

Church of *Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 24, 2025

Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm, 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:

1st Friday of Each Month

9:00am - 11:00am

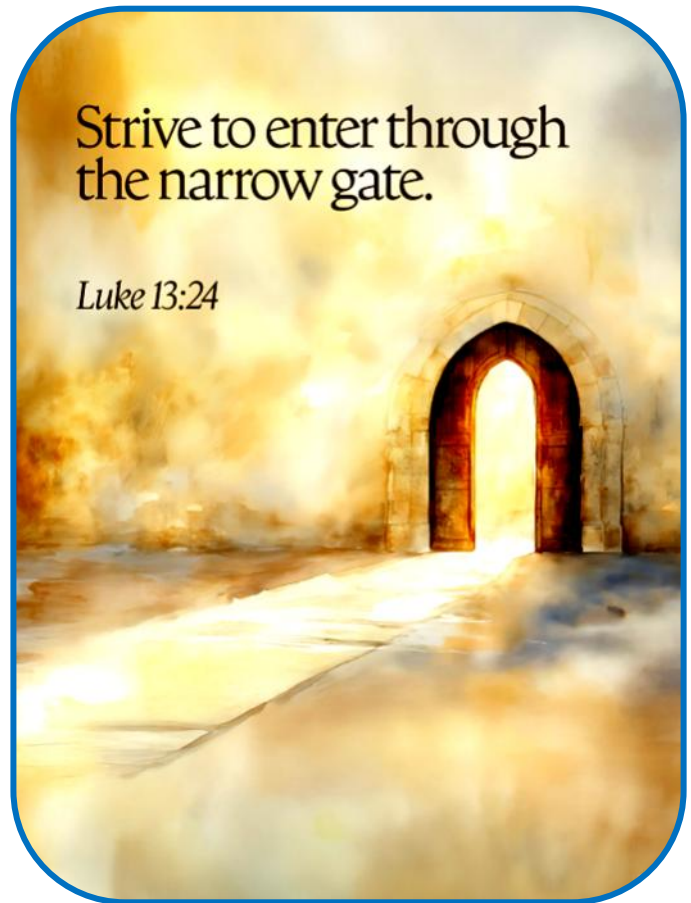
1st Saturday of Each Month: Mass @ 9:00am

Church open for Private Prayer:

Mon.- Fri. 9:30am - 4:00pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday

9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm



Strive to enter through
the narrow gate.

Luke 13:24

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.*

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, August 23

- 4:00p** Karen Leahy DeSalis r/b Evelyn Leahy & Family
5:30p For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, August 24

- 7:00a** Gerard McFadden r/b Debbie & Dan Clark
8:00a William Furnia r/b Ann & Jerry Kufta
9:30a Maria Di Lewis r/b The Di Lewis Family
John G. Brown, Sr. r/b Linda Brown
Steven Fernandez r/b James Dillon
John Olah r/b The Holden Family
Stephen M. Verica r/b Rachel & Devon Ryan & Kids
Mickey Sorensen r/b The Moris Family
Mary Morris r/b Barbara, Jane & Stephanie
Joan B. Sundberg-Torpey r/b Margie Torpey-Kennedy
Cindy McDonald r/b Kevin Woznicki
11:00a R. Edward Foran r/b Michael Gillespie
6:00p Charlie Miller r/b The Wentworth Family

St. Agnes, Cape May Point

- 8:30a** Rose & Romeo Turco r/b Their Family
James Cicchitti r/b David & Peggy Cicchitti

MONDAY, August 25

- 11:00a** James Cicchitti r/b Tracie Cicchitti

TUESDAY, August 26

- 11:00a** Dr. Jim Rochford r/b Joseph Fahy

WEDNESDAY, August 27

- 11:00a** George Catanese r/b Joseph Fahy

St. Agnes, Cape May Point

- 8:30a** Pat Manning r/b Jim Dillon

THURSDAY, August 28

- 11:00a** John Tice r/b Joseph Fahy

FRIDAY, August 29

- 11:00a** The Dec'd Sweeney Sisters r/b
The Boyle Family

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Altar Flowers
This Week at
Our Lady Star of the Sea
are
In Loving Memory of
Mary Morris
r/b Barbara, Jane
and Stephanie



SALESIAN REFLECTION

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (8/24/2025)

During the last month, Jesus has been reminding us that being his disciple isn't easy.

