

# Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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**First Sunday of Lent • February 26, 2023**

## 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)

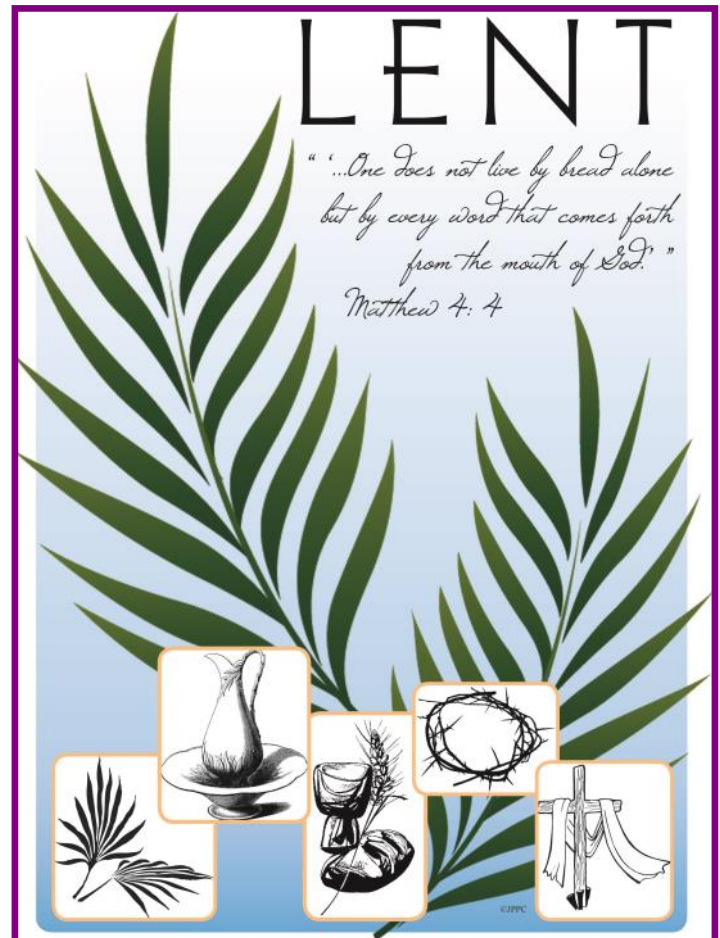
**Confessions:** Sat. 3:00-3:30pm  
Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00am Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Each Month  
9:00am - 11:00am

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Each Month:** Mass @ 9:00am

**Church open for Private Prayer:**  
Mon.-Fri. 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday through Friday  
9:00am - 12:00pm and 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.*

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# LITURGY

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, February 25

4:00p Michael Collins r/b Tom & Joan Keating

### SUNDAY, February 26

8:30a Joseph Tenaglia r/b Dr. Lester & Mrs. Katsanis

10:30a Joseph Konz r/b Karen Patrick-Mackolin  
Peter Niederauer r/b George & Sandra Skalski  
Jax Spencer & Elmira Hatty r/b James & Barbara Hatty

James & Teresa Gallagher r/b Their Daughters

Angie Scancella r/b Her Daughter  
Rose Piraino r/b Gina

6:00p Patrick & Dorothy Kearns r/b The Kearns & Kane Families

### MONDAY, February 27

11:00a John & Mildred Gaynor r/b Carol Gaynor

### TUESDAY, February 28

11:00a Carlos M. Benedicto r/b Frene Rey

### WEDNESDAY, March 1

11:00a Steven Hernandez

### THURSDAY, March 2

11:00a Christopher Burcher r/b Eileen Oleksiak-Hall

### FRIDAY, March 3

11:00a

## This Week in our Parish

**Monday, February 27, 9:15AM**

Legion of Mary ~ De Sales Room, Parish Hall

**Monday, February 27, 7:00PM**

"That Man is You" ~ McGivney Room, Parish Hall

**Thursday, March 2 4:00 - 5:30PM**

Survivors & Thrivers

De Sales Room, Parish Hall

**Friday, March 3, 7:00PM**

Stations of the Cross, Church



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### Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

