



# Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

www.notredamedelamer.org

## Mass Schedule

**St. Ann Church**  
**2901 Atlantic Avenue**  
**Wildwood**

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 10:30 AM

**Confessions**  
Saturday ~ 3:30 PM

**Assumption Church**  
**7101 Seaview Avenue**  
**Wildwood Crest**

Monday to Saturday 8:30 AM

Sunday 8:30 AM

**Confessions**  
Wed. & Friday ~ 9 AM-10AM

**Adoration:** Monday ~ Friday  
See page 7 for details



## Upcoming Special Parish Information

\*\*\*Sunday 10:30AM Mass live-streamed\*\*\*

Livestreaming is available through our Facebook & YouTube account . A link to the Mass can be found on our webpage.

**Traveling Statues of Mary:** Reserve your date to take home either Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of Lourdes for a week. See page 8 for details

**Catholic Schools Week Mass:** 10:30, January 28th

**Blessing of the Throats:** February 3rd and 4th (all)

**Ash Wednesday (February 14):**

Mass w/ ashes...8:30 AM - Assumption 6:00PM - St. Ann  
Ashes w/ Liturgy of the Word 4:00PM - Assumption

**Assumption Gift Shop:** The gift shop will be **OPEN** after all Masses. Only cash and check are accepted for payment.



**January 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

## **Notre Dame de la Mer Parish** **Business Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Closed Saturday, Sunday, Holy Days, & Civic Holidays.

## Our Mission Statement

The love of Jesus Christ gathers us together to welcome and embrace all God's Children.

## Staff Directory

### Parish Business Offices

1500 Central Avenue, Suite 100  
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## Stewardship



January 14, 2024

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Stewards Search**

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - JOHN 1:38*

When we recognize ourselves as Christian **Stewards**, it’s easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

#### ***Planned Giving***

St. Francis of Assisi taught us that it is in giving that we receive. Please consider remembering your parish when planning your estate. You could continue to support your parish into the foreseeable future through your planned giving. Please call us to discuss the possibility of giving through stock gifts, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, real estate gifts and life insurance gifts. Through your generosity the good works of the Church, her spiritual and corporal works of mercy will continue for years to come!



Technology is here to stay.

Everyday, more and more of life's everyday tasks are made easier and automatic through ever-evolving technology.

One way technology can make your life easier is signing up for online giving with Parish Giving™.

Please enroll today by visiting our parish website.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Here on vacation?  
Want to donate but don't have any cash on hand?

It's fast, safe and secure.

No sign-up required. Click "pay now"

QR code will link you directly to our Parish Giving website



## *From the Desk of Kevin Quinn, Parish Administrator*

Dear Friend,

As we are all probably still working on fulfilling the New Year's Resolution that we made to ourselves a few weeks ago it is fitting that today we heard about a call to action. We often become complacent and tend to think that tomorrow we can change; tomorrow we can get our lives in order; tomorrow we can look for something, or even become something new. There is always an opportunity to examine who and what we are throughout the year. In other words, we have an opportunity at any time to listen to God's call and take action.

In most years, a New Year's Resolution so often crashes and burns before they ever really get started. After the hardships that we all have endured on some level this past year, give yourself a break! After these past few rough years recognize that you are much more prepared to focus on what really matters in 2024! If you have not set a goal...set one. If you have set a resolution and it is failing...set a new one. Perhaps, set a goal by first asking what God's plan might be.

What is the best way to set and accomplish our goals? At any time you can go on the internet and download any number of "resolutions" or "goal setting" ideas to keep you focused on a goal in the year ahead. We have all done it...I have certainly done it. But, ask yourself, is that your goal or the goal of someone else? I have realized that my difficulty in setting goals had to do with how I actually defined my goals, not just whether I could stick to them. Very rarely did I stay true to my goal after a just few months.

In the past few years I have found that when I allowed God to infuse my goal-planning with His purpose and direction I had real hope, and better success, in accomplishing those goals. It is true, by seeking His direction, we can marvel at the possibilities of using our time and talents in the way that they were intended. Even the best planned and most well intended resolutions cannot come to fruition if they are not based on God's plan for us...whatever they may be.

