Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales • www. oblates.org The Third Sunday of Easter • April 14, 2024

Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:3am, 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 and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached

in his name

to all the nations

LUKE 24:47

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, April 13

4:00p Rodney Wallace r/b James Dillon Dylan Joyce r/b Patty Joyce Michael Friel r/b Maryann & William Lakofsky Elpidio Ramas r/b The Ubana Family

SUNDAY, April 14

8:30a Stephen Salfi, Jr. r/b His Family

10:30a For the People of the Parish

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

MONDAY, April 15

11:00a Margaret Dougherty r/b The Legion of Mary

TUESDAY, April 16

11:00a Betty Steger r/b Eileen Oleksiak-Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 17 11:00a Tom Robinson r/b Carol & Sarah DeVivo

THURSDAY, April 18

11:00a Margaret Dougherty r/b The Klineburger Family

FRIDAY, April 19

11:00a Eric Kemp r/b The Dix Family

Our Easter Candle this year was donated by Rocco Luberti, Jr. and it burns in memory of his parents Connie and Rocco Luberti, Sr.



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"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life of <u>Stewardship</u> and not a "self-centered" life.

SALESIAN REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Easter (4/14/2024)

It is hard for us to imagine what it must have been like to be in the room where the disciples had gathered and were now listening to the two who had just returned from Emmaus and were telling them about their experience of the risen Jesus. All of them had to have been excited and full of questions.

Then Jesus came and stood in their midst and spoke to them very gently: "Peace be with you." It's obvious that Jesus understood their amazement and confusion. He immediately wants to set their minds at ease: "See my hands and feet; it is I. Touch me; I'm not a ghost." "Have you anything to eat?" And he eats the piece of fish they gave him. We're told the disciples were incredulous with joy.

Then Jesus takes the time to explain to them all the Scriptures - from Moses and the prophets and psalms - that referred to him. All of this was to prepare them for their mission as witnesses to all these things.

Jesus wants to have a similar encounter with each of us in prayer. He wants us to know him as our crucified and risen Lord. He wants us to experience him as our Advocate with the Father – the One who forgives our sins and reconciles us with the Father. He wants to open our minds and hearts to the depths of God's word in the Scriptures – words which invite us into the fullness of the mystery of God's great love and mercy – words which are meant to transform us into his brothers and sisters.

Sometimes we find ourselves tempted to think that there must be one definitive experience of Jesus that will change us forever – an experience like the one in today's Gospel. We search the books of spiritual writers, trying to find that "best" way to make this happen. And we often find ourselves frustrated – and feeling very imperfect: *"I must be doing something wrong."*

Today's Gospel is instructive. Jesus is the one who chooses the time and way he will reveal himself. The disciples were just there in the room; they did notcontinued in next column have to do anything to prepare for Jesus' coming among them. They were just thinking about him, and their minds were filled with questions. Then Jesus is there, telling them: *"Peace be with you."*

Our expectations for some definitive experience of Jesus may be blinding us to the experience that Jesus wants for us. He knows our desires – and our limitations. He may not want to overwhelm us at a particular moment. He does want us to be there in prayer with an open heart. He will fill us with his love in the way he knows we need it.

May our eagerness for an experience of Jesus in prayer always be tempered with confidence and trust in his loving care for us.

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

Widows Retreat

When: May 3 - 5

- Where: Marianist Retreat Center, CM Point
- What: We will look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies.

Cost: \$150.

Contact: <u>mfrc@capemaymarianists.org</u> or 609-884-3829

Mother and (Adult**) Daughter Retreat

When: May 10 - 12

Where: Marianist Retreat Center, CM Point What: Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included. **Unless living in the same household, please fill out

Unless living in the same household, please fill out separate applications for this retreat. Thank you! \$150

Cost: \$150.

