

# Church of *Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday • April 16, 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)

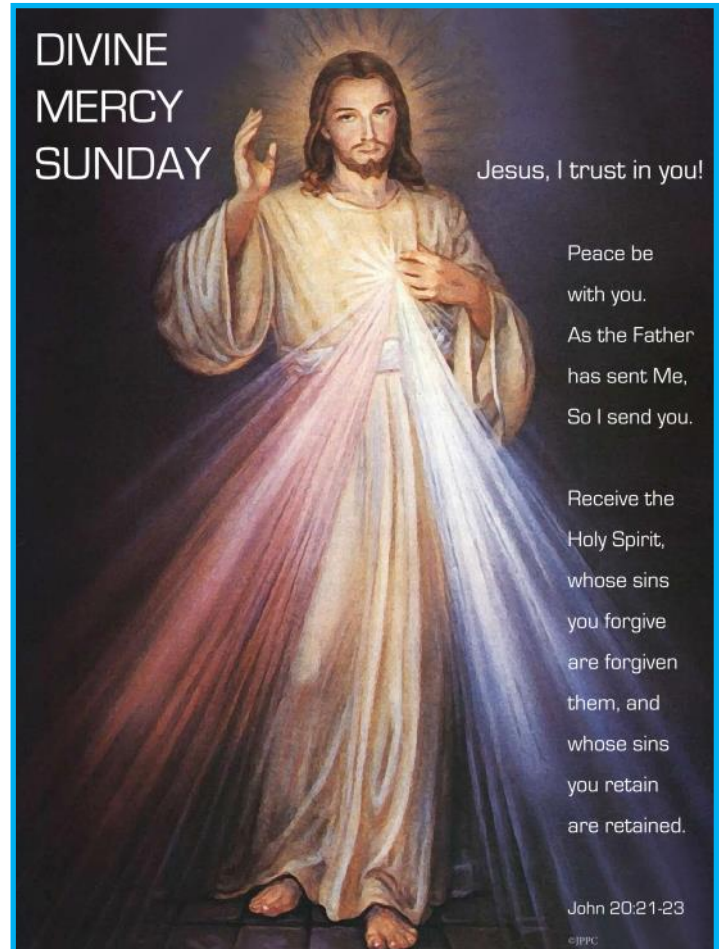
**Confessions:** Sat. 3:00-3:30pm  
Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00am Mass

**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, April 15

**4:00p** James & Teresa Gallagher r/b Their Daughters  
Bill 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv. & Margaret Patton r/b Their Children  
Sister Maria Bennedetta SSJ r/b Nora Mulvaney

### SUNDAY, April 16

**8:30a** Jerry Quinlan r/b The Quinlan Family  
**10:30a** Margaret Mary Morris r/b Barbara, Jean, & Stephanie  
Albert & Alberta Whalen r/b Wayne Whalen  
Nancy Ellen Crowley r/b Rick & Mary Hoff  
Santos Juan Vega Cintron r/b Kenneth Bulwin  
**6:00p** Loretta Gizowski r/b Mr. & Mrs. Frank McCollum

### MONDAY, April 17

**11:00a** Gina M. Di Pasquale r/b Gloria Diehl

### TUESDAY, April 18

**11:00a** Charles Spevak r/b John & Regina Bernhardt

### WEDNESDAY, April 19

**11:00a** Danial M. Walters r/b Bill Keegan

### THURSDAY, April 20

**11:00a** Catherine Richmond r/b Rose Allen

### FRIDAY, April 21

**11:00a** Malcolm & Mary Elizabeth Merklinger r/b Dr. James & Marilou Rochford

## This Week in our Parish

### Saturday, April 15

Christ Child Society selling chances after Mass

### Sunday, April 16

Christ Child Society selling chances after Mass

### Monday, April 17, 7:00PM

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

### Monday, April 17, 9:15AM

Legion of Mary, De Sales Room, Parish Hall

### Thursday, April 20, 4:00 - 5:30PM

Survivors & Thrivers, De Sales Room, Parish Hall

*"There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God."*

~ Pope John Paul II (Shrine of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland on June 7, 1997)

## STAFF DIRECTORY

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**The Sanctuary Candle  
burns this week  
in Memory of  
Gerald J. Schuhl  
r/b  
His Family**



**"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"** John 20:19

**Are you good at making people feel welcome?** When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. **When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.**

## SALESIAN REFLECTION

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (4/16/2023)

With the reading of Peter's First Letter, we are invited to join the whole Church in offering praise to our heavenly Father for his great mercy, shown to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Through God's mercy, we draw new life from the resurrection of Jesus and partake already in eternal life. Through his mercy, we already possess an imperishable inheritance. We are also reminded of the cost of this new life - the death of Jesus on the Cross - a death we too must share in. This new life that we celebrate will pass repeatedly through the cycle of death to new life. Each new suffering that we experience can lead us to a new experience of Jesus' resurrection.

