

Christ's Bell



THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1Cor 12:37)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom.8:1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph. 1:15)

**Do you know
who you are?**



“Advent and Christmas – the Season of Radical Ironies”

A bewildering pregnancy announcement: a virgin birth; a nativity of hope born out of ‘no room for you’; the child surrounded by the undesirable; angels and shepherds together in light; a humble, simple God with outstretched hands in a manger and later at Calvary, embracing all – from the margins; a mother’s bold response that God has lifted up the lowly and has filled the hungry with good things, while sending the rich away empty; nerve wracking dreams guiding the immigrant Holy Family – God with us during the confusions of life.

And so today, as the hungry, and cold, and homeless, and unnoticed watch so many, racing and anxious, immersed in the litany of purchase, Black Friday surpassing Good Friday, whisper to themselves ‘there, but for the Grace of God go I.’

Another irony!
Anonymous



Christmas Customs From Around The World The Breaking of the Oplatek

One of the most beautiful and most revered Polish customs is the “breaking of the oplatek.” The use of the Christmas wafer (oplatek) is practiced not only by native Poles in Poland, but by people all over the world whose ancestors came from Poland. The “oplatek” is a thin wafer, made of flour and water. It is white and often embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem. Its tradition comes from Poland and Eastern Europe.

On Christmas Eve, the whole family gathers and waits impatiently for the appearance of the first star. With its first gleam, they all approach a table covered with hay and a snow-white table cloth. A vacant chair and a place setting is reserved for the unexpected guest.

It comes in a decorative envelope that explains the custom. **If you would like an Oplatek they will be available in the Church or Parish Office after December 15th.**

SACRAMENTS

MASSES INTENTIONS

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

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

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

Daily Readings for the Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

HOLY DAYS 2014-2015

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

Monday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

(No morning Mass)

4:00 PM	Children's Mass
	(Junior Choir)
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry
	Contemporary Music Group
11:00 PM	Adult Choir Mass

Christmas Day Masses

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Vigil: New Year's Eve)
4:00 PM
(Day: New Year's Day)
8:00 AM and 9:30 AM



MASS INTENTIONS THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 14, 2014

SAT 12/13

4:00 PM	Anne Motluck Req. by Dolores Motluck
	Sandy Seaman Req. by Family
	Daniel W. Esmond Req. by Michele Dwier & Family
	Frank Poper Req. by Jean & Moira Poper

SUN 12/14

8:00 AM	Nicola Leto Req. by Leo & Sally Villa
	Rose Martin Req. by Sandy & Allan Smith
	For the Intentions of Tom Garrity
	Req. by Jim & Rose Garrity
	Victor Torres Req. by wife, Lydia
9:30 AM	Jim Hildenberger Req. by Theresa DeSpirito
	Stephen J. Micciche Sr. Req. by Micciche Family
	Becky Somers Req. by Patti David & Family
11:30 AM	Joseph J. Morris Sr. Req. by Barlow Family
	Daniel W. Esmond 1st Anniversary
	Req. by His wife, Margaret
	Deacon Richard McCarthy Req. by Leyden Family

MON 12/15

8:00 AM	Lawrence Piselli Req. by Mindy Pratt
	Anna Lavita Req. by Patti & Sue Marchese

TUES 12/16

8:00 AM	Paul Falconiero Req. by his wife Helen & Family
9:00 AM	James McVeigh Req. by Martha Sorce
(School Mass)	Deacon Richard McCarthy Req. by OLMC Faculty & Students

WED 12/17

8:00 AM	Mae Gillespie Req. by Altar & Rosary Society
	John Rigolizzo 1 st Anniversary Remembrance
	Req. by his wife, Helen

THURS 12/18

8:00 AM	Perpetual Remembrances
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FRI 12/19

8:00 AM	Joseph E. Lauer Req. by his sister, Mary Lauer-Huber
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SAT 12/20

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
4:00 PM	James Porter Req. by his Wife & Children
	Joseph Santone Req. by his Wife
	Joseph Escherman Req. by John & Anna Contrevo
	John F. & Marie Henderson Req. by Family

