

# Church of *Our Lady Star of the Sea*

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**The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 27, 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

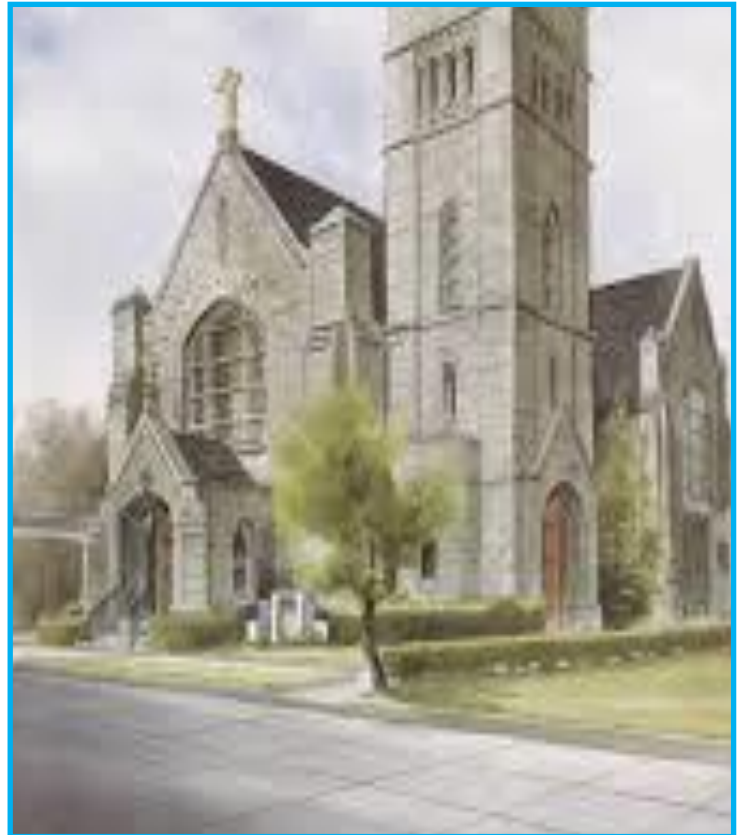
**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday @ 11:00am  
(Star of the Sea)

**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.*

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](http://www.ladystarofthesea.org)

# LITURGY

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, August 26

- 4:00p** Anna Mae Campetti r/b Walt & Yvonne Kuemmerle  
**5:30p** Richard Sheldon r/b Mary F. Fox

### SUNDAY, August 27

- 7:00a** For the People of the Parish  
**8:00a** Rosemary Bradshaw r/b The Dillon Family  
**9:30a** Bob Strang r/b Ron & Charlotte Anderson  
Marie Meyn r/b Kathy & Bob Meyers  
Ints. of Jim & Cheryl Kay r/b JoAnne Hampton  
**11:00a** Joseph M. Konz r/b Margo Lassner  
**6:00p** Patrick & Dorothy Kearns r/b The Kearns & Kane Families

### St. Agnes, Cape May Point

- 8:30a** Margaret, Bill, Lizzie & Robert Patton & Anna & William, & Msgr. William Regan r/b Anne Marie Patton

### MONDAY, August 28

- 11:00a** Richard Dozzo r/b The Coppolecchia Family

### TUESDAY, August 29

- 11:00a** Dec'd Members of the Parish r/b Angelo Randazzo

### WEDNESDAY, August 30

- 11:00a** Antonio Gaetano DiMatteo r/b The DiMatteo Family

### St. Agnes

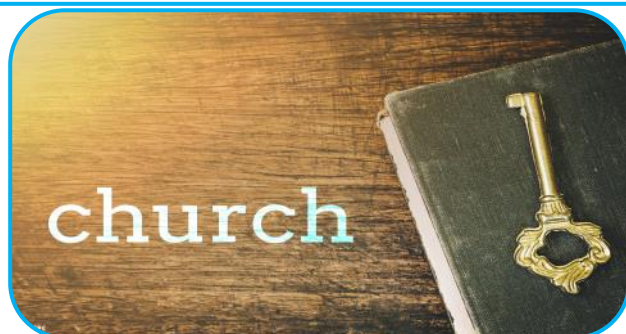
- 8:30a** Father Jim Collins r/b Angelo Randazzo

