St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Welcome! It doesn't matter what your family situation is; what your age, background, or ethnicity is; what your present status with the Catholic Church is; or what your past or present religious affiliation is; you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected at St. Joseph the Worker Parish!

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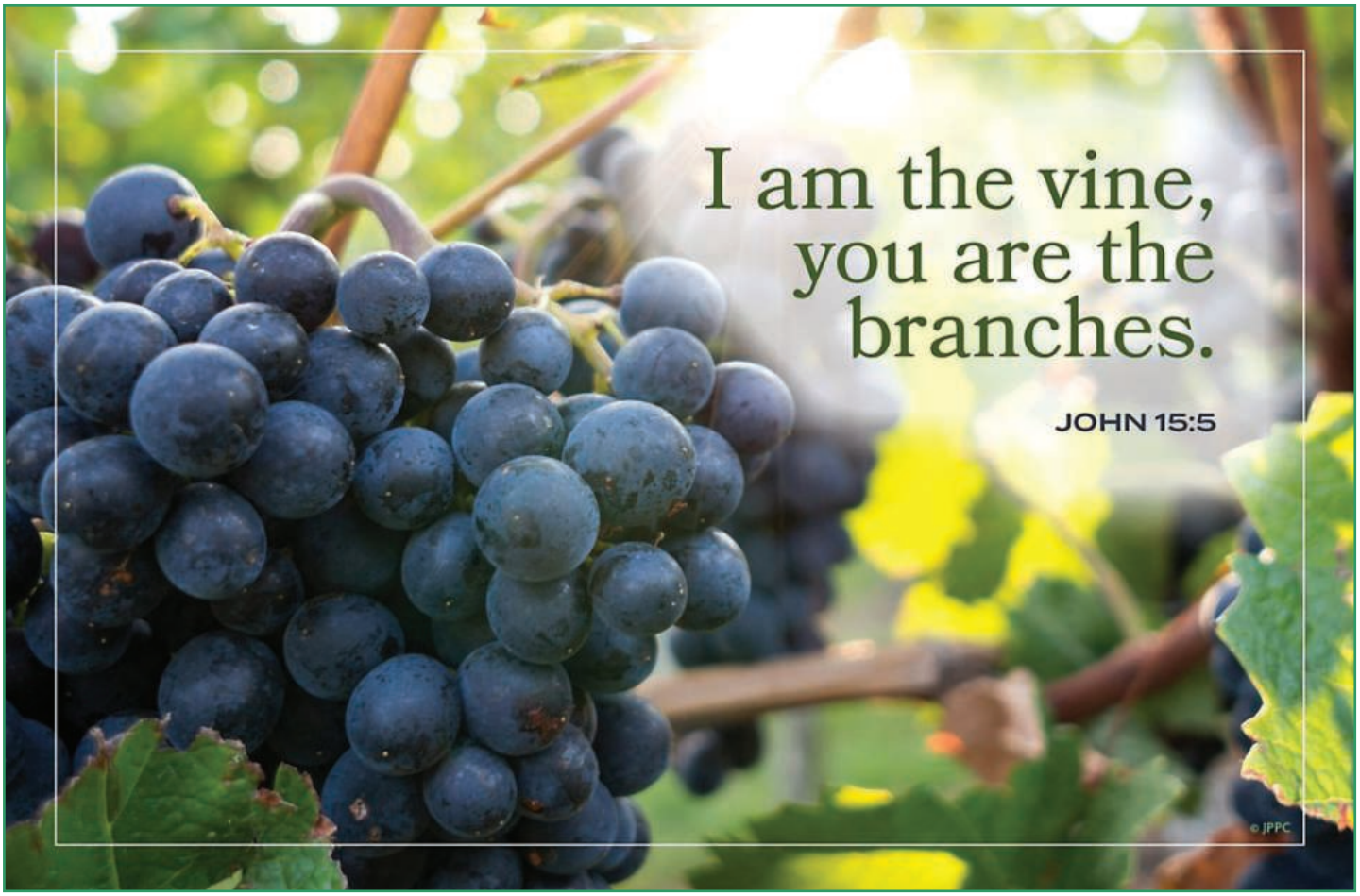
"You are my friends if you do what I command you..." (John 15:14)



April 28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Weekend Mass Times

4 pm, Saturday	SA
5 pm, Saturday	SVP
8:30 am, Sunday	SVP
10 am, Sunday	SA
11 am, Sunday	SVP

