# Saint Simon Stock Parish

## 178 W. WHITE HORSE PIKE . BERLIN, NJ 08009

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).

## Commemoration of all the faithful departed November 2, 2025

**Rev. Michael A. de Leon**, A.M., *Pastor* pastor@stsimonstock.net / ext. 301

**Rev. Joseph D. Ciar**, A.M., *Parochial Vicar* fatherjoseph@stsimonstock.net / ext. 306

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Deacon Bob Iuliucci deaconbob@stsimonstock.net

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**Betty Cipolone** / ext. 310 *Bookkeeper* 

**Mary Spicer** / ext. 314
Faith Formation for Children

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**Liz Williams**, *Music Director* elizawilliams@verizon.net

#### Rich Galassini

Contemporary Ensemble Director rich@cunninghampiano.com

**Alice Malloy** / 856-767-1751 *Principal*, OLMC School

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 856-767-2563 ext. 301 after office hours and leave a message 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.

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.



### Rest in Peace

#### 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 Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm **856.767.2563** / **856.767.8791** (fax)

**Emergency** (outside of office hours) 856.767.2563 ext. 301-leave message

Email: office@stsimonstock.net

Web: www.StSimonStock.net

**Parish Office Hours** 

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

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## PARISH BULLETIN BOARD

#### PARISHIONERS INFORMATION UPDATE

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Simon Stock Parish!

We invite you to become active in the various ministries that the Parish offers. The easiest way to register is to go online at <a href="https://www.StSimonStock.net/ParishRegistration">www.StSimonStock.net/ParishRegistration</a>. If you prefer, you also can contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to meet with a priest for parish registration. Attending Mass does not automatically make you a registered member.

#### **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 separately from their parents. **If you have not been receiving your weekly 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 on November 5, 2025

Holy Hour for Life and Benediction at 6 pm The greatest gift to Jesus is to spend time with him!

#### Prayers to all who celebrate November birthdays

Frank Di Maria 11/01 Bailey Smith 11/04

Mary McKay 11/06

Jim Bilella 11/10

Rita Henshke 11/11 Josh Cunningham 11/13

osn Cunningnam 11/13

Pat Di Maria 11/13 Joseph Henshke 11/14

Jerrold Jack 11/17

Jeffold Jack 11/1/

Robert Fahringer 11/19

Mary Ann Iuliucci 11/25

Alison Taylor 11/27



## Congratulations to all who celebrate November Anniversaries

Richard & Gail Grabowski 11/04 Michael & Wendy Bradley 11/04 Jerrold Jack & Lisa Frattali 11/06 Frank & Pat Di Maria 11/15 Vicki & Jim Albertson 11/19

Please call the Parish Office to add a birthday/anniversary. Special blessing for those celebrating in November will be given at all Masses this weekend, November 29/30, 2025.



Music Ministry is looking for cantors and accompanists to join the music ministry.

Contact Liz Williams at elizawilliams@verizon.net.

#### **Baptism Class**

The next class Baptism class is Monday, November 17, 2025, at 7 pm

in the Parish Life Center.

Please call the Parish office to register.



Nov. 1 All Saints Day

Nov. 2 All Souls Day

Nov. 3 Mass of Remembrance of Deceased Parishioners

Nov. 15/16 Pastoral Council Elections

Nov. 23 Wedding Anniversary Mass for Couples

Nov. 25 Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 27/28 Thanksgiving – OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 30 First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 4 OLMC School Mass

Dec. 6 Win Big Drawing

Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation

## Priest Schedule for next weekend November 8/9, 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(subject to change without notice)

11/8 3pm Confessions Father Joseph

4pm Mass Father Joseph / Deacon Michael

11/9 8am Mass Father Philip / Deacon Michael

10am Mass Father Joseph / Deacon Bob 12pm Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob

Deacons preach every third weekend

#### **SENIOR MINISTRY**

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

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Our Sanctuary Candle will remain lit during the week of November 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm to 8am on November 8<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Jean N. Eddis**, requested by Jim and Lisa Gillespie



#### **2025 Special Collections**

Nov. 9 Archdiocese for the Military Services USA Nov. 16 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Dec. 7 Retired Religious Collection



Men's Spirituality Conference November 8, 2025, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm Paul VI High School 901 Hopkins Rd., Haddonfield, NJ www.manupsouthjersey.com

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear parishioners,

I pray that you, your family, and loved ones are healthy—physically, mentally, and spiritually.