### THURSDAY, August 31

- 11:00a** Joseph Rudy r/b His Family

### FRIDAY, September 1

- 11:00a** Ints. of Sister Kathy r/b Angelo Randazzo



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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**Parish Office • Mon.-Fri. 9:00am - 12pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.**  
**609-884-5312 • Fax: 609-542-9702**  
[parish@ladystarofthesea.org](mailto:parish@ladystarofthesea.org)

## Please Join Us

**We now have Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of each month.** The first Friday of each month is traditionally associated with devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

The Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for prayer and devotions from **9:00AM until the beginning of Mass at 11:00AM.**



**We also have Mass at 9:00AM on the First Saturday of each month.** The first Saturday of each month is traditionally associated with devotion to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

**May these special times for prayer be a blessing for our parishioners, and a prayer for healing in our nation and peace in the world.**

## SALESIAN REFLECTION

### The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (8/27/2023)

The passage we have just heard is pivotal in the Gospels. Everything that precedes this passage is preparing us for it; everything that follows it is an explanation.

Jesus asks his closest followers a fundamental question: *"Who do you say I am?"* Peter speaks for the apostles: *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"* They acknowledge that Jesus is the promised Messiah; he is the very Son of God.

This is a true moment of faith, proclaimed for the ages. Jesus makes it very clear that they are responding with the gift given to them by his heavenly Father, not just to the mere sum of their own experiences of Jesus. This becomes clearer as the Gospel progresses, and we see that they have much more to learn about how Jesus will be the Messiah-Savior.

At this point in the Gospel narrative, they have no idea that Jesus will suffer, die on a cross, and rise on the third day. Despite their lack of full understanding, Jesus uses this moment of faith to set the foundation of the Church on the "rock" of Peter's confession of faith. He entrusts the keys of the kingdom to Peter: the symbol of authority in the community of believers. The Church will have power to continue when Jesus returns to his Father.

For the moment, Jesus orders his disciples not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah because they have much more to learn before they can accurately communicate the full truth of faith in Jesus as Messiah. Once they have experienced Jesus' death and resurrection and have received the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will tell them to go out to all the nations and proclaim the Good News of salvation.

We heard St. Paul sum up the wonder of God's plan of salvation, meant for all people. His words are a reminder that we are part of the continuing plan as members of the community founded on the authority of Peter. As we continue to grow in our knowledge and experience of the good news, we can well echo

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Paul's words: ***"O, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"***

As we speak his words, let us be grateful for the gift of faith and renew our commitment to live by what we have come to believe - so that all we are and do is seen as coming from God, done through his grace, and leading us to give God glory today and every day!

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

### 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.



### 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





## 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, 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 <u>OLSS - CM</u>		

#### 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**

## Live Jesus Wedding of the Sea August 15, 2023

We had a wonderful celebration of the Assumption of the BVM and Wedding of the Sea this year here in the heart of Cape May on August 15<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank all those who assisted with the day's celebrations. It was a marvelous 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 the following:

Grand Knight Jim Ford and the Knights of Columbus' Saint Mary Council here at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Dr. Edward Mahaney, 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, Police Chief Dekon Fashaw, Lt. Joe Walker and the Police Department, Captain Marty Franco, Lt. DJ Draus and the Cape May Beach Patrol Guards, and the Superintendent of Public Works Eric Prusinski.

And I also thank Fr. Mathias Kumar, OSFS who braved the rowboat once again this year. Thank you to Sr. Maria Metzger, SSJ and Marie Turco for all their work. Thank you to the Choir under the direction of Art and Jil Ciancaglini. Thank you to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the priests who concelebrated the Mass – Monsignor Marino and Frs. Dever, Leonard, and Barrett. And a big Thank You to our Ushers who coordinated and directed the movement of the Congregation.