Confessions

3 pm - 3:45 pm, Sat.	SA
4 pm - 4:45 pm, Sat.	SVP

Weekday Mass

8:30 am, M, T, Fri., Sat.	SVP Chapel
8:30 am, Thursdays	SA
8:30 am, 1st Fri. of mo.	SVP

Holy Days of Obligation

8:30 am & 12 Noon at SVP; 7 pm at SA

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9-10 am, 1st Fri. of the month SVP
(Hospitality in Chapel after)

St. Aloysius (SA)
37 W. Haddon Avenue
Oaklyn, NJ

St. Vincent Pallotti (SVP)
901 Hopkins Road
Haddon Twp., NJ

Intentions for Weekday Masses

Week of April 28th, 2024

Mon., 4/29 - 8:30am SVP Chapel
Virginia Carson r/b The Carson family

Tues, 4/30- 8:30am SVP Chapel
Catherine Gancher r/b granddaughter, Lorraine

Thu., 5/2 - 8:30am SA
Jay Monari r/b wife, Florita

Fri., 5/3 - 8:30am SVP Chapel
James Philip Williams r/b James Philip Williams, Jr.

Sat., 5/4 - 8:30am SVP Chapel
Jay Monari r/b children

Sanctuary Candle at SVP
burns in memory of The Honorable William J. Cook r/b the family

Sanctuary Candle at SA
burns for the deceased members of the parish

The Blessed Mother Candle, SA
burns for the improved health of Maria Pfeffer r/b the Marazzo family

The Saint Joseph Candle at SA
burns for the special intentions of the Niederkorns r/b the Marazzo family

SJW Pastoral Team

Pastor	Fr. Mark Matthias
Deacon	Dcn. Peter Powell
Religious Ed. & Baptism Coord.	Anita D'Imperio
Bookkeeper	Sonia Rocco
Office Assistant	Gina Guida
Office Assistant	Bella Antolik
Office Assistant	Kim Routzahn
Maintenance	Mike Kraus
Maintenance	John Finley
Maintenance	Martin Rooney
Trustee	Franny Marazzo
Trustee	John Finley
Pastoral Council Pres.	Franny Marazzo
Finance Council Chair	Richard Hatch

Office Hours

M, T, Th 9am to 4pm; Weds 9am to 6pm; Fri 9am to 4pm; Lunch break from 12:45pm to 1:30pm

Mass Intentions for Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

4:00pm SA
Joseph D'Abundo r/b Theresa Carbone
The improved health of Kevin Niederkorn r/b the Marazzo family

5:00pm SVP
Henrietta M. Krok r/b daughter, Mary Judith Krok
Eleanor Loughery r/b Nancy McCabe
Terry Novak r/b Grace Pulcini
Alisha Sarno r/b Maryellen Engle

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

8:30am SVP
Kathleen Wylen r/b John & Gerry McCloskey
Bob Walsh r/b M.G. & Joe Galliera

10am SA
Vera Knabb r/b Aynsley & James Johnson
Ray & Marie Desiderio r/b Franny Marazzo

11am SVP
Alma Zwick r/b SJW Women's Club
Beverly Sheridan r/b the Shannon family

Saturday, May 4th, 2024

4:00pm SA
Joseph Jakobowski r/b daughter, Dolores

5:00pm SVP
Anne Fennimore r/b Nancy McCabe
Margaret & Leonard Alberta r/b daughter
Isabella D'Orazio r/b niece, Rosa Tanzi & family
Barbara McNulty r/b husband, Terrance McNulty

Sunday, May 5th, 2024

8:30am SVP
Florence Oropallo r/b John & Gerry McCloskey
Kathleen Wylen r/b George & Kathleen Cain

10am SA
Kathleen Langston r/b James P. Williams, Jr.