SUN 12/21

8:00 AM	Anna Petrongolo Req. by Husband and Family
	Mario Villa Req. by Leo & Sally Villa
	Bill Leehive Req. by Sean & Francesca Leehive
9:30 AM	Bill Stepler Jr. Req. by his Wife
	Bill Stepler III Req. by his Mom
	Deacon Richard McCarthy Req. by Jim & Mary McKay
11:30 AM	Ellen V. Garrity Req. by Mom & Dad, Sons Keith, Ryan & Devlin
	Karen Jean Hallenbeck Req. by Mom, Gary, Sherri & Sean
	Gary Knight Jr. Req. by Dad and Dottie

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER



Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:



MILITARY

SS John M. Ciaccio
SGT Adam Cutaia; USMC
CTI 2 Russell Hagner
US Army Sgt. Jason E. Healey
Lt. Robert John Perales, Army

Nadeem Sarwar, US Army
SPC Justin Scheuren
Staff Sgt. David Sigwart
1st PV2 Amanda Sylvester
Sherri Mercier

AMN Jeff Warrington, US Navy
Sgt. Christopher Wright
Pvt. Steven York

HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Regina Arey
Baby Audrey
Dorothy Bannar
Sister Rosina Bayliss
Richard Beppel Jr.
Makenzie Bogart
Jay Bohanon
Perry John Buford
Joe Bryson
Bob Cagle
Marie Carr
Bob Chambers
Dorothea Cheslock
John J. Clancy
Joanne Crossetta
Herb & Rosemarie Dalbow
Kathleen Deitz
Barbara Dooley
Deborah Dowd
Msgr. Francis X. Dreger
Dennis Druding III
Joanne Edmondson
Rachele Edwards
Michael Evans
Rita Farina
Dolores Fahringer
Joseph Fahringer
Baby Nora Feger
Stephanie Frago
Tom Garrity

Richard Grabowski
Daniel Guetherman
Debbie Gutjahr
Doug Hansen
Douglas Hatch
John J. Henderson
Patrick Hennessy
Judy Herlihy
Cy Hill
Jan & Drew Hohenstein
Maria & Siggy Honrychs
Michael Honrychs
Bob Horn
Patty Kalck Jackman
Maryann Jacobs
Robert Jacobs
Raymond John
Grace Kelley
Ann King
Vera Ann Kirk
Gladys LaLena
Mabel Lewis
Sophia Marie Lewis
Sarah Leyden
Audrey Liebler
Lillian Lovenduski
Connie Lovolo
Stephen Malloy
John Manes Jr.

Sister Marcille, IHM
Michael McDonald
Elizabeth McHenry
Savannah McSorley
Antoinette Metzger
Marie Michael
Kaitlyn Miller
Ron Miller, Jr.
Joan Morris
Martin Nicholas
Maria O'Brien
Grant O'Neill & Anna
Eileen O'Neill
Chris O'Rourke
Catherine Perkins
Martha Piatek
Joseph Pflanz
Diana Prichard
Quinn Rathjen
Sam Renzi
Helen Rial
Deacon John Rich
Leon Rossi
John Sachs
Frank Santilli
Kathleen Siedlecki
Sammy and Sophia
Eleanor Scheidegg
Roger Schwartz
Krista Sheehan

Joseph Scioli Jr.
Barbara Smith
Kenny Snuffin
Logan Stepler
Wayne Stepler
Dorothy Mae Stevens
Les Stevens
Helen Swanson
Jason Talucci
Peter & Michelle Taylor
Rita Tevis
Patricia Tighe
Linda Todd
Domenic Vacanti
Donna Vancanti
Joseph VanDyke
Leo Villa
Kathy Watkins
Lorraine Walser
Catherine Welser
Joanne Wescott
Carol Whitesell
Colleen Yaniak



SACRAMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of: Jim Hildenberger
Requested By: Theresa DeSpirito

**Please pray for those who have continued on
their journey to the Kingdom of God:**

Lucy N. DiBenedetto

SPECIAL NOTE

Due to the closure of Virtua Hospital in Berlin, any parishioner hospitalized in Virtua Hospital in Voorhees or Marlton, who wishes to receive Holy Communion, please call the office at 856-767-2563 with pertinent info (hospital, name, room number and a contact person's phone number).

Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4PM

Our Family Christmas liturgy celebration will be held at 4 PM on Christmas Eve. We are asking all children of the parish through OLMC School and our Life Long Faith Formation Classes to write letters to Jesus, telling him what Christmas means to them and being thankful that he came into the world on this very special day. These letters will be tied with a bow and placed into the treasure chest that is in the sanctuary in front of the altar.

Our theme this year is snowflakes and stars. The children will be making snowflakes and stars in their religious education classes. So... please bring them to the 4 PM Mass. In fact you can also do this as a family project. Just make sure they are on a stick and can be raised up during the story.

We look forward to seeing you all on Christmas Eve



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

(Revised 11/20)



12/13-14
EMs

4:00 PM
(1) A. Cullin, C. Reilly
(2) G. Grabowski, A. Martini
B. Bansch, J. McKay
Need 1

Lectors A. Contrevo, T. Bongiovanni

Altar Servers A. Spinosi (MC), M. Cunanan
F. Spinosi, G. McGlinchey

Music Tony D.

8:00 AM

(1) L. Bunoza, D. Fox
(2) S. Villa, A. Primo
M. Werner, W. Piatek
K. Johnson

M. Mathew, A. Mathew

B. Pallante (MC), J. Erickson
E. Pallante, B. Johnson

Rich

9:30 AM

(1) F. Flood, C. Rainey
(2) D. Flood, F. Andringa
R. McGee, C. Sheridan
D. Williams

J. Eddis, T. Salvatore

C. Hess (MC), M. Tees
E. Hess, J. Carty

Matt

11:30 AM

(1) Sa. Leyden, J. Ralston
(2) M. Leyden, C. Codario
L. Tartaglia, S. Rosenbaum

A. Marchesani, B. Handy

Sh. Leyden (MC), A. McKeon
N. Garcia, N. Marino.

Adult Choir

12/20-21
EMs

4:00 PM
(1) A. Contrevo, G. Grabowski
(2) B. Piontkowski, J. Talucci
M. Fahringer, K. Talucci
R. Fahringer

Lectors K. Nicoletta, M. Fisher

Altar Servers J. LaBarth (MC), B. Johnson
Z. Dean, C. Sweeney

Music Liz, Theresa

8:00 AM

(1) J. Kohler, A. Tuttle
(2) C. Kohler, W. Piatek
P. Miller, S. Markiewicz

B. Vadino, V. Vadino

B. Pallante (MC), J. Holwell
E. Pallante, J. Rigolizzo

Linda, Terry

9:30 AM

(1) R. Tartamosa, J. Eddis
(2) S. Tartamosa, D. Quinn
P. David, R. Wright
D. Druding

B. Wright, D. Eddis

G. Covone (MC), J. Carty
No. Covone, Na. Covone

Junior Choir

11:30 AM

(1) K. Maronski, T. Powers
(2) B. Maronski, Sh. Leyden
C. Codario, M. Leyden
C. Warrington

R. Voltaire, B. Handy

M. McPeak (MC), L. Pizzileo
J. McPeak, S. Bradley

Liz, Mike

CHRISTMAS EVE

12/24
EMs

4:00 PM
(1) D. Qunii, G. Grabowski
(2) C. Warrington, A. Tuttle
S. Markiewicz, B. Vadino
F. Andringa

Lectors A. Contrevo, V. Vadino

Altar Servers B. Michaelis (MC), J. Carty
M. Michaelis, C. Sweeney

Music Junior Choir

6:00 PM

(1) K. Johnson, R. LaBarth
(2) Sh. Leyden, C. Sheridan
S. Rodenbaum, **Need 1**
Need 1

