

St. Simon Stock Parish

Berlin, NJ

A Roman Catholic Community of Saint Simon Stock Parish established in 2009 from the merger of Saint Edward Church (Pine Hill) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Berlin) under the pastoral care of the Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)



“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; indeed, blessed will you be . . .”

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Summer Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9am—4pm

Friday 9am – 1pm

Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2022

Mission Statement:

Saint Simon Stock Parish is a welcoming community. Guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Word, Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is the center of parish life. Through our Baptismal call, we generously share our time, talent, and treasure. As responsible stewards of the Kingdom of God, we give joyful witness to Jesus's Gospel of love.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30pm. Parents of children to be baptized must call the office to register for Baptism class held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Life Center. After completing the class, parents must submit the Baptism class certificate, a completed Baptism Request Form (given out at class or via the website), a copy of the birth certificate, a letter of eligibility for each godparent, and \$75 (checks payable to St. Simon Stock) to the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Every Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 pm in the church or by appointment.

Sacrament of Holy Anointing

Anyone seriously ill or facing surgery, please call 856-767-2563 during office hours or call 856-809-6438 after office hours to make arrangements for the Anointing of the sick.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Marriages are arranged at least one year in advance. Please speak to Father Michael for more information

Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Please speak with Father Michael or one of the parish priests for guidance.

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD



We welcome all visitors to our parish. Visitors wishing to register in the parish are asked to call 856-767-2563 and ask for Patti or register online at www.stsimonstock.net.



Call to Prayer

Please join us as we pray the **Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet** every day (Monday–Saturday) following the 8:00 AM Mass. **Join us also in praying the Holy Rosary for the unborn** in the church every Tuesday at 2:30 pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
August 31, 2022

Holy Hour and Benediction at 6 pm.
Would you spare an hour of your time for Jesus?



Congratulations to all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in August!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lee Bilbrough 8/2
Robert Zulueta 8/4
Sally Rosenbaum 8/19
Michael Zook 8/20
Patti Infanti 8/21
Rev. Michael A. de Leon, AM 8/22
Agatha Cullin 8/22
Robert Bickerdyke 8/22
Ruth Fahringer 8/29
Jerry Knast 8/31
Elaine Hill 8/31
Wendy Bradley 8/31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Marie & Brian Leyden 8/2
Joe & Karen Talucci 8/10
Martin & Bernie Durney 8/17
William & Penny Tressa 8/25
Anna & Robert Bickerdyke 8/27
Mary & Bob Iuliucci 8/27
Penny & Buzzy Shone (63 yrs) 8/27



Please call Patti at 856-767-2563 to add a birthday or anniversary date

Low Gluten Communion

If you wish to receive a low gluten host at Communion, please notify the priest before Mass. At Communion, please go to the priest for the low gluten host.

Priest Schedule for September 3/4

(subject to change without notice)

9/3 3pm-3:45pm Confessions – Fr. Mark Marangone
4pm Fr. Mark Marangone / Deacon Bob
9/4 8am Fr. Mark Marangone / Deacon Bob
10am Fr. Mark Marangone / Deacon Michael
12pm Rev. Mark Marangone / Deacon Michael

SENIOR MINISTRY



The St Simon Stock Senior Ministry will take a short vacation and not meet the last two weeks of August, August 21st through September 5th and will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 6, and the first and third Wednesdays of the month. All Seniors are invited to join us. Free to all. Barbara and Jen 856-767-2563, ext 307, or barbara@stsimonstock.net or Jennifer@stsimonstock.net.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle this week burns for **Thomas Brennan**, requested by his loving wife, Maureen.

While you are enjoying the summer sun and activity, don't forget your home parish, Saint Simon Stock. Your help will still be needed to meet the current expenses. If while on vacation you cannot contribute regularly, may we suggest that you keep the unused envelopes on hand and bring your contribution up-to-date when you return. Or consider joining Parish Giving where your weekly contribution is automatically deducted on a monthly basis from your checking or credit card at no cost to you? For more information please click ParishGiving on the parish website or call the office at 856-767-2563 ext. 300.