We have been encouraged to appreciate the description of the early Jerusalem community as a model for our own experience as a faith community. We all know from our experience that these expectations are not easily achieved. Each of us individually and all of us together must learn to share all things in common - including suffering, patience, forgiveness, and love. All of these are the marks of the crucified Jesus that we must learn to bear in order to bring about the transformation needed to live as Jesus calls us to live.

The ability to do all this must rest on faith that Jesus lives within and among us and shares the power of his death and resurrection with us. The signs of Jesus' scars are the human weaknesses we see among us. In those scars we can learn to acknowledge "My Lord and my God" as Thomas did.

The glory of resurrection is to be revealed through the weakness of human flesh. The hope held out to us by our faith reaches beyond reality and expects more than what is seen and what seems possible. This hope brings us through the daily deaths we need to experience to new glory and wonder at the power of the Lord Jesus to transform those who are willing to be transformed.

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There is a cost to living as the Jerusalem community lived - **the daily cost of dying to our self-interest and selfishness. But the cost is nothing compared to the joy and strength we can be for one another in a loving community of faith and hope.** Our willingness to accept the daily death required to live our common life opens us to sharing in an ever-deeper way in the risen life of Jesus. May we praise the great mercy of our God by letting Jesus live in us more fully each day.

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

### Spring Retreats - Marianist Retreat Center Cape May Point

#### Widows Retreat

**When:** April 28 - 30

**Cost:** \$150.

**Contact:** <https://www.capemaymarianists.org> or  
609-884-3829

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.



#### Mother and (Adult) Daughter Retreat

**When:** May 12 - 14

**Cost:** \$150.

**Contact:** <https://www.capemaymarianists.org> or  
609-884-3829

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.





## 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  
[Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Adam.Cichoski@camdendiocese.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

***"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then.  
When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."***  
- Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

**When:** April 16, 2023

**Where:** St. Brendan the Navigator Parish  
Maris Stella Church, Avalon

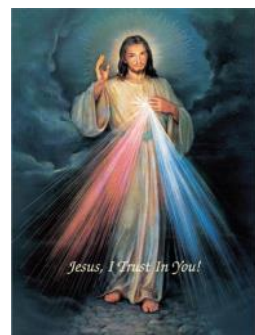
**Confessions:**

1:15 - 2:30

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

2:30 - 2:55PM

**Mass:** 3:00PM



***"Mankind will not have  
peace until it turns to the  
Fount of My  
Mercy."***

## APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Join us as  
**VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services**  
celebrates our annual Mass of Welcome and Inclusion  
for families of children with ASD  
or other developmental disabilities.



**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
to celebrate  
**A SENSORY-FRIENDLY  
MASS of WELCOME  
& INCLUSION**

To volunteer as a greeter, lector, cantor, usher, or altar server or to let us know you are attending the reception after the Mass, please **RSVP** to:

[VITALity-events@camdendiocese.org](mailto:VITALity-events@camdendiocese.org) | 856-583-6123

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16  
11:00 AM**

Holy Saviour Church  
St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish  
50 Emerald Ave.  
Haddon Township, NJ

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23  
10:30 AM**

St. Frances Cabrini Church  
St. Damien Parish  
2nd St. & Atlantic Ave.  
Ocean City, NJ

## Study Theology at Georgian Court University!



All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure?

Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins September 5, 2023. There is still time to apply.

Contact: Johann M. Vento for more information:  
jvento@georgian.edu.

We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.



## The Saddle Floral Program for Monument Headstones

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries are proud to announce our new **Saddle Floral Program!** This program will be available at our Diocesan-managed cemeteries and are available for monument headstones. If you sign up for the annual program, beautifully designed floral arrangements will be fitted every season and adorn the top of your loved one's monument. Saddle arrangements feature a bracket, ensuring the arrangements fit snugly on the stone. We also offer saddle arrangements available for purchase on a per season basis.

**Visit:** SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org  
or call 800-594-4980

*"As the earth brings forth its shoots, and a garden makes its seeds spring up, So will the Lord GOD make justice spring up, and praise before all the nations."* Isaiah 61:11A

**This could be your Year to Win!**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**

## Mercedes-Benz Car Raffle Fundraiser



**We are excited for another great year of finding a winner for our 2023 Mercedes-Benz GLZ250!**

**Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Raffle Booth in front of the church starting on weekends throughout April or by contacting the office at 609-884-5312 ext. 110**

**Tickets are: \$3.00 each  
2 for \$5.00 or  
10 for \$20.00**

**Drawing is October 29, 2023  
DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Thank you in advance for your support to OLSOS. Proceeds benefit Catholic Education, Church Restoration and Operating Expenses.**

## Christ Child Society In Numbers there is Strength

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

**"Nothing is too much to do for a child"**

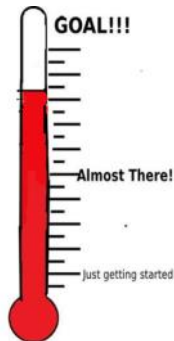
# FROM MANY ...One Body

 **HOUSE OF CHARITY**  
BISHOP'S BROTHERHOOD OFFERS

## 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: \$101,501.50  
Percentage of Goal: 84%



Men of the Parish, you are invited to join "That Man is You" (TMIY)'s weekly session on Monday, April 17 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall, Father McGivney Room. "Evidence for the Resurrection" is the Theme". Dr. Peter Kreeft discusses Christianity is full of and dependent on miracles. Science does not and cannot disprove Catholicism

