

Saint Simon Stock Parish

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The 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).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

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Rich Sbarra
Maintenance Manager

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30pm. Parents must call the parish office to register for Baptism class held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Life Center.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

If you or someone you know feel the calling to be a priest, or a religious (men or women), please speak with Father Michael or one of the parish priests for guidance and discernment. God bless you.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration

First Wednesday of each month

8:45 am - 7:00 pm

Every Wednesday

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Church is open for private prayer

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm



856.767.2563 / 856.767.8791 (fax)

Emergency (outside of office hours)
856.809.6438

Email: office@stsimonstock.net

Web: www.StSimonStock.net

Parish Office Hours

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

Follow us on Social Media:



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.

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Simon Stock Parish!

The easiest way to register is to go online at www.StSimonStock.net/ParishRegistration. If you prefer, you also can contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration.

Parishioners

If you have new contact information, new members in your household, or someone in your household has received a sacrament, please contact the Parish Office so that our records are updated. Adult children should register themselves separate from their parents. **If you have not been receiving your weekly offering envelopes**, again, please contact the Parish Office to ensure that your address is registered correctly. If you are moving away, please let us know. Parish Office: 856-767-2563 or email us at office@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 AM Mass. **Join us also in praying the Holy Rosary for the unborn** in the church every **Tuesday at 2 pm.**

All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

May 1, 2024

Holy Hour & Benediction at 6-7 pm

Strengthen your relationship with Jesus!



Congratulations to all who celebrate APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Teresa Hiteshow 4/01
Norm Spicer 4/01
Mary Garback 4/04
Nora Sauers 4/05
Jan Judge 4/09
Gladys Blaese 4/11
Helen Quammen 4/13
Eleanor Jevic 4/14
Loretta Bunoza 4/16
Santina Lang 4/22
Therese Baker 4/25
Anna Bickerdyke 4/26
Hayley Coale 4/29



Congratulations to all who celebrate APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Debbie Warrington 4/20
Rich & Beth Cattell 4/25

Please call the Parish Office to add a birthday/anniversary

Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class will be held **Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7pm** in the Parish Life Center.

Please call the Parish office to register.

2024 Special Collections

Apr. 28	Catholic Home Missions
May 12	Catholic Communication Campaign
June 30	Peter's Pence Collection
July 14	Pastoral Soidarity Fund for Church in Africa
Sept. 8	Catholic University of America
Oct. 6	Pro-Life Collection
Oct. 20	World Mission Sunday
Nov. 17	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Dec. 8	Retired Religious Collection



May 2	Sacrament of Confirmation
May 4	First Eucharist/Communion – Faith Formation
May 5	First Eucharist/Communion – OLMC School
May 11	Diaconate Ordination
May 12	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
May 12	Mother's Day and May Crowning of Mary
May 16	St. Simon Stock Feast Day
May 18	Priesthood Ordination
May 19	Pentecost Sunday
May 26	Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
May 27	Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed
June 2	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Priest Schedule for May 4/5

(subject to change without notice)

5/4	3pm	Confessions – Father Philip
	4pm	Father Philip / Deacon Michael
5/5	8am	Father Joseph / Deacon Michael
	10am	Father Philip / Deacon Bob
	12pm	Father Michael / Deacon Bob

SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Ministry meets **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm** (Lunch served at 12 noon) in the Parish Life Center. Come join us!!!



March Prayer & Yoga Schedule

Tuesdays 4:30pm
(5/14, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18) and
every Wednesdays 6:45 am

Special guest instructor "Yogi" on 5/8

Please call Sue at 856-685-3638 for more information

Capital Campaign Pledge Cards for the Vestibule Project are available on the table in the back of the church or scan the QR Code!



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL REFLECTION FROM THE WORDS OF FATHER MICHAEL

When I was in the novitiate as a novice in my religious order community of the Disciples of Mary (*Alagad ni Maria*), I was assigned to ensure the seminary garden was tended correctly. The seminary garden had a variety of plants and fruit trees in it. I admit I was not an expert gardener, but I worked diligently to fulfill my duties and responsibilities.

My mother's side of the family is mainly comprised of farmers. I learned valuable things from my family about tending a farm (a rice field and fruit trees) – to make sure they had adequate water (irrigation) and organic fertilizer, remove the dead branches, and prune the branches. The act of pruning was vital in producing good fruit and an abundant harvest.



Based on today's gospel, it always fascinates me that God knows when to prune, clip, and trim us whenever we are stagnant with our lives. Precisely, the gospel of John 15:1-8 states, "(Jesus) ***I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit***". There is value in feeling that we are being pruned from the dead branches of our lives. Just as a plant or vine is wounded when pruned, we, too, will feel pain when we experience the pruning and trimming of the withered "branches" of our lives.

