



Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community
of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*



PARISH INFORMATION: May 25, 2025

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home, we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

PARISH STAFF

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

Rev. Steven Bertonazzi, Administrator

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Rev. Hugh Bradley—hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org

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Part-time Parochial Vicar

James Rocks Permanent Deacon (retired)

Hal Schwalm Director of Safe Environment

Leo Howitz Permanent Deacon

Daniela Perez Director of Faith Formation

Kate Chmelko Director of Music

Cheryl Venafrá Administrative Assistant

Trish Best Administrative Assistant

Rosemary Fearon Office Volunteer

MaryAnn Mercer Office Volunteer

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Linda Roseboro-Brown Bereavement Coordinator

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PARISH OFFICE

809 Park Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108

856-858-0298

Emergency Number: 856-240-1132

Website: www.stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Facebook Name: Teresa Calcutta

Faith Formation Office: 856-858-0298, Ext. 19

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Office closes from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This first step in planning your wedding is best begun one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES

Submit announcements to be published in the bulletin to tbest@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org or to the Parish Office by the end of day Monday of the week prior to the weekend bulletin issue requested.

Please submit **flyers** to be copied and inserted into the bulletins to the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

MASS & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN CHURCH (SJ): 809 Park Ave.,
Collingswood, NJ 08108

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH (HS): 50 Emerald Ave.,
Haddon Township

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM—HS

Sunday: 8:00 AM—HS

Sunday: 9:30 AM - SJ **Live streamed (YouTube)**
11:00 AM—SJ

Sunday: 11:00 AM—HS American Sign Language
and Voice Interpreted for the hearing

Beginning June 1, we'll begin a **summer mass schedule**
listed on page 2.

Youtube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@saintteresaofcalcutta2622>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009626887681>

Daily Masses:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 9:00 AM St. John Church
Thursday: 9AM Holy Saviour Church

Adoration: Thursdays: After 9:00am Mass—8pm (HS)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office to schedule.

OCIA: Tuesdays at 7PM in Parish Office

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The Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary candle at Holy Saviour is dedicated this week for William Campe requested by the Campe Family.

To dedicate a Sanctuary candle, please contact the office.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN COMMUNITY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join the Rosary group to pray the rosary after the 9AM Mass daily to pray for your intentions and/or to Pray for the sick & deceased.



ADORATION

Thursday at Holy Saviour Church 9:30am–8pm
Silent Adoration 9:30am–5pm
Rosary, Benediction 7PM-8PM

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Arline Barski	Charlene French	Elise Principato
Nancy Barone	Rose Harden	Catherine Rocks
James Beierschmitt	Sarah Jacob	Eric Roseboro
Rose Brzycki	Evan Kendendine	Tracy Roseboro
Nancy Caruso	William Kinee	Joseph Sandone
Anthony Corado	Ali Kite	Pat Schoenborn
Joseph DeShayes	Baby Violet Kozuhowski	Linda Simpkins
Walt Eife	David Leva	Dennis Siwak
Suzanne Ficara	Eliane Loumeau	Constance Steinhagen
David Ford	Cassidy Lovett	Lillian Skabla
Adam Forziati	Mathew McCann	John Tomik
	Erin DeVoe Moran	Dominick Venaфра
	Natalie Mullen	

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 1ST

4pm Holy Saviour	
8am Holy Saviour	10am St. John's
11am Holy Saviour	

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to the following people who recently registered in our parish:

George Boyle & Catherine Wilson
Christopher & Christine Lavin
Michael & Susan Norton
Lindsey Gilligan

Hebrews 4:24-25 *"We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near."*

Intentions for this week's Masses

Saturday, May 24

4m(HS) James Edward III Conner r/b Bruce Cole

Sunday, May 25

8am(HS) Kathleen Leimkuhler r/b Mrs. Catherine Kernan & Family

9:30(SJ) For the People of the Parish

11(SJ) Celebration of the Baptism of Robert Cashmir, Joshua Hutchinson, & David Mark Branco r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish

Gary Campbell, Sr r/b his wife

11(HS) For the People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated in ASL & Voice Interpreted

