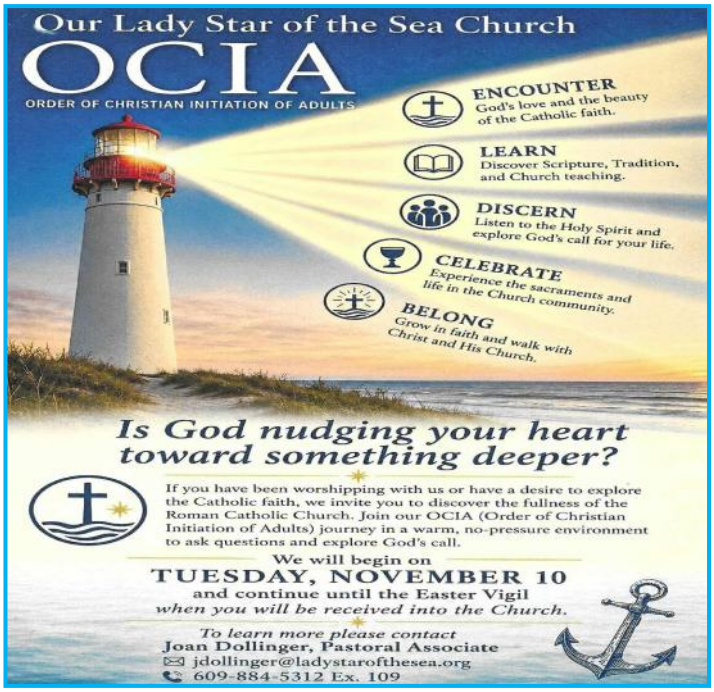
For more information or to just talk about what these possibilities would look like please contact Terry McGarvey, our Parish Administrator, at 609-884-5312 x 120.

Thank you

Weekly Contributions ~ Sept. 24 - Sept. 25, 2026

Ordinary Income	Expenses	2nd Collection
$13,646.00	$ 17,093.50	

The **PARISH GIVING Program** enables you to have your Sunday Offering automatically debited from your credit card. **Make your life easier and check it out on the parish website. You can also scan the QR code to donate.**



The Catholic Grandparents' Ministry

- ★ **builds a community of support for grandparents**
- ★ **equips them with tools to bring their families closer to Christ**
- ★ **join with fellow grandparents for mass, fellowship, and prayer**

When: Oct. 26th ~ after the 9AM daily Mass
Where: St. John Neumann Church Parish Office, large conference room @ 9:45 AM.
Contact: Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535 or southjerseygrands@gmail.com

Catholic Grandparents' Zoom Call
When: October 19th
Time: 7:00PM

Visit: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Thanks for Being Here

If you would like to become an **ACTIVE member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish** (either Full Time or Seasonal) we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below** and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will then contact you.

★ Our Lady Star of the Sea ★
Parish Registration Form

Last Name _____
Full Name and relationship of all resident family members you wish to register at OLSS:
_____
_____
_____

E-Mail Address:
_____

Mailing Address in Cape May Area*:
_____
_____
_____

Permanent Address (if different):
_____
_____

Preferred Telephone #: _____
Are you a:
Full-time resident
Seasonal resident
*PLEASE *do not* use a rental property address.

Place completed form in the Offertory Basket or send to Parish Office.

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries
Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Cremation and Proper Handling of Cremated Remains
Your Choices Don't Stop with Cremation

While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching. Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead.

Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375)..

School News

Sacraments

BAPTISMS
...are celebrated on Sunday after the last morning mass, except during the Lenten Season. In order to schedule a date for your child's Baptism: parents should be parish members, they must attend a Baptismal Preparation Session, and all necessary documentation for godparents must be submitted. To begin the process for your child's Baptism please contact the parish office.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM
Tuesday and Thursday after the 11:00 AM Mass

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please call the Parish Office if a parishioner is seriously ill or infirm and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Holy Eucharist.

MARRIAGES
We welcome parishioners and the children of parishioners to be married at our Lady Star of the Sea.

Please visit the Parish website, **www.ladystarofthesea.org**, click on the ***Marriage tab*** for more information

One does not register in a parish community for the sole purpose of getting married, but to be a full, active participating member of the faith community.

Parish Ministries

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY We offer bereavement support groups four times a year. Dates and times are announced and printed in the parish bulletin. Call Suzanne Jenkins any time if you have questions or if you would like to participate in one of the groups 609-675-8630.

GOOD SAMARITAN If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Janet Kerney @ 267-342-2756. Volunteers are available Monday thru Friday to help others in a variety of ways: rides to doctor's appointments, shopping/banking, errands. Also visits: hospitals, nursing homes, your home, brief respite care. Let us know your need and we will try to provide for you. **All requests must go through the Captain of the week and the request should be made to the captain at least TWO days before the appointment. Please do not call our volunteers directly.** We are unable to transport wheelchairs. **This week's Captain is Anne Kufta.** Her number is **717-577-1927**.