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



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:** April 20, 2023

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

## Weekly Contributions ~ March 25 - 26, 2023

<b>Ordinary Income</b>	<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>
<b>\$13,337.43</b>	<b>\$31,807.39</b>	

## Weekly Contributions ~ April 1 - 2, 2023

<b>Ordinary Income</b>	<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>
<b>\$13,495.00</b>	<b>\$53,361.23</b>	

The **PARISH GIVING** Program enables you to have your Sunday Offering automatically debited from your credit card. **Make your life easier and check it out on the parish website.**



## Prayer and Praise Welcome to our Prayer Group

**When:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month  
@ 3:30PM

**Where:** De Sales Room in the Parish Hall

**Contact for additional information:**

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



## Lectors

**Saturday - April 22**  
**4:00p** G. Kucher

**Sunday - April 23**  
**8:30a** J. Saquella  
**10:30a** T. Konz  
**6:00p** J. McCaney

## Extraordinary Ministers

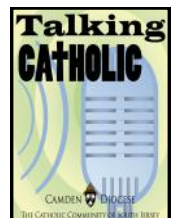
**Saturday - April 22**  
**4:00p** 1. N. Mulvanney 2. J. Pizzica 3. P. Motz  
4. M. Schuhl

**Sunday - April 23**  
**8:30a** 1. C. Tobin 2. S. Tarrant 3. L. McGovern  
4. E. Krause  
**10:30a** 1. M. Jenkins 2. S. Jenkins 3. N. Minchew  
4. E. Cabbage  
**6:00p** 1. F. Bianco 2. B. Hodgdon 3. D. Wicker  
4. M. McCormick

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](http://talking.catholicstarherald.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.**



**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*

**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 [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 Marti McCormick. Her number is 302-598-5333.**



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).



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20;  
Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Christ Child Society**  
37th Annual Spring Fling  
April 23rd  
11:30AM-3PM  
Shore Club  
1170 Golf Club Rd  
CMCH NJ 08210  
Tickets \$40  
Lunch & Music Prizes Auction  
Bittersweet Duo Raffles 50/50  
RSVP: KAY  
609-536-2865  
Sponsored by Sturdy Bank

**Annual Appreciation Dinner  
for Volunteers and Staff**  
Friday, May 5 @6:00PM

Invitations have been mailed.  
Kindly respond as soon as  
possible.



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 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.

## 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.



## SPEND TIME WITH SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES!



Join the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales' new reflection series!

Enjoy a short reflection on Salesian Spirituality sent to your email every day for a month!

Sign up at [oblates.org](http://oblates.org) or scan the QR code!



## We Need Some Helping Hands

**Cape Regional Health System** is recruiting individuals for its volunteer Program. Volunteers assist in many areas of the Medical center such as: Unit Ambassadors, Welcome Desk, Gift Shop, Pharmacy and Errand Room.

**Contact:** [RWisniewski@caperegional.com](mailto:RWisniewski@caperegional.com)  
or 609-463-2289

**Who: anyone** 16 or older is invited to help

DIocese of Camden OFFICE OF FAMILY AND YOUTH  
presents the annual  
**NJ CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY**  
**Six Flags**  
GREAT ADVENTURE  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**  
**9 AM - CLOSING**  
Join Catholic youth and their families from across the state for a day of fun and prayer. There will be a special opening ceremony, buffet style lunch, and the celebration of Sunday Mass!!!  
**\$65 PER PERSON**  
Parking | Admission | Meal Voucher |  
**\$30 PER PERSON**  
Meal Voucher for Season Pass Holders  
TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL / EMAIL  
[JOSE.RODRIGUEZ@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:JOSE.RODRIGUEZ@CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG)  
856-583-2908



**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, Kate-lyn Dessner & Babies, Mary Pilla, 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**

## CONCERT FOR PEACE

Rudy Lucente on Organ  
Helena Bew on Piano

Fun for all & all for Peace

FUN FOR ALL & ALL FOR PEACE

3pm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

St. John of God

680 Town Bank Rd; N. Cape May NJ 08204

FREE will donations to support peace in the Holy Land

Refreshments and social following in the Hall



**Join Forever Young  
"Moses @ Sight & Sound Theater**

**When:** Thursday, June 8, 2023

**Cost:** \$162.00pp

**Package Includes:** Transportation, Reserved seating for the 3:00PM show. Lunch before the show. Meal taxes, meal gratuities, and driver gratuity.

**Contact:** Phyllis (609-425-9523) for your reservation. Payment is due in FULL by April 25<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 17**.

### 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**.

## 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 609-884-5312 x110**

**Volunteers have a chance  
to win \$200.00.**