11am SVP
Brandon Barbella r/b Dan & Aileen Thompson
Mike Taulane r/b Anthony & Nick Lepone

There will be a **2nd collection** this weekend for the **Catholic Homes Mission Appeal.** Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for those in need in our parish…

"A Time to be Born…"

Luca David, child of Stephen & Erika Borton
Venus Jade, child of Ishon & Gabrielle Henry

"A Time to Die…"

Donald S. Perrone

"A Time to be Healed…"

Donna Aceto, Michael Adams, Mary Adams, Mary Alberta, Anthony Battaglia, Sandy Bilski, Denise Bond, Patty Bond, Brattini, Mary Burdziejko, Cannon family, Mary Carbasa, Devon Chew, Sally Chew, Florence Cirillo, Theresa Conley, Caroleanne Conner, Ellie Cordner, Catherine Costello, Geoff Cyriaks, Helene Delaney, Carol DelGiorno, Rosemarie Dwyer, Maura Ellery, Carmen Fanelli, Tracy Fowler, Patty Galasso, Joe Galliera, Father Gavin, Joey Hale, Ryan Hawk, Baby Axel Hilliker, Tom Ivey, Baby Joey, Robert Jordan, Barbara Kelly, Eric Kelly, Denise Kossis, Caden Alan Lemmerman, Marie Lengetti, Frank Liberi, Fr. Fred Link, Kathleen Liszewski, Anthony Lombard, Cassidy Lovett, Jimmy Marenic, Jen Matzen, Jamilynne McCabe, Richard McShane, Rita McShane, Chuck Miller, Helen Miller, Kate Morgan, Michael Morrone, Al Morton, Thomas Mscisz, Ann Marie Mscisz, Deloris Mulvan, Natalia, Jim Nettleman, Diane Nipper, John Nolan, Baby Erik Carter Olson, Francis Palo, Charlene Panzone; Jerry Paolino, Denise Paone, Linda Parkinson, Susan. M. Paul, Gary Pawliczek, James Peditto, Sandy Pencook, Arthur George Perrino, Jo Quinlan, Roni Rememter, Jacob Rivera, Dean Russell, Mary Russell, John Schiavo, Hollie Shoch, Deidre Skyrm, Gary Skyrm, Doris Soldati, Gianluigi Soldati, Jacob Stefano, Kody Stillwagon John Taulane, Yi Lin Thomas, Jimmy Tichenor, Andrew Tisdale, Cathy Tumminia, Brian Valenti, Jane Varnis, Kass Walsh, Tom Walsh, Burt Watson, Peter Wazer

A Prayer for World Peace and for those who serve in our Armed Forces…

Dear Father in Heaven, Creator of all things, we ask you to please watch over our brave men and women who serve in our military whose goal is to assist those in need and bring peace throughout the world. Bless them, strengthen them, guide them and protect them always in Your loving care. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

We pray for Zachary Amster (USAF)**,** Marco Paoli (USAF), Devin Bailiff (GYSGT), Lt. Col. Matthew Grimes (USAF), Lt. Col. Anthony Koehl (USMC), (CW02), Michael Koehl (USMC), Lt. Col. Ryan Barry (USAF), and M.a.j. Sara Barry (USAF)

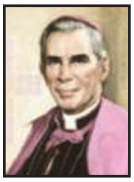
Please note: We will pray for those on our Sick List and Soldier List for three weeks. If your loved-one still needs our prayers thereafter, please email our office so we can keep them on the list (SJWadmin@comcast.net). Thank you!

We are looking for volunteers to help with various tasks for our Annual Parish picnic!

The picnic will be on **June 9th** from **1:30pm** to **5:30pm** at Crystal Lake Park Pool.

If you are interesting in helping, please contact **Mary Ann McShane** at 856-882-8652 or recovery5282014@gmail.com. Thank you!

From the Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



"A character is made by the kind of thoughts a man thinks when alone, and a civilization is made by the kind of thoughts a man speaks to his neighbor."

This Week on FORMED...

Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise kids who love God in our modern world? You're not alone! This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. The Catholic Parent aims to encourage parents to embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

To learn more about other parent's struggles and solutions, please log on to **FORMED** (*see how in the blue box below*) then, click on the magnifying glass in the upper left corner of the logon screen and type in: *"The Catholic Parent."*

Altar Flower DONATIONS

In Memory/In Honor Of...

In memory of the Hanson and Kreps family; the Mitchell family; the Mony family

Friends of Santa Maria Council 1443 - Knights of Columbus Spring Hoagie Sale!

Santa Maria Hall
350 Crystal Lake Ave., Haddon Twp

May 4th

COST still $5. Ready by 7:00am
Stop in by 11:00am and we should have what you want. We stay until we sell out, which is no later than noon.

THANK YOU for our success; it's not possible without you!

Next dates are: May 18th;
June 1st, 15th & 29th

Let Us Pray

Lord,
Make me an channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

- St. Francis of Assisi

We Need Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

If you are interested in becoming an integral part of the mass by becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call or email our parish office at (856) 858-1313; sjwadmin@comcast.net.

