# Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 18, 2022

### **Current Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30am (Live Stream as well),

6:00pm

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday @ 11:00am

(Star of the Sea)

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-3:30pm

Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00am Mass

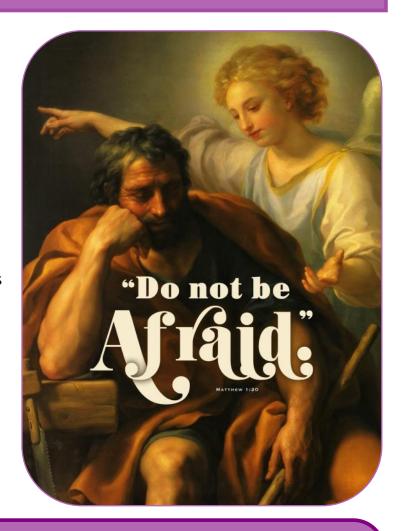
### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

1st Friday of Each Month 9:00am - 11:00am

Ist Saturday of Each Month: Mass @ 9:00am

### Church open for Private Prayer:

Mon.-Fri. 10:00am - 8:00pm



### 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) www.ladystarofthesea.org

### **LITURGY**

### MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, December 17

4:00p Ints. of Betty & Frank Stepniak r/b Nancy & Tom Konz
Mary Kone r/b A Friend
Michael Hayko r/b Lydia Inderwies
John Linnington r/b Susan & Ray Roberts
Mike Hayko r/b Kim & Jim Ford
James J. Gorman r/b The Gorman Family

### SUNDAY, December 18

**8:30a** Daniel & Catherine Maggiano, Michaelina Hoad r/b Their Family

10:30a Rev. James Collins r/b Tom & Liz Phelan Marie Perrelli 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv. r/b Our Lady Star of the Sea Choir Sister Rita Cavaretta r/b Dani & Roger Barnsby Marion Sandman r/b Mary Mulligan

Joseph Tenaglia r/b Patrick Kearney **6:00p** Susan Joyce r/b Patty Joyce

### MONDAY, December 19

**11:00a** Mary Elizabeth Merklinger 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv. r/b Dr. James & Marilou Rochford

### **TUESDAY, December 20**

11:00a Daniel T. Pelligrine r/b Daniel & Mary Pelligrine
J.W. Cicchitti r/b Dad & Tracie
Marina C. Sigmund r/b Her Mother

### WEDNESDAY, December 21

11:00a Mary & Maurice Gaynor r/b Carol Gaynor

#### **THURSDAY. December 22**

11:00a Thomas Keegan r/b Margaret Johnson

### FRIDAY, December 23

**11:00a** James S. Curran r/b His Sister, Marjorie Bill Wicker 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. r/b Donna

# This Week in our Parish

Monday, Dec. 19

4:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Church

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 - 8:00PM Confessions

Thursday, Dec. 22, 3:30PM
Prayer Meeting
De Sales Room, Parish Hall

### STAFF DIRETORY

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### Parish Staff

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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in Memory of Very Rev. Joseph T. Cahill, CM r/b Barbara, Jane, & Stephanie



### **Christmas Reminder**

There will be a special Christmas Eve Mass at St. Agnes, CM Point on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4:00PM. Mass will be celebrated by the Pastor, Father David Devlin. All are welcome. Please dress accordingly, as there is no heat.



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

~ Mother Teresa

### SALESIAN REFLECTION

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent (12/18/2022)

Isn't it sad that Ahaz refused to accept Isaiah's invitation to ask God for a sign that he would fulfill his promise to save Jerusalem from an advancing enemy? But God's love for his people will not be thwarted by a fearful leader. Isaiah gives Ahaz a sign anyway: "The virgin will bear a son and name him Emmanuel."

Centuries later, Matthew is inspired to recognize the unexpected depth of meaning in Isaiah's prophecy. An angel appears in Joseph's dream and encourages him not to be afraid to take his pregnant wife Mary into his home. Her child has been conceived through the Holy Spirit. And Joseph is to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Jesus will truly be Emmanuel, God is with us.

Now all is ready for our celebrating the coming of our God among us in Jesus.