#### The Gift of Priesthood in the Life of the Church

The priesthood is a sacred vocation instituted by Christ to serve His Church through the proclamation of the Word, the celebration of the Sacraments, and the pastoral care of the faithful. Priests act *in persona Christi*—in the person of Christ—especially in the Eucharist, where they make present the saving sacrifice of Jesus. Their ministry is essential to both the universal Church and the local parish community, guiding souls toward holiness and communion with God.

In the life of the Church, priests are spiritual fathers, teachers, and shepherds. Their presence ensures that the Church remains sacramentally alive and mission-oriented. Without priests, the Church would be deprived of the Eucharist, reconciliation, and other vital sacraments that nourish and sustain the faithful.

#### **Called by Name: Promoting Vocations**

This weekend, November 1–2, we observe **Called by Name Sunday**, an initiative to honor and encourage young men who may be open to the priesthood. Bishop Joseph Williams invites all parishioners to submit the names of young men who exhibit leadership, compassion, and a heart for service. These men will receive a personal letter from the Bishop, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our Vocations Team.

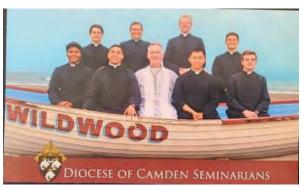
Currently, the Diocese of Camden has only eight seminarians preparing for the priesthood. This number is alarmingly low for a diocese of our size. Every parishioner has a role in fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You can help through:

- Prayer: Regularly praying for vocations, especially during Mass and adoration.
- **Encouragement**: Affirming and encouraging young people who show signs of a vocation.
- **Witness**: Living a joyful and committed Christian life that inspires others to consider a life of service.
- **Support**: Assisting vocation programs and seminaries through financial and moral support.

#### A Personal Reflection

When I was a seminarian, I often heard stories from my peers about how they first sensed God's call. One young man shared that he had always felt a quiet tug in his heart during Mass, especially during the consecration. But he dismissed it for years, thinking he wasn't "holy enough" or "ready." It wasn't until a priest and a brother from my religious community of *Alagad ni Maria* gently asked him, "Have you ever considered the priesthood?" that he began to take the call seriously.

This is often how it begins—with a simple invitation, a word of encouragement, or a moment of grace. Many young men hesitate, fearing the unknown or feeling unworthy. But when they are supported by their parish community and given space to discern, they begin to see the priesthood not as a burden, but as a beautiful and fulfilling life of service.



Prayer for Priestly Vocations
Lord Jesus.

We ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

May young men from our parishes and families hear your call and respond with generosity and courage.

Raise up priests who will teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and make you present among us.

May parents support priestly vocations in their families through prayer and good example.

We entrust these prayers to **Mary Immaculate**, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future.

You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Let us remember that Jesus is the One who calls and invites young men to the priesthood. As John 15:16 says: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."

Please know that your parish priests and I are praying for you and your families.

God bless you all!

Peace & grace, Fr. Michael

#### STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

#### **Mass Intentions for the Week SAT 11/1** 8 AM † Melissa Peters r/b Carmen & Ron Craig Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (Vigil) **4 PM** James & Dolores Porter r/b Porter Family SUN 11/2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed 8 AM † Leo Villa r/b his loving wife, Sally 10 AM LIVE STREAMED Gerry Levey r/b Family and Friends James Mellett r/b Rich & Pat McSorley Dr. Robert Mazzuca r/b Charlotte McCullough & Anthony Ranio Janet Bartley r/b Mahon Family The Anonymous lung donor for Rocky Farahmand 12 PM † r/b Farahmand Family MON 11/3 8 AM † Joseph LaMonaca r/b his loving sister, Adele Miller **TUES 11/4** 8 AM † Dennis Conway r/b his loving wife, Cass Bernard Ortiz r/b Belinda Garcia WED 11/5 8 AM † Harry Aicher r/b his loving wife, Mary Ellen **THURS 11/6** 8 AM † Catherine Oswald (1st Yr.) r/b Sally Rosenbaum Dominick Covone r/b his loving wife, Carmela & Children FRI 11/7 8 AM † Mary Saponaro r/b Elizabeth & Rob **SAT 11/8** 8 AM † Alberta A. Bogardius r/b Sandy Smith & Family **4 PM Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Vigil)** All Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)† SUN 11/9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8 AM † Mary T. Saponaro r/b Anne Marie Saponaro 10 AM LIVE STREAMED † Terri Hess r/b Lori, Jimmy & Family 12 PM† Deacon John Leyden r/b son Brian Leyden & Family Mary Saponaro r/b her loving Family **Geraldine Marie Levey** r/b loving husband, James & Family Concetta Boccella r/b Joyce & Marisa Castellana Intentions of Robert Cristinziani r/b loving wife,