Calling students 5th Grade or higher: Altar servers needed!

We are looking for
Altar Servers to serve at both our churches. If you are in the 5th grade or higher, we encourage you to apply. If you are interested, please have your parent email the Parish Office at: sjwadmin@comcast.net or call the Parish office at (856) 858-1313.

We Need Volunteers for Cathedral Kitchen!

CK Cathedral Kitchen

We're back in the saddle, starting in May. If you are interested in helping with CK's meal-set-up chores (largely, preparing bagged meals-to-go), then check out these dates for your availability:

Tuesday, May 14; Thursday, May 30;
Friday, June 14 and Monday, June 24

We meet at the SVP parking lot around 12:30. We carpool in and are back before 3.

It's a friendly group of workers and a moderately strenuous activity. Wanna join us? Questions? Call or text Mary at 609.238.1677 to sign on! See you soon!

Art from the Holy Land

Little Bethlehem wood carvers will be selling items before and after Masses at **St. Al's on Saturday, May 4th & 5th**, and at **SVP, Sunday, May 5th.**

Little Bethlehem's proceeds allow many families to maintain their livelihoods and uphold their Christian faith in the Land of Christ. Their group, called the *Little Bethlehem Christians,* consists of about 400 Christian and Catholic families that live as woodcarvers in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Shepherd's Field. To learn more or to see their inventory, go to little-bethlehem.org.

From the Shepherds of the Church...

The vocation of St. Teresa of Calcutta

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace..." – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Fruit of Prayer is Faith… *(cont'd)*

Through faith we are able to walk with confidence through uncertain times, knowing that God is with us. Faith enables us to say with Mother Teresa, "Take whatever He gives and give whatever He takes with a big smile." It is important to develop a habit and discipline of prayer, to work it into our schedules just as we do a meeting or a lunch date. The more we spend time with the Lord in prayer, the more open we become to receiving his gifts of faith, hope, and love. Through prayer we learn to surrender to God, trust in his goodness, and have faith in his word, in his promise, and in his love for us.

The Fruit of Faith is Love...

As our faith and trust in God grows, so does our love; both our awareness of God's great love for us, as well as our ability to show God's love to others. Mother Teresa said, "The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical disease with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love." Through faith, we come to understand God's love for us: his love in creating us, his love in continuing to reach out to us when we sin, and his great love in sending his Only Son into the world to draw us back into communion with Himself. When we understand and are filled with this love, we are then able, and moved, to share this love with others. Mother Teresa understood that our love of God is expressed in our love for others, in being present to and with those who are in need. Through love, we recognize that the tears, suffering, and fear of others must be ours as well. Love leads us into community; the more we come to know God's love, the more we understand that we are called to carry that love to those in the darkest places. Through love we are able to look upon others with compassion, just as Jesus was "moved with compassion" for his people, lost sheep with no one to care for them. Out of love, Christ came to us, to walk with us on our way to the Father. As we grow in our faith we see that our response must be to do the same, to love one another as Christ has loved us.

The Fruit of Love is Service...

Mother Teresa said, "Love in action is service." Christ came into the world to make the love of God known; he came to show us that the Father was so faithfully committed to his covenant that he stopped at nothing to provide us with the grace and mercy of salvation. "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:10-11). *(To be continued...)*

Adapted from an article on St. Timothy Catholic Church website, Mesa, AZ (https://sttimothymesa.org/a-simple-path-mother-teresa). Quotes by Mother Teresa are from her book, "A Simple Path."

Want to re-kindle old friendships and make new friends?

Please join us at our next Catalyst meeting for young adults, ages 18 years and older. We offer great fellowship and food as we learn more about each other and our Catholic Faith! Please check out our Facebook page for our next event! @CatalystCatholic, or search "Catalyst Catholic Young Adult Ministry!" We promise you won't regret joining us for our next event!

Mary Undoer of Knots Adult Ministry (ages 21-50)

Fellowship & Phillies Baseball
Saturday, May 4th, 5:30pm

Come join us at Chickie & Pete's in Marlton to enjoy a Phillies game with members of the Ministry. We will meet at the hostess stand. Questions? Contact *persistent21@verizon.net*.

Reflections from St. Teresa of Calcutta...

