



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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—TONIGHT

-Annual Christmas Concert. Sunday, December 17
6PM Assumption Church

CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEDULE:

Please see page 8 for events and mass schedule

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



December 17th, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

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Stewardship



December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

Stewards Pray

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”
– 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up **Stewardship**. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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 Jon Delgado, Music and Liturgy Director

Dear Parishioner,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete Sunday, meaning rejoice! This title comes from the beginning of the Latin introit for this Sunday "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete" ("Rejoice in the Lord: again I say rejoice.")! With there only being one more Sunday left before Christmas, today's liturgy takes a more eager and urgent sense of anticipation. You will notice the rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath will be lit and our clergy will wear rose-colored vestments, the color of joy. You will hear over and over again in our readings today "sing" and "rejoice" (great synonyms for musicians) and this is exactly what our music ministry plans to do tonight at Assumption Church during our "Prelude to Christmas" Concert! The Eagles even rescheduled their game originally set for this afternoon until tomorrow evening, clearly just for the success of our concert! Please see the poster below and join us this evening as our choir, instrumentalists and children have been working so hard to bring this event to you!

May you continue to have a Holy Advent Season.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Delgado

The poster is set against a dark blue background with a white border. At the top, it reads "Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Presents" in white. Below that, the title "A PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS" is written in large, bold, red letters, followed by "& HOLY NATIVITY" in smaller red letters. The central image is a silhouette of the Nativity scene (Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger) under a starry night sky with a bright star shining down. Below the image, the date "DECEMBER 17, 2023" and time "6:00 PM" are listed in white. Further down, it says "Doors open at 5:30 PM" and "CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION" in white. The address "7101 Seaview Ave, Wildwood Crest, NJ" is also in white. At the bottom, in smaller white text, it says "Our three parish choirs accompanied by Brass, Strings, Woodwinds, Percussion, Piano and Organ Under the Direction of Jonathan Delgado Free Will Offering".

Mass Intentions

Saint Ann Church

SATUDAY **December 16**
4:30PM Scott Orgonas r/b Andy & Judy Orgonas
SUNDAY **December 17**
10:30AM Harvey Forsyth r/b Mom & Dad
 MaryEllen, Eric & Erin Schweikert r/b Fred
 Schweikert
 Bob Johnson r/b John and Anne Dolligan
 Marie Accardi r/b Dana Visalli Gold & Family
 Michael O'Connell r/b Rachubinski Family
 Thomas Otto r/b Rachubinski Family
 Norman Walter Krusen, Jr. r/b Joe & Marie
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SATUDAY **December 23**
4:30PM Margery Clancy r/b Daughters
 Betty McGrath r/b Maggie McGlone
 Marie Accardi r/b Mary K. Libro
 Stephen Murphy r/b Virginia Thorpe
 Anthony Soska r/b Chritopher & Donna Kanya
 Lori Bradshaw r/b Rie Caine
 Marlene Murray r/b Charles Hagans

SUNDAY **December 24**
10:30AM Joanne Nesses r/b MaryAnne Finnegan
4:30 PM **Christmas Eve Mass** - Pro Populo

Assumption Church

SATURDAY **December 16**
8:30 AM Mary Beth Leahey Schiff r/b Family
SUNDAY **December 17**
8:30AM Pro Populo
MONDAY **December 18**
8:30 AM Thom Apikos r/b Sister, Stephanie
TUESDAY **December 19**
8:30 AM Ed Masterson r/b Family
WEDNES. **December 20**
8:30 AM Fred Alfonsi r/b Maryann
THURS. **December 21**
8:30 AM Richard Woolston r/b Dom & Monica Versaggi
FRIDAY **December 22**
8:30 AM Rosario Tesauro r/b Borda - Quinlan Family
SATURDAY **December 23**
8:30 AM Stratoti Family-Living & Deceased r/b Stephanie
SUNDAY **December 24**
8:30AM Patricia D'Amico r/b Lacivita Family

OFFICE CLOSES AT 12 PM ON FRIDAYS
2024 Mass Intention Books are open

Readings of the Week

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

God is the joy of my soul.

- The third section of the Book of Isaiah was written shortly after Israel's return from exile.
- Today's passage connects anointing and being filled with the Spirit of God by using vocabulary similar to the servant songs in Second Isaiah.
- The prophet proclaims a year of jubilee when debts are forgiven and land is returned to its original owner.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Do not stifle the spirit.