It takes courage and commitment. It isn't enough to eat and drink with Jesus on Sunday and listen to his words. Discipleship is a daily way of living. We must make an effort to live what we have heard from Jesus. And, as Jesus nourishes us, we must be willing to nourish each other.

Today's second reading offers us a very needed reminder as we struggle each day to be a disciple. Our God created each of us because God is love. Everything that we experience in our life is part of God's loving providence for us – even the difficulties and trials.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us not to forget this basic truth. As we heard, the writer compares God's care for us to a parent's care. A loving parent disciplines a son or daughter for loving reasons – to help the child grow as a person. Our loving God treats us in the same way.

In order to be able to appreciate this truth, we must first be willing to accept as true that our God loves us with an everlasting love. God's great desire for us is that we be one with God, right now here on this earth and forever in eternity. **When we learn to accept that God's everlasting love is the reason we exist at all, then we can begin to appreciate God's presence in our life.**

In light of God's providential care for us, St. Francis de Sales encourages us to accept whatever comes to us as coming from the hand of our good God whose only purpose is to make us merit from these happenings so that ...continued in the next column

God can reward us out of the abundance of divine love. Everything in our life contributes to our growth with God in holiness.

In order to live this way, we must learn through prayer to develop a great trust in God's providential love for us. As we grow in our trust, we will be able to strengthen our drooping hands and our weak knees and walk more surely with our God on the path that God has lovingly set for us.

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**The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week
In Memory of
Mary Morris
r/b
Barbara, Jane and
Stephanie**

Women's Spirituality Retreat #1

When: Sept. 19 - 21

What: Join with other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a friend. A team of Marianist women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, socials and fun are included.



Spiritual Getaway Days

When: Sept. 23 - 25

What: Give yourself a special gift by "re"-treating with an autumn getaway from your hectic schedule. There is no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available. You may also want to stroll the nearly empty beaches, read a book, or reflect on Scripture.

Contact: mfrc@capemaymarianist.org or 609-884-3829




2025 APPEAL: "Our Journey United in Hope"

By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you are supporting many programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged. When we support the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, we shine a light of hope throughout the Catholic community of South Jersey. This year's theme: "Our Journey United in Hope" connects to the Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." It reflects our commitment to walk this path together grounded in the hope and love that Christ gives us.

Pope Francis said, "During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." Our brothers and sisters include the sick, the young, the poor, the elderly, and many others. By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we provide that tangible sign of hope. Every contribution helps us build a stronger Church renewed in hope.

✂ *Simply complete and return the card below during next weekend's mass or mail directly to the Parish office.*

<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL</p> </div> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Street Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Parish <u>OLSS - CM</u></p>	<p>Yes! I would like to support the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal with a: (Please check all that apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One Time Gift of: _____ By: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A Pledge with Installments (details below)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> or see other side for my selection</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #002060; color: white; padding: 2px;"><i>Pledge Information if Applicable</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Total Pledged Gift: _____</td> <td style="width: 40%;"># of Monthly Installments: _____</td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have included the first installment by check today:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Check Number: _____</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Check Date: _____</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Please use a number of installments that conclude by March of next year Please make checks payable to "South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal"</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #002060; color: white; padding: 2px;"><i>Credit Card information for One-Time Gift or Installment Payments:</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"><input type="checkbox"/> VISA</td> <td style="width: 25%;"><input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard</td> <td style="width: 25%;"><input type="checkbox"/> AmEx</td> <td style="width: 25%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Discover</td> </tr> </table> <p>Name on Card: _____</p> <p>Card Number: _____</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Expiration Date: _____</td> <td style="width: 40%;">CSV Code: _____</td> </tr> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parish Office, please call me for the above information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I have already made my gift:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Through my workplace giving program. <input type="checkbox"/> Directly to the Pastor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am not able to make a pledge at this time</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>	Total Pledged Gift: _____	# of Monthly Installments: _____	Check Number: _____	Check Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> AmEx	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	Expiration Date: _____	CSV Code: _____
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The Gift of Altar Flowers
Our Lady Star of the Sea or St. Agnes Chapel

You may choose to sponsor Altar Flowers at St. Agnes Chapel or Our Lady Star of the Sea. St. Agnes will be open on weekends through Sept. 2025.



