

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 8

8:00p Easter Vigil Mass for the Parishioners

SUNDAY, April 9

7:00a Elizabeth Lydia Saburn r/b Jackie Atkins

8:00a Daniel & Catherine Maggiano & Michaelina Hoad

r/b Their Family

9:30a John DelCorio r/b Evelyn

Jennifer Debanadira r/b Normando Rey

Carlos M. Benedicto r/b Frene Rey

11:00a Robert Lepore r/b Richard Herishen

St. Agnes, Cape May Point

8:30a Parishioners

MONDAY, April 10

11:00a John & Mildred Gaynor r/b Carol Gaynor Charles W. Kennedy r/b Marge Torpey Kennedy

TUESDAY, April 11
11:00a Dylan Joyce r/b Patty Joyce

WEDNESDAY, April 12

11:00a Joseph Horan r/b Joan & Ralph DiRosato

THURSDAY, April 13

11:00a Stephen Salfi, Jr. r/b His Family

FRIDAY, April 14

11:00a Kelly Kelly r/b The Girls

This Week in our Parish

Saturday, April 8

8:00PM - Holy Saturday Mass (No 3:00PM Confessions or 4:00PM Mass)

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday Masses: 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00AM

Monday, April 10, 7:00PM

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

Tuesday, April 11, 11:30 - 1:30PM Simply Soup Preparation

Wednesday, April 12, 10:00AM

Good Samaritan's Captains Meeting

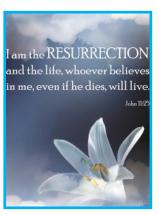
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Message from Father Dave

We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery - the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!". John Paul II

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones this Easter.

Happy Easter, Father Dave and the Parish Staff



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SALESIAN REFLECTION

Easter Sunday (4/9/2023)

This is the day that the Lord has made! We have good reason to rejoice and be glad. Jesus has triumphed over sin and death; he is risen!

In his great love for us, Jesus has drawn us into himself by his death and resurrection, making us his "body". We now share in his loving obedience to his Father on the Cross; we now share in his new life after the Resurrection.

St. Paul reminds us: if we really believe that Jesus is risen and we share his new life, we must make a sincere effort to set our hearts on heavenly things. We must try to be intent on things above rather than on things of earth.

This is a daily struggle for most of us. It's just too easy to become intent on our own needs and wants, our own suffering and pain. These can easily distract us from the new life we share and seeking to do God's will and not our own and trying to love others as Jesus has loved us.

St. Francis de Sales encourages us to start afresh each day. Mindful of God's loving presence with us and the new life within us, we can ask our God for the grace we need to do each action of our day in a manner that is pleasing to him – as Jesus did.

In a moment, we will share again in the saving mystery of Jesus' death and rising. We will renew our baptismal promises as a community of faith.

Let us be ...continued in the next column

mindful that we are called to give witness to our renewal by the way we live our daily lives. Our words and deeds must flow from the same source - the grace of our salvation – being one with Jesus.

May the words we say and the actions we do proclaim to everyone we meet that Jesus is risen. He is alive in us!

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

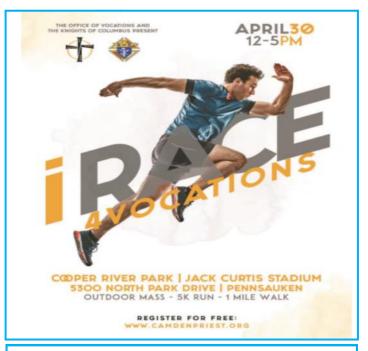


Prayer for Priestly Vocations

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

"We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

~ St. Francis de Sales



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

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 | 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 "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

- St Ambrose



One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefits one's soul.

Offering Masses for people both living and dead is a Catholic tradition that is almost as old as the Church itself. Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass offered for a person or intention. Through the Mass, we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of His Father. St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered. "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice."

Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love!

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/ or call Sister Maria 609-884-5312 x109.