Our Advent longing and waiting takes on a heightened expectancy. The feast of Christmas is near.

But our Salesian/Oblate spirituality tells us that there is more for us. "God is with us" is why we live the way we do each day. God has loved us so deeply that he wants us to be living witnesses of his presence and love. Letting Jesus live in us as Emmanuel each day becomes our way of holiness and

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allows us to share his love with one another and with all we meet.

May our Advent expectancy lead us to be vibrant messengers of the truth: "God is with us" saving his people!

Come, Lord, and do not delay!

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS, Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center

### **The Marianist Family Retreat Center**

### College-Age\* Retreat

When: January 6 – 8, 2023

Where: The Marianist Family Retreat, CM

**Point** 

Cost: \$145 per person (Some financial aid is available)

\* High School Seniors are welcomed

Contact: www.capemaymarianists.org

Email: mfrc@capemaymarianists.org

This retreat is designed to bring young people of college-age (17-22) together. So whether you are in college or working come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences,



peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

### **Young Adult Retreat**

When: February 10 - 12, 2023

Where: The Marianist Family Retreat Center Cost: \$145 per person (Some financial aid is available)

Contact: www.capemaymarianists.org

Email: mfrc@capemaymarianists.org

Join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun!

# **Christmas Schedule**



### Confessions

Tuesday, December 20 Following the 11:00AM Mass

Wednesday, December 21 7:00 - 8:00PM

Thursday, December 22 Following the 11:00AM Mass

### Masses

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 4:00, 6:00, 9:00PM - Our Lady Star of the Sea 4:00PM - St. Agnes, Cape May Point

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 8:30, 10:30AM

New Year's Eve Masses Saturday, December 31 4:00PM

New Year's Day Masses Sunday, January 1 8:30, 10:30AM



Have a beautiful and blessed Christmas Season!

We will resume our meetings in January.

Please contact George Catanese georgecatanese@comcast.net

#### Lectors

Saturday - Jan. 7 4:00p K. Ford **Sunday - Jan. 8 8:30a** A. Piro **10:30a** P. Dillon **6:00p** B. Hodgdon

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

Saturday - Jan. 7

4:00p 1. K. Parker 2. J. Walls 3. M. Schuhl 4. N. Mulvanney

Sunday - Jan. 8

**8:30a** 1. E. Krause 2. M. Turco 3. M. Motz

4. MR. Piro

10:30a 1. J. Foreman 2. J. Foreman 3. A. Kufta

4. D. Wicker

**6:00p** 1. P. Bogle 2. L. Bogle 3. F. Bianco

4. B. Hodgdon

# An Epiphany Celebration

### for Wise Women



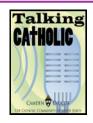
Women's Christmas, **Nollaig na mBan**, is rooted in a delightful Irish tradition. On the Feast of the Epiphany, Irish women left the care of their households to the men for a few hours so they could enjoy each other's company away from their domestic responsibilities, especially after the busyness of Christmas preparations.

A Women's Christmas will be offered on Friday, January 6, beginning with Mass at 11:00AM, then followed by a program in the Parish Hall. A simple lunch will be served.

To attend, call or email Dani by December 30th. 609-898-4431, flyhome@icloud.com

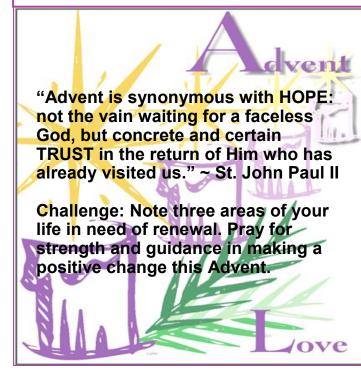
Each week the *Talking Catholic* hosts interview Catholic leaders about what brought them to where they are now and how they are bringing the faith to their communities. **Check it out at:** 





### **Prayer for Priestly Vocations**

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear your call and be both generous and courageous in their response. May more young men serve you as priests who teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and make you present among us through their ministry. Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest. May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example. We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen





We are the **Survivors & Thrivers**, a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 4:00 - 5:30PM in the De Sales Room of the Parish Hall.