#### Priest Schedule for this weekend November 1/2, 2025 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Kathy, and Sandy & Paul Synnamon

(subject to change without notice)

11/1 3pm Confessions Father Michael

4pm Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob

11/26 8am Mass Father Joseph / Deacon Bob 10am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Michael

12pm Mass Father Philip / Deacon Michael

Deacons preach this weekend

#### Readings

#### Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 2025

#### First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Those who left this earth before us are at peace, in the hands of God. The Lord is their King forever, and His grace, mercy and love are with His elect.

#### Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ! For through His death and resurrection we have been reconciled and shall have eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit God has given us hope, and hope does not disappoint.

#### Gospel: John 6:37-40

Jesus calls Himself the Bread of God, the giver of life to the world. True bread from heaven, not the manna Moses fed his people in the desert. Through the Eucharist we remember, celebrate and believe. All who believe in Him will have eternal life, and the Father will raise them up on the last day.

MondayRom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14TuesdayRom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24WednesdayRom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33ThursdayRom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-101st FridayRom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8SaturdayRom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

# Stewardship Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 2025 Stewards Prayer

"...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me...." JOHN 6:38

When <u>Stewards</u> pray the "Our Father," say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.



Speakers at ManUp Conference Bishop Williams, Bishop Sullivan Chris Stefanick, Tom Kendzia, Deacon Steve Javic and Eddie Morris

Amazing speakers, opportunities for confession, adoration, inspiring music, spiritual reflection, exhibitors, breakfast, lunch, and more

November 8, 2025, 8 am, Paul VI High School

#### 2025 NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are delighted to proudly introduce the nominees for our Parish Pastoral Council – individuals who have generously stepped forward to serve our faith community with dedication and love. Let us keep them in our prayers and support them as they discern this important calling.



**Bill Bansch.** I have been a member of our Parish as well as an Usher for the past 47 years. I am Co-Chairman of the St. Joseph the Worker Ministry and a member of the Funeral Planning Ministry. I am a 20 year member of the Knights of Columbus, and I chair Ukraine collection for the last three years. I am a retired insurance adjuster

and a veteran of the New Jersey Army National Guard.



Marie DiStefano. I have been a parishioner for 5 years. I enjoy my ministries, especially as a Eucharistic Minister. I am also a member of the Funeral Planning Ministry, where we meet families who are grieving. I recently joined the sacristan ministry that launders

our altar linens. I hope that I could bring an open and prayerful mind as a member of the council. I am humbled by the nomination.



Ann Mathew. I have been a parishioner of St. Simon Stock for almost my whole life. I have had the privilege to serve in many ways at St. Simon Stock including children's choir, altar serving, as a lector, streaming, and as a cantor. St. Simon Stock Parish has been a big part of my life and very impactful to me as a

young adult. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the pastoral council to represent the younger adult community.



**Tina Longo.** I have been a parishioner of St Simon Stock Parish for almost 17 years ago. I am married with children, one of whom attends OLMC and the other attends Paul VI High School. I assist with many of the parish ministries and attend social events, including the church choir. Most recently I was Co-Chair of the

parish Harvest Festival. I am honored to be nominated to serve in our Pastoral Council



**Sarah Tyrseck.** While I am still fairly new to this Parish, I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve our community. This year will be my third year teaching Faith Formation. I assisted with organizing the pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception last year. Most recently I chaired the Harvest Festival.

Thank you for the honor of being nominated and another opportunity to continue to serve.



Mary Gregory. I have been a member of St. Simon Stock Parish since 2022, along with my husband, Paul, my stepdaughters, Olivia and Evelyn, and my son, Jack. I work at Camden Catholic High School as Director of Campus Ministry, leading the students closer to our Faith through service, retreats, and prayer.



Lisa DiGiovanni. My family and I joined St Simon Stock in 2021. I was previously involved with the Pastoral Council at our former Parish and was also blessed to be a Delegate that attended the Joy of the Gospel Convocation of Catholic Leaders in 2019. My husband, Mike and I are married 31 years and have two adult

children, Brooke and Mikey. I would love the opportunity to serve my St Simon Stock Parish Family. Please join us for any viewing of *The Chosen*, I would be happy to meet you and answer any questions!