Beautiful altar flowers may be sponsored in memory, honor or celebration of someone special to you. The sponsor and honoree will be included in the weekly Bulletin. The donation for weekly altar flowers is \$75.00. A request for a specific week should be made in advance (sorry, no flower donations during Lent, Easter, Advent or Christmas). The donation form can be found on our website under the Current Events Tab. Click on the form, complete and return the donation to the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration and for supporting Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Lectors

Saturday - August 30

4:00p B. Hodgdon
5:30p K. Parker

Sunday - August 31

7:00a S. Altman
8:00a E. Mahaney
9:30a A. Piro
11:00a J. Bogle
6:00p M. Stewart

St. Agnes, Cape May Point

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday - August 30

4:00p 1. F. Greenfield 2. M. Schuhl 3. J. Walls
 4. M. Pelligrine
5:30p 1. G. McNally 2. M. McNally 3. H. Frederick
 4. J. Pizzica

Sunday - August 31

7:00a 1. ML. Hayko 2. E. Krause 3. M. Jenkins 4. S. Jenkins
8:00a 1. J. Kerney 2. C. Tobin 3. S. Altman 4. K. Higgins
9:30a 1. MR. Piro 2. R. Gensel 3. B. Schiffbauer
 4. J. McFadden
11:00a 1. N. Minchew 2. N. Konz 3. A. Kufta 4. C. Mooney
6:00p 1. F. Bianco 2. B. Cummings 3. L. Bogle 4. P. Bogle

**Villa Maria by the Sea
 Retreat Center**



Care for the Caregiver

When: October 29

What: This day is perfect for anyone who is serving as a caregiver for a loved one whether living with or apart from the patient, managing their care at home or in healthcare settings, or assisting a primary caretaker. This work shop will focus on self-care, offering practical strategies for your own well-being and balance. Take this day to care for yourself so that you can continue to care for others. Mass and lunch is included.

Contact: 609-964-7695 or visit
<https://www.vmbythesea.com/retreats/>

George Stephan, Holy Land Guide
 as seen on EWTN



**The Gospel of
 St. John**
and the 5th Gospel

Join us for an illuminating journey through the Gospel of St. John with George Stephan, born and raised in Jerusalem. In this one-hour lecture, George, a seasoned Christian tour guide and biblical archeologist with over two decades of experience, will explore the richness of Sacred Scripture and the insights of the beloved disciple, John, highlighting its profound connection to the land of Jesus.

Friday, September 5th
7pm
 St. John of God Church
 680 Town Bank Road
 North Cape May, NJ



To register, email: secretary@parishofstjohnneumann.org

On **Saturday, September 6th at 1pm**, George will offer another talk about **the Holy Land - WHAT IT IS LIKE TODAY** during these tumultuous times. He will discuss recent archeological finds, the plight of Christians, and much more. Q & A. Don't miss it!

FOR MORE INFO

609-884-1656

The Catholic Grandparents' Ministry

builds a community of support for grandparents and equips them with tools to bring their families closer to Christ. We look forward to seeing you for mass, fellowship, and prayer with our fellow grandparents.



When: August 25 after the 9AM daily mass

Where: St John of God Church, North Cape May
 (Please enter the door of Office, we meet in the conference room.)

Contact: Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535
 or southjerseygrands@gmail.com.

Visit: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Survivors & Thrivers is a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer.



Next meeting: Sept. 11, 2025 ~ 4:00 - 5:00PM

Where: De Sales Room of the Parish Hall

Contact: Dani, flyhome@icloud.com or
 call 609-898-4431

Live Jesus Wedding of the Sea ~ August 15, 2025

Once again, we were blessed with a beautiful day and a wonderful celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Wedding of the Sea. This year we were especially blessed by the presence of Bishop Dennis Sullivan who Presided at the Mass and who was rowed out on the ocean to place the wreath and bless the water. I am grateful to all those who attended the day's celebrations. It was a prayerful celebration in honor of Our Lady and a beautiful moment of praise to our God. Such a big event has many people working out front and behind the scenes to make it happen. I would like to thank all of the following:

Dr. Ed Mahaney and Grand Knight Jim Ford together with the Knights of Columbus' Saint Mary Council here at our parish, the Color Corps of the Knights of Columbus, the City of Cape May assisted once again ensuring the safety of all – we especially thank our Mayor Zach Mullock, City Manager Paul Dietrich, Police Chief Dekon Fashaw, Lt. Joe Walker and the Police Department, Chief Harry Back, Captain Marty Franco, Lieutenants Terry Randolph and DJ Draus and the Cape May Beach Patrol Guards, and the Superintendent of Public Works Eric Prusinski.