**When:** Saturday, March 25

(Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)

**Time:** 8:30AM - 3:00PM

**Where:** Freedom Mortgage Waterfront Pavilion,  
Camden

**Cost:** Free

*"A Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is an opportunity for the Bishop to gather the people of his Diocese in one place for a celebration of our Catholic faith in the Eucharist," said Father Robert Hughes, Vicar General for the Diocese of Camden. "Through prayer, teaching, silence, Adoration and Mass, the faithful can recognize the importance of the Eucharist to our Catholic life."*

For more information on the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress visit: [eucharisticrevivalsouthjersey.org](http://eucharisticrevivalsouthjersey.org) or [avivamientoeucaristicosj.org](http://avivamientoeucaristicosj.org).

## SALESIAN REFLECTION

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (2/26/2023)

St. Matthew's Gospel provides details of the nature of the test that Jesus experienced in the desert: to be a different kind of Messiah, to find a quicker or more spectacular way to win people over, to employ a one-shot way of doing God's Will that would make everybody happy.

In other words, Jesus was tempted to be someone other than who God called him to be.

This test in the desert was simply the beginning. The temptation dogged Jesus every day of his ministry. The voices came in all different shapes and sizes - expelled demons, Pharisees, Sadducees, family, friends, even some of his closest disciples. Screaming, whispering or shrieking, the voices of temptation tried to dissuade Jesus from being himself, to lose his focus, to abandon his mission, to turn away from his role in God's plan of salvation. Even as the life drained out of his body on Golgotha, Jesus still heard the voices of temptation taunting, *"You saved others, save yourself. Come down from that cross."*

All of us are tempted to be someone other than who God calls us to be. Voices around us, voices within us attempt to convince us that we would be happier, healthier, more successful, powerful and persuasive if we were someone - anyone - other than who we are.

We are most like Jesus when we strive to be faithful to God's plan for us. We are most like Jesus when we are faithful to our unique role in God's plan of salvation for others. We are most like Jesus when we refuse the temptation to settle for less, to sell ourselves short, to look for a short cut. We flirt with the easier, the more convenient, or the more popular ...continued in the next column

way of trying to do what is right, of trying to do what is good, of trying to do what is just.

St. Francis de Sales' advice is on point: *"Don't sow your desires in someone else's garden; cultivate your own as best you can. Don't try to be someone other than who you are; rather, desire to be thoroughly who you are."*

With God's help, and the encouragement of others, let us be who we are...and be that well. In the midst of the challenges of life, let us be true to ourselves...and give glory and praise to the God who made us.

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

## Gentle Reminder

**Remember we now have Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of each month.** The first Friday of each month is traditionally associated with devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for prayer and devotions from **9:00AM until the beginning of Mass at 11:00AM.**



**Remember we have Mass at 9:00AM on the First Saturday of each month.** The first Saturday of each month is traditionally associated with devotion to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

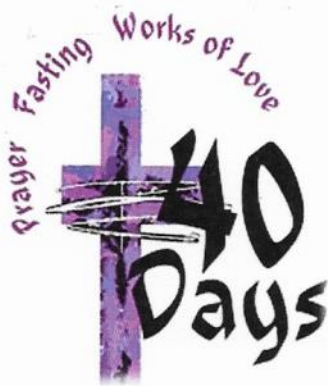
**May these special times for prayer be a blessing for our parishioners, and a prayer for healing in our nation and peace in the world.**

**What could I do during Lent?  
Here are a few suggestions:**

- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

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

**Daily Masses: Monday thru Friday 11:00 AM**

**Stations of the Cross Weekly Friday Evenings at 7:00 PM**

**Parish Penance Service    Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 PM**

### **LENTEN SERIES**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 PM**

March 8 – *Encountering Christ—Lenten Gospels of John*    Father David Devlin OSFS  
Held in parish Hall