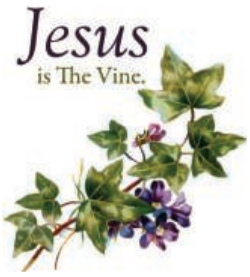
"A little child has no difficulty in loving, has no obstacles to love. And that is why Jesus said: "Unless you become like little children you cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Enrich your life, Volunteer for Samaritan!

Provide companionship to our hospice patients and families in your local community. Chat, watch TV, enjoy music, read to patients, etc. You can make a difference! No experience necessary - complimentary training provided. Please call Lisa DiCerto at **856-446-6782** or email her at LDicerto@samaritannj.org.

Religious Education

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."



Our first reading tells us that Saul, a former persecutor of the church, has become a believer. United with Christ, he is able to preach with great power, and more and more people come to believe.

Today, the Gospel tells us that we can do this, but all good works can be accomplished only if we are united intimately with him. John uses the image of a vine and branches to show that our very life as Christians is dependent on the life of Christ. Being united to him means living by his words and doing his work.

We cannot do much good without Jesus. All that is good, all that is healthy, all that is right comes from Jesus, as does our very life. Branches have no life apart from the vine. That means we need to believe in all he stands for, to love one another, and to live our lives abiding in him and in all his words!

A Prayer for Joyful Heart

Bless me, O God, with a joyful heart. Awaken me each day with eagerness to see the possibilities that lie ahead of me.

In doing so, enlarge my capacity for sharing your love with others.

During times of distress, remind me that joy does not always equate with happiness. Through openness and hope, I will find gladness in the midst of my troubles.

As I retire for the night, let worry and anxiety fall away, replaced by a simple trust in your care.

Let he joys of the day wash over me in a spirit of gratitude and wonder. In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Coming Events

5/5/2024: Family Mass
11:00am, SVP Church

Kids Corner!

Love One Another

Love is ...
Jesus laying down His life for us.

Connect the dots.
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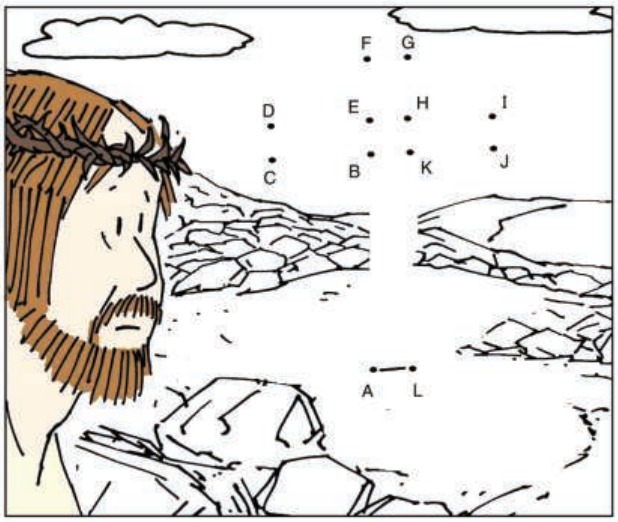

I Am the Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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Knights of Columbus

If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, please scan the code below or contact **John Pojawis, Jr.** at **856-854-2440 or** johnpojawis@comcast.net.

Scan the code and join now! Specify *Santa Maria* Council, "1443" www.kofc.org/joinus. Thank you!

Online giving is fast and easy!

Parish Giving, our online giving service now has an app for mobile transactions. You can download this app onto your phone and make one time donations to special collections, pay Religious Education tuition and sacrament fees, and even make memorial donations. Please complete the registration to assure accurate credit for our donations and payments. All methods of payment are accepted. Thank you!

The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Separated from Thee let me never be. From the malignant enemy, defend me. At the hour of death, call me. And close to Thee bid me. That with Thy saints I may be Praising Thee, forever and ever. Amen. *(Credited to Pope John XXII, 1330 AD)*

CAMDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CHERRY HILL, NJ

Spring Open House & High School Admissions Overview

Visit Camden Catholic High School on Thursday, May 2 at 7PM where we will share the ABCs of the high school application process. Tour our campus, meet our students, and hear about our innovative curriculum, championship athletics and renowned arts programs.