NOTE: The Parish Office is closed on Labor Day
Pre-summer office hours will then resume
Monday and Tuesday 9am to 6pm
Wednesday and Friday 9am to 4pm

IN REMEMBRANCE



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

Patricia Dimiri (R.I.P.) †
Joselyn L. Kayati (R.I.P.) †
Joseph A. Talucci (R.I.P.) †

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Catholic Christian Community:
Richard Holden Contois
Grayson Silvio Cocco



RESPECT LIFE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Respect Life Ministry



All parishioners are invited to join in any of the following activities without becoming a member:

- 1. Rosary for the intention of pro-life:** Every Tuesday at 2:30 pm in the church.
- 2. Prayer Vigil at Cherry Hill Women's Clinic (abortion facility):** Every First

Saturday from 10-11 am. Address for clinic: 502 Kings Hwy N., Cherry Hill 08034.

The Respect Life Ministry meets every third Monday from 7-8 pm in the PLC. Everyone is welcome to attend. **If you are interested in joining the Respect Life Ministry at St. Simon Stock** or have any questions, please contact: Lois Dark at: respectlife@StSimonStock.net.



- Oct. 1 Harvest Fest (Oct. 8 Rain Date)
- Oct. 15/16 Ministry Sunday
- Oct. 22 Rummage Sale
- Oct. 29 Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage
- Nov. 5 Volunteer Appreciation/New Parishioner Reception
- Nov. 20 Feast of Christ the King
- Nov. 20 12pm Anniversary Mass-Renewal of Marriage Vows
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27 First Sunday in Advent
- Nov. 29 #iGiveCatholic 2022 (#Giving Tuesday)



Knights in Unity – Ukraine Mission of Mercy

KofC Council #7429 is working closely with the KofC Council #15267, St. Wojciech, Poland, to support the KofC Council #15801 in Lviv, Ukraine.

Donations will be accepted from **September 3 through November 27**. Checks should be made payable to Archangel Council #7429. Items needed are:

Non-perishable food items

- noodles | rice | sugar | tea bags
- canned goods | instant soup
- instant oatmeal | nuts | cereal
- energy bars | snacks
- ready-meals with long shelf-life

Personal items

- children's 2-in-1 shampoo | body wash
- tissues | soap | shower gel
- hand sanitizer | toothpaste
- band-aids | toothpaste | first-aid kits
- unisex shampoo & conditioner
- hydrogen peroxide
- disposable diapers
- pain relief medication
- women's hygiene products
- medical tourniquet
- antibacterial wipes

Other items

- blankets | sleeping bags | bookbags (new or gently used)
- candles | crayons | pencils
- coloring books

Contact **Bill Bansch (609-685-6969)** or **Dave Adams (856-473-8629)**

2022 Special Collections

- Sept. 4 MCP Mission Appeal
- Sept. 11 Catholic University of America
- Oct. 9 Pro-Life Collection
- Oct. 23 World Mission Sunday
- Nov. 6 Archdiocese for Military Services, USA
- Nov. 20 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Dec. 11 Retired Religious Collection



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Archangel Council 7429
• 178 W. White Horse Pike • Berlin, New Jersey 08009



Faith Formation

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

St. Simon Stock Parish is looking forward to the upcoming Faith Formation school year. Classes will start in the beginning of October. We offer classes for children in 1st through 8th grades. Our on-site schedule remains the same – Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM or Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation is a two-year process. Children in 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th grades are required to attend in person. If the child has not completed the 1st or 7th grade, they will be placed in that class this year and advance the following year.

Our preference is for children to attend class in person. However, we do offer the option of home schooling for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Register on-line at www.stsimonstock.net. Click on the Faith Formation tab and then go to the 2022-2023 Registration Form link. I will receive the form automatically. You can then mail in or drop off your tuition to Mary Spicer at the Parish Office, 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ 08009. This year's fees are \$150 for one child; \$275 for two or more children. Checks should be made payable to St. Simon Stock Parish.

Below the registration form link are links to the on-site and home school calendars.

Please register early to ensure you get the class day/time you prefer.



Our Mission

A Community of Tradition... Seeking to Serve... Touching Tomorrow!

Please help support our Catholic school - Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School was opened in September 1956, to serve the educational needs of the Catholic communities of the Berlin area. It was served by the Irish Sisters of Mercy who originally responded to the call for teaching sisters. Today, the school is staffed by a very dedicated lay faculty and is open to the parishes and communities in the same area.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is committed to provide a broad, flexible, well-balanced program of studies and activities for grades Pre-K through 8, designed to meet the highest standards of educational excellence while remaining responsive to individual needs and differences.