Monday, May 26

9am(SJ) For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 27

9am(SJ) Katherine Richmond r/b Karen & Eric Borrelli

Wednesday, May 28

9am(SJ) For the People of the Parish

Thursday, May 29

9am(HS) For the People of the Parish

Friday, May 30

9am(SJ) For the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 31`

4m(HS) John Sheridan r/b his family

For the intentions of John Chiulli r/b Katie Chiulli

Sunday, June 1

8am(HS) For the People of the Parish

10am(SJ) James Fennimore r/b Dominic Pucci

Florida Polo r/b Arlene Williams & Family

Ellen Procida r/b Kelly & Eric Mitchell

Edward Charlton, Sr. r/b STC Men's Club

Dolores Holston r/b her husband George

Jeanne Burr r/b Fr. Bertonazzi & STC Parish

11(HS) For the People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated in ASL & Voice Interpreted

Next week there will be a Special Collection for **Catholic Communications**.



Pray for Our Military

SGT Alex Coutinho, USSpace Force	LT Patrick J. McKernan, USN
Michael Gregg, USMC	Johnny A. Santiago, Sgt. 1st Class
Ensign Alex Licorish, RN, USN	1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaledi,
Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class US	RN, SAF
Army	Salena Silvaria, NAC/AW
Lt Margaret M. McKernan USN	Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp

Reflection for the 6th Sunday of Easter

Reflection by Sister Claire McNichol:

As this Season of Easter proceeds toward the great Feast of Pentecost we hear Jesus say, “The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” And so it is! Through the power of the Holy Spirit all that Jesus teaches is given to us through Scripture and Tradition within God’s Holy Church. These are the times for each of us to be mindful that the Holy Spirit is renewing the face of the Earth through the love God has poured out on us in Christ Jesus.

I have been astonished by the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout this Easter Season 2025. On Easter Sunday Pope Francis courageously greeted and blessed the crowd gathered in St. Peter’s Square even though he was greatly weakened by his illness. On the very next morning, Easter Monday, we were awakened to the news that God lovingly scooped Francis up into the radiance of heaven as described in the reading from Revelations today. We have mourned the death of our dear Pope Francis, and witnessed the workings of the Holy Spirit through the Papal conclave with the election of our new Pope Leo XIV. In reviewing these happenings, I’m struck by the words from Acts, “The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives...” And so it is that Pope Leo has been chosen by the Holy Spirit through the cardinals to bring the message of Jesus to the church and the whole world.

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, once again you have spoken. Through the voices of human beings you have chosen Pope Leo XIV to guide us. We pray that you will guide him. Help him in his service to You, the Church, and the world. Help him offer a beacon of love to those searching for hope amidst the chaos of our changing planet. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

This prayer is offered by the Laudato Si Movement with the hope that Pope Leo with his many responsibilities will continue advocating for the healing of our planet. Along with Catholic Climate Covenant and the whole Church this week of May 24-31 celebrates the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis’ groundbreaking encyclical, ***Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home***. It is also the 10th Anniversary of our Parish Community-Sharing Garden. Having studied the encyclical in 2015 a group of our parishioners were inspired to plant a garden as a way of “hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of Earth” as Pope Francis urged. So, for the past ten years our garden has produced hundreds of pounds of food for our parish food pantry, Cathedral kitchen, and other venues that serve the poor in Camden.

A parish community garden at Holy Saviour, a pollinator garden at St John’s and a tree recently planted in front of the convent are all reminders that, “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s.

What will you/we do to take a next step in our response to the Holy Spirit’s call?

Peace and blessings for Laudato Si Week!
S Claire and the Creation Care Team



PARISH AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FOURTH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Rain or Shine 12:15 – 3:15 PM
Holy Saviour Lawn & McDaid Hall

Our fourth **Annual Picnic** this year falls on **Pentecost Sunday** – the Church's birthday! Again, admission is **FREE**, with soft pretzels and water ice provided. So, bring your lunch, drinks and a chair to enjoy games, contests, face-painting, sports, camaraderie, and other activities.

Spread the word: There'll be fun for all ages, and everyone is welcome.



STEPHEN MINISTRY Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Stephen Ministry is a group of highly trained lay ministers throughout the Diocese of Camden ready to provide care to those in need. If you know anyone who is feeling down, frustrated with the roller coaster of life or doubting God, because of an unfortunate event, you can help provide them confidential, non-judgmental relief via the gift of being present and listening.