RSVP: www.camdencatholic.org/admissions

The Saints of the Church

St. Peter Chanel

Patron Saint of Oceania

1803-1841

The protomartyr of the South Seas, St. Peter Chanel was born in 1803 at Clet in the diocese of Belley, France. His intelligence and simple piety brought him to the attention of the local priest, Father Trompier, who saw to his elementary education. Entering the diocesan Seminary, Peter won the affection and the esteem of both students and professors. After his ordination he found himself in a rundown country parish and completely revitalized it in the three year span that he remained there. However, his mind was set on missionary work; so, in 1831, he joined the newly formed Society of Mary (Marists) which concentrated on missionary work at home and abroad. To his dismay, he was appointed to teach at the seminary at Belley and remained there for the next five years, diligently performing his duties.

In 1836, the Society was given the New Hebrides in the Pacific as a field for evangelization, and the jubilant St. Peter was appointed Superior of a little band of missionaries sent to proclaim the Faith to its inhabitants. On reaching their destination after an arduous ten month journey, the band split up and St. Peter went to the Island of Futuna accompanied by a laybrother and an English layman, Thomas Boog. They were at first well received by the pagans and their king Niuliki, who had only recently forbidden cannibalism. However, the kings jealousy and fear were aroused when the missionaries learned the language and gained the people's confidence; he realized the adoption of the Christian Faith would lead to the abolition of some of the prerogatives he enjoyed as both high-priest and sovereign.

Finally, when his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king's hatred erupted and he dispatched a group of his warriors to set upon the saintly head of the missionaries. Thus, on April 28, 1841, three years after his arrival, St. Peter was seized and clubbed to death by those he had come to save. And his death brought his work to completion - within five months the entire island was converted to Christianity.

Parish Ministries

Helping Hands Ride Ministry

For 20 years, the ministry has offered rides for medical appointments all year– round. We could still use a few more drivers. We will always try to work around your schedule.

For rides, please call **Judy Williams** (856-429-5548) on the 1st to 15th of the month, or **Sally Chew** (856-795-5049) on the 16th to the end of the month. We require one week's notice for arranging rides to doctors, physical therapy, etc. Thank you and God bless!

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is always looking for new members. Come join us as we honor the Holy Name of Jesus through prayer, scripture reflection, fellowship, and socialization. We welcome everyone to join us **the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm in SVP chapel**. For more information, please contact Debbie at dkendall0524@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Consider knitting something warm for the sick and elderly, and warm their hearts! Our ministry meets every **3rd Wednesday** in the St. Joseph the Worker parish basement at 1pm. **The next meeting is 5/15**. For more information, please contact Mary Schmidt at **856-854-7592**.

St. Joseph the Worker Women's Club

There meetings are held the **4th Wednesday at 12:00 in the SVP Chapel. The next meeting will be their Spring Luncheon, 5/22, off-site.** If you enjoy fundraising and socializing, consider joining! For questions, please contact Ginny at happyretiree03@yahoo.com.

Coming Up in SJW ministries...

- First Friday Coffee & Donuts, 5/3
- Hospitality Weekend, 5/5
- Women's Club Bake Sale, 5/11 & 5/12
- Baby Bottle Campaign begins 5/12
- Holy Name Society, 5/13
- Prayer Shawl Ministry, 5/15
- Hands of St. Francis, 5/15
- PB&J Making, 5/16
- Parish Picnic, June 9th at Crystal Lake Park Pool

Bake Sale

The **St. Joseph the Worker Women's Club** is having a bake sale after masses on the weekend of **May 11th & May 12th.**

Enjoy a sweet treat and support the women's club Mother's Day weekend!

First Friday *Coffee & Donuts*

Join us after 8:30 Mass for coffee and donuts on **May 3rd.** Thank you to the **SJW Women's Club** for sponsoring this monthly delight!

Hospitality Weekend at SVP Chapel, 5/5

Let's get to know each other! Please join us for coffee, juice, donuts and bagels from **9:30am** to **12:30pm on Sunday, May 5th** at SVP chapel. A special thanks to the *SJW Women's Club* for sponsoring this month!

Baby Bottle Campaign in May/June. Please help!

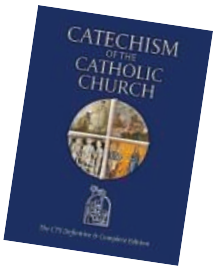
From Mother's Day thru Father's Day, the Knights of Columbus will provide empty baby bottles in the back of St. Aloysius and St. Vincent Pallotti for parishioners to take home and fill with loose change and/or cash.

The filled bottles can then be dropped off in the rear of each church in bins provided by the Knights on the weekend of June 1st and 2nd.

All donations will go towards **1st Way Pregnancy Center** in West Collingswood. 1st Way offers help to any woman distressed by an unplanned pregnancy regardless of circumstances. All services are free and confidential.

