Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 16, 2023

Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00, 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, (Live Stream as well),

St. Agnes, Cape May Point Sunday: 8:30am Wednesday: 8:30am

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday @ 11:00am (Star of the Sea)

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-3:30pm

Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00am Mass

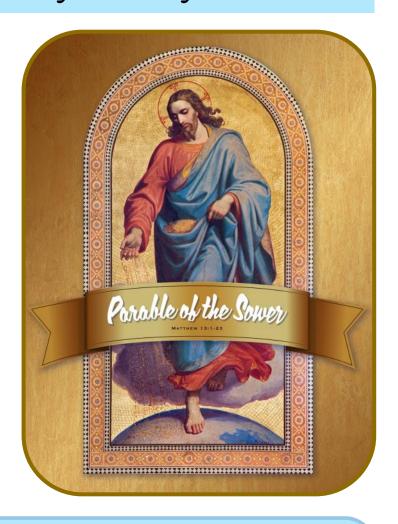
Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Friday of Each Month 9:00am - 11:00am

1st Saturday of Each Month: Mass @ 9:00am

Church open for Private Prayer:

Mon.-Fri. 10:00am - 5:00pm



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.

525 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ 08204 • 520 Lafayette Street (Parish Office/Mailing Address)
Phone: 609-884-5312 • Fax: 609-542-9702 • www.ladystarofthesea.org

LITURGY

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 15

4:00p

5:30p Lillian Palumbo r/b Dani & Roger

Barnsby

SUNDAY, July 16

7:00a For the People of the Parish

8:00a Faith & Frank Mullins r/b Their Family

9:30a Thomas R. Meehan r/b Donna & Kevin

Meehan

Harry Mazuk r/b Annette Viarengo Joyce Brzoska r/b Joan Scutti

Paulette Platukis r/b Michael & Kathleen

Finley

11:00a Nellis Haboush r/b Larry & Vickie Petfield

6:00p Parishioners

St. Agnes, Cape May Point

8:30a Hilda Barnsby r/b Roger & Dani Barnsby Theresa Minella r/b Joan & Joe Mroz Daniel & Catherine Maggiano & Michaelina Hoad r/b Their Family J. W. Cicchitti r/b David & Peggy Cicchitti

MONDAY, July 17

11:00a Zachary Swan r/b The Shaw Family J. W. Cicchitti r/b Tracie Cicchitti

TUESDAY, July 18

11:00a Edward C. Rinck r/b His Family

WEDNESDAY, July 19

11:00a Rose r/b Debra & Robert Verdi

St. Agnes

8:30a Michael & Una Concannon

THURSDAY, July 20

11:00a Michael Capone r/b Carol Rudy

FRIDAY, July 21

11:00a Ints. of Father James Dever r/b Richard & Marie Turco



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"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13: 22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues of **Stewardship** that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

"Follow your own way of speaking to our Lord sincerely, lovingly, confidently, and simply, as your heart dictates."

SALESIAN REFLECTION

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/16/2023)

What a beautiful image St. Paul paints for us today: all creation is groaning as it eagerly awaits the fullness of redemption when everyone and everything will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

The presence of the Spirit within us gives us hope as we join our groaning to the groaning of all creation.

Isaiah reminded us: just as the rain and snow effectively water the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, so too will the word of God do his will, achieving the end for which He sent it.

Jesus also compares God's word to seed sown by the Divine Sower. The seed always bears some kind of fruit, serving some purpose, but in good soil it bears fruit abundantly.

The seed sown is much like the rain that falls - the extent of its ability to make fertile and fruitful depends on the ground that receives it. Even the short-lived wild-flowers that bloom after a desert storm serve a purpose.

Jesus wants more for us.

He adds a warning to the parable: "Let everyone heed what he hears." That means that we must spend some time in prayer with his words in order for them to be most fruitful in our life. They are able to touch that place of groaning, of eager waiting, in each of us. They speak to that hope we all have as a gift of the Spirit in us.