I have many roles in life. However, I believe my most important role to be that of husband and father. I have to admit, I realized rather quickly that in order to be successful in that role I was going to need help to be my best. My own conceit and immaturity were certainly going to get in the way. I began to seek this help through prayer and slowly began to understand that I could not forge ahead in pride without consulting with God for direction. I am so thankful that He stepped in and helped me re-align my goals and wants with a focus of becoming the best version of myself...most of the time, that is!!

I can assure you that God's plans promise to be better than our own. But without seeking the Lord's plans, we face inevitable frustration and disappointment. In order to see the best plans for our lives, we must hold our dreams, goals, and aspirations in the light of God's will.

What are you looking for this year? I encourage you to ask for His help, regardless.

A continued Happy New Year!  
Kevin



# Mass Intentions

## Saint Ann Church

**SATURDAY**     *January 13*

**4:30PM**     Pro Populo

**SUNDAY**     *January 14*

**10:30AM**

Edith (Chickie) Cini r/b Cini Family  
 Joan McGovern r/b Maureen  
 Grace Curran r/b Bill & Lorraine Wichert  
 Kathleen Szczur r/b Kevin & Carli Quinn  
 Michael McKoen r/b Pat Monaghan  
 Joan Gentile r/b Pat Monaghan  
 William O'Connor r/b Kim & Jim Robinson  
 Sean Pellegrino r/b Louise & Francis Pellegrino  
 Bob Taylor r/b The Taylor Family  
 Joseph Preston r/b The Taylor Family

## Assumption Church

**SATURDAY**     *January 13*

**8:30 AM**     Pro Populo

**SUNDAY**     *January 14*

**8:30AM**

Doris Wade r/b John & Phyllis Boccelli  
 Shereen Lloyd r/b Joe & her Family  
 Martha O'Brien r/b Darleen Devihn  
 Amanda Holland r/b Her Family  
 John & Madge Borneman r/b Ed Borneman  
 Louise Thompson r/b Holland Family  
 Reggie McNeill r/b Cullen Family  
 Alanna Smallwood r/b Lorraine Nicholas

**MONDAY**     *January 15*

**8:30 AM**     Joseph Carlin r/b Capcino Family

**TUESDAY**     *January 16*

**8:30 AM**     Frank Velez r/b Joe & Cookie Sullivan

**WEDNES.**     *January 17*

**8:30 AM**     Carmela Catanese r/b Maryann & Ed

**THURS.**     *January 18*

**8:30 AM**     Dorothy & Bernard Keeney r/b Family

**FRIDAY**     *January 19*

**8:30 AM**     Thomas Kelhower r/b Theresa

**Intentions will be listed for the current weekend masses and the upcoming weekday masses.**



## Readings of the Week

### Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Here I am. You called me.

- The reading from 1 Samuel tells the story of the call of Samuel.
- Samuel's response to God's call comes only after some confusion.
- Eli understands that it is God who is calling and instructs Samuel to respond in the proper way.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

You belong to Christ.

- The second reading begins Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul wants the community members to change their ways.
- Paul stresses that our bodies are made holy by the indwelling of God's Spirit.
- Everything we do must give glory to God.

### Gospel: John 1:35-42

We have found the Messiah!

- John the Baptist's role, to point toward Jesus, is clearly shown in today's Gospel.
- The two disciples who follow Jesus ask him, "Where are you staying?"
- Jesus responds with, "Come and see," an invitation to follow him.

## Family Reflection Corner

### Weekly Readings Reflection

- Today's readings can lead to a family discussion about vocation – God's call and our response. Talk about listening to God's call and taking action. Share stories of people you know of who are living their vocations well.
- Make "I am a Follower of Jesus" badges with each family member's name. Form a circle with your family. Take turns sharing what you can do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus.
- God speaks to us in many ways – through nature, people, music, events, silence, literature, the Bible, and so on. Discuss the following question with your family: How do you experience being called by God

**Funerals:** To be arranged with the funeral director. Please call a funeral home of your choice.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Anytime . Please call the office at 609.522.2709 .