Whether it's the death of a loved one, recent diagnosis, loss of a job or any of the many challenges life has in store, you can help by encouraging that person in need to consider speaking with a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are available to assist parishioners through difficult times. Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister. You may either contact the office for an appointment or for more information email

Jack Callaghan or Pat O'Connor:

stephenministry@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

For more information and to find a Stephen Ministry near you, please visit <https://vitality.camdendiocese.org/stephen-ministry/>

SENIOR'S MINISTRY

This is a Parish outreach program to assist people who are **shut-in either at home or in a nursing home**. Our Mission is to **assist the parish's senior citizens who need companionship and support**. We contact family members of shut-ins, visit nursing homes and private residences to see where we can be of assistance. Contact **Ed Charlton by text 215-284-1365** or echarto53@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES or SEE THE FLYERS in the Vestibules for more information:

- **Parish Picnic**—6/8, 12:15 pm to 3:15 pm
- **Corpus Christi Procession**—6/22 at St. John's church

Prayer for our Military and their families who sacrifice for our country:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Bring them home safely. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Happy Anniversary to our priests for their ordinations to the Priesthood!

Congratulations to Fr. Bertonazzi who celebrated his 4th year anniversary this week and to Fr. Bradley who will celebrate his 36th anniversary on Tuesday! Best wishes for a wonderful new year of dedication and serving the Lord!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

For help in times of emergency on our parish number **856-858-1444**.

Food Pantry: Hours: Mon.—Wed. 10AM–12pm

Volunteers—Discussion meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month in McDaid meeting room.

A donation of a gift card for Aldi's helps significantly.

Casseroles may be dropped off at the Parish office during normal business hours.

DINNERS TO DOORSTEPS

We provide **meals** for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for **individuals and families** who are struggling to put food on the table. Call Michele Santiago at: 609-598-1787 or grandmarose73@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all who prepare meals and deliver them.

Next Weekend's Minister Schedule— June 1st

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4pm	T Qualli	P Moran	P Moran
8am HS	M Blake	Deacon Rocks	B Steele
10am SJ	N Bernardo	Deacon Leo	MA Mercer



To make your monthly donations online conveniently, please log onto www.parishgiving.org.

May God bless you abundantly for your offerings.

PARISH NEWS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Spring Baby Diaper Drive

Help support families with young children **through June 1st** by donating diapers in all sizes, but especially sizes 4, 5 and 6 or baby wipes.

There are **two options** for donating:

In Person – for the clients of 1st Way of West Collingswood, please place donations in the labeled plastic bins located at the back of both churches **or**

On Line – for the clients of Catholic Charities, go to: <https://catholiccharitiessouthjersey.org> scroll down to the third box labeled Diaper Drive 2025 and click on “Read More” and then on the words “Amazon Wishlist” as part of OPTION ONE and make your donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Life & Justice Ministry

Joseph House April Donations

Parishioners donated the following items in support of the homeless: Casseroles: 15, Snacks: 78 packets, Sugar: 10 lbs, Coffee: 2.5 lbs, Powdered Creamer: 2.2 lbs.

On April 28th, **Joseph House** implemented, for the **first time, 24 hour services**. Guests can now stay 24 hours, 7 days a week. As a result, lunch will be provided every day increasing the need for staples such as water, snacks, coffee, sugar, creamer. Donations can be left at both churches and during working hours at the Parish office. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your prayers and support.

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES (POST CANA)

If you're a young married couple, we'd love to see you at our upcoming events this spring! If you have children, they are welcome to all events:

- **May 25** (Sunday) after 9:30am Mass: **Coffee & donuts social** in McLaughlin hall
- **June 8** (Sunday) Parish Picnic, 12:15, Holy Saviour
- **June 29** (Sunday) after 9:30am Mass: **Coffee & donuts social** in McLaughlin Hall

We host some events at home, so we'll share address information with those who join the email list.



REMEMBER OUR ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS

Pray for the safety of all service members, both those who are deployed and those who are stationed at home. Ask God to give strength and courage to military members as they face difficult situations. Pray for wisdom for military leaders, as they make decisions that affect the lives of those under their command.



Laudato Si Week 2025 is the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis Encyclical, *Laudato Si': Care for our Common Home*.