Thank you for your kind support!

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church



The Fruits of the Spirit…

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

CCC 736 By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galations 5:22-23) "We live by the Spirit"; (Galations 5:25) the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."

CCC 737The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit." (John 15:8)

CCC 738 Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity (the topic of the next article):

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us, . . . and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity. (St. Cyril of Alexandria, In Jo. ev., 11,11: PG 74)

Jesus Christ is…

The Noblest One to know;

the Wisest One to follow;

the Truest One to trust;

the Humblest One to serve;

the Highest One to love;

- Roy Lessin,
"Thoughts about God"

Soda/Beer Tab Collection for the Ronald McDonald House

Friends of Santa Maria, we are collecting tabs for the Ronald McDonald House!

The tabs can be to removed from soda, beer, Campbell soup cans, anywhere pull off tabs are collected! Feel free to bring them by our Council Home and we will gladly drop them off with the tabs our Brother Knights also collect. I will run them down to the Camden office on **April 30th**. You can leave them in zip lock bags, empty coffee containers, and leave by front or back door(s). Council Home is across the street from The Taproom and next to the Haddon Twp Ball fields. We also collect used stamps from your mail to buy coloring books for children in Central America. Thanks! JJ Buttil 856-547-7096.

Ronald McDonald House
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Stewardship Reflection…

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good Steward? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Mother & (Adult, 16+) Daughter Retreat

Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ
May 10-12 (Mother's Day)

Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included - beach walks too! Cost: $150 per person. To register or for details, visit www.capemaymarianists.org, email: mfrc@capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

From the DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

The South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal…

(formerly called *House of Charity, The Bishop's Annual Appeal*), supports vital programs that carry out the work of the Church throughout our region. These ministries benefit our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our local and surrounding communitiesas well as our faith community.

The gifts that come from our parish join those from throughout the diocese, enabling our workers to bring hope to those in need. While a single gift may not seem like much on its own in the face of such great need, when the Church combines its gifts together we are able to provide for multitudes.

To make a donation or learn more about this appeal, please go to our website at: www.camdendiocese.org/SJCMA and click on the "The South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal" button. God bless you!

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Self-Care for the Caregiver

Caregiving can bring many gifts including strengthening relationships with loved ones and experiencing personal fulfillment in feeling needed. Caregivers can often feel overwhelmed in trying to balance the needs of others with their own physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Regular self-care can help with this. Self-care is an intentional and important practice (not selfish) for all, especially for those who care of others.

We offer you these tips to help to support your self-care needs:

- Give 10 minutes (or more) daily to yourself to quiet your mind with prayer, meditation, gardening or other.
- Schedule needed medical exams. Honor your health by keeping appointments.
- Ask for help. Delegate responsibilities where and when you can.
- Schedule a visit or call with a family member, friend or support person.
- Include an activity in your week that brings you joy. What brings you joy?

Please help feed the poor...

The Oaklyn Food Pantry is collecting non-perishable foods for those in need. They are looking for the following staple items: jar pasta sauce, jelly, canned fruit, mayonnaise, pancake mix, syrup, dog food (can & pouches), coffee, laundry detergent, and shampoo. If you are in need of food, please call the Oaklyn Community Food Pantry at **856-854-8555** for an appointment and "Thank you" for always keeping the people who come to the food pantry in your hearts!

Addictions Healing & Recovery Support

"There is hope."

Catholic Charities offers information and resources on how to get the help you need so you can live your best life. Please visit https://catholiccharitiescamden.org/?s=addiction to learn more or call: 1-856-342-4100.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Their mission is to assist people in the community in times of emergency. Sometimes, people in need are reluctant to ask for help. If you know of someone in our community (Haddon Twp., Audubon, Collingswood, Woodlynne, Oaklyn) in need of assistance, please refer them to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at 856-858-1444. They are there to help!

Choose Life!

"Pray As You Go" is a great way to nurture your soul on your way to work, etc. and a peaceful way to start, or end the day. To listen, go to https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/.

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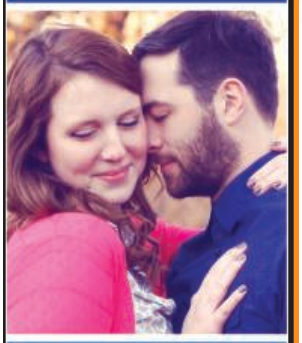

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