**Sanctuary Lamp:** *The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of:*

**St Ann:** Tom Stephano r/b Karen

**Assumption:** Mary Josephine Clarke r/b Cat & John House





**“A Time To Be Healed...”**

*Carlo J Accardi, Sandra Accardi, Patricia Arena, Gerry Baily, Christina Beck, Bernadette & Family, Victoria Bersani, Sam & Ronnie Black, Liam Blaney, Christina Bober, Alice Boyle, Nick Bonifante, Ed Brunell, Jackie Burroughs, Giuliana Burruezo, Matthew Bzwonariak, William Callahan, Leo Carano, Joseph Carfagno, Angela Carsillo, Jeanne Cassidy, Christine Cavaliere, Robert & Nancy Celebre, Don Chiancone, Carol Clark Korzeniowski, John Cleary, Patti Clifford, Joe Comdeica, John Connelly, Maureen (Peach) Cooper, David Cornell, Sue Cortese, Jim Cunningham, Bonnie Daniels, Frank DeAngelo, Al Deissroth, Niall Devlin, Bob Di-Peso, Sr., Jack DiPaola, Baby Charles Ditchkosky, Dianne Dooley, Gianna Dotzler, Joseph Dotzler, Fran Dougherty, John Dougherty, Bill Douglas, Robert Fath, Patricia Foidl, Ken Ford, Lucy Blue Freeling, Robert Friend, Isabella Fuscellaro, Linda Marie Gallo, Luke Gallo Sr, Matt Girard, Michelina Giuliano, Rosa Giuliano, Robert & Rita Gloner, Eileen Golden, Mary Golden, Joanne Golley, Josie Gorman, Kate Grassi, Nadine Halp, Carol Hanville, Mike Harbison, Sloan Hart, Kevin Harvey, Joan Hearn, Drew Heimack, Charles (Buddy) Hemphill, Donna Hemphill, Justin Hennessy, Joseph Herrera, Theresa Hogan Pettit, Pete Horn, Neal Horrell, John E. Howe, Jay Hunt, Michael Iacona, Nick Iocco, Joe Inemer, Ron Isaacson, Dexter M James, Luke D Johns, Mark Jupin, Dana Kane., Frank Keiser, Margaret Kilkenny, Ronnie & Barbara Klecz, Enzo Kramer, Michelle Lauriello, Roger Lee, Joan Lentz, John Leonetti Sr, Charles Long, Daniel Long, Don Long, Ismael Lopez, Max Lopez, George Ludwig, Salvatore M. Larry, Barbara Maggi, Michelle, Jeremy & Jessica Mankoff, Charles Marcinkiewicz, Stanley Marcinkiewicz, Christine Marcinkiewicz-Rose, Carmen Lidia Maldonado, James Maxwell, John MacDonald, Terry Mc Ardle, Mary Ann Metzger, Joan Mikulewicz, Sharon Monti, Bill Morey, Jr., Simon Mosaad, Sean Murphy, Vito Navarra, Lynn Nichols, Sonia O’Connor, Rose Osborn, Sherrie Owens, Brittany Peace, Marie Pellicore, Maria Perez, William Peter, John Pyfer, John Pisani, Russ Pizzo, Gloria Porto, Diane Prout, Brent Reichenbach, Cass Ricci, Nicholas Ricci, Anthony Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Mickayla Rohrer, Sandy Rudnick, Leona Ruddy, Courtney Santarsiero, Heather Santoro, Samantha Rogers, Ed Ruth, Maureen Samanns, Bailey Schaffer, Theresa Sherwin, Bob Scully, Bob Siciliano, Joe Simmon, Irene Simone, Jack Smithson, Kathy Snyder, Dan Spencer, Gene Spiegel, Joseph Stever, Peter Subers, Sharon Tanelli, John Teti, Damien Tirello, Olivia Tirello, Michelle Tarbotton-Rucci, Celia Troisi, Joseph J Troiano, Thomas Vanella, Mary Vey, Michael Vitali, Rose Mary Walch, Regina Walsh, Tom Waring, Maureen Wilent, Dawn Herman Williams, Shelby Williams, Pat Winans, Ronald Woods, Michael Yurescko*

**Please let us know if we should remove any names**

**prayerNETWORK**

**St. Jude Prayer Warriors**

The Notre Dame de la Mer **PRAYER LINE** is operational. To place someone on the list, please call or text Karen at 609-602-6106. Leave the name of the person and prayer intention. If you would like to join the prayer line, call Karen.