We believe that each individual student will grow and develop to his/her full potential; becoming a self-confident, well-equipped, fully formed citizen of this ever-changing world, while remaining conscious of an eternal destiny as a son or daughter of God.

OLMC students are Seeking to Serve, Touching Tomorrow and living a Community of Tradition!

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Regional School is deeply rooted in Christian teachings and traditions. While fostering relationships with the family and community, we aspire to explore and develop future leaders who seek to serve the Lord and global community while responding to the needs and challenges of our time.

School opens this year with a full day session on **Tuesday, September 6**. There are limited spots still available in some grades. Please contact the Advancement Director, Melissa Chesebro (mchesebro@olmc-school.org) or the Principal, Alice Malloy (amalloy@olmc-school.org) for more information.

Visit the School's website at <https://olmc-school.org/> for admission information, academics, Clubs, Athletics and much more.



St. Simon Stock Youth Group is Holding a Book Drive for BookSmiles!

Book Drive Runs

August 13, 2022-September 13, 2022

Accepting new and gently used children's books, as well as books for adults!

Please deliver your books in bags or boxes to:

178 W. White Horse Pike Berlin, NJ
(Back of the church before and after weekend masses)

Questions? Contact: Deacon Michael Vitarelli
Nikki McNamara, or Sara McWilliams

Phone: 856-767-2563; Email: youthgroup@stsimonstock.net

BookSmiles is a South Jersey 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to collect and redistribute books to underserved families in the greater South Jersey and Philadelphia regions.

Visit our website for more info: booksmiles.org



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

To my dear parishioners,

Many of you already know that I together with my confreres are all traveling to the Philippines to participate in a very important event, namely our religious community's General Chapter. It is a series of conferences with prayers and reflections, and then the election of our new provincial superior. I like to imagine, when we finally elect our new leader, that there would be "white smoke" coming out of the chimney akin to electing a new pontiff! Of course, it isn't that dramatic, however the election of our new provincial superior is extremely significant for our religious congregation and the people we serve.

Now, every time I have a chance to go back to the Philippines, I always try to visit two beautiful churches in Metro Manila area: *the Shrine of Our Lady of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage* and *the Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help*.



INTERNATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PEACE AND GOOD VOYAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES

The photo above is the first international Shrine in the Philippines, and the first Marian Shrine in Asia and sixth in the world. According to a study, hundreds of thousands of people visit Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage in Antipolo City (north east of Manila) to attend Mass, pray for their family and loved ones, and request their vehicles to be blessed. I loved to go to this Shrine because it is within 2 ½ to 3 miles from our seminary (*Alagad ni Maria – Disciples of Mary*). In my seminary days, I used to stop by and pray and just sit quietly meditating on Jesus Christ. This Shrine is also special to me because I was ordained as a deacon at this beautiful location.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP IN THE PHILIPPINES

Another church that I loved to visit was the **National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help**, also known as the **Redemptorist Church** and colloquially as **Baclaran**



Church. The photo above was taken during the one of the many Masses and liturgical services this Shrine. The church enshrines the powerful icon of Our Mother of

Perpetual Help, and is one of the largest Marian churches in the Philippines. Filipinos loved our Blessed Mother Mary, and the devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is very popular amongst us, Filipino Catholics, who flood the church on Wednesdays to attend Mass and pray the Novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Lighting a Candle for you

This time, when I visited these two magnificent churches, I would light a candle for my family, for you, my dear parishioners, and for those whom I promised to offer prayers. So, if you or someone you know (family or friend) are recovering from sickness or surgery, please let me know, and I will light a candle for you. Of course, as your pastor, you can email me at pastor@stsimonstock.net if you or someone you know needs a special prayer for whatever intentions you may want.

Keeping the candles lit as a symbol of faith and hope

We all observe that candles are lit during Catholic services to symbolize Christ and to signify the congregation's spiritual union with him. The lighting of candles is a form of personal prayer as well as prayer for the well-being of others, and it is also a symbol of spiritual connectedness with other followers of Christianity. Keeping the candles lit is a symbol of the hope that the prayers will be heard and answered.