Let us honor the legacy of Pope Francis by sharing the message of “**listening to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.**” Take action to sow some seeds of hope during the week of **May 24-31**.

For ideas, visit: <https://laudatosiweek.org/spiritual-resources/>

SEEKING NOMINATIONS DISCIPLES OF MERCY

Catholic Charities of South Jersey wants to honor an individual, group, or ministry at the Annual Dinner. In our parish is there someone/group that goes above and beyond in putting Catholic Social Teaching into action? We invite you to nominate them for recognition as **Disciples of Mercy at the Catholic Charities of South Jersey Annual Dinner on October 16, 2025** in Atlantic City! **Anyone can nominate** exemplary individuals or groups who are engaged in an effective ministry that respects and honors the dignity of every human person, especially the poor and the vulnerable. For details and to **submit** a nomination: www.catholiccharitiessouthjersey.org/domnom-2025 (No later than 6/5/25).

For dinner and ticket information, visit:

<https://catholiccharitiessouthjersey.org/ccad/>



To what vocation is God calling you?

Alzheimer's Association Information Session

Sunday, June 8th, 11am to 12 pm
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
1010 Liberty Street, Camden, NJ

Learn about the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's, the common warning signs, the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis, next steps and expectations for diagnostic process, and other resources available through the Alzheimer's Association.

Visit alz.org/CRF to explore additional education programs in your area.

COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN INFORMATION

EVENTS AROUND US—See Flyers In Vestibules

- ◇ K of C Blood Drive—5/28
- ◇ Choir of the Basilica Concert—5/30, 7pm Hammonton
- ◇ Eucharistic Minister Training—6/3 Zoom & 7/10 or 7/11 in person
- ◇ K of C Charity Raffle drawing—6/6
- ◇ K of C Hoagie Sale—6/7
- ◇ Alzheimers Presentation—6/8, 11am-12pm, Camden
- ◇ Virtus- Protecting God's Children—Adult Training 6/12



TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Zoom Meeting: Tuesday June 3, 2025; 7:00-9:00pm

In-Person Sessions (Choose One) Tuesday June 10, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm, Holy Trinity Parish, Saint James Church 6415 Atlantic Avenue Ventnor, NJ 08406

OR Wednesday June 11, 2025, 7:00-9:00pm, Saint Mary Parish 2001 Springdale Road Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Contact the parish office for the application form.



BLOOD DRIVE—Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Santa Maria Council #1443, along with the St. John Paul II Chapter, is hosting a **blood drive** for the American Red Cross at their Council Home located at 350 Crystal Lake Avenue in Haddon Twp.

Please consider making a **donation** between **1 pm and 6 pm**. You can **reserve** your slot by going to the **Red Cross** website (www.redcrossblood.org) and refining your search by date (use May 28). Alternatively, you can contact Adam Elgart, the Program Manager for this drive, at aekofc1443@comcast.net or 609-458-0079. IT IS BEST TO RESERVE YOUR DONATION SO THAT THE RED CROSS WILL KNOW HOW MANY STAFF TO BRING.

Stewardship Love

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part for Stewards – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

Memorial Day Masses

Please join us!
Monday, May 26, 2025

Mass will be held outside and will begin at 9 a.m.

St. Mary Cemetery | Williamstown

St. Joseph Cemetery | Swedesboro

Gate of Heaven Cemetery | Berlin

Mass will be at 10 a.m. in our chapel mausoleums.

Sacred Heart Cemetery | Vineland

Holy Cross Cemetery | Mays Landing

Calvary Cemetery | Cherry Hill

All Saints Cemetery | Newfield

New St. Mary Cemetery | Bellmawr

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
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VIRTUS[®]Online

Protecting God's Children - Training for Adults

Training will be held at the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit (Mullica Hill) on Thursday, June 12, 2025, 6 PM, 3 hrs.

For anyone interested in the Virtus training in order to work with or around children for the parish, below is the link provided by the Diocese to sign up for the VIRTUS Training classes: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0 or for assistance, call the Parish office.

Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale

Our next Hoagie sale is on **June 7** at 350 Crystal Lake Ave. Haddon Twp and again on **June 14**. Hoagies are still \$5 each! They are ready by 7am (back door), or 8am (street entrance). Thank You!