Our St. Jude Prayer Warriors are keeping all sick in their prayers.

**Adoration**

**Adoration is Held:**

**Monday - Thursday**  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Friday**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM closing with  
Divine Mercy at 3PM

**WHERE:** Assumption Church / Msgr. Kelly Hall.  
Please sign-up so we have continuous coverage.  
Sign-up sheets will be available after daily Mass.  
Contact Dodie Briggs 609-846-4252 to volunteer.

**SPECIAL 40 HOURS of ADORATION DEVOTION**

Notre Dame de la Mer invites each of you to participate in **The Parish’s 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 40 continuous Hours of Adoration Devotion.** This is a joyful and spiritual start to 2024 Lenten season. During the 40 Hours we ask for commitments from those Adoring the Most Blessed Sacrament, who will be Guarding Him, that He be not alone. What a wonderful way to start your Lenten season with giving up One-hour commitment.

For us to be successful we need two people per hour, from Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30AM, with the Exposition and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, through Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM, concluding with Benediction and Mass. Followed with coffee and donuts in Kelly Hall.

Sign-up sheets, by hour, can be found in Kelly Hall, Assumption Church, and the Lobby at Saint Ann Church. Our success and continuation of 40 Hours Devotion is up to you.

“When Jesus returned, he approached his disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter: "So you were not able to keep vigil with me for One hour?"

MT26:40



## Parish Information



**New to the Parish:** Please register. Forms are available on our website under "About Us" or contact the parish office. Any changes such as a new phone number or email, please let us know. If **moving** out of the area, kindly notify the office.

**Come as you are.**

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God



### Walking With Purpose A Catholic Women's Bible Study

"Opening Your Heart" New Registrants

Monday's 9:30-11:00 AM  
St. Joseph Room

"Touching The Divine"

Wednesday's 9:15-11:00 AM  
Msgr. Kelly Hall

For more information contact Kathy Woodside at [LTSDANZ@verizon.net](mailto:LTSDANZ@verizon.net) or 609-828-1105



### LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

For 5 weeks during Lent you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary revealing his amazing love for us.

February 21 2024—March 20, 2024  
11-12:30 pm in Kelly Hall  
RSVP by 2/7/24 if you want a book.  
Donnamarie Sexton 609-522-2709 ext 218

### Gluten-Free

Hosts are available for communion. You **MUST** see the sacristan in the sacristy **BEFORE** Mass begins. Any questions contact Jonathan Delgado at the office.

### CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS MINISTRY

Please note that starting in **January 2024** the Catholic Grandparents ministry will meet on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month after the 9AM daily mass at St John Neumann Parish on Townbank Rd, N Cape May**, in St John's Parish Office, the large conference room. Please join us for mass and then afterwards we look forward to fellowship, prayer and sharing resources with our grandparents. **January's meeting date will be Monday, January 22, 2024.**

For more information about the Catholic Grandparents Association, visit <https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org>.

If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535.



### "Good Grief" Support Group (additional meeting time)

Have you lost someone you love?  
Would you like to share your story and a cup of coffee/tea with a small group of friends?

Tuesdays: January 9 and 22 at St Ann (former chapel) at 1 pm....enter around the back of the church

Feel free to bring a friend. Contact Nancy McGann  
856.236.2265

Meet your team: Pat Monaghan, Carolyn Miller, Nancy McGann and Deacon Rich

### Homebound Ministry

**Thank you** to those who have recently joined our Homebound Ministry. With the increase of homebound parishioners and the limited number of ministers /priests, **we welcome extraordinary ministers to join this fulfilling ministry.** Your visits to our homebound can be on a weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please contact Karen at 609-602-6106.

