

# Church of *Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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**The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • July 23, 2023**

## Current Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00, 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, (Live Stream as well),  
11:00am, 6:00pm

**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

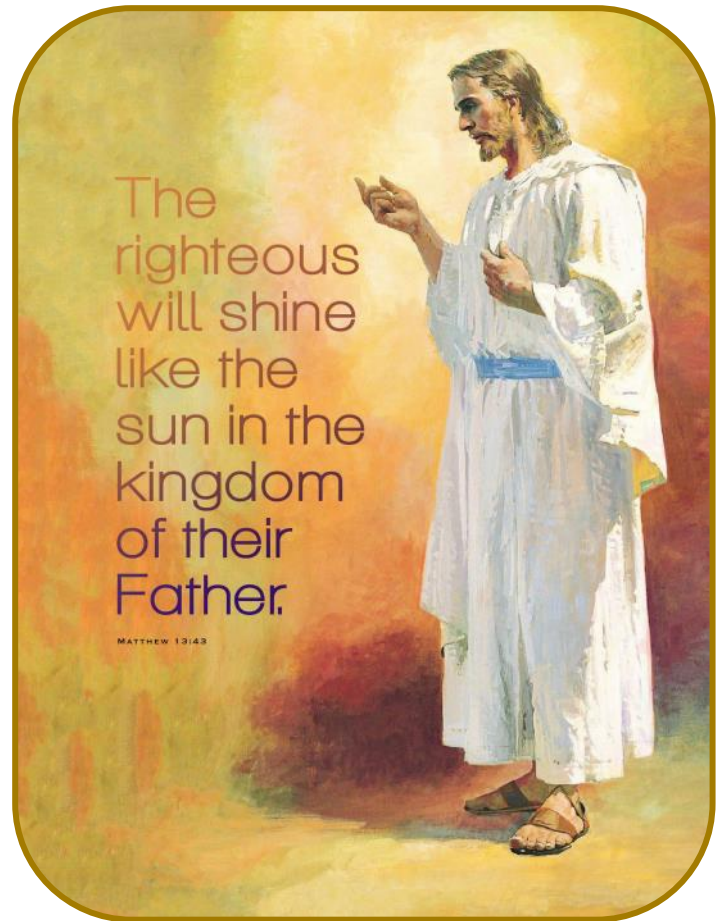
**Eucharistic Adoration:**

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



## 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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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, July 22

- 4:00p** Gerald Dougherty r/b The Kubiak Family  
Joseph Low 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. r/b The Low Family  
Dec'd Members of the Concannon & Quinn Families
- 5:30p** Dec'd Members of the Quinn & Parsons Family r/b Mary

### SUNDAY, July 23

- 7:00a** For the People of the Parish
- 8:00a** Peter Girraffa r/b Matt Pelligrine
- 9:30a** Faith & Frank Mullins r/b Their Family
- 11:00a** Nellis Haboush r/b Larry & Vickie Petfield
- 6:00p** Patrick & Dorothy Kearns r/b The Kearns & Kane Families

### St. Agnes, Cape May Point

- 8:30a** Father James Collins r/b Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Carroll

### MONDAY, July 24

- 11:00a** Rita M. Pelligrine r/b Daniel & Mary Pelligrine

### TUESDAY, July 25

- 11:00a** Danielle Marie Nyce r/b The Keating Family

### WEDNESDAY, July 26

- 11:00a** Anne D'Ippolito r/b Bob & Mary Celebre

### St. Agnes

- 8:30a** Maura & Sean Faherty & Ellen & James Quinn

### THURSDAY, July 27

- 11:00a** John Cominsky r/b His Sister Joan

### FRIDAY, July 28

- 11:00a** Frank & Catherine Bogle r/b The Bogle Family



**The Sanctuary Candle  
burns this week**

**For**

**The Soulmates  
Living & Deceased**

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[parish@ladystarofthesea.org](mailto:parish@ladystarofthesea.org)



*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13: 24, 3 - 38*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the **Stewardship** potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

## SALESIAN REFLECTION

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/23/2023)

Today's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom invites us into the mystery of our God.

Though our God is master of might, God judges with clemency and governs us with great leniency. The inspired writer is clearly pointing out to us that God's mercy is directly proportionate to his power. God's power is the source of divine justice and mercy.

What a wonderful revelation! We are always aware that our God is all-powerful – a God of justice. That awareness can often make us fearful of God.