Thank you to the Parish Staff who assisted in many behind the scenes preparations, especially Joan Dollinger. Thank you to Art and Jil Ciancaglini and our Choir members for the beautiful music. Thank you to all our Altar Servers, and our First Communicants Elizabeth Toogood and Logan Hoff who Crowned our Blessed Mother and carried the Wreath for the Wedding of the Sea and the priests who concelebrated the Mass – Monsignor Joe Marino, and Frs. Jim Dever, John George, Miles Barrett, Mathias Kumar and Vincent Kumar. And a big Thank You to our Ushers who provided hospitality and guidance during the Mass. Thank you to the Casella Productions for the beautiful photos and video, to John and Sunday Grasso of ACIR-Professional for the Audio Services on the beach, To Tallia McCollum of Cape May Carts who provided the Low Speed Vehicle which transported Bishop Sullivan to and from the beach. Thank you to the parishioners Dennis Carey who carried the Our Lady Star of the Sea Banner and to Gus Piro who carried the Cross in the Procession to the beach. Thank you to the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts who provided the Trolley transportation. And a special Thank you to Mike Slawek and the staff at The Ugly Mug and Fins Restaurants who provided free water to everyone walking and taking the Trolley in the Procession. Thank you to Michelle Brand who handed out water to those who participated in the Procession and Angela Brand for driving the Bishop to and from the beach.

And finally Thank You to all of our parishioners and visitors who joined in to make the day amazing.
I am truly Grateful to All,
Fr. John Dolan, OSFS



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 to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375)..

SCHOOL NEWS

CURRENTLY ENROLLING GRADES PREK-12



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Find out more online under Upper Division Admissions:
www.wildwoodcatholicacademy.org

1500 Central Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260
609-522-7257



Scan to inquire
about enrolling!



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Tuesday and Thursday after the 11:00 AM Mass

VISITATION OF THE SICK

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

MARRIAGES

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

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

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

Parish Ministries

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY We offer bereavement support groups four times a year. Dates and times are announced and printed in the parish bulletin. Call Suzanne Jenkins any time if you have questions or if you would like to participate in one of the groups 609-675-8630.

GOOD SAMARITAN If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Janet Kerney @ 267-342-2756. Parish volunteers are available to help others in a variety of ways: rides to Sunday Mass, doctor's appointments, shopping/banking, errands. Also visits: hospitals, nursing homes, your home, brief respite care. Let us know your need and we will try to provide for you. All requests must go through the Captain of the week and the request should be made to the captain at least TWO days before the appointment. Please do not call our volunteers directly. We are unable to transport wheelchairs. **This week's captain is Marti McCormick. Her number is 302-598-5533.**



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 Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x 110.**

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.



is a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet on the second Thursday of every month from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall, and we welcome all regardless of faith or parish affiliation. For more information or to join the group, call Dani email her at flyhome@icloud.com or (609)898-4431.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets Mondays at 9:15AM in the de Sales Room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in the service of Mary. For information please call Liz McPherson, President 609-841-6629.

Hospitality Committee We live out our Parish mission statement to "welcome all" ..and be for those whom we meet as "the loving embrace of God." Our group offers refreshment, along with a welcoming atmosphere to all who come to our parish activities. Contact: Donna Wicker 609-408-6646.



Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in Becoming Catholic? Please encourage them to contact Joan Dollinger (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, Michael McGovern (Chair), Donna Wicker (Vice Chair), Janet Kerney, Jeanne McFadden, Jim McHugh, Danielle Rechner, Susan Tarrant, Joe Bogle, and Richard Turco.

Parish Finance Council: Joe Bogle, Patrick Holden, Kathy Parker, Jon Miles, Kevin O'Neill

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES held **Sundays 9:15AM - 11:30** which includes going to the 10:30 Mass. Contact Joan Dollinger 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 or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375).

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.



When: November 14 - 16

Time: Friday evening at 8PM - Sunday at 3PM

Where: Blessed Carlo Acutis Center,
Cherry Hill, NJ

Cost: \$410.00 for two people

Contact: 856-583-2908 Office of Family Life

Visit: <https://www.camdendiocese.org/marriage-preparation-programs/>

Sick and Homebound

Please help us identify those among us who may benefit from our Parish's care of the sick and homebound. If you are about to undergo surgery or another procedure or know someone from our parish community who is in the hospital or other healthcare facility or homebound please contact:



Martine Simonis - 609-884-5312 x 110

Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School is currently seeking dedicated and energetic individuals for teaching positions for the coming 2025-2026 school year.