"... I was sick, and you took care of me,..." Matthew 25:26

If you or your loved one is homebound and would like a visit and communion brought to them, please contact the office.

### St. Gabriel Ministry

When an individual is confined to their home, it may be difficult to connect with those who love and care for them.



Are you interested in lifting a person's spirits with an occasional phone call? If interested, call Karen at 609-602-6106

## Prayer Opportunities

### Holy Hour of Intercession

The Youth and Young Adults Office at the Diocese of Camden requested that parishes come together in Intercessory Prayers for our youth. With so many daily distractions and temptations negatively affecting the mind, body, soul and spirit of our young people, it is important that we pray for healthy interactions and correct moral values in their lives. We are therefore providing time each month when parishioners can come together to pray for all children and young adults, as well as all the intentions they hold in their hearts.

**Next holy hour will be January 15th  
at Assumption Church after 8:30 AM Mass**

### GROUP MEETINGS

**Mary, Refuge of Sinners Prayer Group** Wednesday after the 8:30 AM in St Joseph's Room at Assumption.

**Rosary for World Peace** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM at St. Ann Church.

### ~You Are Invited: Wednesday Night Rosary~

Every Wednesday night our group prays the rosary and re-lives each Scripture mystery at 7PM via the link below.

Specific prayer intentions may be submitted via email & will be announced as you meditate on the rosary & scripture reading. If you have questions, contact Chuck Mirarchi [cpmvp1@gmail.com](mailto:cpmvp1@gmail.com) or 215-284-2942 Hope to see you!

Join by Microsoft Teams by computer or phone  
<https://teams.live.com/join/9349847848697>  
(Best to use in Chrome, Google or Edge)



NDDLM has an active and vibrant men's group exploring issues we as Catholic men are confronted with. We try to know better what is the Eucharist, why we love Mary, why we confess our sins and who are the apostles and who are the Saints?

"Men please join us, as we begin 2024 with dynamic, enriching and mind blowing discussions this January. We will have a discussion presented by Father Mazzarella on the Holy Spirit. Later in the month we are going to dive deep into purgatory and watch a video and a discussion led by Joe Flood Junior. Stay tuned and keep reading the bulletin as we add to our following months discussions.

## Additional Parish and Community Information

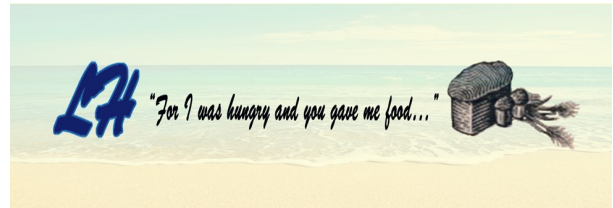
### Parish & Community Organizations

**Knights of Columbus** Our Lady of the Rosary Council #2572 Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 PM at the Council Home, 206 New York Ave, N. Wildwood. Contact: Joe Lloyd (Grand Knight) at 609-425-2255. For hall rentals call Joe Gillespie 215-870-5632

**Columbian Squires Circle #558** a Catholic Young men's organization for ages 11 thru 18. For additional information or to join the group please contact: Bill McCartney - 609-522-7364 / Tom Manning 609-675-0728

### Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians CMC Div-1

Follow us on Facebook "LAOH CMC Div 1" Or call Judy McLaughlin, President at 609-675-0881. We meet in North Wildwood.



### Lazarus House

(Emergency Food Pantry)

**"For I was hungry and you gave me food"**

Lazarus House is located in the Living Waters Veterans Memorial Chapel at Burk & Pacific Aves in Wildwood, NJ We welcome all donations of food and new personal care items delivered to Lazarus House on Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 10AM & 12PM. Items can also be placed in the baskets by the doors of St Ann & Assumption Churches.

Lazarus House is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Monetary donations & bequests are welcome. Deceased loved ones are remembered on Lazarus House "Remembers" memorial wall for a minimum donation of \$25. Checks, gift cards, & cash can be dropped off at the pantry or mailed to: **Lazarus House, PO Box 1792, Wildwood, NJ 08260.**

For additional information, please contact Frank Stone, Director, at the pantry. Call 609-522-1500. Thank you for your continued support to feed the hungry.

families that  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
stay together.