Just Friends Promotes a spirit of fellowship among adults 50 years and older. During our gatherings, we enjoy lunch and varied programs. (Bring your own brown bag lunch. Desserts and beverages are provided). The group welcomes everyone age 50 and over, regardless of faith or parish affiliation. The group meets in Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month from 12:00 - 2:00PM from September through May. JUST FRIENDS looks forward to welcoming you at our next meeting! Join Us! No membership necessary. Please notice the time change. **For more information call Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x 110.**

Looking For a Few Good Men! The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (K of C) - St. Mary's Council #6202** welcomes Roman Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who want to make their local community a better place and serve Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. The K of C meets on the second Thursday of each month in the McGivney Room of the Parish Hall. For more information about the K of C or to request a membership application, please contact Jon Miles, Chancelor, at 610-823-8183...**Join us!**

SURVIVORS THRIVERS is a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet on the second Thursday of every month from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall, and we welcome all regardless of faith or parish affiliation. For more information or to join the group, call Dani at (609)898-4431 or email her at flyhome@icloud.com.

CATHOLIC RADIO STATION WSMJ 91.9FM has been added to the family of catholic radio stations broadcast by Domestic Church Media (DCM). For a complete schedule of programming visit www.domesticchurchmedia.com. **WSMJ 91.9** remains a true Catholic affiliate of EWTN.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets Mondays at 9:15AM in the de Sales Room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in the service of Mary.
For information please call Michael Jenkins, President, 856-498-7905.

Hospitality Committee We live out our Parish mission statement to "welcome all" ..and be for those whom we meet as "the loving embrace of God." Our group offers refreshment, along with a welcoming atmosphere to all who come to our parish activities.

Contact: Justine Preis 410-241-0481.

Parish Pastoral Council The primary focus of the council is to oversee the Parish Pastoral Plan and to evaluate and recommend new goals each year. The following parishioners are members of the Pastoral Council: Father John Dolan, OSFS, Michael McGovern (Chair), Jean McFadden (Vice Chair), Janet Kerney, Jim McHugh, Danielle Rechner, Susan Tarrant, Joe Bogle, Andrew Raniszewski.

Parish Finance Council: Joe Bogle, Patrick Holden, Kathy Parker, Kevin O'Neill, Michael McGovern, Joanne Carrocino, Gloria Kutcher, Terry McGarvey

Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in Becoming Catholic? Please encourage them to contact Joan Dollinger (609)884-5312 x109 as soon as possible. We would love to have the chance to tell him/her about the wonderful process for spiritual growth called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. In this process, adults (with other adults) learn about all the Church teaches regarding Jesus, the Bible, the Sacraments, Spirituality, and Discipleship.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES held **Sundays 9:15AM - 11:30** which includes going to the 10:30 Mass. Contact Joan Dollinger at 609-884-5312 ext. 109 for more information.

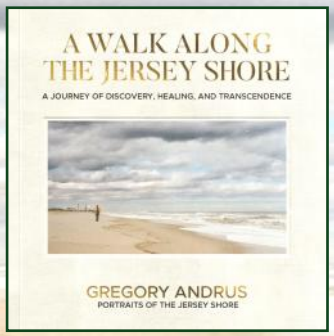
Pre-Planning: A Sharing of Faith ~ While we focus on living healthy, long lives, the inevitable can't be ignored. We are all destined to cross over to the eternal life that God has planned for us. By pre-planning your Catholic burial you are sharing your faith with those left behind. Many benefits come with pre-planning: your wishes are known, peace of mind, elimination of stress, & payment plans. Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375).