Life-Long Faith Formation

Daniela Perez, Faith Formation Director
Dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Faith Formation Registration for 2025–26

Registration is now open on the parish website. If you have any questions please contact Daniela Perez

Catechists and Aides are needed for Faith Formation beginning in the Fall. If you are interested please contact Daniela Perez.

OCIA Team is looking for members to help teach the faith to adults who are interested in receiving the sacraments. If you are interested in helping please contact Jim Ely or Daniela Perez.



THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN PRESENTS

SUMMER

in the city

August 10th - 16th

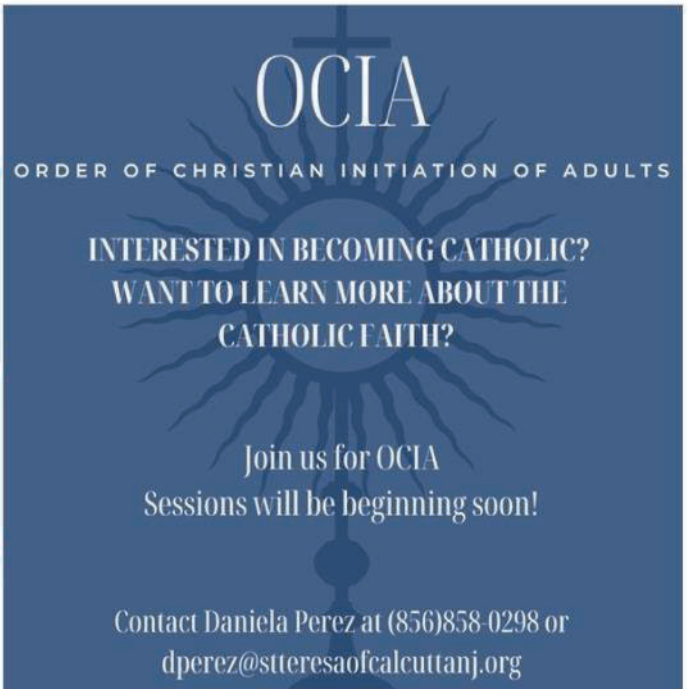
Join young people throughout the diocese for week-long service immersion experience in response to the Gospel's call to put love and faith into action!

Blessed Carlo Acutis Retreat Center | Cherry Hill, NJ

Questions? Contact: Michael Sims
856-583-2910
Michael.Sims@CamdenDiocese.org

REGISTRATION FEE	\$170
fee covers meals, lodging and program materials	

*REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS - SPACE IS LIMITED



OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
CATHOLIC FAITH?

Join us for OCIA
Sessions will be beginning soon!

Contact Daniela Perez at (856)858-0298 or
dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org

Coffee & Faith Sharing

Co-led by Barry Steele & Daniela Perez



Wednesdays at 10AM in McLaughlin Hall

Join fellow Parishioners for a meaningful morning of faith, fellowship, and sharing on the Gospel

All ages are welcome to attend!

No Faith Sharing on the first Wednesdays of the month

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY WITH THE DEAF AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES & Community Information

Masses of Welcome and Inclusion

Every Sunday The Mass is signed in **American Sign Language (ASL)** for **Deaf Members of the Church** and **voiced for hearing members** of the Church. **11:00AM Mass at Holy Saviour Church**, (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish), 50 Emerald Avenue, Westmont, NJ (GPS: use Haddon Township).

2nd Weekend of the Month

St. Andrew the Apostle, 27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road. Gibbsboro, NJ. Mainstream Mass Saturday, 4:30pm Mass
Holy Eucharist Parish 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ Mainstream Mass Sunday (Oct. - Apr.) 9:45AM
For more information, please contact Fr. Hugh Bradley: hugh.bradley@camdendiocese.org.



Something **AMAZING** is happening!!!

In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival and Procession



Choir of the Basilica Live in Concert!
FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025 | 7PM

St. Joseph Church | 226 French Street, Hammonton, NJ
(admission is free but a free will offering collection will be taken at end of concert
to support our 150th Anniversary Fund)

The Choir of the Basilica is the resident choir of the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC
For more information scan QR Code or visit www.smmcp.net



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

What is mental health? Mental health refers to our overall well-being and affects how a person feels, thinks or behaves. It can change as we age and go through life stages. Our mental health can impact our physical health, ability to navigate stress and our interactions with others.

