Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales • www. oblates.org The Feast of the Holy Family • December 29, 2024 Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:30, 10:30am (Live Stream as well), 6:00pm

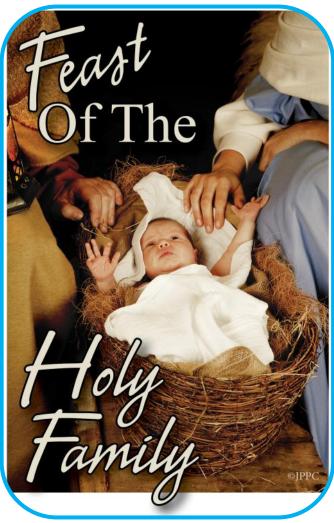
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday @ 11:00am (Star of the Sea)

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-3:30pm Tues. & Thurs. after 11:00am Mass Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of Each Month 9:00am - 11:00am

Ist Saturday of Each Month: Mass @ 9:00am

Church open for Private Prayer: Mon.- Fri. 10:00am - 5:00pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm



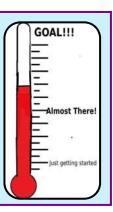
South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal ~ 2024

Goal: \$129,300.00 Total as of 12/16/24: \$88,715.53 % of Goal: 69%

Balance Remaining: \$40,584.47

By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal,* you are supporting those who comprise the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden.





LITURGY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 28

4:00p James S. Curran r/b His Sister, Marjorie

SUNDAY, December 29

8:30a Karen Panzer r/b Maryann Thompas
10:30a Dec'd Members of the Heideck Family r/b Carol Gaynor Bernard Mount 10th Anniv. r/b Family Bill Clark r/b The Shute Family Mary E. O'Neill r/b The Piro Family
6:00p Peggy Sheppard r/b Pat Sheehan

MONDAY, December 30

11:00a Joseph Greco, II 29th Anniv. r/b Leonora Greco

TUESDAY, December 31

- 11:00a John & Mildred Gaynor r/b Carol Gaynor
- 6:30p Peggy Sheppard r/b Jean Davis

WEDNESDAY, January 1

- **9:00a** Stephen & Rose Salfi & Gilda Monzo r/b Their Family
- **11:00a** Dr. Jim Rochford r/b Tom & Liz Phelan

THURSDAY, January 2

11:00a Buzzy Mogck r/b The Lacivita Family

FRIDAY, January 3

11:00a Sharon & Benjamin Hannon r/b Their Family



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this <u>Stewardship</u> season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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The Sanctuary Candle burns In Memory of Michael Mazzoni r/b His Family

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.

SALESIAN REFLECTION

The Feast of the Holy Family (12/29/2024)

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on the Holy Family, as members of a wider family, the family of God. The Father has bestowed his great love on us in calling us His children, brothers and sisters of Jesus who has shared his very life with us. Our Father's final gift to His children will be seeing our God as He is – full union with our God forever. The Spirit has been given to us as the pledge of God's everlasting love.

As God's children, we are asked to reflect on a strange incident in the life of the Holy Family. What might we learn? When Mary and Joseph discovered that the boy Jesus was missing, they didn't waste their time arguing about who was to blame. Together, they went to search for Jesus. When they find him in the Temple among the scholars, they express their anguish about missing him. Jesus focused them by reminding them that they should expect to find him in his Father's house.

Jesus was asking them to trust him, even if they didn't fully understand.

In our experience in the family of God here at Childs, there are often enough misunderstandings and anguish of one kind or another. We can lose sight of Jesus in these difficult moments. Jesus instructs us, as he did Mary and Joseph: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Each day we come here to find Jesus in our Father's house. Like Mary and Joseph, we can tell Jesus about our misunderstandings and anguish.

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Jesus always invites us to put them in his hands, then hear our brother's comforting words to us and join him in offering our sufferings with his to the Father. And he feeds us with his own Body and Blood and gives us his peace. Healed and nourished, we can go forth to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace as a more united family of God.

May our Eucharist on the feast of the Holy Family encourage us to live more fully as children of our Father, as brothers and sisters of Jesus.

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There is 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 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 this special time for prayer be a blessing for our parishioners, and a prayer for healing in our nation and peace in the world.



College Age Retreat Weekend

When: Jan. 3 - 5

Where: Marianist Retreat Center

What: This retreat is designed to bring together young people of college-age (17-22 Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed) To renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to enrich your association with your peers. Our time will be filled with prayer, special liturgies, peer group discussions and Eucharist.



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

Young Adults Retreat Weekend When: Feb. 7 - 9

Where: Marianist Retreat Center

What: This weekend is for young adults (age 22 -35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God. self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing and social interaction. This retreat tends to fill quickly so please send your application in as early as possible.

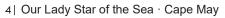
Contact: mfrc@capemaymarianist.org or 609-884-3829

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, consider becoming a member of the Christ Child Society of Cape May County. Attend a meeting with us and find out more about the Society. "Nothing is too much to do for a child." Contact: Marilyn Kobik 609-827-8379 mtk1ccs@gmail.com







101 111th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

For more information or to register by January 24, 2025, call 609-964-7700 or visit www.VMbytheSea.com

*You may opt to stay overnight on Thursday, January 30 for an additional \$95.



Wednesday, January 22, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - \$25

On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch is provided.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center 101 IIIth Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 Register by January 15 by calling 609-964-7700 or visit www.VMbytheSea.com

"We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God." ~ St, Francis de Sales



2024 APPEAL: "Through Him and For Him"

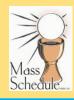
By supporting the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, you are supporting those who comprise the programs and ministries of the Diocese of Camden. These ministries serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hungry and challenged. When we support the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, we can bring the light of hope to those in the Catholic community of South Jersey.

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.