May each of us be "good soil" today - soil which accepts the seed and the rain that God is sending us in His word. In our prayerful listening, may we have the courage to remove ... continued in the next column

stumbling-stones and thorns that may be present in the soil of our heart. May we allow that seed to be watered well and become an abundant yield as we await with a sure hope the redemption of our bodies.

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

Summer Week-long Catholic Family Vacation Retreat

Where: Marianist Family Retreat

Center, CM Point When: Retreat weeks run

through the end of August

Cost: for the week: \$230pp ages 8+; \$155 ages 2-7; under 2 free.

Cost includes meals, room, program, beach

access and more

Financial Aid is available - see website for more details

Contact: call 609-884-3829

www.capemaymarianists.org or mfrc@capemaymarianists.org



Live Jesus

From the Pastor

Warm Greetings to Everyone!

Today our parish begins the annual appeal in support of the Diocese of Camden Charitable Outreach in South Jersey. Beginning this year the name has been changed from *The House of Charities* to the *South*

Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal. This name change is meant to better express the focus of the annual collection. Any monies collected is given directly to the Charities that the Diocese supports in South Jersey. All donations are considered "Restricted Funds" and can only be used for Charitable Outreach as outlined in the aim of the SJ Catholic Ministries Appeal.

The Theme for this year is: "For the Life of the World." In this time of the Eucharistic Revival this theme reminds us that Jesus gave His life for the Life of the World. It also calls us to realize that Jesus gives us the gift of the Eucharist so that we can be Eucharist for others especially those who are in need among us.

This collection each year is so very important in helping the Church to continue the work that Jesus has commissioned His Church to do in Matthew 25 were Jesus says: "When I was hungry you gave Me something to drink, when I was thirsty you gave Me something to drink." The Catholic Church has always helped people in need far and near. All money collected helps the Physically, Spiritually and Emotionally hungry who seek our help. Given the struggles of many people in our society who turn to the Catholic Church for assistance it is necessary for us to be able to respond to them in a way that Jesus would.

The goal for our parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea this year is \$129,000. In my two years here at Our Lady I have been humbled by the generosity of our parishioners and visitors. I ask you once again to consider a pledge to help us support the charitable outreach done in our name throughout South Jersey and to reach our goal for the year.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and people in need who knock at our door.

Humbly, Fr. John Dolan, OSFS



The Legion of Mary of Our Lady Star of the Sea is sponsoring a day of recollection.

When: Wed., September 13 Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM Where: Marianist Retreat Center, CM Point

Speaker: A Marianist Father

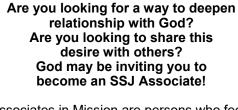
Cost: \$35.00 and may be paid upon

arrival.

Continental breakfast & lunch provided.

Contact: Call Liz 609-841-6629 or Mary 609-425-4084

Mass and confession will also be available.





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, 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 the website: ssjphila.org/join-us/become-an-associate/ or call Sister Maria 609-884-5312 x109.

Live Jesus Solemnity of Corpus Christi



















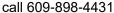


Prayer and Praise Welcome to our Prayer Group

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





We are the **Survivors & Thrivers**, a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. "During June, July & August we will meet on the first Thursday of the month. In September we will resume our first and third Thursday schedule.

Next meeting: August 3, 2023

When: 4:00 - 5:30PM

Where: De Sales Room of the Parish Hall.

Contact: Christina bluepaw74@yahoo.com,

or 610-908-2405

The Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone for a cou-



ple to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective life together. Weekends start promptly at 8:00PM on Friday evening and close by 3:00PM on Sunday. All meals and accommodations are included in the reservation fee.

Upcoming Weekend: November 10 - 12 **Where:** Blessed Carlo Acutis Retreat House,

Absecon, NJ Cost: \$410.00

Contact: Call 856-583-2908 or email

jose.Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org

Family Promise

Family Promise of Cape May County strives to keep Homeless Families together during their



time of crisis by providing safe shelter, meals and the support of those services needed to educate, encourage and empower our guest families. 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.