- At the end of the First Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul gives a series of directions to the faithful.
- Paul advises the Thessalonians to pray and give thanks without ceasing.
- The community is instructed to test everything and encourage that which is good.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Prepare the way of the Lord!

- John's Gospel uses words from Isaiah 40 to identify John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way for the new exodus and return from exile.
- The priests and Levites ask, "Why then do you baptize?" Baptism was a form of initiation for Gentile converts to Judaism.
- John uses this opportunity to bear witness to the one who will come, who will baptize not in water but in the Spirit.

Family Reflection Corner

Weekly Readings Reflection

- Tell others about Jesus this week by making a Christmas decoration for the front door of your home. Suggestions: Use last year's Christmas cards to make a mosaic of the Christmas story. Create silhouettes of the nativity scene from construction paper.
- Choose a way to help people feel Jesus' loving presence this week: adopt a family, visit a local care center, or welcome someone living alone to your home for dinner.
- Continue your family practice of lighting the Advent wreath each day during your family prayer time. Light three candles on the wreath (the pink one for this week).
- Discuss these questions: How can people tell we are a Christian family? What has happened in this present Season of Advent that gives us reason for rejoicing and thanksgiving?

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

Sacrament of the Sick: Anytime



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

St Ann: Thomas Liciardello r/b Taggart Family

Assumption: James F. MacDonald r/b Rob & Cathy Zeoli



"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

"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, Mary Kane, Frank Keiser, Margaret Kilkenny, Ronnie & Barbara Klecz, Enzo Kramer, Michelle Lauriello, Roger Lee, Joan Lentz, John Leonetti Sr, Charles Long, Daniel Long, Dorothy 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 Moosaad, 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 Schafer, 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

"A Time To Be Born..."

"A Time To Die..."

Richard Fennessey
Bill O'Connor
Michael O'Hala
Phyllis Hanahan
Mark Simpson

"A Time To Welcome..."

Marie Donahue
Arthur & Michelle Hayes

"A Time To Be Baptized..."

Rocklyn and Marta Hayward
Bennet and Piper Belasco

"A Time For Peace..."

CPT. Daniel Fida
CMC Joseph M. Orlando

"Time To Be Married..."



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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.

St. Jude Prayer Warriors are keeping our sick and their caregivers in their daily prayers

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.

All Are welcome

Giving online? (**PARISH GIVING**) If you want to stop receiving envelope, please contact the office.

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Registration for “New” Members

Complete the form which are on the **PINK** chairs in each church

Meetings are Monday 9:30 - 11:00AM beginning **September 25**

Purchase the book - “*Opening Your Heart*” \$40

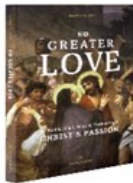
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### Returning Members

Meetings are Wednesday 9:30 - 11AM beginning **September 27**

Contact Kathy Woodside for book

All meetings are held in  
Msgr. Kelly Hall ~ Assumption Church  
For info contact: Kathy Woodside  
Ltsdanz@verizon.net



## 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

### 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**

### 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

families that  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
stay together.



### “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: December 12 & 26  
At St Ann (former chapel) at 1 pm  
Monday: Not until January

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 December 18th  
at Assumption Church after 8:30 AM Mass**



### Adoration

**Monday - Thursday**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Friday**

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

**WHERE:** Msgr. Kelly Hall.

Please sign-up so we have continuous coverage.  
Sign-up sheets will be available after daily 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.

### Men's Spiritual Group

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?

"To Catholic men, I am challenging you to understand your Catholic faith. Defend it. Know it. Become your best version as God our Father asks and be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

If you have neighbors or friends visiting, please bring them. All are welcome. We usually meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in Msgr. Kelly Hall at Assumption Church after 8:30AM Mass. Next meeting—Eucharistic Revival

**Next meeting is: Dec. 16: Purgatory and All Souls.** Questions: Chuck Mirarchi 215-284-2942 [cpmvp1@gmail.com](mailto:cpmvp1@gmail.com)

### ~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)

## Additional Parish and Community News

### 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.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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

### Weekly 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

December 17: Christmas Flowers

December 24: Christmas Gift

December 31: New Years Gift

*Thank you for your generosity*

### 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.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE COMING OF OUR  
*Lord Jesus Christ!* ©JPPC

**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.



**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

**The Forever Young Senior Bowling Club**

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

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

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



**A CONTINUED BIG THANK YOU** goes out to those that help out by straightening up the pews after mass at Assumption Church and at St. Ann Church. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to the the following people for helping bring this prayer garden to fruition by their generous donations.