Please, know that you and your family are always in our daily prayers and Masses. Take care of yourselves. Be kind, generous, and grateful.

Love & prayers, Father Michael, AM



MASS INTENTIONS

READINGS

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAT 8/27
8:00 AM.
 † Amedeo Petrongolo, r/b his loving Family
4:00 PM
 † Theresa Phillips, r/b Joe Caporelli & Family
SUN 8/28 **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM
 L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
10:00 AM **LIVE STREAMED**
 † Charles P. O'Toole, r/b Norm & Mary Spicer
 † Louis Gilbert, r/b Christine Helmbold
 † Annie Schnurman, r/b the Magee Family
12:00 PM
 † Pearl Jones, r/b Chuck & Debbie Warrington
MON 8/29
8:00 AM
 † John & Grace Musumeci, r/b daughter, Josie
TUES 8/30
8:00 AM
 † Kevin Francis Driscoll,
 r/b Theresa Germano & Adriana Foschini
WED 8/31
8:00 AM
 † Anthony V. Bartuccio, r/b Elayne Hill
THURS 9/1
8:00 AM
 † Dorothy E. Ferrara, r/b Tony & Mary Ziccardi
FRI 9/2
8:00 AM
 † Thomas Brennan, r/b his loving wife, Maureen
 † Irving Motluck, r/b his loving wife, Dolores
SAT 9/3
8:00 AM.
 † **Communion Service**
4:00 PM
 † Theresa Phillips, r/b Iannotti Family
SUN 9/4 **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM
 † Philip Cresthull, r/b his Parents
10:00 AM **LIVE STREAMED**
 L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
12:00 PM
 † John, Ron, Lou, Bob, & Victor, r/b Carl & Joan
 † Rivera / Sanchez Families, r/b Betty Rivera
 † Mary E. Passarella,
 r/b Joanne & Mark Naughton & Family

Wedding Anniversary Mass



St. Simon Stock Parish will be honoring all couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th anniversary and all those beyond their 50th anniversary on **Sunday, November 20, 2022, at the 12 noon Mass** with a light reception following mass in the Parish Life Center or Parish Hall. Sign up forms will be available in the back of the church and at the parish office. All couples celebrating at the anniversary mass must provide a copy of their Catholic marriage certificate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

August 28, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

Monday	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

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 ST. SIMON STOCK
 PARISH PASTORAL
 COUNCIL IN COOPERATION
 WITH OUR LADY OF
 MT. CARMEL SCHOOL

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2022
9A.M.
SET UP 7A.M.
MORNING OF SALE

VENDORS
NEEDED
WIFI AND ACCESS
TO ELECTRIC
OUTLETS IF NEEDED

\$20 PER
TABLE

INDOOR RUMMAGE
SALE
 OLMC-Father John F. Bourke Memorial Hall

For a table
 Contact: Beth Cattell
 at 609-230-7100 or
 beth.cattell@verizon.net
 or call the Parish Office
 856-767-2563 ext. 300

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: SSgt. Nicholas R. Luthe USAF; Sgt. Adam Cutaiar, USMC; Capt. Lewis Nicoletto; PO 2nd Russell Hagner, USN; Spc. Justin Scheuren, USA; PO 1st Class Damien Renzi, USN; Lt. Jason E. Healey, USA; SSgt. David Sigwart, USAF; SSgt. Taylor Purvis, USAF; Sgt. Michael Franzini, USA; PO 2nd Class Michael Angelow, USN; Pfc. Amanda Sylvester, USA; Sgt. Tyler Fisher, USA; Joseph Morris III, USA; Matthew Angelow, USCG; Nadeem Sarwar, USA; Sherri Mercier; GYSGT Christopher Cunningham, USMC; SSgt. Nicholas R. Luthe USAF; MSgt. Jeremiah McNamara; Spc. Sean Gillespie, USA; 2nd Lt. Bryan Gillespie, USA; Cmdr. Luke Slizinski, USCG.

To add or remove a name from our Military, please email Jim Gillespie Jr. at gillespiejas@comcast.net and provide name, rank and branch of service.

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Thank you, Father Randy!