March 15 Holy Hour and Benediction    Talk: Father John Dolan OSFS

March 22– Holy Hour and Benediction    Talk: Father Jim Dever OSFS

**Parish Lenten Retreat Day**

**Wednesday March 29th**

**Mass in Church at 11:00 AM followed by**

- A simple lunch of soup and bread in the parish hall.
- Presentation on the Eucharist . . . in this time of Eucharistic Revival

**Parish Penance Service    Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 PM**

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**Lenten Activities of the Combined Churches of Cape May:**

**Good Friday, April 7**

**Stations of Cross on Promenade**

**9:30 AM**



"The Agony in the Garden" is the theme for TMIY's weekly session on Mon., February 27. Mark Hartfiel will return to discuss The Sorrowful Mysteries and outline the epic battle between good and evil. Christ's actions teach us how to engage in the fight against darkness. All men of the Parish are welcome to come at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall Father McGivney Room with refreshments.

**Please contact  
Earle Hughes 609-609-351-2780  
for further information.**

### 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](mailto:dwicker.olsos@gmail.com)  
call 609-898-4431



The guest families in the Family Promise program were so grateful for the delicious dinner we provided this month. Many thanks to Barbara, Justine and Sandy for coming through as always. For more information contact: Loretta Saggiomo [zipwcm@comcast.net](mailto:zipwcm@comcast.net)



### 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

### Lectors

**Saturday - March 4**

**4:00p** C. Kopp

**Sunday - March 5**

**8:30a** W. Kuemmerle

**10:30a** A. Randazzo

**6:00p** J. Bogle

### Extraordinary Ministers

**Saturday - March 4**

**4:00p** 1. M. Schuhl 2. AM. Patton 3. F. Greenfield  
4. J. Walls

**Sunday - March 5**

**8:30a** 1. E. Krause 2. Y. Kuemmerle 3. C. Crouthamel  
4. S. Tarrant

**10:30a** 1. E. Cabbage 2. M. Jenkins 3. S. Jenkins  
4. N. Minchew

**6:00p** 1. P. Bogle 2. L. Bogle 3. F. Bianco 4. K. Brown

**Are you looking for a way to deepen  
your relationship with God?  
Are you looking to share  
this desire with others?  
God may be inviting you to  
become an SSJ Associate!**



Associates in Mission are persons who feel called to embrace with enthusiasm the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph - "We live and work that all people may be united with God and with one another." Associates experience living the mission in ways as varied as the ordinary circumstances of the lives they live.

Our local Associate group meets monthly at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish for communal prayer and reflection focused on the SSJ spirituality and mission. You may wish to explore becoming an Associate in Mission if...

- ★ You are seeking to engage in a deeper, more intentional spiritual practice with others on the faith journey
- ★ You are looking for a faith community with which to pray, minister and celebrate God's presence in life
- ★ You realize that life has a deeper meaning when lived in the context of reflection, shared experiences, and spirituality

**Visit the website: [ssjphila.org/join-us/become-an-associate/](http://ssjphila.org/join-us/become-an-associate/) or call Sister Maria 609-884-5312 x109.**



*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we, as His Stewards, wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



# FROM MANY ...One Body



## 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: \$91,026.50  
Percentage of Goal: 75%



## 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.



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.

## Weekly Contributions ~ February 11 - 12, 2023

Ordinary Income	Ordinary Expenses	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
\$11,380.00	\$14,865.50	

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.**



## Parish Giving Made Easy

Parish Giving allows participants to donate a contribution that is automatically transferred from a bank account or credit card on either a one-time or periodic basis (EFT). You may select your own billing date. The program can be used for Sunday offerings as well as for Holy Days or special collections.

When you set up an account, it's easy to create a recurring donation on a weekly, monthly or annual basis. You also have the ability to make a one-time payment. At the end of a calendar year, Parish Giving will automatically provide a summary of your donations.

What are the benefits for our Parish? The use of EFT is time saving and convenient for you and Parish staff while allowing our Parish to realize a consistent level of support. By signing up for Parish Giving, you will know that you're doing your part!