Open Positions :

- PreK3 full-time teacher
- PreK part-time Aide
- Fifth grade full-time teacher
- Part-time Librarian
- Part-time Spanish teacher

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.bishopmchugh.com/about/employment.cfm>

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.

A Gift for Married Couples...



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

When: Oct. 3 - 5 and Dec. 5 - 7

Contact: 609-741-8012 for information or

applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org

We provide compassionate outreach to the elderly, persons with disabilities and their families throughout the South Jersey area offering programs and services to support health and well-being needs of body, mind and spirit.



Counties served: Camden, Gloucester, Atlantic, Salem, Cumberland, Cape May

Services provided: Care Coordination, Hospital Chaplaincy, Ministry With the Deaf & Persons with Disabilities, Parish Nurse Program, Senior Ministry, Stephen Ministry

Cost: Our services are given freely regardless of income or religious affiliation.

Contact: If you or a loved one needs help or to learn more about us, call 1-888-268-4625 or visit VITALity.camdendiocese.org.

Saint Padre Pio Festival

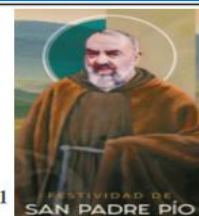
**Sunday, September 21, 2025
11am-5pm**

Our Lady of Pompeii Church Grounds
4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland, NJ

Featuring:

- * Jersey Fresh Produce from our local farmers
- * Chicken BBQ, porchetta, eggplant parm, sausage and peppers, funnel cakes, hot dogs & fries, cotton candy, snow cones and other great food & drink.
- * Basket raffle, 50/50 raffle and musical entertainment throughout the day.

For more information call 856-691-7526.



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

Carolina Abbamondi, Michael Beshel, Ina Brown, Colin Canconnon, Philip Carroll, Maureen Casey, Jeff Celebre, Mary Rose Christopher, Maureen Crystal, Nancy Cunningham, Robert Dessner, Robert Dix, Mary Elbertson, Maria Enos, Patricia Fineman, Harry W. Finnegan, Joseph Flahaven, Lydia Inderweis, Peter Iurato, Peg Jaskot, John Kekalos, Sr., Edna Leifheit, Joe Leifheit, Kathy Marcello, Sr. Kay McTague, Ella Mulrenin, Mary Pilla, Jovita Ramos, Mark Rioux, Patrick Romett, Mary Rothwein, Marcy Sigmund, Steve Salerno, Barbara Sharp, Joseph Slawek, Jo White



"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

Bill Healey



Becoming A Man After God's Own Heart

The Issue is Leadership

This session delves into leadership, from failed leadership to leadership's impact on society to authentic leadership, and touches upon the three wisdoms and formation.

Join us on Monday evening September 8th at 7:00PM in the McGivney Room in the Parish Hall.

Contact: Gregg Rudinski (267)810-9631 or dasher0705@proton.me

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and personal items next weekend Aug. 30 - Aug. 31 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.**



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One Ticket. One Chance. One Blessed Ride.

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Drive with purpose. Win with faith.



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council #6202 are sponsoring a fundraiser raffle, ***Forks & Corks of the Cape***, a multi-course dinner and wine pairing for six guests. Participating restaurants are Oyster Bay Restaurant & Bar, Peter Shields Inn & Restaurant, The Pier House, The Shore Club and the Washington Inn & Wine Bar. The raffle is limited to just 500 tickets with five (5) chances to win a gourmet feast. The donation per ticket is \$25.00. Delectable drawings will take place on October 7, 2025.

K of C SOCIAL DINNER ~ St. Mary's Council 6202, Our Lady Star of the Sea

~ All councils welcome. Knights with spouse or guest & Knights' widows. Knights may invite male Catholic guests with spouse.

When: Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Place: Alfe's Italian Seafood Restaurant, 3401 New Jersey Avenue, Wildwood.

Time: 5:30 PM Cocktails (cash bar) followed by dinner

Entrees: Shrimp Scampi, Linguine & Clam Sauce (Red), Chicken Marsala, and Veal Parmigiana.

Cost: \$30 per person for 4 course dinner, includes gratuity ~ pay at the table, cash only.

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED.

Contact: Rick Greenfield 609-408-3323 or rickgreenfield@comcast.net