Next meeting: January 5, 2023

Contact: Christina <u>bluepaw74@yahoo.com</u>,

or 610-908-2405



# Young Adult Discernment Group

This is a group for men, (Young Adults (16 - 39) who are thinking about a voca-



tion, to come together to pray with other young men from around our Diocese.

Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

135 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold

**Time:** 2:30 - 4:00 PM

When: Dec. 18 ~ Topic: Behold Thy Mother

Jan. 8 ~ **Topic:** "Come and See"
Life as a Seminarian

Contact: Father Adam Cichoski,
Director of Vocations

Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org

or Camdenpriest.org

### What is a Vocation?

The priesthood and religious life are distinct calls from God to share in his mission in the world.



### The Priesthood

The priest is an "alter Christus" which is Latin for another Christ. He is called to be a witness of Christ to the flock that has been entrusted to him as their shepherd. He is a minister of the sacraments, proclaimer of the word, teacher of the faith, and steward of the Church. The priest is meant to accompany and lead the flock entrusted to his care through this world in such a way as they are able to reach the eternal kingdom of heaven.

### The Religious Life

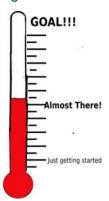
Men and women called to live the religious life as religious sisters and brothers or monks and nuns are also called to this act of accompaniment. They are called through a life dedicated to poverty, chastity and obedience to be a witness of the life of heaven living here on earth. They are to serve as a reminder and an encouragement to us to live our own lives with hearts and minds fixed on Christ. They live their lives in radical contrast to this world that is fading away.



### **Our House of Charity Campaign**

Your pledge will ensure the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that sustain the redemptive presence of Jesus Christ through the Diocese.

> Our 2022 - 2023 Goal: \$121,000.00 Collected to Date: \$63,411.50 Percentage of Goal: 52.41%



# Financial Report

Anyone interested in reviewing our parish financials for the last fiscal year please contact Terry McGarvey in the parish office 609-884-5312 x 120.

### Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### Weekly Contributions ~ December 3 - 4, 2022

Ordinary Income \$22,082.00

Ordinary Expenses 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$42,317.90

\$2.957.00 Christmas Flowers

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.



### **Prayer and Praise Welcome to our Prayer Group**

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month @

3:30PM

Where: De Sales Room in the Parish

Hall

### Contact for additional information:

Donna - dwicker.olsos@gmail.com, Dani - flvhome@icloud.com



### MARRIED COUPLES - WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next weekend is March 3-5, 2023.

Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org

Since April 2002 the Diocese has maintained a toll-free number 1-800-964-6588 connected to the Diocese's Victim's Assistance Coordinator, to whom allegations of abuse can be made and who, in turn, reports such allegations to the appropriate civil authorities and to the Diocese.

Email contact: CamdenVAC@gmail.com.

### 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.



to Parish Office.

Place completed form in the Offertory Basket or send

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 <u>SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org</u> to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375)..

### **SCHOOL NEWS**



South Jersey's first and only PreK-Grade 12 Catholic Academy

# Now Enrolling PreK 3&4 to Grade 12 for the 2022 - 2023 School Year



Wildwood Catholic Academy is a premier college preparatory academy based on gospel values and the promotion of academic excellence

Space is limited & filling up quickly!

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Call 609-522-6243 or email I.mcbride@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org

1500 Central Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ Call or contact us at 609-.522-7257 wildwoodcatholicacademy.org

### **SACRAMENTS**

#### BAPTISMS

...are celebrated one Sunday each month, 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 twice a year in the Spring and Fall. 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. Parish volunteers are available to help others in a variety of ways: rides to Sunday Mass, 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. Please do not call our volunteers directly. To use our services you must be fully vaccinated. We are unable to transport wheelchairs. This week's captain is Janet Kerney. Her number is 267-342-2756.

Promotes a spirit of fellowship Free n ds 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 Carol at 609-224-9662 or Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x 102.

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. Mary's Council #6202 meets on the second Thursday of each month in the McGivney Room of the Parish Hall. Membership is open to Roman Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. For more information or to request a membership application, please contact Rick Greenfield, Outreach Coordinator, at rickgreenfield@comcast.net or 609-408-3323.