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*Additional Parish and  
Community Information*

**\*\*\*Important Weather and Church Information\*\*\***

Please be mindful of the weather conditions when choosing to go to Mass during a snowstorm. Depending on the timing of the storm, parking lots and sidewalks may not be cleared.

Since we are in the season of colder temperatures, our heat will be turning on when the temperature drops **below** 68 degrees in our church. We ask that you dress accordingly for Mass as the Church may be on the chilly side. This is part of our effort to keep everyone as safe as possible.

If WCA is closed due to inclement weather, the business office is probably closed as well. Call before coming.



**The  
Branches  
Outreach**

The Branches Outreach is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit providing social services and programs for vulnerable individuals in Cape May County with dignity and respect. We provide food, personal care necessities, and assistance with issues related to homelessness, poverty, mental health, and more. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn! Donations can be made via our website at [www.thebranchesoutreach.org](http://www.thebranchesoutreach.org) or by check made out to The Branches Outreach, 201 Hirst Avenue Rio Grande, NJ 08242.

**HEALING THE PAIN OF ABORTION  
ONE WEEKEND AT A TIME**

Do not continue to live in shame, fear or numbness. Call our toll-free national hotline Rachel's Vineyard 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463), National Hotline for Abortion Recovery 866-482-LIFE (866-482-5433) <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/> Find Healing on Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Building a culture that cherishes  
and protects every human life.**

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Respect Life Ministry strives to build a culture that supports and protects every human life through prayer, education and action by working to affirm the sacredness of life from the moment of conception to a natural death while also promoting the importance and sanctity of marriage and family.

Our Respect Life group meets the first Monday of the month.

We are also helping with the 8 week Christ Life - Discovering Christ series which started October 3 and meets **every Tue. at 6PM**

If you would like to join in the fight to respect life from conception until natural death, please contact:  
**Joe Tighe** (PopaDuke1@comcast.net)  
or  
**Chuck Mirarchi** (cpmvp1@gmail.com)

For additional information please find our in-depth resource page on the parish webpage.

**[www.notredamedelamer.org/pages/respect-life-ministry](http://www.notredamedelamer.org/pages/respect-life-ministry)**

**STATEMENTS WILL BE READY BY JANUARY 31**

**If any parishioner would like a statement of contributions to NDDL M for 2023, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Business Office. Feel free to place it in the collection basket at mass or call the office at 609.522.2709, x. 210**

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**Please mail me a copy of my 2023 contributions to Notre Dame de la Mer Parish**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope # (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Traveling Statues of Mary

Both of our worship sights now have a statue of Mary that we would like our parishioners to take home to pray with.

**St. Ann's Church** will be featuring

***Our Lady of Fatima,***

take her home to pray for peace.

**Assumption Church** will be featuring

***Our Lady of Lourdes,***

take her home to pray for healing.

Please call the office 609-522-2709 and schedule the statue to visit with you in your home. Drop off and pick up will be in the sacristy of each church after the Sunday morning mass.



## Forever Young

### Forever Young:

Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is January 23rd. All "seniors" are welcome to join the group. Call Carol 609-523-4246 for more information.

**January meeting 1/23**

**Meeting starts at 12:00...doors open at 11:45**

### **Join FOREVER YOUNG**

**June 16-21, 2024**

**Williamsport, PA Niagara Falls, CN & Wellsboro, PA**  
Baseballs, Waterfalls, Wings & Wagon Ride

Single: \$1,849 Double: \$1,425 Triple: \$1,325

For more information or to make a reservation contact  
Phyllis: 609-425-9523

### **FOREVER YOUNG BUS TRIP** **"Daniel" at the Sight & Sound Theater** **Thursday, June 6, 2024**

Cost 189.00pp

Bus transportation, reserved seating on the main floor,  
Lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord Restaurant, Tips.