This year's theme: "Through Him and For Him" continues our focus on the nation-wide Eucharist Revival and reminds us that "in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself."

Name		Yes! I would like to support the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal with a: (Please check all that apply)			
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		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"			
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Parish Use Only Affix Label Here or:		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			
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New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31 6:30PM Wednesday, January 1, 2025 9:00, 11:00AM

Saturday - January 4 4:00p J. Preis Lectors Sunday - January 5 8:30a R. Crouthamel 10:30a J. Scutti 6:00p B. Hodgdon

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday - January 4 4:00p 1. F. Greenfield 2. N. Mulvaney 3. J. Pizzica 4. J. Walls

Sunday - January 5

8:30a 1. C. Crouthamel 2. A. Piro 3. MR. Piro 4. B. Schiffbauer
10:30a 1. D. Barnsby 2. H. Frederick 3. M. Jenkins 4. S. Jenkins
6:00p 1. K. Brown 2. N. Minchew 3. M. Simonis 4. M. Stewart

Calling all Medical & Pre-Medical Students!



Are you looking forward to a career in medicine? Are you devoted to your Catholic faith? Learn how Catholicism can enhance your joy in the practice of medicine. Reach out to us to find out about mentorship opportunities with Catholic doctors in your area.

Call South Jersey Catholic Medical Guild of the Diocese of Camden at 856-583-6123 or visit sjcathmed@camdendiocese.org

SURVIVORS THRIVERS

Survivors & Thrivers is a community of women who have experienced or are experiencing any kind of cancer. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month. **Next meeting:** January 16, 2024 **When:** 4:00 - 5:30 PM **Where:** De Sales Room of the Parish Hall **Contact:** Dani, <u>flyhome@icloud.com</u> or call 609-898-4431

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples...

Couples... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.



When: March 14-16, 2025. Contact: 609-741-8012 for information or applications@wwme-southjersey.org Thank you, Terri and all the staff of Swains Hardware Store for the four beautiful Christmas trees in the sanctuary. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for setting them up.



Weekly Contributions ~ Dec. 14 - Dec. 15, 2024

Ordinary Income Expenses \$13,661.00 \$13,482.56 2nd Collection \$3,031.00 Christmas Flowers

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. You can also scan the QR code below to donate.**





The Gift of Altar Flowers

We are happy to announce that 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 spe-



cific 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.

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.



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 <u>SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org</u> to learn more or call us at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375)..

SCHOOL NEWS



www.wildwoodcatholicacademy.org

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. No services available between Dec. 22 - Jan. 5. Services resume the week of Jan. 5.

Promotes a spirit of fellowship \mathcal{F}_{p} \mathcal{T}_{e} n d s 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.



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of every month from 4:00 - 5:30 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 at (609)898-4431 or email her at flyhome@icloud.com.

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, Joe Bogle (Chair), Donna Wicker (Vice Chair), Janet Kerney, Jeanne McFadden, Michael McGovern, Jim McHugh, Danielle Rechner, Susan Tarrant, and Richard Turco.

Parish Finance Council: Joe Bogle, Patrick Holden, George Catanese, Kathy Parker, Ray Roberts, 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 preplanning 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).



Our Lady Star of the Sea 50/50 WINTER RAFFLE IS HERE! Cash Prize - \$30,000 Only 600 tickets to be sold! \$100. per ticket

Tickets are now available Visit the Parish Office or go to www.ladystarofthesea.org click on the Current Events Tab.

Drawing will be February 28, 2025

Angelic Health Hospice Looking for Volunteers



We're by your side

For as little as an hour or two a month you can make a dif-

ference to a hospice patient in your community. Angelic Health Palliative & Hospice Care is asking you to share your time and compassion to those on their final journey. Your volunteer service will fit your schedule and interests, and visit assignments are your choice.

For more information visit our website at <u>www.Angelic.health</u>, call (609) 515-6986 or email <u>mdaulerio@angelichospice.net</u>

Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this Church community.



In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us,

young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the Church. We pray especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, or brother.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen.

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

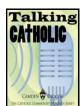


the hospital or other healthcare facility or homebound please contact:

Martine Simonis - 609-884-5312 x 110



Each week the *Talking Catholic* hosts interview Catholic leaders about what brought them to where they are now and how they are bringing the faith to their communities.



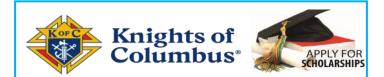
Check it out at: talking.catholicstarherald.org



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

Carolina Abbamondi, Ina Brown, John Butler, Colin Canconnon, Maureen Casey, Maureen Crystal, Katelyn Dessner Kominicki & Sons (Beau, Max, James), Mary Elbertson, Anne Marie Granja, Lydia Inderweis, Peter Iurato, Sr., Edna Leifheit, Sr. Kay McTague, Claire Panebianco, Mary Pilla, Mark Rioux, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Marie Roberts, Mary Rothwein, Barbara Sharp, Joseph Slawek, Jo White





The Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Council #6202 will be offering a new **Scholarship Program for Catholic students** who will be attending <u>Catho-</u> <u>lic</u> high schools and colleges or universities in the fall of 2025. Hard copy scholarship application packets with qualifying criteria are available in the OLSOS Parish Office or from K of C members. Additionally, digital scholarship applications are available by visiting the K of C Ministry page on the Our Lady Star of the Sea website and **downloading a printable PDF from the "<u>click here</u>" link**.



Contact VITALIty Care Coordination to connect you with local outreach ministries, resources and programs in your area. Call our Help Line at 888-268-4825. Join our Life to the Fullest Membership Program that informs and connects seniors to the information they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free to all seniors age 65 and over living in the South Jersey area.

Visit ww.vitality.camdendiocese.org or email christine.willard@camdendiocese.org.

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.