Some signs to be aware for mental health include:

- ☐ **Changes in mood** – this can be affected by weather, people, activities or other circumstances.
- ☐ **Changes in sleep patterns** - sleeping too much, not getting enough sleep or waking frequently from sleep can affect mental health.
- ☐ **Changes in eating patterns** - eating more or less than usual or choosing foods higher in salt, sugar and carbohydrate content with little or no nutrients can have an impact.
- ☐ **Unusual difficulty concentrating** - having to think hard to recall things such as dates, names and what you were doing that is not normal for you.
- ☐ **Being fearful and constantly worrying** about health, finances or other aspects of life.
- ☐ **Decline in chronic health or mental health issues** can be due to stress.

Tips to Support Mental Health:

- ☐ **Be mindful** - Mindfulness of your thoughts, words and behavior is a good indicator of your mental health.
- ☐ **Track your mood** – Make notes on how you feel and when you feel them to help identify patterns of negative emotions and feelings.
- ☐ **Identify coping strategies** – We all cope with emotions differently. Do you stress-eat, smoke, or drink alcohol when you're upset? Do you call a friend, pray or go for a walk when you feel down? Think about how your coping strategies work for you.
- ☐ **Maintain regular exercise**, eat healthy, balanced meals and get adequate sleep.
- ☐ **Make one small change at a time** – taking on too much can be overwhelming.

If you are reading this and find that you are frequently more irritable or exhibiting signs of stress or poor mental health, consider contacting a health provider for guidance and reach out to a trusted family member or friend. Please contact us with any questions or if you need assistance at 888-268-4825 or visit www.vitality.camdendiocese.org. **Seniors are invited to join our Life to the Fullest Membership Program** which informs and connects seniors to the resources they need to stay safe and healthy. **Membership is free!**
Email Christine Willard at christine.willard@camdendiocese.org

SUMMER IN THE CITY

The Summer in the City Program is a week-long immersion project where the participant is allowed to live and work the gospel of service and social justice through the gift of self. The combination of Service at multiple work sites and reflection sessions gives young people the chance to use their talents and abilities. This week is for High School Students and may be used as service hours upon completion. For more information, see the flyer on page 7.

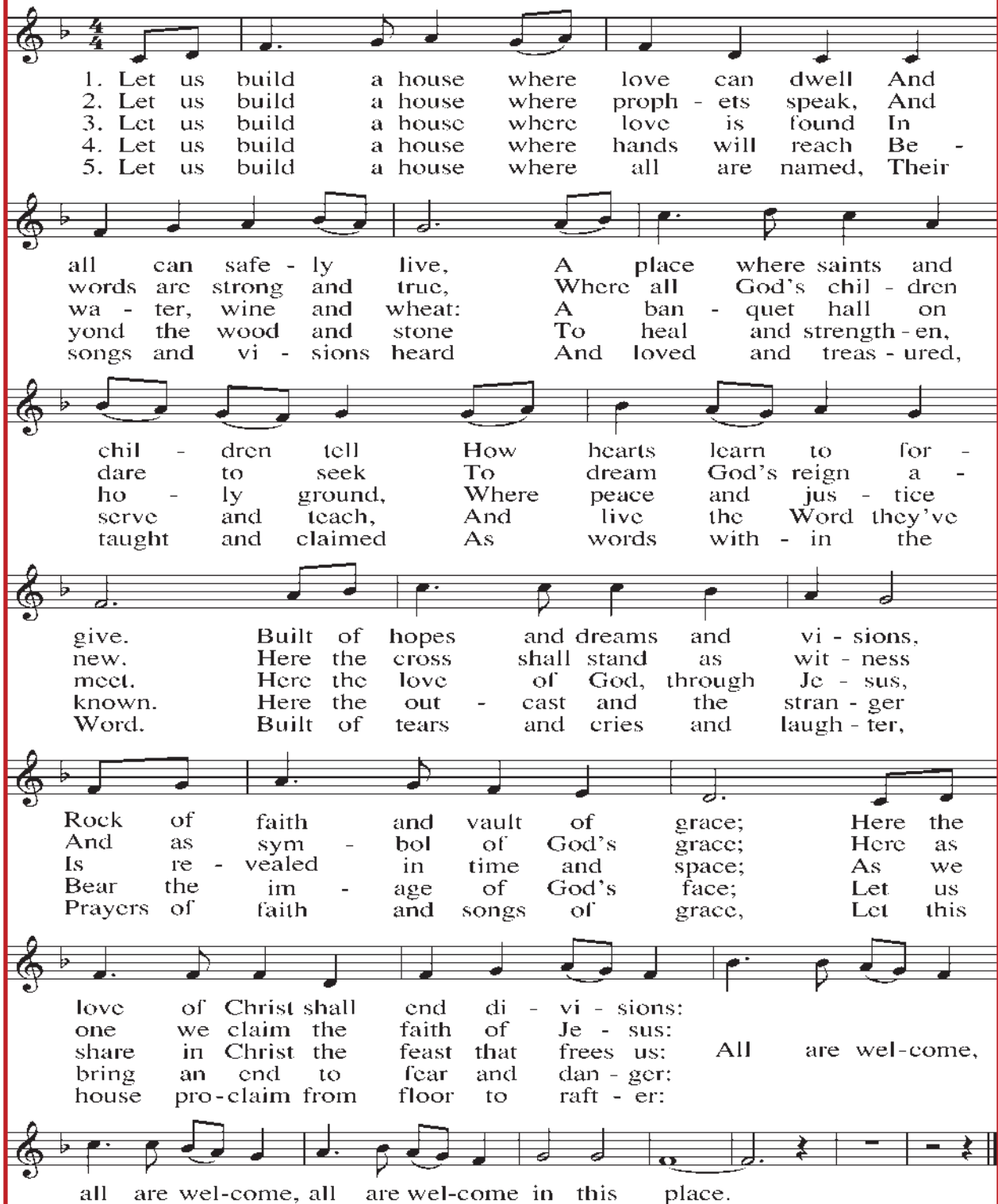
DIOCESAN JOB OPENINGS:

