Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Fourth Sunday of Lent • March 19, 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)

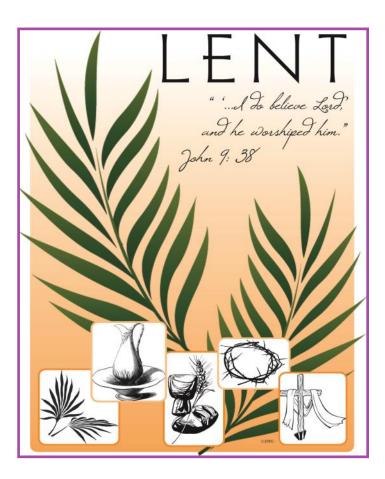
Confessions: Sat. 3:00-3:30pm Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: 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 - 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, March 18

4:00p Helen Whomsley r/b K. Marcello & V. Andrews Edward & Eleanor Rochford r/b Dr. James & Marilou Rochford Victor Baron r/b His Family Rich Ohrenich r/b Bill & Alana Cervino Mike Kane r/b Dorothy

SUNDAY, March 19

- 8:30a Orlando & Maria Mazzotta r/b Vincent & Eileen Mazzotta Fr. Joe Capella r/b Mr. & Mrs. Robert Celebre
- 10:30a Linda Mittleberger r/b Her Family Kerry Axelsson r/b The Christ & Vande Bosche Families Joseph Greco II & Joseph Greco IV r/b Leonora M. Greco Bernadette Kelly r/b Tricia Black Joseph R. Smagala r/b Michael & Denise Doyle Father Jim Collins r/b Angelo Randazzo
- 6:00p Father John Joseph Ferrence, OSA r/b Joe & Helene Reale

MONDAY, March 20

11:00a Dec'd Sisters of St. Joseph r/b Sisters of Star of the Sea

TUESDAY, March 21

11:00a Martin O'Malley r/b Maureen O'Malley & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 22 11:00a Steven Hernandez r/b Frank McCollum

THURSDAY, March 23 11:00a Betty Altman 6th Anniv. r/b Her Son, Steve

FRIDAY, March 24 11:00a Father Thomas McGee r/b Richard & Marie Turco

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 20, 9:15AM Legion of Mary ~ De Sales Room, Parish Hall
Monday, March 20, 11:00AM Mass Celebration of St. Joseph's Day
Monday, March 20, 7:00PM "That Man is You" ~ McGivney Room, Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 22, 7:00PM Holy Hour/Benediction - Father Jim, Church

Friday, March 24, 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 Mortage 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: <u>eucharisticrevivalsouthjersey.org</u> or <u>avivamientoeucaristicosj.org</u>.

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SALESIAN REFLECTION

4th Sunday in Lent (3/19/2023)

We just heard another of those wonderful stories found in John's Gospel. Each story is told to teach us something, to get us to look deeper into life. This is a story of light and sight - about not seeing the light, being afraid to see the light, seeing the light, and tragically refusing to see the light.

Jesus, the light of the world, gives sight to the man who has been blind from birth. The waters of the pool of Siloam wash away the muddy earth from his eyes, and he sees - an obvious reference to the waters of Baptism.

It's hard to believe that the Pharisees could be so obstinate in their refusal to believe what the man reported to them. They are blinder than the man ever was. Even the parents are afraid to believe their own son's story, for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

The Gospel points out that Jesus wasn't only interested in the man's bodily sight. He came to give him "saving sight" - the fullness of faith in him as God's Son and Savior of the world. The man's belief in Jesus cost him his place in the synagogue.

The final scene of the story shows us the tragedy that is unfolding. Those who took great pride in their religious sight are not open to the light that Jesus brings. They are the truly blind.

Each of us from time-to-time shares in the various attitudes displayed in the Gospel story. Sometimes we are like the man born blind and Jesus must give us sight. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we're reluctant to see his workings in those around us. Like the man's parents, we can be afraid to acknowledge the light of Christ because others may criticize us, or worse, reject us. The Gospel is encouraging us to live faithfully by the light that Jesus gives us.

The conclusion of the Gospel is a warning: there are no privileged people in the community of faith. Jesus is the source of the light by which we all see. If we choose to be our own light, we risk eternal blindness.

May each of us have the courage to examine our own way of seeing and again choose Jesus as our light.

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



~ St. Francis de Sales

that He shed for love of us."



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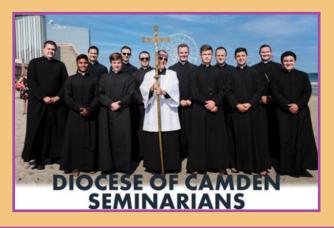
Young Adult Discernment Group

This is a group for men, (Young Adults (16 - 39) who are thinking about a vocation, 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: May 7 ~ Topic: I Am the Bread of Life

Contact: Father Adam Cichoski, Director of Vocations <u>Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org</u> or Camdenpriest.org



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



Are you looking for a way to deeper 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-anassociate/ or call Sister Maria 609-884-5312 x109.



