Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Fifth Sunday of Lent • March 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: 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 25

4:00p Ritamarie Pilla r/b Sr. Judith & Sr. Maria Kevin McCormick r/b Marty McCormick Dec'd Members of the Hogan Family r/b Their Family Rose Gallagher r/b Jerry Emery & Family

SUNDAY, March 26

8:30a Robert Mroz r/b Karen & Joe Mroz & Family
10:30a Zachary Stadnick r/b Cathy Lemire Bill Thomas r/b His Wife, Maryanne & Daughter, Carol Dec'd Members of The Randazzo Family r/b Angelo Randazzo John J. Peel 1st Anniv. r/b Kenneth & Carmella Power Steven Parsons r/b Dani & Roger Barnsby
6:00p Patrick & Dorothy Kearns r/b The Kearns &

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MONDAY, March 27

11:00a Betty Altman 6th Anniv. r/b Her Son, Steve John Peel 1st Anniv. r/b His Mother

TUESDAY, March 28 11:00a Helene Marie DiVito r/b Helene & Joe Reale

WEDNESDAY, March 29 11:00a Emma Patrick r/b Joan & Ralph DiRosato

THURSDAY, March 30 11:00a Emma Horan r/b Joan & Ralph DiRosato

FRIDAY, March 31 11:00a Genny Farnan r/b Her Family

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 27, 9:15AM Legion of Mary ~ De Sales Room, Parish Hall Monday, March 27, 7:00PM "That Man is You" ~ McGivney Room, Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 - 9:00PM Confirmation Retreat ~ DeSales Room, Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 29, Parish Retreat Day, begins with the 11:00AM Mass followed by soup & bread, Presentation on the Eucharist, and Penance Service at 7:00PM

 Thursday, March 30, 4:00 - 5:30PM Survivors & Thrivers ~ DeSales Room, Parish Hall
 Thursday, March 30, 6:30 - 8:00PM First Communion Retreat ~ DeSales Room, Parish Hall

Friday, March 31, 7:00PM Stations of the Cross, Church

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Chrism Mass 2023

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the Diocese to



join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the Bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

When: Tuesday, April 4 Time: 3:30PM Where: St. Agnes Church, Blackwood

SALESIAN REFLECTION

5th Sunday in Lent (3/26/2023)

St. Paul is very clear in today's second reading. Because of our baptism, Jesus lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Because the Spirit dwells in us, even though our bodies are subject to death as a consequence of sin, our spirit lives. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies to life beyond death. This is the sure promise made to all of us who choose to live, animated by the Spirit.

Today's Gospel calls us to a deeper faith and trust in Jesus who tells us: *"I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life."*

"Do you believe this?"

No one seemed to be prepared for Jesus' next words and actions. *"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"* Then he shouts: *"Lazarus, come out!"* And Lazarus comes out, still bound in his linen shroud. Jesus has to tell them to *"untie him and let him go free."*

What is your response, my response, as we listen to the events recounted for us? The glory of God revealed in Lazarus' new life calls us to faith and trust. Physical death only ends our earthly life; there is life beyond the grave - eternal life, resurrection of our bodies! The Spirit who dwells in us will give us a share in Jesus' glorious risen life.

But before that promise comes true, however, we have an earthly life to complete. Reality must break through the marvelous events we have witnessed.

We know that this miracle hastened the tragic events of Jesus' arrest, suffering and eventual death on the cross. As we listen today, we are reminded that there are daily deaths to self and sin that we must endure in order to share in Jesus' rising. People and events in our daily living will challenge our faith and trust in Jesus as resurrection and life. How we handle these daily deaths to self and sin is often a good indication of how we will handle our final, earthly death. Seeing them as our opportunities to share in Jesus' suffering and death gives us the courage to accept them gracefully. Let us resolve, then, to use these challenges to deepen our decision to follow Jesus more closely each day. Jesus has told us that our daily deaths to self and sin, and our eventual physical death, will bring us to our promised share in his glorious risen life. May the grace of God and our faithfulness bring us to the fullness of life Jesus has promised us.

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea Lenten Enrichment

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 11:00AM Parish Penance Service: Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00PM Stations of the Cross: Weekly Friday Evenings @ 7:00PM

Parish Lenten Retreat Day ~ Wednesday, March 29 Mass 11:00AM followed by simple lunch of soup & bread in the Parish Hall, Presentation on the Eucharist...in this time of Eucharistic Revival

Lenten Activity of Cape May Combined Churches Good Friday, April 7, 9:30AM Stations of the Cross ~ on the Promenade

2023 Easter Schedule

Lenten Parish Retreat Day ~ Wednesday, March 29 Begins with the 11:00AM Mass

Rite of Reconciliation ~ Wednesday, March 29 Penance Service: 7:00PM

> Confessions: Tuesday, Thursday After 11:00AM Mass

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Holy Thursday, April 6 ~ Mass: 6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00PM

> **Good Friday, April 7 ~ 3:00PM** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 8 ~ 8:00PM Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9 Mass: 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM

St. Agnes Chapel, CM Point Mass: 8:30AM

2023 Celebrating the Anniversary Year of Our Lady Star of the Sea (1878), St. Mary's (1848 and 1873) and St Agnes (1883)



St Mary's Church First Catholic Church In Cape May County

From 1803 to 1848 Cape Island was visited only at irregular intervals and Mass was celebrated in private homes.