For more information on job postings, visit: <https://www.camdendiocese.org/category/c467-employment/>

Call to Worship

ENTRANCE HYMN: "All Are Welcome" Breaking Bread # 443

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — May 25, 2025

FIRST READING:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.” Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: “The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: ‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.’”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

SECOND READING:

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

GOSPEL:

Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

CREED: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven.

At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow.

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERVANT SONG

Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

Verses

1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you
 2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am
 3. A - bove, be - low, and a - round me, be - fore, be -
 4. You are the light in my dark - ness. You are my
 5. I am your song and ser - vant, sing - ing your

1. want me to serve you? Where can I sing your
 2. moved with - in me. Your Spir - it stirs my
 3. hind, and all through me, your Spir - it burns deep with -
 4. strength when I'm wea - ry. You give me sight when I'm
 5. praise like Ma - ry. Sur - ren - dered to your

1. prais - es? I am your song.
 2. deep - est self. Sing your songs in me.
 3. in me. Fire my life with your love.
 4. blind - ed. Come, see for me.
 5. Spir - it, "Let it be done to me."

Refrain

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the Lord.
 2. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Lord.
 3. Je - sus, Je - sus, be the warmth of my heart.
 4. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are my Light.
 5. Je - sus, Je - sus, "Let it be done to me."

1-5. Je - sus, Je - sus, you are the way.

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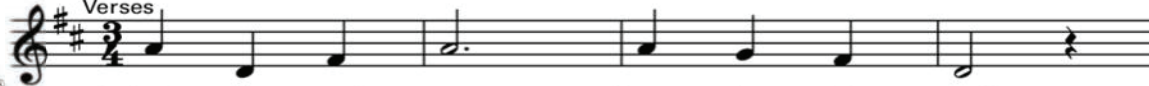
Communion Hymn: "Spirit And Grace" Breaking Bread #350



SPirit AND GRACE

Ricky Manalo, CSP

Verses



1. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
 2. Spir - it and grace, here in this meal;
 3. Spir - it and grace, here in this place;
 4. Spir - it of God, send - ing us forth;



1. you are the wind that breathes through the field.
 2. you are the life that flows through the vine.
 3. you are the light that shines in this space.
 4. we spread your wis-dom through-out all the earth.



1. Gath - er the wheat — and form us in Christ.
 2. Gath - er this drink — and form us in Christ.
 3. Gath - er your peo - ple and form us in Christ.
 4. Gath - er the na - tions and form us in Christ.