And last but certainly not least I thank all our parishioners and visitors who joined in to make the day amazing.

I am profoundly Grateful to All,  
Fr. John Dolan, OSFS





**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

**HEALING EMBRACE**

**Healing Embrace is a community of those who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer and their caregivers. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.**

**Next meeting:** September 21, 2023

**When:** 4:00 - 5:30PM

**Where:** De Sales Room of the Parish Hall.

**Contact:** Dani, dbarnsby@gmail.com or  
call 609-305-3015

**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

**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 ~ August 12 -13, 2023**

<b>Ordinary Income</b>	<b>Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>
<b>\$19,979.00</b>	<b>\$13,450.00</b>	

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



**SOUTH JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

**Parish Goal:** \$129,300.00  
**Total as of July 31, 2023:** \$ 63,661.00  
**% of Goal:** 49%

**Lectors**

**Saturday - September 2**

**4:00p** J. Fahy  
**5:30p** M. Snyder

**Sunday - September 3**

**7:00a** R. Crouthamel  
**8:00a** V. DiRenzo-Adams  
**9:30a** L. Saggiomo  
**11:00a** T. Konz  
**6:00p** J. McCaney

**St. Agnes, Cape May Point**

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

**Extraordinary Ministers**

**Saturday - September 2**

**4:00p** 1. M. Schuhl 2. L. McPherson 3. B. Stepniak  
4. F. Stepniak  
**5:30p** 1. C. Mogck 2. M. McDevitt 3. T. Mogck 4. A. Martino

**Sunday - September 3**

**7:00a** 1. S. Tarrant 2. E. Krause 3. C. Kopp 4. C. Crouthamel  
**8:00a** 1. R. Roberts 2. E. Mahaney 3. S. Roberts  
4. L. McGovern  
**9:30a** 1. J. Kerney 2. E. Schiffbauer 3. J. McFadden  
4. R. Genzel  
**11:00a** 1. J. Foreman 2. J. Foreman 3. M. Simonis 4. B. Sharp  
**6:00p** 1. L. Bogle 2. B. Cummings 3. P. Bogle 4. J. McCaney

***"Do not become upset when difficulty comes your way. Laugh in its face and know that you are in the hands of God."* ~ St. Francis de Sales**

## THANKS FOR BEING HERE

If you would like to become an **ACTIVE** member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish (either Full Time or Seasonal) we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below** and place the completed form in the Offertory basket or send to the Parish Office. Someone from the Parish Office will then contact you.

### ★ Our Lady Star of the Sea ★ Parish Registration Form

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Full Name** and relationship of all resident family members you wish to register at OLSS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address in Cape May Area\*:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address (if different):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a:**

Full-time resident

Seasonal resident

\*PLEASE *do not* use a rental property address.

**Place completed form in the Offertory Basket or send to Parish Office.**



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

**Cremation and Proper Handling of Cremated Remains**  
**Your Choices Don't Stop with Cremation**

While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching. Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead.

Visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375)..

## SCHOOL NEWS



**WILDWOOD  
CATHOLIC  
ACADEMY**

*Nurturing Hearts and Minds by the Light of Christ*

*South Jersey's first and only PreK-Grade 12 Catholic Academy*

### Enrolling K-12 Now for the 2023-2024 School Year!



*Wildwood Catholic Academy is a premier college preparatory academy based on gospel values and the promotion of academic excellence*

#### **SCHEDULE A VISIT OR APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**

Call 609-522-6243 or email [l.mcbride@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org](mailto:l.mcbride@wildwoodcatholicacademy.org)

1500 Central Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ

Call or contact us at 609-522-7257

[wildwoodcatholicacademy.org](http://wildwoodcatholicacademy.org)   