Contact: <u>mfrc@capemaymarianists.org</u> or 609-884-3829

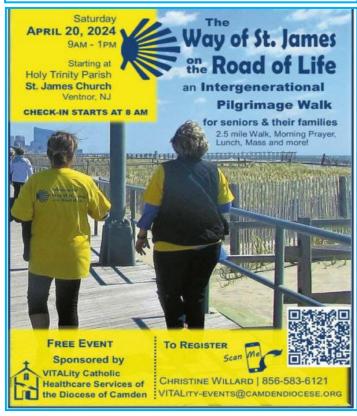
Are you interested in the ministry of **Eucharistic Minister** at Mass?



Our next training session for new Eucharistic ministers will be on Monday evening, April 15th in the Parish Center from 7PM to 9:00PM. The diocesan requirements for Eucharistic ministers are as follows:

- You must be a practicing Catholic, having • been baptized and confirmed in the **Catholic Church**
- At least 15 years of age •
- If married, married in the Catholic Church •

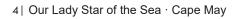
Please contact Sister Maria and let her know. 609-884-5312 x109



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.





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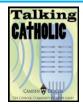
Upcoming Ordination



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF Timothy Mulranen Thomas Piro

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 10:30 AM SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 4308 LANDIS AVENUE SEA ISLE CITY, NJ 08243

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:



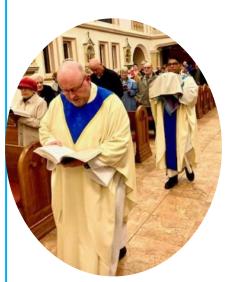
talking.catholicstarherald.org

The Triduum at Our Lady Star of the Sea





















Survivors & Thrivers is a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Next meeting: April 18, 2024 When: 4:00 - 5:30 PM Where: De Sales Room of the Parish Hall Contact: Dani, <u>flyhome@icloud.com</u> or call 609-898-4431

The Catholic Grandparents ministry meets the 4th Monday of the month after the 9AM daily mass. Join us for mass and then fellowship, prayer and sharing resources with our grandparents.



When: Monday, April 22, 2024 Where: St John of God, Townbank Rd, NCM, Contact: Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535, if you would like to attend or have any questions

For more information about the Catholic Grandparents Association, visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org



Please help us identify those among us who may benefit from our Parishes care of the sick and homebound. If you are about to undergo surgery or another pro-



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cedure or know someone from our parish community who is in the hospital or other healthcare facility or homebound,

Contact: Martine Simonis - 609-884-5312 x 110.

Family Promise

Star of the Sea Parish is a buddy congregation with the Cape May United

Methodist Church. We share a commitment to provide a meal for the families in the program just four times a year. Please feel free to visit us at the Family Promise Day Center, 505 Townbank Road in North Cape May and learn of volunteer and participation opportunities.

For more information, contact Loretta: zipwcm@comcast.net Saturday - April 20 4:00p J. Fahy Lectors Sunday - April 21 8:30a A. Piro 10:30a W. Kuemmerle 6:00p D. Wicker

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday - April 20 4:00p 1. A. Martino 2. D. Dix 3. ML. Hayko 4. F. Greenfield

Sunday - April 21

- 8:30a 1. Ė. Mahaney 2. J. Kerney 3. MR. Piro 4. S. Yerk
- **10:30a** 1. N. Konz 2. S. Yerk 3. Y. Kuemmerle 4. J. Kerney
- 6:00p 1. J. Preis 2. F. Bianco 3. M. Stewart 4. B. Hodgdon

Weekly Contributions ~ March 30 - March 31, 2024Ordinary IncomeOrdinary Expenses2nd Collection\$25,383.00\$30,487.71\$1,746.00Holy LandHoly Land

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.**



Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue hon-estly and intensively about your prospective life together.



When: May 3-5 and Oct. 18-20 Time: 8:00PM, Fri., through 3:00PM Sun. Where: Nazareth House in Cherry Hill, NJ Cost: \$410 includes lodging, meals, and

program resources for the weekend for two people.