Contact Phyllis: 609-425-9523

### **The Forever Young Senior Bowling Club**

**Tuesdays** at 2 PM at Island Bowl,  
New Jersey and Oak Avenues in Wildwood

This is a mixed Social Club with no assigned teams and you can bowl any Tuesday that you are available.

If interested, contact Don Fasolo @ 267-825-0521 or Linda Fasolo @ 215-260 3669.

### *Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center*

Stone Harbor, NJ, has posted its schedule of programs for the winter and spring of 2024. For more information or to register, visit [www.VMbytheSea.com](http://www.VMbytheSea.com). Below are our February offerings.

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**8:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m. \$60\***

**Close up of friends of Jesus: Mary, Martha and Lazarus**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

**8:45 a.m.—3:00 p.m. \$60\***

**The Lord is Kind and Merciful**

\*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before these day events for an additional \$95.

### **CONTACT:**

Sister M. Emily Vincent, IHM  
Program Director  
Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center  
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The Contemporary Ensemble Sings at the 8:30am Mass at The Assumption Church and once a month at St. Ann's Church. All instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome. Our rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church. The Adult Choir sings at the 10:30am Mass at St. Ann's Church and once a month at the Assumption Church. All are welcome. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the Music Room located in Saint Ann Church.

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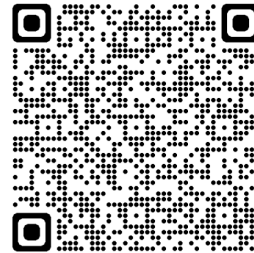


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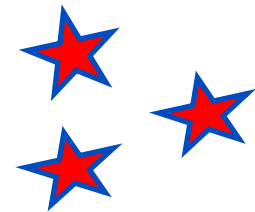
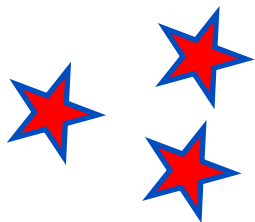
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## Sacramental Preparation

The sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation require two years of instruction.

If your child is in need of either Sacrament, please call the parish office to speak with Donnamarie Sexton so she can help with the process.



## School Year Family Catechesis Registration is CLOSED

Family Catechesis will start at 8:45 am with a light breakfast of coffee and cakes. Class begins promptly at 9:00 am.

### School Year PREP Schedule

*All students and at least one parent/guardian must be present at every class & event listed. If you cannot attend let me know ASAP and a written note must be handed in.*

- December 10 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am
- December 17 – **Advent Event:**  
Parish Christmas Concert & Nativity Assumption Church at 6:00 pm
- January 14 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am
- February 11 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am
- March 10 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am
- March 22 – **Lent Event:** Youth Stations of the Cross and Pizza Party Assumption Church at 6:00 pm
- April 14 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am
- May 5 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am
- May 12 – May Procession  
Assumption Church 8:30 am Mass
- June 9 – Class at WCA 9 am-10 am

## First Holy Communion 2024

### Presentation Mass and Parent Meeting:

- 10/22 10:30 Mass @ St. Ann Church
- First Rec Classes:** 11/11 & 1/20 @ WCA 9-12
- Retreat:** 2/3 @ Assumption Church you may choose from 3 times 9-10:30, 10:45-12:15, 12:30-2. At least one parent must come with child.
- First Reconciliation:** 2/7 @ Assumption 6 pm  
Parents are encouraged to go to confession also.
- Communion Classes:** 2/24 & 3/23 @WCA 9-12
- Retreat:** 4/27 @ St. Ann Church you may choose from 3 times: 9-10:30, 10:45-12:15, 12:30-2.
- Rehearsal:** 5/1 @ St. Ann Church 6 pm
- First Communion:** 5/4 @ St. Ann Church 10am
- May Procession:** 5/12 @ Assumption Church 8:30 am Mass

## Confirmation 2024

### Presentation Mass & Parent meeting:

- 11/19 8:30 am Mass @ Assumption Church Assumption Church
- Confirmation Retreat:** Date TBA, 4-8pm at the Marianist Retreat Center in Cape May Point
- Interviews:** Will take place in April more information will be available when a Confirmation date is given by the Diocese.
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