South Jersey was part of the Diocese of Philadelphia from 1808 until 1853 when the Diocese of Newark was established. St. John Neumann would have been the last bishop of Philadelphia to have pastoral authority over South Jersey.

In 1848, Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick of Philadelphia established the West Jersey Mission in an effort to provide regular services for Catholics in the area. Bishop Kenrick appointed Fr. E. Q. S. Waldron to head the mission. The headquarters for the mission was at Burlington Point.

Edmund Quincey Sheafe Waldon was born on July 6, 1812 in Dover, New Hampshire, the son of a politically prominent local Protestant family. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1833 and taught in New York and Philadelphia. In 1840 he became a Catholic and began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest in 1847 and began his ministry supervising the pastoral care of Catholics in South Jersey.

In 1879 at the request of Bishop Michael Corrigan of Newark, Fr. Waldron completed a manuscript entitled, "A Short History of the Conditions of the Catholic Church in the Southern Half of New Jersey in 1848." Fr. Waldron recounted the prejudice and the attacks that he and the other priests faced in their ministry to the small population of Catholics who lived in South Jersey in the early nineteenth century.

On July 23, 1848, Father Waldron would bless and open St. Mary's, the first Catholic Church in Cape May County.

St. Mary's Church was located on Washington Street across from the present site of Our Lady Star of the Sea. It was a small wooden structure, similar to St. Agnes in Cape May Point. Mass was held every Sunday during the "bathing" season and once a month for the remainder of the year.

The earliest sacramental records that we have at our parish date from 1847. The records begin with a note signed "F.X. Gartland" The notation states "Other baptisms have been registered in the books of the different churches in Philadelphia from which from time to time this mission has been attended."

"F.X. Gartland" was Fr. Francis Xavier Gartland, Vicar General of the Diocese of Philadelphia under Bishop Kenrick. He was appointed the first Bishop of Savannah, Georgia in 1850.

Most of the baptisms in our parish records from 1847 to 1849 were officiated by Fr. Waldron and a Fr. Edward J. Sourin.

Edward J. Sourin was born in Philadelphia in 1808 and was ordained in 1832. A classical scholar, Fr. Sourin was active in promoting Catholic education at a time when Catholicism found little acceptance. In 1850, to foster Catholic education, Fr. Sourin founded the Catholic Philopatrian Literary Institute. Each year in Philadelphia the Institute hosts the Sourin Award Dinner and honors an individual or organization who have fostered the Catholic faith with the Fr. Edward Sourin Medal.

Fr. Sourin entered the Society of Jesus in 1855. Sourin Hall, on the campus of St. Joseph was named in his honor.

The parish was truly blessed in its earliest years by the dedicated service of priests and religious like Fr. Waldron and Fr. Sourin. We must however never forget the Catholic people of the area who, despite prejudice and great obstacles, kept the faith. They are the "living stones" upon which this parish is built.

St. Mary's Church would remain a mission church under the pastors of the parishes in Gloucester City and Millville until 1873 when it became an independent parish with the appointment of Fr. Theophilus J. Degen as its first pastor.

In 1878, St. Mary's Church would be moved across Washington Street to the present site of Our Lady Star of the Sea



St. Mary's Church 1870s (photo from Barney Dougherty)

Next month – St. Mary's becomes Our Lady Star of the Sea Church



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



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> 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 Sister Judith. Her number is 609-420-4683.**

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: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:4 1c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9: Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Saturday - April 1 4:00p G. Kucher K. Ford

Lectors Sunday - April 2 8:30a A. Piro V. DiRenzo-Adams 10:30a P. Dillon A. Randazzo 6:00p J. Bogle M. Stewart

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday - April 1 4:00p 1. M. McCormick 2. L. McPherson 3. F. Greenfield 4. AM. Patton

Sunday - April 2

8:30a	1. C. Crouthamel 2. E. Krause 3. MR. Piro
	4. L. McGovern
10:30a	1. M. Jenkins 2. S. Jenkins 3. J. McFadden
	4. R. Genzel
6:00p	1. F. Bianco 2. P. Bogle 3. L. Bogle 4. K. Brown

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.







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 Walsh



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

"Must you continue to be your own cross? No matter which way God leads you, you change everything into bitterness by constantly brooding over everything. For the love of God, replace all this selfscrutiny, with a pure and simple glance at God's Goodness." ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal

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.