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.

SURVIVORS & THRIVERS is a community whose

mission it is to support women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet on the first and



third Thursdays of every month from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall, and we welcome all women regardless of faith or parish affiliation. For more information or to join the group, call Christina at 610-908-2405 or email her at bluepaw74@yahoo.com.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets Mondays at 9:15AM in the DeSales Room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in the service of Mary. For information please call Liz McPherson, President 609-841-6629.

Hospitality Committee We live out our Hospitality 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: Donna Wicker 609-408-6646.

Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in Becoming Catholic? Please encourage them to contact Sister Maria (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 Rite 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.

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 Parish Pastoral Council: Father Dave Devlin, OSFS, Joe Bogle (Chair), Donna Wicker (Vice Chair), Patrick Holden, Janet Kerney, Jeanne McFadden, Michael McGovern, Jim McHugh, Danielle Rechner, Susan Tarrant, and Richard Turco.

Parish Finance Council: Joe Bogle, John Tice, George Catanese, Kathy Parker, Ray Roberts, Kevin O'Neil

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

**Planning your Estate** ~ Have you ever considered leaving part of your estate to the Church? There are several options available that you might find attractive from an income, tax savings, retirement, or inheritance point of view. To learn more about how these programs might work for you and your family, please contact Marie Turco (609)884-5312, ext. 101 for more info.

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 preplanning 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).

### **Our Lady Star of the Sea**

### WINTER 50/50 RAFFLE

1<sup>ST</sup> Cash Prize \$30,000 Plus

4 Cash Prizes \$5,000

1,000 Maximum Tickets \$100 per ticket

### **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Prize amounts based on the number of tickets sold

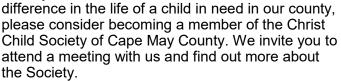
Drawing March 5, 2023

Proceeds Benefit
Catholic Education, Church Restoration & Operating Expenses



### Christ Child Society In Numbers there is Strength

The life of a child is a promise of the future, but for many children, their future is at risk. With that in mind and if you would like to make a difference in the life of a child in need



For more information:

Contact: Stephanie Ware at 609-846-7006 or capemay1950@hotmail.com

"Nothing is too much to do for a child"



Do you or someone you love need care at home? Contact VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services of the Diocese of Camden. Resource and Referral Help Line 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.



### Volunteer at the ReStore

Volunteers are the heart and soul of a successful **Habitat ReStore operation**, working with others to do just about everything. If you've always wanted to volunteer for Habitat and construction work isn't your cup of tea, this is a great way to be part of our efforts to bring more affordable housing to Cape May County.



**Location:** 20 Court House South Dennis Rd. (next to Big Lots)

**Time:** 4 hour shifts - morning or afternoon

Opportunities: cashier, customer service, test and

repair appliances and much more

Contact: 609-465-1626



"Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are proceeded by a personal encounter with Him. Theological insights are gained not only from between two covers of a book, but from two bent knees before an altar. The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world."

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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

Carol Aulenbach, Pamela Brockman, Terrance James Dunne, Edna Leifheit, Maura Marnell, Anna Marie McKenna, Baby Marielle Murphy, Diane Pimpinella, Peggy Randazzo, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Mary Rothwein, Barbara Sharp, Clare Thompson, Carmella Vito, Rose Walsh, Keith



They have gone no further from us than to God, and God is very near.

**Nellis Haboush** 

### **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

Sgt. William Alvarez Annual Toy Drive



Please don't forget to select a tag or two as you leave Church. Help to make a difference in the life of a local child.





"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of **Stewardship**, just as Joseph was.

"Volunteers in Medicine" provides free

healthcare for our neighbors in need and relies on volunteers to man the clinic. The Clinic is located at 423 No. Route 9 in CMCH. We need volunteers to assist

Volunteers in Medicine
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with scheduling, patient registration, nursing, the Thrift Store and Community Garden. Want to know more? If you can spare a few hours a week please contact: Anne Marie at 609-778-2707 or volunteercmc@vimsj.org.