COUSE OF CHADITY

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: \$94,751.00 Percentage of Goal: 78%





The Carrying of the Cross" will be the theme at "That Man is You" (TMIY)'s meeting on Monday, March 20. Mark Hartfiel's subjects include Jesus takes our sins and shame upon His shoulders and carries it up to Calvary. How can you help someone carry their cross? All men of the Parish are welcome to join us at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall, Knights of Columbus Room Father McGivney Room for refreshments and the presentation.

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



Weekly Contributions ~ February 25 - 26, 2023

Ordinary Income Ordinary Expenses 2nd Collection \$10,296.00 \$57,615.34 \$1,927.00 Rice Bowl

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

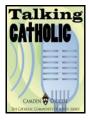
Parish Giving allows participants to donate a contribution that is automatically transferred from a bank account or credit card on either a one-time or periodic basis (EFT). You may select your own billing date. The program can be used for Sunday offerings as well as for Holy Days or special collections.

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 onetime 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.

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:** talking.catholicstarherald.org



"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come."

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.



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

Enrolling K-12 Now 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

SCHEDULE A VISIT OR APPLY ONLINE TODAY! 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.**

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 Carol at 609-224-9662 or Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x 102.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. Mary's Council #620**2 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 <u>rickgreenfield@comcast.net</u> 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 <u>bluepaw74@yahoo.com</u>.

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 6



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).

Readings for the Week

- **Monday**: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- **Tuesday**: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- **Thursday**: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
- **Friday**: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- **Saturday**: ls 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38



Family & Youth Night



Join us for an evening of prayer, song, formation and Eucharistic Adoration for families and people of all ages. Keynote speaker, Father Patrick Hyde, will addrees young people and there will be break out sessions for parents, grandparents, and adult participants, in both English and Spanish. Father Joseph Jean - Louis will lead the session in Spanish. Also, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Formator and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal will attend and participate in the





Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.



March 19, 2023 - 4th Sunday in Lent



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

Baby Harper, Barbara Conner, Michael DeAngelis, Katelyn Dessner & Babies, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Roseann Rosenstock, Mary Rothwein, Barbara Sharp, Rose



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

Patrick Dillon



When: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 Time: 12:00-2:00PM Where: Star of the Sea Parish Hall Brown Bag Lunch Desserts and beverages provided.

COME!

Learn about the beauty in the darkness with Cape May Astro, KEVIN BEARE

K of C SOCIAL DINNER ~ St. Mary's Council 6202, Our Lady Star of the Sea

All councils welcome, Knights with spouse or guest & Knights' widows. Knights may invite male Catholic guests with spouse.



When: Tuesday, April 4
Place: Alfe's Italian Seafood Restaurant, Wildwood
Time: <u>6 PM</u> Cocktails (cash bar) followed by dinner.
Entrees: Shrimp Scampi, Linguine and Clams Red, Veal Parmigiani, and Stuffed Shells
Cost: \$25 per Person for 4 Course Dinner includes Gratuity. Pay at the table, cash only.
RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED.
Contact: Rick Greenfield at 609-408-3323 or rickgreenfield@comcast.net

Attention Elementary

& High School Students: Elizabeth B. Hall Scholarship

Elizabeth B. Hall College Scholarship

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will award an annual \$2000 Elizabeth B. Hall college scholarship to a high school student who falls under the following criteria:

- 1. Is a registered member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.
- 2. Is active in Parish ministries
- 3. Will be graduating from Wildwood Catholic, Lower Cape May Regional, Cape May Technical, Cape Christian Academy, other private schools or home schooled.
- 4. Completes the scholarship application showing financial need and academic achievement.
- 5. Has been accepted at an accredited college or university.

Applications are available in the Parish Office and must be submitted by April 15.

Our Lady Star of the Sea High School Scholarship

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church will award an annual \$2000 Our Lady Star of the Sea high school scholarship to a student who falls under the following criteria:

- 1. Is a registered member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish.
- 2. Is active in Parish ministries
- 3. Will be attending Wildwood Catholic High School

Completes the scholarship application showing financial need and academic achievement Applications are available in the Parish Office and must be submitted by April 15.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Our Lady Star of Sea Needs Your Help

Booth Volunteers needed for the 2023 Mercedes-Benz Car Raffle

Join OLSOS volunteer team for our biggest fundraiser of the year. You can be a part of making it a

success. This is a fun easy way to meet other people in our community by ministering to the church.



The booth is opened April through October and shifts are 2 hours a week.

If you would like to become part of our team, please call Martine Simonis at 484-885-435 ext. 110

Volunteers have a chance to win \$200.00.