Friends

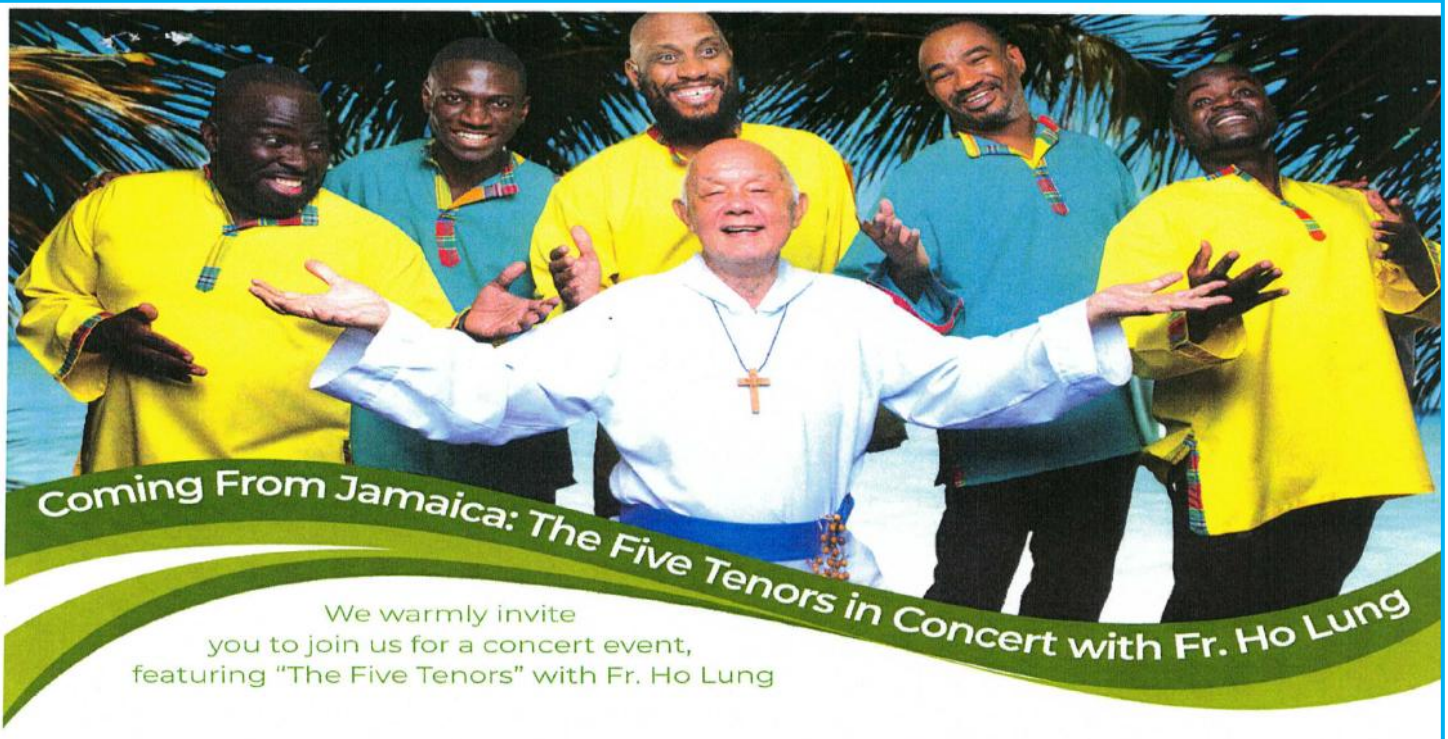
Guest speaker: Greg Andrus
Author of A Walk Along The Jersey Shore

When: Wed., October 28th, 2026
Time: 12:00-2:00PM
Where: Star of the Sea Parish Hall

Lunch and dessert provided.



Come and Be inspired as Greg Andrus shares highlights of his healing walk along the Jersey Shore from Sandy Hook to Cape May.



Coming From Jamaica: The Five Tenors in Concert with Fr. Ho Lung

We warmly invite
you to join us for a concert event,
featuring "The Five Tenors" with Fr. Ho Lung

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
525 Washington Street
Cape May, NJ 08201

November 5, 2026
6:00 pm

Suggested Donation: $25.00

Children Under 18 are Free
Checks or Cash Only
Proceeds Benefit the Missionaries of the Poor

Contact:
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
609-884-5312

Tickets go on sale after all Masses the weekends of
Oct. 24 - 25
Oct. 31 - Nov. 1.

Tickets also available at the Parish Office beginning Mon., Oct. 26.
Contact the Parish Office: 609-884-5312

Make checks payable to:
Fr. Richard Ho Lung and Friends Foundation

WEBSITE / DONATIONS
www.frholungandfriends.org

Father of goodness and love; hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Carolina Abbamondi, Margaret Blair, Ina Brown, Kelly Bryan, Angelo Burgo, Colin Canconnon, Yayetzi Catana, Richard Crouthamel, Maureen Crystal, Beth DeLacy, Robert Dessner, Robert Dix, Mary Elbertson, Edward F., Harry W. Finnegan, Kevin Hassett, Lydia Inderweis, Peter Iurato, Tricia Kraemer, Edna Leifheit, Susan Longacre, Kyle Matthews, Francis Meehan, Sr. Maria Metzger, Patricia Mount, Mary Pilla, Jovita Ramos, Brandon Rosica, Mary Rothwein, Anna May Ryan, Arthur Schwerdt, Dillon Sheehy, Joseph Slawek, Brittany Strausser

Woman In Communion

In this session, we are invited to enter deeper into the mystery of women in communion. A woman is presented as a gift who helps reveal the human person as well as the meaning of love. This gift can be received with reverence or we can allow selfishness and impurity to distort our vision.

Join us on Monday evening Oct. 19th at 7:00PM in the McGiveny Room in the Parish Hall.
Contact: Gregg Rudinski (267)810-9631 or dasher0705@proton.me

Blessing of the Animals Oct. 5th