K. Nicoletta, M. Leyden

J. LaBarth (MC), E. Hess
C. Hess, G. McGlinchey

Contemporary Group

11:00 PM

(1) C. Reilly, T. Brisbin
(2) B. Hansen, J. Ralston
K. Maronski, B. Maronski
C. Codario

J. Eddis, C. McCullough

Cam Katkocin (MC), J. McCall
Chr. Katkocin, C. McCall

Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY

12/25
EMs

9:00 AM
(1) D. Flood, P. Miller
(2) F. Flood, D. Fox
D. Bilella, **Need 1**
Need 1

Lectors L. Bunoza, J. Rigolizzo

Altar Servers B. Pallante (MC), Jas. Bilella
E. Pallante, Jos. Bilella

11:00 AM

(1) F. Mitchell, T. Martini
(2) C. Mitchell, L. Tartaglia
B. Piontkowski, **Need 1**
Need 1

P. Mitchell, M. Spinosi

A. Spinosi (MC), **Need 1**
F. Spinosi, S. Bradley

12/27-28
EMs

4:00 PM
(1) M. Fahringer, B. Bansch
(2) R. Fahringer, A. Cullin
A. Contrevo, A. Martini
Need 1

Lectors J. McKay, B. Piontkowski

Altar Servers A. Ingram (MC), Z. Ingram
J. Ingram, Z. Holland

Music Catherine, Vicky

8:00 AM

(1) J. Martin, C. Kohler
(2) K. Johnson, D. Fox
S. Tartamosa, M. Werner
R. Tartamosa

J. Hill, J. Rigolizzo

M. Matthew (MC), A. Mathew
M. Millenbach, S. Millenbach

Matt

9:30 AM

(1) B. Hansen, D. Druding
(2) J. Eddis, F. Flood
C. Sheridan, D. Flood

Cam. Katkocin, Chr. Katkocin

A. Visco (MC), D. Visco
E. Hess, M. Tees

Rich

11:30 AM

(1) T. Powers, T. Brisbin
(2) L. Tartaglia, J. Ralston
S. Rosenbaum, C. Codario
Sa. Leyden

M. Leyden, Sh. Leyden

B. Michaelis (MC), S. Bradley
M. Michaelis, E. Donaldson

Adult Choir



2014~15

Welcome St. Simon Stock Travelers!



TWO ADVENT TOURS 2014

2nd Annual Christmas Carol Festival

Sunday, December 14 at 2:00pm in the church

So....**WHAT** should you expect on this TOUR? To celebrate Christmas the old fashioned way, singing carols that are near and dear to us!

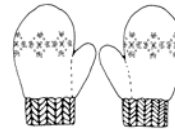
So....**WHO** will be asked to sing on this TOUR? Everyone! And all adults and children are asked to bring **BELLS** to play along. Also, kindly bring your **Blessed Mother** from your crèche/manger to be blessed if you wish.

To help those in need: please bring new scarves, mittens, hats or gloves (children or adult sizes) as a donation.



Adults & kids, don't forget your:

**BELLS,
BABY JESUS,
MITTENS etc.**



Angels, Angels, Angels!

Monday, December 15 at 1:00~3:00pm OR 7:00pm in the PMC

(You can choose either time....both will have same content.)

So....guess **WHO** you will meet on this TOUR? Angels, of course! Guardian angels. Bible angels. Some famous. Some not-so-much!

So....**WHAT** kind of journey is this TOUR?

One filled with fun, facts, prayer and of course angels!



Please bring an angel of any kind:

a statue, a picture, a person or whatever else you wish!

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Mrs. Bea Raiker, CRE BROLMC@comcast.net
Betty Cipolone, Admin. Assistant bcipolone@comcast.net
856- 767-1537

FAITH FORMATION

NO Faith Formation Sessions On:

- Sunday, December 7th/ Monday, December 8th
- Sunday, December 21/ Monday, December 22
- Sunday, December 28/ Monday, December 29

SAINTS MUSEUM

4th Grade Faith Formation
Postponed until January 11th

Child Lures Prevention Program

Will begin in December in Faith Formation Sessions

The Diocese of Camden has selected Child Lures Prevention as a safe environment program for our religious education programs in the parishes. The basic premise is that an individual who intends to harm a child uses a "lure" to get the child away and to do harm. So, children are taught how to recognize lures and how to protect themselves.