## SACRAMENTS

### **BAPTISMS**

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

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Tuesday and Thursday after the 11:00 AM Mass

### **VISITATION OF THE SICK**

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

### **MARRIAGES**

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

Please visit the Parish website, [www.ladystarofthesea.org](http://www.ladystarofthesea.org), click on the **Marriage tab** for more information

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

## Parish Ministries

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

**GOOD SAMARITAN** If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Janet Kerney @ 267-342-2756. Parish volunteers are available to help others in a variety of ways: rides to Sunday Mass, doctor's appointments, shopping/banking, errands. Also visits: hospitals, nursing homes, your home, brief respite care. Let us know your need and we will try to provide for you. All requests must go through the Captain of the week. Please do not call our volunteers directly. To use our services you must be fully vaccinated. We are unable to transport wheelchairs. **This week's captain is Sister Nancy. Her number is 609-408-2549.**



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.

**HEALING EMBRACE** is a community of those who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer and their caregivers. We meet on the third Thursday of every month from 4:00 - 5:30PM in the Parish Hall, and we welcome all regardless of faith or parish affiliation. For more information or to join the group, call Dani at (609)305-3015 or email her at [dbarnsby@gmail.com](mailto:dbarnsby@gmail.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.

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN'S OFFICE OF FAMILY & YOUTH

*Diocesan*  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
*Mass*



**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH**  
591 NEW JERSEY AVE | ABSECON, NJ 08201

If this year 2023, if you and your spouse are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60, 70 or more years, please join us for this special celebration and Mass.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
MASS 3 PM | LIGHT RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN PARISH HALL



Please register with your parish secretary by 9/8/2023 deadline.  
For more information please contact:  
Jose. Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org | 856-364-1172

**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 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.

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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.**

Baby Harper, John Butler, Michael DeAngelis, Katelyn Dessner & Babies, Mary Elbertson, Helene Frederico, Rita Linnington, Diane McCrostie, Mary Pilla, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera,



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

**Christopher Heitman  
Thomas Hanlon**

## Bereavement Support Group

***"God supports us in all our troubles, so that we are able to come to the support of one another." 2 Corinthians 1:4***



Come! Join with others who have lost a loved one in the last 5 - 12 months. Receive and offer support through prayer and sharing common experiences. The sessions will be held in the DeSales Room at the rear of the Parish Hall. Sessions begin on Tues., Sept. 12 - Oct. 17 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. This six week group will be a blessing for you.

**To register please contact:**

Suzanne Jenkins 609-675-8630) or  
Martine Simonis 609-884-5312 x110

## 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)**



**Come have lunch and learn about this 62 acre working farm.**

**When:** Wed., Sept. 27, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 - 2:00PM

**Where:** Beach Plum Farm  
140 Stevens St.  
West Cape May

**Lunch:** Available to purchase from their "kitchen".



**Picnic tables reserved for us.**

**Need a ride:** Call Martine 609-884-5312 x110

**To Register:** Call Martine 609-884-5312 x110

**Limit:** 45

## Roman Catholic High School Class of 1973 50th year reunion

**When:** Saturday October 14, 2023, 7 – 11 PM

**Where:** Venetian Social Club

[8030 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia](https://www.venetiansocialclub.com/)

**Cost:** \$125.00 per classmate, \$100.00 per significant other

**Included:** includes a dinner buffet, 2 hours of open bar, each class mate receives a commemorative Roman Catholic golf shirt

**Deadline:** Ticket must be ordered by Sept. 7, 2023

**Payment:** Make checks payable to Andy Sontag 3316

[Ainslie St., Phila., Pa. 19129](https://www.wwts.com/) or through the

[WWTS://Roman Catholics.com/alumni/](https://www.wwts.com/)

reunions (Specify that it is for the Class of 1973 Reunion).

**Questions:** Bob Climaldi [rclimaldi@gmail.com](mailto:rclimaldi@gmail.com)



***"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35***

**St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of Stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.**