Parish Giving is a safe, secure, and easy way to make online Parish related donations. To join, go to our website and click on the Parish Giving logo.



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:** March 1, 2023

**Contact:** Christina [bluepaw74@yahoo.com](mailto:bluepaw74@yahoo.com),  
or 610-908-2405



## 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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address in Cape May Area\*:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375)..

## SCHOOL NEWS



**WILDWOOD  
CATHOLIC  
ACADEMY**

*Nurturing Hearts and Minds by the Light of Christ*

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

**Now Enrolling PreK 3&4 to Grade 12  
for the 2023 - 2024 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!***

**SCHEDULE A VISIT OR APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**

Call 609-522-6243 or email [l.mcbride@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org](mailto:l.mcbride@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org)

1500 Central Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ

Call or contact us at 609-522-7257

[wildwoodcatholicacademy.org](http://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](http://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 Alice Scala. Her number is 914-299-0142.**



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 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](mailto:rickgreenfield@comcast.net) or 609-408-3323.

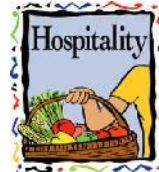
**CATHOLIC RADIO STATION WSMJ 91.9FM** has been added to the family of catholic radio stations broadcast by Domestic Church Media (DCM). For a complete schedule of programming visit [www.domesticchurchmedia.com](http://www.domesticchurchmedia.com). **WSMJ 91.9** remains a true Catholic affiliate of EWTN.

**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](mailto: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 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 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](http://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 Plus 4 Cash Prizes

\$30,000

\$5,000

1,000 Maximum Tickets  
\$100 per ticket

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE.**

Prize amounts based on the number  
of tickets sold

**Drawing March 5, 2023**

Proceeds Benefit  
Catholic Education, Church Restoration &  
Operating Expenses



## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### 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 in our county, please consider becoming a member of the Christ Child Society of Cape May County. We invite you to attend a meeting with us and find out more about the Society.



**For more information:**

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

## Ministry of the Month



a concrete (delicious and nutritious) expression of our parish mission: *"where one can feel the loving embrace of God."* Our work is directed to *"feeding the hungry"* as our Lord asks in the Gospel.

Volunteer parishioners provide containers of soup to *Branches* in Rio Grande, and *Lazarus House* in Wildwood for distribution to the families and individuals they serve.

The soup is made fresh each month in the kitchen in our Parish Hall. Volunteers prepare, package, and deliver the soup. For this work of mercy, donations came in other forms as well. This money was used for pots, pans, kitchenware, produce, and soup package materials (microwavable containers, plastic utensils, napkins, crackers, and labels). Several local businesses contributed by offering produce for free or at a reduced price.

We will continue the mission. We invite your participation. *"Many hands make work light."*

We are grateful to God and to all of you for the wonderful and generous outpouring of support. In the name of Jesus, you bring to life our faith, our parish mission and so add goodness to the lives of our neighbors in need.

**Contact: Alice or Joe Scala at 609-884-5452 for further information.**

### February, 2023 Update

Thanks to all for sharing your time, talent and treasure for the "Simply Soup" Ministry.

We have continued at a "half" rate all through 2021 and 2022 (250 cups as opposed to 450 cups). As soon as we are allowed back in the kitchen at full strength, we will call all our volunteers and an announcement will be placed in the bulletin.

All costs continue to rise, any donations/checks can be made out to:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

and please put **"Simply Soup"** on the memo line of your check.

**Thank you and God Bless.**



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

Carol Aulenbach, Baby Harper, Barbara Conner, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Roseann Rosenstock, Mary Rothwein, Barbara Sharp, Rose Walsh

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

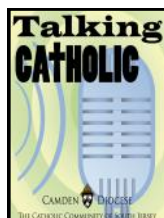
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48



**When: Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
**Time: 12:00-2:00PM**  
**Where: Star of the Sea Parish Hall**  
**Brown Bag Lunch**  
**Desserts and beverages provided.**

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# Family & Youth Night

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 Keynote

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REGISTER FOR FREE

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