Let us join Father Randy Sampinto, AM as he celebrates his last Masses at Saint Simon Stock Parish this weekend (August 28-29). He is returning to the Philippines to proceed his continuing priestly program.

*Thank you, Father Randy!
Let us wish him all God's blessings!*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

PLEASE NOTE: To add or remove a name on the prayer list, contact 856-767-2563 or patti@stsimonstock.net. Please confirm that the person consents to having their name published.

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| Marge Acheson
Julia Alessandrine
George Batten Sr.
Joan Batten
Eileen Barclay
Alberta Barody
Mary Catherine Bernard
Steven Boles
Mark Bernosky
John Brady
Jennifer Britt
Joe Bruno
Terri Bruno
Kathy Burns
Betty Butler
Mary Carr
Christine Carrara
Thomas Chopak
Marilyn Cipolone
Bessie Coffey
Carole Anne Conner
Lori Contardo
Diane DeSorte
Mary Despirito
Dennis Druding
Rosemary Druding
Jules Duka
Jean Eddis
Thomas Ellison
Timmy Dunn
David Fierro
Carmella Fiore
Lori Giosa
Debbie Gutjahr
Lori Hackman
Mary Hart
Michael Hatch
Margaret Helner
Patrick Hennessey
Richard Herlihy, FSC
Jim Hiteshow
Maria Honrychs
Christine Jewel
Janice Judge | Joselyn Kayati
Danielle Kenderine
Vera Kirk
Jerry Knast
Maureen Kochanek
Peter A. LaMarra
Robert LaRatta
Sarah Leyden
Stephen Malloy
Maverick Marchesani
Michael Marchesani
Mitchell Marchesani
Libby Martinez
Mary McKay
Loretta McKenna
Mary McShane
Larry Meo Sr.
Valerie Milillo
Adele Miller
Kaitlyn Miller
Jayne Parker
Shannon Pliszcak
Glenn Pliszcak
Baby Jasmin Redd
LaTania Redd
Maryann Rich
Bruce Richard Sr.
Elwood Rulon
Gretchen M. Schaller
Edna Sears
Concetta Sherlock
Alec Silovitz
William J. Simpson
Les Stevens
Emily Swinarski
Brielle Taylor
Scott Valery
Daniel Ward
Chick Warrington
Alyssa Wawrzyniak
Amanda Wells
Jesse Williams
Marcella Williams
Nancy Williamson
Grace Wisnewski |
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STEWARDSHIP

Ways you can give:

1. Use weekly envelopes for your donations.
2. Parish Giving is an automated means to support our parish through weekly and monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit/debit card account. Visit <https://stsimonstock.net/CharitableGiving>.
3. Please remember the church in your estate planning by including St. Simon Stock Parish in your will.
4. Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to St. Simon Stock Parish. Compared with donating cash or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction. To participate, contact the parish office at 856-767-2563.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS

Please consider placing St. Simon Stock Parish in your Will so that your legacy might continue through the important works and ministries of the parish. You or your estate planner can contact St. Simon Stock at www.stsimonstock.net or call the parish office at 856-767-2563.

Stewardship – August 28, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Giving

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” LUKE 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a **Stewardship** lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Stewardship of Treasure

August 21, 2022

Sunday Collections	\$ 9,731.00
Budgeted	\$11,650.00
Parish E-Giving	\$ 2,594.50
Mass Attendance	593
Envelopes Used	336
No. Parish E-Giving Contributors	70

Thank you for your continuous support to our parish. God bless you and your family!

ST. SIMON STOCK CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



157 West White Horse Pike, Berlin,
NJ 08009

FOOD PANTRY HOURS:
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 11am-3pm

THRIFT STORE HOURS:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
10am-3pm; Saturdays 10am-1pm

STORE DONATIONS accepted on store days up to ½ hour before closing.

PHONE ASSISTANCE SERVICES at 856-767-7391 available on the 1st and 3rd TUESDAYS 11 AM to 2:30 PM; Other TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and THURSDAYS Noon to 2 PM. At other times, if you need immediate assistance, dial 211, which is the NJ State Help Line.

Share With Those Who Cannot Repay You

In this Sunday’s Gospel we hear Jesus say to us, “...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

With love for your neighbors who may not be as fortunate as you, look around your house to see what useable household items and/or good quality clothing you no longer use...and donate it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

If you need medical assistance items such as crutches, wheel chairs, walkers, shower chairs, and/or portable commodes, please contact us.