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 x 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

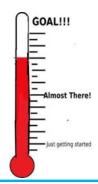
"Nothing is too much to do for a child"



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: \$96,801.50 Percentage of Goal: 80%





"That Man is You" (TMIY) will meet next on Monday, April 10 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall, Father McGivney Room,. This session's theme is "The Hidden Force". Mark Hartfiel's topics include TMIY is the vehicle for spreading the Mysteries of the Rosary. How can you help bring the Mysteries of the Rosary to the others?

> 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 1st and 3rd 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,

or 610-908-2405

Weekly Contributions ~ March 18 - 19, 2023

Ordinary Expenses 2nd Collection Ordinary Income \$10,717.00 \$5,473.00

\$2,604.00 Catholic Relief

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: 4th Thursday of every month

@ 3:30PM

Where: De Sales Room in the Parish Hall

Contact for additional information:

Donna - dwicker.olsos@gmail.com call 609-898-4431



Lectors

Saturday - April 15 **4:00p** A. Martino

Sunday - April 16 8:30a R. Crouthamel 10:30a J. Scutti 6:00p B. Hodgdon

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday - April 15

4:00p 1. J. Preis 2. M. McCormick 3. P. Motz

4. F. Greenfield

Sunday - April 16

8:30a 1. E. Krause 2. C. Crouthamel

3. V. DiRenzo-Adams 4. L. Saggiomo

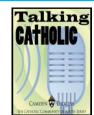
10:30a 1. B. Sharp 2. J. McFadden 3. R. Genzel

4. E. Cubbage

1. K. Brown 2. B. Cummings 3. M. Stewart q00:6

4. J. McCaney

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

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 <i>do not</i> 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 Alice Scala. Her number is 914-299-0142.

Promotes a spirit of fellowship among adults 50 years and older. During our gatherings, we enjoy lunch and varied programs. (Bring your own brown bag lunch. Desserts and beverages are provided). The group welcomes everyone age 50 and over, regardless of faith or parish affiliation. The group meets in Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month from 12:00 - 2:00PM from September through May. JUST FRIENDS looks forward to welcoming you at our next meeting! Join Us! No membership necessary. Please notice the time change. For more information call Carol at 609-224-9662 or Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x 102.

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, St. Mary's Council #6202 meets on the second Thursday of each month in the McGivney Room of the Parish Hall. Membership is open to Roman Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. For more information or to request a membership application, please contact Rick Greenfield, Outreach Coordinator, at rickgreenfield@comcast.net 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 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 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: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15





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

or 609-463-2289

Who: anyone 16 or older is invited to help

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.



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

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





Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Unbound Conference

Healing & Deliverance - Five Keys to Freedom in Christ



Scan code to

register!

Especially helpful for situations in need of greater freedom such as

- Marital/family discord
 Negative / distorted
 Negative / distorted
- Relationship struggles
 Fear, anger, sadness, · Habitual sin
- · Inability to forgive
- · Stalled Spiritual Life

FR. GIUSEPPE MARIA SINISCALCHI, CFR

Conference Facilitator

St. Michael Catholic Church 10 N Mississippi Ave Atlantic City, NJ 08401

(Saturday April 15, 2023 Conference: 9:30am to 4:15pm Mass: 5:00pm Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

Confession will be available. Please bring your own lunch. Space is limited, pre-registration is requ To register or for more information, use QR Code or go to: Unboundnewburgh.eventbrite.com Free will donations will be accepted.

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

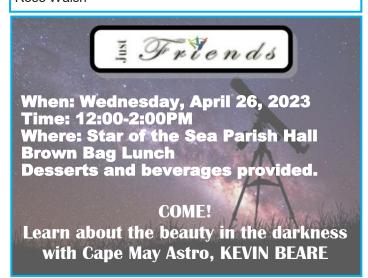
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





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, Mary Pilla, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Roseann Rosenstock, Mary Rothwein, Barbara Sharp, Rose Walsh







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
- Will be graduating from Wildwood Catholic, Lower Cape May Regional, Cape May Technical, Cape Christian Academy, other private schools or home schooled.
- 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 609-884-5312 x110

Volunteers have a chance to win \$200.00.