Each year your child will be taught a different lure. The Diocese of Camden is committed to ensure that the children entrusted into our care are safe and that we provide them with the tools they need to guarantee their safety.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the session, please let Mrs. Raiker know immediately. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to call me for further information at 856-756-7900 ext. 6010.

Rod Herrera LCSW
Diocesan Director, Office of Safe Environment for Children

YOUTH OF THE PARISH

Calling all young people in grades 6-12!

St. Simon Stock Youth Group
6, 7 & 8 grade meet in the gym
9-12 grade meet in the PMC
Sunday night 6:30 – 8:00 pm

A fun and energetic group of young people who have the opportunity to hang out and have a good time. Prayer, trips, fundraising, service projects, game nights, gym time are just a few of the ways we get to know each other and make friendships based in God's love within a supportive and loving environment. For more information contact Mrs. Bea Raiker, Youth Group Coordinator at 856-767-1537 or broimc@comcast.net.

St. Simon Stock offers opportunities for 6th through 12th grades to become more involved in the parish. I encourage you to take advantage of all our parish has to offer you. You have the opportunity to learn, to live and to love your faith. All are welcome: bring your friends! If

coming out for meetings on Sunday night is not your thing, Volunteer. Stay connected by joining in different activities going on in the Parish. Do you like to sing, play an instrument, enjoy reading or greeting people? We have a special place for you! Please contact me by email BROLMC@comcast.net.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE - DECEMBER

December 14	Caroling at Laurel Oak and Virtua Nursing Homes Leave SSS at 4:30 pm
December 20	Make & Serve Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House
December 21	No Youth Group
December 22	Monday- 5:00 pm Wrap & Distribute gifts to children at RM House
December 24	4:00 & 6:00 PM Christmas Youth & Young Adult Mass
December 30	NO YOUTH GROUP

Prayer for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia

God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



St. Simon Stock Jr. High CHRISTMAS DANCE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Gym, Berlin

Who:	6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grade Students
WHEN:	Saturday, December 20 th , 2014,
TIME:	7:00-10:00 pm
COST:	\$10.00



Snacks, Soda & Water will be sold

No water bottles, Backpacks or large purses allowed

All Students must bring signed permission slip, No student will be permitted to leave the building before 10:00 pm, IF SO, must be signed out by Parent/Guardian.

STEWARDSHIP STEWARDS REJOICE

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 7, 2014

Sunday Collection: \$ 12,275.00

Electronic Parish Giving: \$ 998.00

Capital Needs Debt Collection: \$ 2,448.00

Electronic Parish Giving: \$ 120.00

Candles: \$ 158.00

Poor Box: \$ 321.00

Retirement Fund for Religious Support Religious Communities

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



Junior Choir News: The Junior Choir is open to all youth of the parish, second grade and above. You may join anytime during the year. We welcome all. For more information, please call Mary Ziccardi at 435-0901.



Attention: We ask all parishioners not to bring food and drink into the church. Water only. With the new carpet and pew replacements we have updated our church and it is looking beautiful, clean and fresh. We have had several accidents already. SO... PLEASE COOPERATE. Also we need to remove all seating in the rear against the wall at the Order of the Fire Marshall. SO... please do not move chairs from the positions they have been placed in the church. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers for the Thrift Shop and to assist clients in the food pantry. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00-3:00pm. If you are interested and can give 2-3 hours a week, call the Thrift Store at 856-767-7391 and leave your name and contact information.

PHOTOS OF DECEASED LOVED ONES

Please remember to pick up your photos of your deceased loved ones from the folding table located in the front of the Church



HELP NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping to decorate the church for Christmas please join us after the 1130 Mass on 12/21/14 or call Tony Ziccardi at 435-0901 for more details.