Register: www.camdendiocese.org/ marriagepreparationhome/marriagepreparation-programs/ Questions: Office of Family Life (856) 583-2904 MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org

THANKS FOR BEING HERE

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

★ Our Lady Star of the Sea ★ Parish Registration Form

Last Name

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

E-Mail Address:

Mailing Address in Cape May Area*:

Permanent Address (if different):

Preferred Telephone #: _____

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

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



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



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

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

CONFESSIONS

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

VISITATION OF THE SICK

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

MARRIAGES

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

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

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

Parish Ministries

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY We offer bereavement support groups 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 and the request should be made to the captain at least TWO days before the appointment. 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 Justine Preis. Her number is 410-241-0481.

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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 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 of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet on the third Thursday of

every month from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall, and we welcome all regardless of faith or parish affiliation. For more information or to join the group, call Dani at (609)898-4431 or email her at flyhome@icloud.com.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets Mondays at 9:15AM in the de Sales Room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in the service of Mary. For information please call 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 John Dolan, 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).



"That Man is You" (TMIY) will meet next on Monday, April 15 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall Father McGivney Room. "Easter Sunday Through Jewish Eyes" is the topic. Dr. John Bergsma explores parallelism between Christmas and Easter. What is impossible is made possible through God.

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."

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 looking for a faith community to pray. \star minister and celebrate God's presence in life
- ★ You realize life has a deeper meaning when lived in the context of reflection, shared experiences, and spirituality
- Visit: ssjphila.org/join-us/become-an-associate/ or call Sister Maria 609-884-5312 x109.

Give your spouse the gift of your time and your love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next upcoming weekend:



Sept. 20 - 22

Contact: 609-741-8012

applications@wwme-southjersey.org Visit: wwme-southjersey.org



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

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

Catholic Schools Jobs Fairs

April 16th – Holy Spirit High School April 18th – Camden Catholic High ~ 3:00PM - 6:00PM



Our schools pride themselves on: * Academic excellence * Safety and discipline * Traditional educational values * Spiritual development

Teachers and staff get to enjoy: * Tuition waiver for children of eligible Catholic school teachers * Sick and Personal Time Leave * Secular & Religious Holidays and Summers Off * Competitive Health Benefits * 403B Retirement Plans Available

Positions are available for teachers, administrators, office and facilities staff, communications and enrollment positions and more across 29 Catholic elementary and high schools in South Jersey.

Scan the QR Code to save your spot today!





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

Carol Abbamondi, Angie Arcamone, Baby Harper, Ina Brown, John Butler, Katelyn Dessner & Babies, Mary Elbertson, Jim Holt, Lydia Inderweis, Diane McCrostie, Anna Marie McKenna, Dorothy Mormello, Mary Pilla, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Marie Roberts, Jim Rochford, Mary Rothwein, Anna Mae Ryan, Peggy Scalaise, Judy Vasaturo, Mary Theresa Vey

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Our Lady Star of Sea Needs Your Help

Booth Volunteers needed for the 2024 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.

If you would like to become part of our team, please call Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x110

Thank you in advance for your help and time you give to your parish!



Our Lady Star of the Sea Annual Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers and Staff When: Saturday, May 4, 2024 Time: 6:30PM Where: Avalon Golf Club Invitations have been mailed.



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Friends

When: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 Time: 12PM—2 PM

Oldies (But Goodies)



Where: Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall Brown Bag Lunch and Desserts provided







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Exciting News!

Our Lady Star of the Sea

Car Raffle Fundraiser

is here!



We are excited for another great year of finding a winner for our 2024 Mercedes-Benz.

Tickets now on sale . Please visit the Raffle Booth to purchase a ticket. Saturdays: 10:00AM - 6:00PM Sundays: 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Call the parish office for more information on how to purchase a ticket 609-884-5312 x110.

Donation for tickets: \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00 or 10 for \$20.00

Drawing is October 27, 2024.

Our Lady of the Angels Parish Cape May Court House, NJ has two current job openings:

- Part-Time Parish Coordinator of Religious Education
- ★ Part Time Youth/Young Adult Coordinator

Both Positions are available Mid-May 2024. If interested, or for more information: Please call the OLA Parish Office at: 609-465-5432

"It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." ~ Saint John Paul II

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