Today's reading helps us to understand that God's power is a power for good. God's power shows itself as a justice that is always merciful, compassionate, lenient – a justice that is urging us to repent and allow ourselves to be drawn closer to our God.

We need not fear the power of our God when we understand our God as he reveals himself in the Scriptures, and especially in Jesus. Our God's power desires to draw us more completely into his mercy – make us more completely his children. All we need to do is choose to let God's power into our hearts each day so that God can draw us closer to himself and share his loving mercy more fully with us.

As the writer of the Book of Wisdom reflected on God's deeds of power and mercy in history, he understood that God is showing his people how he wants them to live. ***"Those who are just must be kind."*** Whatever position of power we may have, our power must reflect divine power – a power that is loving, just, kind, merciful, compassionate, and lenient. God asks us to treat others as he treats us.

...continued in the next column

There is much in today's Scripture readings that we can take to prayer this week. Our God desires to continue to teach us about what it means to live as his children.

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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or

[mfrcc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrcc@capemaymarianists.org)



*Have you made  
Jesus part of your summer?*

*Come close to His Heart  
to be lifted up by the Sisters  
in prayer and encounter the  
Living God Who thirsts  
for your love...*

*Beautiful music,  
guided meditations,  
personal encounter with  
the Source of Lasting Peace*

**Presentation by Sisters: 6 - 7pm**

**Guided Holy Hour: 7 - 8pm**

**Location: MARIS STELLA CHURCH,  
5012 DUNE DRIVE, AVALON, NJ**

**For further information,  
contact the parish office: 609-967-3746**

**ENCOUNTER OUR  
EUCHARISTIC LORD:**

**One Night Only!**

**A Special Mission with  
the Sisters of Children of Mary  
Sunday July 23, 2023**





## Day of Recollection



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.



## 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!



## Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

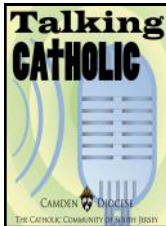


All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure?

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](mailto:jvento@georgian.edu).

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)

## CAMDEN DIOCESE CATHOLIC RENEWAL

September  
15th, 16th, & 17th 2023

**Holy Spirit High School**  
500 South New Rd.  
Absecon, NJ 08201



### Speakers

Fr. Rene Canales  
Fr. Jim Blount, SOLT  
Fr. Franklin Opara  
Additional Speakers  
to Be Announced

**And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us**

John 1:14

• Event will include:  
Mass, Confession,  
Teachings, Music,  
Healing Service and a  
Eucharist procession.

**TICKETS:**  
Adults - \$65.00  
Seniors - \$60.00  
Teens - \$10.00  
12 yrs. & under - Free

[www.camdendiocesecatholicrenewal.org](http://www.camdendiocesecatholicrenewal.org)

Colleen(609) 703-7880 Tracy(856) 803-7967 Sheila(609) 652-7729

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, 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/](http://ssjphila.org/join-us/become-an-associate/) or call Sister Maria 609-884-5312 x109.



## SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

### 2023 APPEAL: "FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD"

In every way, the work of our ministries emanates from the Eucharist. As Saint John Paul II said, "The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the church will blossom." The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus Christ, it is the spiritual food that gives us strength to carry out His work each day and everything we do as Catholics emanates from that.

The theme of this year's campaign, "For the Life of the World," reminds us that our spiritual sustenance and community are rooted in the Eucharist, in Christ. Your individual gift to this Appeal will become one of many that unites and builds up the one Body of Christ. Through our various ministries across the diocese your gift is shared and brings comfort, relief, encouragement and support to many.

Simply complete the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail directly to the Parish Office.



SOUTH JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parish OLSS - CM

**Parish Use Only**  
Affix Label Here or:

New Donor is a: ☐ Member ☐ Visitor

**Yes!** I would like to support the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal  
with a: (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ **One Time** Gift of: \_\_\_\_\_ By: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card  
☐ **A Pledge** with Installments (details below)  
☐ or see other side for my selection

*Pledge Information if Applicable*

Total Pledged Gift: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Monthly Installments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have included the first installment by check today:

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use a number of installments that conclude by March of next year  
Please make checks payable to "South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal"*

*Credit Card information for One-Time Gift or Installment Payments:*

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Parish Office, please call me for the above information.