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to John and Deanna Schueneman for their hard work and persistence in cleaning all of the wood surfaces on the pews in the church. This work was done by hand by them in the months prior to the pews being reupholstered. All of the wood surfaces have been cleaned of over 21 years of dirt and grime, rubbed with steel wool and treated with special oils to bring back their original luster.

Thanks for a beautiful result!

Parish of St. Simon Stock



Early Morning PRAYER & YOGA

Wednesdays at 6:30 am
Parish Meeting Center

Men and Women ~ All Fitness Levels

**Start your day feeling centered, refreshed,
and more closely connected to God.**

It costs nothing to attend!

Simply bring a yoga mat and join us!!!

Call Sue at 856-685-3643 for more information.



PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO YOGA** on **December 24th** or **December 31st**. Early Morning Prayer and Yoga will resume on Wednesday, January 7th, 2015!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD YOUTH DAY Attention: Young Adults

Even though July 2016 seems far off, the time to start planning for WYD is now! Please join Bishop Sullivan and the Dioceses of Camden, Metuchen, and Trenton as we share the awesome itinerary planned for the diocesan groups and information on Poland, Krakow and the amazing saints we will encounter there, including JP!!!

World Youth Day is not just a day or an experience, but an ongoing pilgrimage of faith for young people. These special days and celebrations are meant to rejuvenate and reinvigorate the spiritual life of young adults along their pilgrim journey, which ultimately leads to Christ Jesus.

When: Monday, December 15, 2014 @ 7 pm

Where: Our Lady of Hope Parish
701 Little Gloucester Rd.
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Who: (This group is for pilgrims who will be at least 18 at the time of travel. For more information or to RSVP: Gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org or call at 856-583-6122)



GET INVOLVED

2015 World Meeting of Families

Many local families and individuals have inquired about how they can get involved with the WMF2015 in Philadelphia next September. More information on preparing as a family, volunteering, and/or hosting visitors from abroad may be found at the official website for the event - www.worldmeeting2015.org. The site also allows you to register to participate in the many conferences offered.

MAUSOLEM MASSES FOR ADVENT

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Would like to invite you to celebrate

Advent with us in the Mausoleum Chapels

Masses will be held on Monday, December 15

At the Following Locations:

All Saints Cemetery, Newfield

Holy Cross Cemetery, Mays Landing

Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill

New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr

And 10:30 at the Following Location:

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Vineland

Go to www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours:

The Paul VI Eagles are ready to soar! Please join us for a special pre-game tour of our beautiful school, followed by an exciting Paul VI basketball game:

- **Paul VI Girls v. Cherry Hill East**
- Friday, December 19, 2014:
- Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM
- **Paul VI Boys v. Timber Creek**
- Saturday, January 10, 2015:
- Tours at Noon, Game at 1 PM
- **Paul VI Girls v. Camden Catholic**
- Thursday, January 22, 2015:
- Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM
- **Paul VI Boys v. Eastern**
- Saturday, January 24, 2015
- Tours at 2 PM, Game at 3 PM

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PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO ZUMBA on December 23rd or 30th. Zumba will return to Tuesday nights at 7 pm on January 6th.



Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Camden

December 3, 2014

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of December 13-14, our parishes throughout the Diocese of Camden will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

Pope Francis tells us, “Every consecrated person is a gift for the People of God on its journey.” Many of us, myself included, can recall special women or men religious who played meaningful roles in our lives. This may have been the sister who taught us in second grade, supporting our educational development. Or perhaps it was the religious brother who led us on retreat and nourished our spiritual growth. Their support of our journeys often required great sacrifices. Most senior religious worked for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. As a result, hundreds of religious communities now struggle to provide adequate care for aging members.

Last year, the Diocese of Camden contributed \$208,777.83 to this collection. In 2014, the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus, Hospitaller Order of St. John of God and the Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception received financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Women and men religious who serve or have served in the diocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may also benefit from the annual collection.

The Retirement Fund for Religious offers us an opportunity to support elder religious in this phase of their journeys. While many continue in some form of ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Your gift provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for the faithful service of senior religious, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praising God for the gifts that consecrated life offers our Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
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