Do you feel stagnant or unproductive in your faith life? Maybe you would benefit from some "pruning", getting rid of bad experiences and unwise choices you might have made. Pray, reflect, and invite our loving Father, the vine grower, to prune us from all sins and iniquities, our injustice and doubts. Let's remain with Jesus, our true vine, as we navigate life's intricacies and particularities to produce abundant fruit!

May God bless you and your family! Stay well!

Father Michael

Parish Fund-Raiser Dinner event at Auletto's Caterers on June 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm

I want to update you on our Capital Campaign for the Church Vestibule project. I have been meeting with parishioners and inviting them to make a meaningful commitment and sacrificial gift to the Parish Capital Campaign. We are moving on the right path. There are still many more parishioners and potential donors to meet and discuss the project.

Another way to raise money is to organize a fundraiser dinner. ***A fundraiser dinner typically costs more than an ordinary dinner.*** Our Parish Fundraiser Dinner at Auletto's Caterer's in Almonesson, NJ, is just \$150 per person. I understand that \$150 per person for dinner is not cheap. However, please know that this is a fundraiser dinner. Auletto's Caterer is giving us a huge discount for this event.

Please help us raise the money for the Capital Campaign Church Vestibule project and enjoy great good and have some fun too.

Your gift to the Parish Capital Campaign is a worthwhile and meaningful way to embrace the season of Easter, as it allows you to imitate Christ's generosity to show your love in a significant way that will last throughout the years.

Thank you for your generosity!

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you
and your family always!

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint Edward,
Saint Joseph, and Saint Simon Stock, pray for us!**

With Christ's love and peace,

Fr. Michael



STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Mass Intentions for the Week

SAT 4/27	
8 AM	† Robert Zulueta r/b loving wife, Merla & Family
4 PM	† Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Mass)
	† James & Dolores Porter r/b the Porter Family
SUN 4/28	Fifth Sunday of Easter
8 AM	† George A. Hubler
	r/b Maryellen Welsh & Joan Welsh Fox
10 AM	LIVE STREAMED
	† Melissa Peters r/b Carmen Craig
	† Sister Theresa Hynes r/b Tom & Peg Carey
	† Radhaela Rossi r/b Theresa DeSpirito
	† Shawn P. Carden r/b Betty Briles
	† Bobby Harris r/b Jim, Denise Bilella & Sons
12 PM	L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
MON 4/29	
8 AM	L Students and Teachers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Regional School
TUES 4/30	
8 AM	L Faith Formation Students and Catechists of St. Simon Stock Parish
WED 5/1	
8 AM	† Joseph LaMonaca r/b Adele Miller
	L Intentions of Donald & Mary Alice Morrison on their 70th Wedding Anniversary
	r/b Marge Moorhead and Trish Best
THURS 5/2	
8 AM	† Rev. Sebastian V. Annino
FRI 5/3	
8 AM	† Sister Theresa Hynes r/b Eileen Iuliucci
SAT 5/4	
8 AM	† Rev. Michael P. Rush
4 PM	† Sixth Sunday of Easter (Vigil Mass)
	L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
SUN 5/5	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8 AM	† Rivera-Sanchez Family r/b Betty Rivera
10 AM	LIVE STREAMED
	† Susan Cleary r/b MaryEllen Welsh & Joan WelshFox
12 PM	† Thomas W. Peters r/b his loving wife and children
	† Sister Theresa Hynes r/b the Leyden Family
	† Michael Baker r/b Martin & Bernadette Durney
	† Mary Saponaro r/b John & Dorian Saponaro
	† Fred Rossi r/b Anthony & Carol DeSpirito

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
1st Friday	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
1st Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Steward Goodness

“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!

Diocesan Ordinations

Richardo Lozano Cruz will be ordained a priest on **May 18, 2024, 10:30am**, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, NJ.

Timothy Mulranen and Thomas Piro will be ordained Transitional Deacons on **May 11, 2024, 10:30am**, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 4308 Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City, NJ.

Please pray for vocations!



Think it is impossible – try St Rita of Cascia- “Saint of Impossible & Desperate Cases” She is a great intercessor to the Lord especially for the “impossible” causes. All are welcomed to attend this special devotion to St Rita at Christ the Redeemer parish, Atco for the nine-day novena from May 13 to 21 at 6:30 pm. Her feast day Mass will be held on Wednesday May 22 at 6:30 pm and will be held in the new St Rita grotto, so please bring a lawn chair for your comfort.