I have already made my gift:

☐ Through my workplace giving program. ☐ Directly to the Pastor

☐ I am not able to make a pledge at this time

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Office Mailing Address:**  
520 Lafayette Street  
Cape May, NJ 08204

**You can also visit our Website,**  
**[www.ladystarofthesea.org](http://www.ladystarofthesea.org),**  
**for a quick link to donate**  
**from the homepage**



**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  
call 609-898-4431



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](mailto: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 couple 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.



**CATHOLIC ENGAGED  
ENCOUNTER**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:zipwcm@comcast.net).

**Weekly Contributions ~ July 8 - 9, 2023**

Ordinary Income	Ordinary Expenses	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
<b>\$20,336.65</b>	<b>\$25,991.17</b>	<b>\$3,393.22</b>
		Church in Africa

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.**



**Lectors**

**Saturday - July 29**

**4:00p** G. Kucher  
**5:30p** M. Snyder

**Sunday - July 30**

**7:00a** C. Kopp  
**8:00a** K. Ford  
**9:30a** T. Morris  
**11:00a** A. Randazzo  
**6:00p** M. Stewart

**St. Agnes, Cape May Point**

**8:30a** B. Guthrie 1. B. Connor 2. AM. Zabielski  
3. AM. Patton

**Extraordinary Ministers**

**Saturday - July 29**

**4:00p** 1. B. Stepniak 2. F. Stepniak 3. J. Walls  
4. L. McPherson  
**5:30p** 1. J. Snyder 2. M. McDevitt 3. M. Jenkins  
4. S. Jenkins

**Sunday - July 30**

**7:00a** 1. E. Mahaney 2. S. Tarrant 3. K. Parker 4. C. Kopp  
**8:00a** 1. S. Roberts 2. R. Roberts 3. V. DiRenzo-Adams  
4. L. McGovern  
**9:30a** 1. A. Kufta 2. A. Piro 3. P. Dillon 4. E. Schiffbauer  
**11:00a** 1. L. Saggiomo 2. B. Sharp 3. M. Simonis  
4. N. Minchew  
**6:00p** 1. B. Hodgdon 2. B. Cummings 3. K. Brown  
4. D. Wicker

**Marriage Encounter**

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other.



Next weekend dates: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 and Dec 1-3,  
**Call:** 609-741-8012 for information

Email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).  
Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**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



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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 Pat Raymond. Her number is 610-316-3230.**



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.

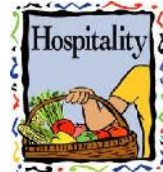
**CATHOLIC RADIO STATION WSMJ 91.9FM** has been added to the family of catholic radio stations broadcast by Domestic Church Media (DCM). For a complete schedule of programming visit [www.domesticchurchmedia.com](http://www.domesticchurchmedia.com). **WSMJ 91.9** remains a true Catholic affiliate of EWTN.

**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 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 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).



**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 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."***



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.



**SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
*Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right*

### **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](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org)

You are invited to join  
**Jersey Shore Womens Center**  
for our  
**She Was Stronger Short-Film and Q & A Event**  
True & Personal Witnesses on the Abortion Industry  
Sunday, July 23, 2023  
3:00pm - 4:30pm EDT  
(check-in 2:40pm)  
Cost: \$25 per seat (\*buy 6 tickets as a Group Host)

To order tickets visit  
[secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=25595](https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=25595)

Regal Hamilton Commons  
4215 Black Horse Pike  
Hamilton, NJ

Proceeds to benefit Jersey Shore Womens Center

**SHE WAS STRONGER**



Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers  
**PRAYER IS POWERFUL**



**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.**

**Bernice Flynn  
Joe Steady**

## 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](mailto:volunteercmc@vimsj.org).**



**The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and personal items next weekend July 29 - July 30 at all Masses. The Food Pantry can also use paper goods (napkins, toilet paper, and paper towels). Bags will be available for your convenience. Please leave donations in the back of the church and make sure food items are not out of date. Please do not leave clothing. Thank you for your help.**



***"Forgiveness is a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil."***  
~ Pope Saint John Paul II

## 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](mailto:Jose.Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org)

856-364-1172



Join the Knights of Columbus on a bus trip to **The Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA** to see **Moses Live on Stage**.



**When:** August 23, 2023

**Cost:** \$133.00 includes

Lunch, the show and bus transportation

**Contact:** Father John Dolan

[Jdolan@lladystarofthesea.org](mailto:Jdolan@lladystarofthesea.org)  
to reserve a seat

### 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.



***"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary."***  
~ Pope Benedict XVI