As always, if you are interested in learning more about us, if you have questions, or would like to volunteer in some capacity, contact us at 856-767-7391 during pantry hours or come visit our Thrift Store during open hours. While you are there you can drop off donations and/or shop, as well!.

“Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:46



BAPTISM INFORMATION

**Are you planning to have your child baptized?
Have you been asked to be a godparent for baptism?
Here are some things you need to know.**

Baptisms are held on the **2nd and 3rd Sundays**
of the month at **1:30pm**.

To begin the process, parents of children to be baptized must call the office to register for a Baptism class held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Life Center. The next class is September 19th. Please call the office to register.

After completing the class, parents must submit the Baptism class certificate, a completed Baptism Request Form (given out at class or printed from the website), a copy of the child's birth certificate, a letter of eligibility for each godparent (see below), and \$75 (checks payable to St. Simon Stock) to Patti at the Parish Office.

Godparent Letter of Eligibility must be obtained from the Catholic parish where they are now registered.

Letter of Eligibility

(to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor)

If you have been asked to be a godparent or sponsor for someone receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and you are a registered parishioner of St. Simon Stock, you:

- must be at least 16 years of age;
- must be a registered parishioner and a practicing Catholic;
- must have received Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation; and
- if married, must have been married in a Catholic church ceremony.

At least two weeks before the letter of eligibility is needed, introduce yourself to the priest after Mass and tell them that you need a letter of eligibility. Father will tell you to call the office to schedule an appointment with him to discuss your Catholic responsibilities as godparent or sponsor, and to sign the Letter.

Any questions, call the parish office at 856-767-2563.



MORE PARISH NEWS

PRE-CANA SESSION

The next Pre-Cana session is scheduled for next **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, and it's filling up fast! Space is limited. To register, contact Patti@StSimonStock.net. Check-in starts at 8am.

Harvest Fest

BASKET AUCTION



The Basket Auction is always a great success due to the generosity of our parish ministries, other parishioners, friends, and local businesses. If you are interested in donating a basket you can find some good ideas on Google by searching "Auction Baskets."

Please follow these guidelines when making your basket:

- ❖ All items included **MUST BE NEW**.
- ❖ Baskets or other creative containers are to be wrapped in some type of clear covering so the items can be seen.
- ❖ If possible, give your basket a creative name.
- ❖ Attach the donor or donors' names to the basket.

Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office.

Final deadline for baskets is **September 23rd between 1-6pm**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The parish of Saint John the Evangelist, of the Independent Catholic Church, located in Berlin, New Jersey, is not in union with the Catholic Church, whose head is the Bishop of Rome. In accord with Canon 844 of the Code of Canon Law, Roman Catholics are not able to lawfully receive the sacraments from the minister of this parish. The current Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist, **John Patrick Connors**, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Camden, was dismissed from the clerical state and is currently under censure of excommunication for the crime of schism (c. 1364 §1 of Code of Canon Law) due to his affiliation with a community not in full communion with the Catholic Church, functioning as a priest for the Old Catholic Church, as declared by the Holy Father on September 21, 2018.

AUGUST LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

8/27-28	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Randy	Fr. Randy	Fr. Randy	Fr. Lipinski
Assisted By			Deacon Bob Pat Miller Ragina McGee	Deacon Bob Chuck Warrington Toni Powers
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Altar				
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Ushers				

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Xaverian Missionaries making of the world one family

Next weekend, we welcome Father Mark Marangone, s.x., a Xaverian Missionary. Father Mark will preach the Mission Appeal at all Masses on September 3-4, 2022.

Being exclusively a foreign mission society, the Xaverian Missionaries (Priests and Brothers) depend greatly on proceeds from friends and benefactors. They carry out their service in Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

We are having a second collection on September 3-4 for Father Marangone and the Xaverian Missionaries.



Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar

(A Parish Renewal Weekend Experience)

When: September 24 and 25, 2022

Where: Our Lady of Hope Social Hall

701 Little Gloucester Rd.

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Registration starts Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

Celebrant(s): Rev. Rene Canales, Rev. John March

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