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

APRIL LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

4/27-28 4:00 pm (no deacon)

EMs Gail Grabowski
Agatha Cullin
Marge Sabato

Lectors Bonnie Piontkowski

Music Varo/Linda

Altar Srv Vanessa Longo

Ushers Tom Galen, Jim Pacifico
Rudy Perocho, John Luttuga
Jim Blackmore, Rich Grabowski
Mark Fahringer, Bill Bansch

8:00 AM (no deacon)

Barb Davis
Anthony Primo
Marge Worthmann

Pete Worthmann

Terry/Rich

Blake Smith

Joe Adolph, Joe Karus
Joe Blasé Sr. & Jr.
Bob Fahringer
Rick Danser, Bill Fox
Derrick Watkins
Dennis Consalvi

10:00 AM (no deacon)

Tracey Salvatore
Jeff Salvatore
Nora Rowan

Charlotte McCullough

Liz/Vince

Mike Schofield, Chris Brisbin
Tom Carey, Keith Jones
Mike McGee, Harry Friebl
Chris Morris, Frank Flood
George Turner

12:00 Noon (no deacon)

Sarah Leyden
Toni Powers
Marie DiStefano

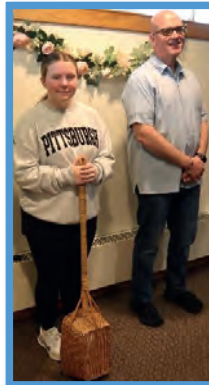
Marie Leyden

Vicky/Cindy

Seraphina Schaber
Gracie Pullaro

Roger Strong
Frank Vein
Brian Leyden

STUDENT SUNDAY MINISTRY – APRIL 21, 2024



We congratulate the 8th grade Faith Formation students of Mrs. Lisa Gillespie who participated during the 10 am Sunday Mass on April 21, 2024.

STEWARDSHIP OF EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School



As part of its curriculum, OLMC School offers instruction in Latin to students in grades 6-8. The study of Latin has been shown to increase student performance on standardized tests, and give a greater understanding of English grammar, as well as improve vocabulary and critical

thinking skills. Students gain an appreciation of the history of our Catholic faith as they learn basic prayers and responses in Latin. Advanced students in 8th grade take the National Latin Exam every year and have consistently received “cum laude” or higher recognition for their efforts. Registration for the 2024-25 school year is ongoing. If you would like more information about the benefits of a Mt. Carmel education, please contact Principal Alice Malloy (amalloy@olmc-school.org) or Advancement Director Melissa Chesebro (mchesebro@olmc-school.org) at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School for more information.

Diocesan Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 9 am to 1 pm
St. Stephen Parish
6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ

Diocesan Training for Lectors

Zoom Meeting June 11, 2024, 6:30-8:30pm
Plus

In Person Sessions:

Monday, June 17, 2024, 6:30-8:30pm
Saint Damien Parish/St. Augustine Church
13th Street at Wesley Avenue, Ocean City, NJ
Or

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 6:30-8:30pm
Saint Teresa of Calcutta / McLaughlin Hall
Atlantic Avenue at Lees Avenue, Collingswood, NJ

Please contact the Parish Office for an application.

Summer in the City

August 11-17, 2024
Nazareth House
300 Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ

A week-long service immersion experience, high school students will live and work with each other in service to the Gospel’s call to put love in action. This experience offers the chance for students to use their talents and abilities to help neighbors and increase their faith with a clearer understanding of the rights and dignity of human persons. Registration Fee is \$170 with meals, lodging, and program materials included. Questions? Contact:

Michael Sims 856.583.2910 or
Michael.sims@CamdenDiocese.org



St. Simon Stock
Roman Catholic Community

YOUTH are invited to.....

Youth Group Monthly Meet up
5th to 12th graders
St. Simon Stock Life Center
Sunday, May 19th
9am to 12:30pm

St. Simon Stock Youth Group offers opportunities to serve parishioners as well as local and national organizations. Come join in our monthly service to the church, mass and community service project (2.5 hours of community service). Bring a friend to hear what we have



planned for the upcoming school year. Parents are welcome to join to hear more about Youth Group.