Weekly Contributions ~ July 1 - 2, 2023

Ordinary Income Ordinary Expenses 2nd Collection \$21,529.07 \$20,631.98

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.**



Saturday - July 22

4:00p J. Fahy **5:30p** A. Martino

Lectors

Sunday - July 23 7:00a R. Crouthamel 8:00a V. DiRenzo-Adams

9:30a P. Dillon 11:00a J. Scutti 6:00p B. Hodgdon

St. Agnes, Cape May Point

8:30a R. Turco 1. M. Turco 2. M. Simonis 3. AM. Patton

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday - July 22

4:00p 1. M. Schuhl 2. D. Dix 3. L. McPherson

4. N. Mulvanney

5:30p 1. C. Mogck 2. T. Mogck 3. J. Pizzica

4. M. McCormick

Sunday - July 23

7:00a 1. J. Kerney 2. C. Crouthamel 3. E. Krause

4. R. Crouthamel

8:00a 1. P. Motz 2. S. Tarrant 3. E. Hughes 4. C. Kopp **9:30a** 1. MR. Piro 2. J. McFadden 3. A. Piro 4. R. Genzel

11:00a 1. J. Foreman 2. J. Foreman 3. L. Saggiomo

4. C. Mooney

6:00p 1. M. Stewart 2. F. Bianco 3. D. Wicker 4. B. Hodgdon

Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening give you a sense

of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom.



Next weekend dates: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 and Dec 1-3,

Call: 609-741-8012 for information

Email applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.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:
L-Mail Addiess.
Mailing Address in Cape May Area*:
Permanent Address (if different):
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 Sister Judith. Her number is 609-420-4683.

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 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).

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 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 coun-

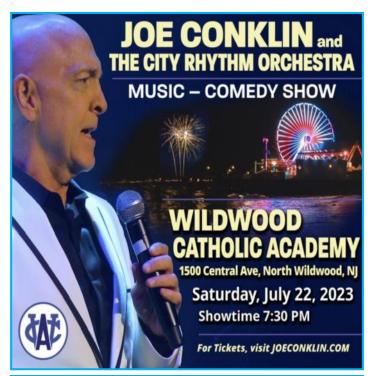


ty, please consider becoming a member of the Christ Child Society of Cape May County. We invite you to attend a meeting with us and find out more about the Society.

For more information:

Contact: Stephanie Ware at 609-846-7006 or capemay1950@hotmail.com

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





Do you or someone you love need care at home? Contact VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services of the Diocese of Camden. Resource and Referral Help Line 1-888-268-4825.

A free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe and secure in their homes.

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

Grave Reuse for Cremated Remains

Grave reuse is an alternative option for owners of an existing burial privilege. Grave reuse allows for the addition of cremated remains to an existing grave, crypt, or niche. Not only does this keep a family together and respect the deceased's personal wishes, but it follows the Catholic teaching of interring cremains on sacred ground. Owners of a burial privilege can add burial rights for cremated remains depending on the type and location of the grave, crypt, or niche owned. A member of our staff can advise as to what would be available for the specific location and grave or crypt type.

To learn more call 800-594-4980 or visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org



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

Baby Harper, John Butler, Michael DeAngelis, Katelyn Dessner & Babies, Mary Elbertson, Rita Linnington, Diane McCrostie, Mary Pilla, Marie Roberts, Jim Rochford, Mary Rothwein, Anna Mae Ryan



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

Michael Keosky





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 pow-



er of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2023 you and your spouse are celebrating a milestone Wedding anniversary of 25,50,60 or 70 Years or more,

Please join us for the celebration of Mass.

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Mass will begin at 3:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

591 New Jersey Ave, Absecon, NJ 08201

Light Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Please register with your parish Secretary. Deadline for registration is 9/8/2023

For more information please contact: Jose.Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org 856-364-1172



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

"Volunteers in Medicine" provides free healthcare for our neighbors in need and relies on volunteers to man the clinic. The Clinic is



located at 423 No. Route 9 in CMCH. We need volunteers to assist with scheduling, patient registration, nursing, the Thrift Store and Community Garden. Want to know more? If you can spare a few hours a week **please contact**:

Anne Marie at 609-778-2707 or volunteercmc@vimsj.org.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.

All who come to him will have life forever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