**Tom Casso, Karen Pommer and Troiano and Sons**  
 We will be adding, lights, a kneeler, a bench and vegetation.



**DECORATING TODAY AFTER MASS**  
**It only happens with your help!!**

**Decorating our Churches for the Christmas Season**

**You are cordially invited to help decorate our two Churches in preparation for the birth of our Lord.**

*Hanging of the Greens  
 (setting up trees, stable, garland, etc.)*

**Assumption Church** will be decorated on Dec. 17 after 8:30 Mass

**St. Ann Church** will be decorated on Dec. 17 after the 10:30 Mass

Please consider lending your time to help make our Churches ready.

It only happens with your help!!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**CONCERT TONIGHT!!! 6:PM**



**GIVING TREES**

Once again Notre Dame de la Mer is partnering with **The Lynch who Stole Christmas from the GrYnch** program.

Over the last 11 years this wonderful organization has made Christmas memorable to **8721** children.

All gifts are given to needy children in **our** local community. The trees will be up from, **November 26**, through the third Sunday of Advent, **December 17**.

Please purchase toys, games, crafts or sports equipment (no clothing) for ages 6-17. **Attach a tag designating boy or girl and the age** and place the **unwrapped** gift under the tree by **December 17**.

You may also bring the gift to the parish office by December 15 or to the parish Christmas concert on Sunday, December 17

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions, contact the parish office.

Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Presents

**"A PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS"**

**& HOLY NATIVITY**



**DECEMBER 17, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
 Doors open at 5:30 PM  
 CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION  
 7101 Seaview Ave, Wildwood Crest, NJ

Our three parish choirs accompanied by Brass, Strings, Woodwinds, Percussion, Piano and Organ  
 Under the Direction of Jonathan Delgado  
 Free Will Offering

**2023 Christmastide Liturgy Schedule**  
**PRELUDE to CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 17th**

Assumption Church.....6:00 PM

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday, December 23rd**

St. Ann Church.....3:00 ~ 4:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

St. Ann Church.....4:30 PM

*(Nativity of the Lord)*

\*4:00 PM - Preludes with Adult Choir & Orchestra

**Christmas Day - Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Church of the Assumption.....10:30 AM

*(Choral Ensemble/Trumpet)*

**New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

St. Ann Church.....4:30 PM

**New Year's Day - Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Church of the Assumption.....8:30 AM

## Baptism, Marriage & RCIA



### PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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

- ◆ GO TO SACRAMENTS
- ◆ GO TO BAPTISMS
- ◆ CLICK ON REGISTRATION FORM and COMPLETE IT
- ◆ SEND THE FORM TO THE PARISH (Deacon Nick)

DEACON NICK WILL CONTACT YOU FOR A REQUIRED PRE-BAPTISM MEETING (CLASS)



### BECOMING CATHOLIC

*An opportunity for:*

*Individuals and families wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith*

*Baptized Christians seeking a deeper relationship with Christ within the Catholic Church*

*Spouses of Catholics or those engaged to Catholics seeking to join the Church*

*Catholics baptized as youth wishing to reconnect with their faith, complete Sacraments and find a church home*

**BUILDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND HIS CHURCH!**

Contact: Deacon Nicholas Danze  
609-522-2709 Ext. 222



**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made one year in advance and prior to making reception plans.  
Contact Deacon Nick  
609-522-2709\*222

## Liturgy & Music



If you are interested in joining our Music Ministry Family here at Notre Dame de la Mer Please contact our Music Director Jonathan Delgado at the Parish office 609-522-2709 ext 219.

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.

Our Children's Choir is open to any student in our Parish Family from grades 3-8. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30pm in The Wildwood Catholic Academy Music Room. We warmly welcome our newest members Mary Kelly, Albert Catarro, Pat Della Bella and Michelle Ansuini to our Music Ministry Family!!





Discover more about vocations at [www.camdenpriest.org](http://www.camdenpriest.org)



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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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