Saint Simon Stock Youth Group, 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ, 08009

Phone: 856-767-2563 / youthgroup@stsimonstock.net / www.stsimonstock.net/YouthGroup

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Mary Johnson



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of **Sister Theresa Hynes**, requested by the Jackson Family



Saint Simon Stock Parish is privileged to host the **Filipino Diocesan Apostolate Mass** today **Sunday, April 28, at**

2:00 pm. All Filipino-Americans whether 99% or 1% Filipino are welcome to attend. Refreshments with Filipino food to follow after Mass in the Rev. John F. Bourke Memorial Hall. Preliminary meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 11 am in the church. Please help us plan this liturgical event. See you soon! 😊



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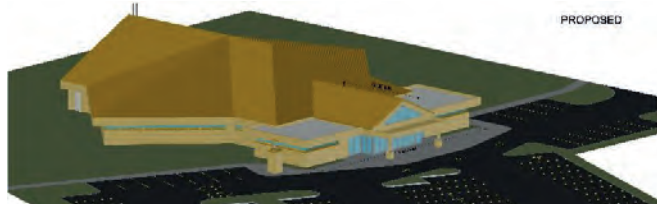
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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated and supported our first hoagie sale of the year on April 20th. Special thanks to Fr. Phillip and our amazing Youth Group!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHURCH VESTIBULE



Our Parish Capital Campaign for the Church Vestibule is moving along. I have been meeting with parishioners to discuss the Church Vestibule project with them and request them to support the project in a meaningful way.

Please speak with me to discuss two major ways to support this project. One is through naming opportunities, which are a unique way to remember a family member or a loved one who is no longer among us. You can dedicate, for example, the quiet chapel or a new sacristy or confessional room to your loved one. The other way is to make a pledge without the naming opportunities. All donors will have their names enshrined on the “Donor’s Wall.”

I invite you to pray and reflect upon your commitment to a meaningful gift to the Parish Capital Campaign. On behalf of the whole Parish, please consider making a sacrificial pledge. I suggest that you attempt to pay this meaningful pledge within 36 months.

I Choose this Plan:	Total Gift	30 Monthly Payments of	Approximate Daily Sacrifice
	\$10,000.00	\$333.33	\$11.11
	\$8,000.00	\$266.67	\$8.88
	\$6,000.00	\$200.00	\$6.67
	\$5,000.00	\$166.67	\$5.55
	\$4,000.00	\$133.33	\$4.44
	\$2,000.00	\$66.67	\$2.22
	\$1,000.00	\$33.33	\$1.11

IN DOOR YARD SALE
\$20 A TABLE
 CONTACT BETH CATTELL IF INTERESTED IN A TABLE 609-230-7100

9am - 1pm May 25th
 In the Father John Bourke Hall
 Food will be available also

Stewardship of Treasure

If you do not attend Mass in-person, please mail in your weekly envelopes to the office, or consider signing up for online donations with Parish Giving.

Please note that all checks should be made payable to **St. Simon Stock Parish**, including those for any special diocesan collections. There is no need to tape envelopes.

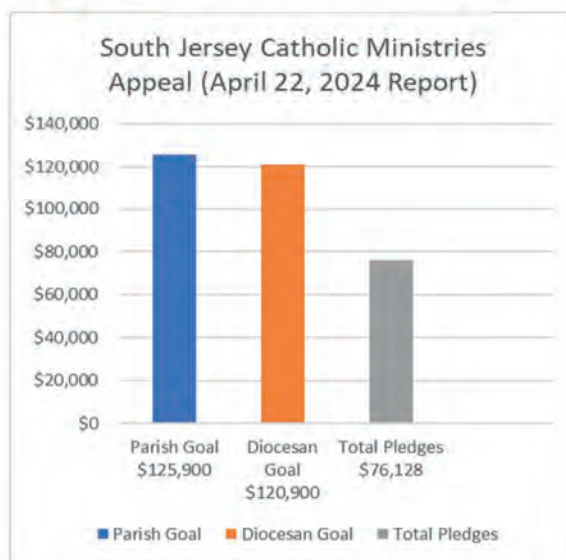
April 21, 2024

Budget (goal)	\$12,500.00
Sunday Collections	\$9,663.00
Parish E-Giving	\$2,561.00
Mass Attendance	907
Envelopes Used	287
No. Parish E-Giving Contributors	60

*Thank you for your generosity.
 God bless you and your family!*



Please help our Parish – Saint Simon Stock reach our goal!



Please join your fellow parishioners and help us reach our parish goal! We are now 63% of our diocesan goal. There are 123 donors who already given and made their pledge for the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you!

Every donation, no matter how large or small, is greatly appreciated. On behalf of those in need and all beneficiaries of the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal- please, consider making a monetary pledge today. **Your donation is tax deductible.** *Thank you for your support!*

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE AND COMPASSION

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 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 to 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

SSgt. Joseph R. Garback, USA; SSgt. Nicholas R. Luthé USAF; Sgt. Adam Cutaiar, USMC; Capt. Lewis Nicoletto; PO 2nd Russell Hagner, USN; Spc. Justin Scheuren, USA; PO 1st Class Damien Renzi, USN; Capt. 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. Luthé 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.



Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide one-to-one care to anyone experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, and more. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. A member of St. Simon Stock recently shared her experience with our Stephen Ministry:

God bless our Stephen Ministers. I am so happy the Lord found you for me. You are so understanding, empathetic, and kind. I appreciate you so much. At a time in my life that I felt alone, you were there Thank you for having this wonderful ministry here at St Simon Stock.

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 **TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and THURSDAYS 11 AM to 2:30 PM**; At other times, if you need immediate assistance, dial **211**, which is the NJ State Help Line.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping our neighbors in need we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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!

Remember, too, if you or someone you know needs medical assistance items such as crutches, wheel chairs, walkers, shower chairs, and/or portable commodes, please contact us.

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

The Consolation and Bereavement Ministry will meet tomorrow, April 29th at 7pm in the Parish Life Center.



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE AND COMPASSION

NEW MINISTRY IS COMING TO OUR PARISH

Father Michael and the parish leadership team are always deliberating and discussing ways to improve our parish faith community of Saint Simon Stock. He is thrilled to announce that they are exploring the possibility of creating a new ministry, which will be called “**Saint Joseph the Worker – Ora et Labora Ministry.**” What is this ministry? Who can join this ministry? What is the main purpose of this ministry?



What, Who, and Why of Saint Joseph the Worker – Ora et Labora Ministry?

Saint Joseph the Worker – Ora et Labora Ministry is a new parish ministry that will help and assist with some projects of the parish. Ora is a Latin word for prayer. Labora is a Latin word for labor or work. Hence, *ora et labora* means *prayer and work*.

We are looking for engineers, architects, builders, carpenters, plumbers, and anyone (men and women) who can volunteer and lend a hand with demolition and other parish projects like the PLC 2nd level renovation. The main purpose of this ministry is to help with manual labor and planning of a project. Of course, all parish projects will be under the supervision of a licensed contractor professional.



The First meeting will be **on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.** Please feel free to contact Father Michael and the office to know more about this relevant ministry of prayer and work.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your family always!

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Marge Acheson	Kathy & Louie Kolb
Harry Aicher	Peter A. LaMarra
Julia Alessandrino	Robert LaRatta
George Batten Sr.	Sarah Leyden
Joan Batten	Libby Martinez
Alberta Barody	Helen McCarthy
Mark Bernosky	Connie McCusker
Noelle Bilbrough	Mary McKay
Michelle Blaese	Janice McNeer
Liam Blaney	James Mellett
Marita Bodine	Larry Meo Sr.
Rob Bodine	Adele Miller
Steven Boles	Kaitlyn Miller
Jasmime Boyce	Rosemary Miresse
John Brady	Donald Morrison
Jennifer Britt	Mary Alice Morrison
Scarlett Britt	Donato Nicolucci
Kyle Brown	Roerl Orozco
Joe Bruno	Jayne Parker
Terri Bruno	Amanda Peidl
Kathy Burns	Angelini Picano
Betty Butler	Shannon Pliszczak
Jodi Cardenas	Glenn Pliszczak
Mary Carr	Kathy Quinn
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PARISH INFORMATION

Saint Simon Stock Parish Information

Saint Simon Stock Parish is under the pastoral care of the Religious Institute of the *Alagad ni Maria* (Disciples of Mary)

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pastoral Council

Marie Leyden, *President*; Nikki McNamara, *Vice President*; Beth Cattel, *Secretary*;
Stacey Gorin, *elected member*; Scott Hansen, *elected member*; George Ralston, *elected member*;
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The Parish Council meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm (Except Easter month, August & December).

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Art & Environment – Bernie Durney & Sally Villa – 856 767 2563

Bible Study – (Eucharistic Talks) Clergy – 856 767 2563

Blanket Ministry – Gail Grabowski – 856 767 2563 (office)

Communion to the Sick & Homebound Ministry – Clergy - Office@StSimonStock.net

Consolation & Bereavement Ministry – Agatha Cullin, Penny Tresca (**new**) – 856 767 2563

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Healthcare Ministry - (soon – If interested, please call the office) – 856 767 2563

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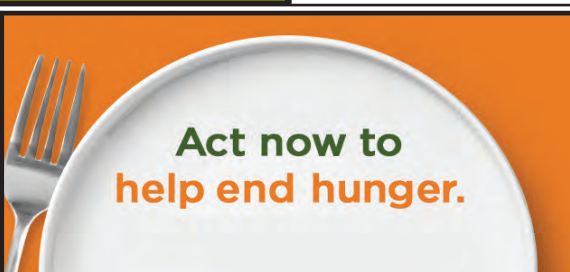
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