1. Come, be our source and breath of life.
 2. Come, be our source and blood of life.
 3. Come, be the heart - beat of our lives.
 4. Come, be the pres - ence in our lives.

Refrain



In the bread, blessed, bro-ken and shared, Christ is our



life, whose presence we bear. Come, O Spir - it, make your



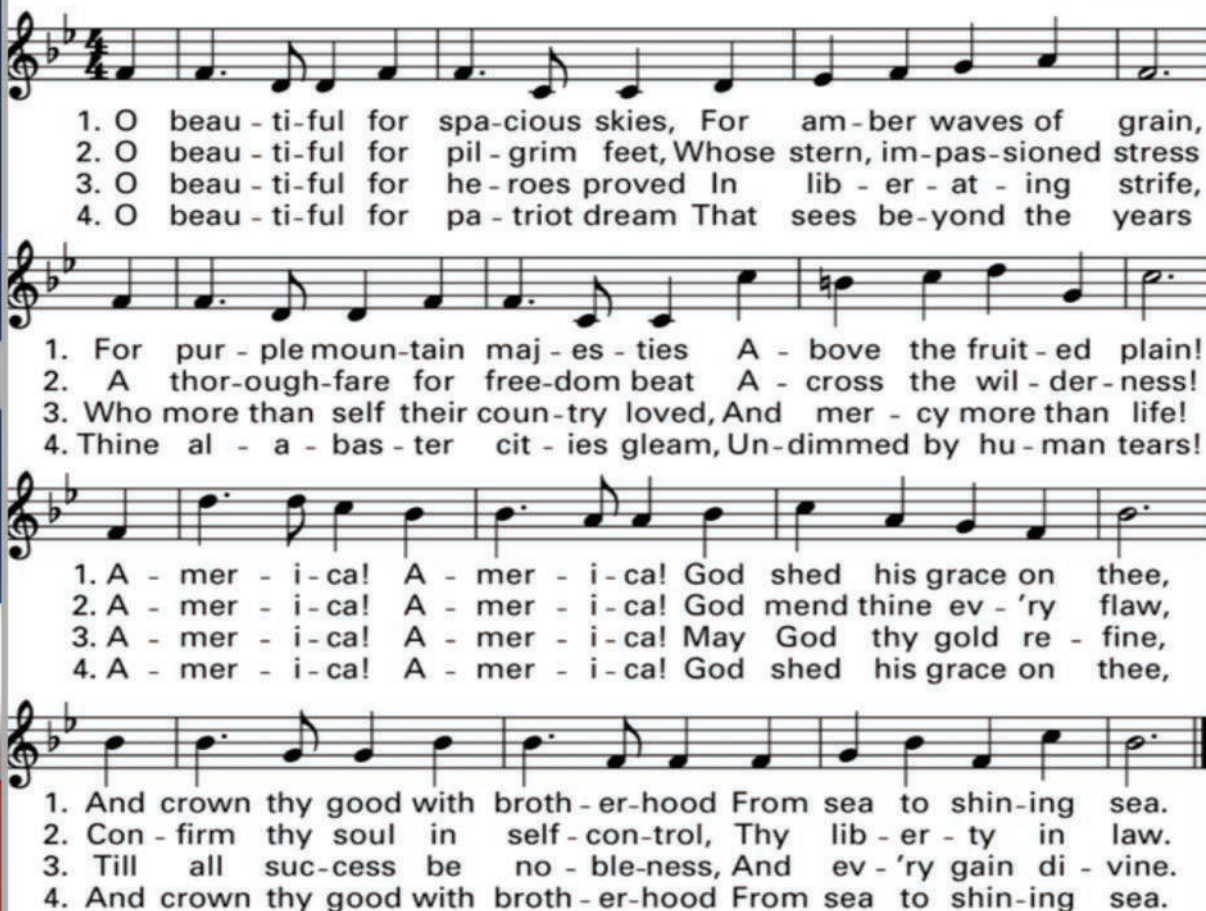
grace re - vealed in this ho - ly meal.

3 to Verses

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AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

MATERNAL



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

1. For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 2. A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 3. Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 4. Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

1. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 2. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
 3. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 4. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

1. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 2. Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 3. Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 4. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

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