Jeffrey D. Howarth. I have been a member of our parish for over 15 years. I am the father of 3 beautiful daughters. I am the Sr Project Manager for a successful Commercial Mechanical Contractor (HVAC). For many years, I taught Faith Formation to our children. I am hard working, never been unemployed, and an all around great guy!!

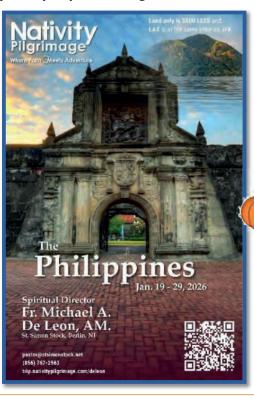
## STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY

#### **Trip to the Philippines**

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." — (*Lao Tzu*) This timeless quote reminds us that every pilgrimage or journey begins with the decision to take that first step. Waiting too long may mean missing the opportunity altogether.

As you may already know, I am organizing a pilgrimage to the Philippines from January 19 to 29, 2026. I was born and raised in the Philippines, and many of you have heard us, your parish priests, speak about our homeland in homilies and casual conversations with parishioners, visitors, and friends. Now, I would like to offer you the chance to experience the Philippines—not just through stories, but in person.

"Pilgrimage means being alert to the times when all that's needed is a trip to a remote place to simply lose yourself, and to the times when what's needed is a journey to a sacred place... to find yourself." — (*Phil Cousineau*) He beautifully captures the dual nature of pilgrimage: escape and discovery. The opportunity may not come again.



Pilgrimage to the Philippines: 11-Day Spiritual Journey
Dates: January 19-29, 2026 Departure: JFK New York
Cost: \$3,549 per person Land Only \$2,749
Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael A. De Leon, AM
Tour Operator: Nativity Pilgrimage Phone: 832-406-7050
Email: info@nativitypilgrimage.com
Website: trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/deleon
\$300 non-refundable deposit due with registration
See details on our Parish website
www.StSimonStock.net/PhilippinesPilgrimage2026

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#### PRAYER & YOGA SCHEDULE October 2025 - January 2026

All Classes Held in St. Simon Stock Parish Life Center Classes with asterisk (\*) indicate \$10 fee



#### Yoga will be held on the following Tuesdays @ 4:30 PM

October: 10/07 (Sue), 10/14\* (Audrey), 10/21 (Sue), 10/28\* (Audrey) November: 11/04\* (Audrey), 11/11 (Sue), 11/18\* (Audrey), 11/25 (Sue)

December: 12/02\* (Audrey), 12/09 (Sue), 12/16\* (Audrey), 12/23 (Sue), 12/30 (no class)

January: 01/06\*(Audrey), 01/13 (Sue), 01/20\* (Audrey), 01/27 (Sue)

Yoga will be held on the following Wednesdays @ 6:45 AM

October: 10/01 (Ed), 10/08 (Sue), 10/15 (no class), 10/22 (Sue), 10/29 (Ed)

November: 11/05\* (Yogi), 11/12 (Sue), 11/19 (Ed), 11/26 (Sue)

December: 12/03 (Ed), 12/10\* (Yogi), 12/17 (Ed), 12/24 (no class), 12/31 (no class)

January: 01/07 (Ed), 01/14 (Sue), 01/21\* (Yogi), 01/28 (Sue)

Please call or text Sue at 856-685-3638 with any questions or for more information.



Join us in the conference room of the Parish Life Center at 6:30 pm as we view and discuss Season 4 of *The Chosen*:

Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 PM

Episode 8: Humble - Last episode of Season 4

#### National Vocations Awareness Week November 2-8, 2025

The Diocese of Camden Vocations Office is launching Called by Name during Vocations Awareness Week: November 2-8, 2025. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations and encourage young men to share their gifts in the priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (high school age or older) who, in your opinion, has the qualities to be a good priest. You may recommend this person by filling out the response card which will be made available on the weekends of November 1-2 and 8-9. Please, begin praying about who in your parish you could nominate. Every young man nominated will receive a congratulatory letter from Bishop Williams and be invited to a special vocation event to be held at the end of November.

#### **Funeral Planning and Consolation Ministry**

The Funeral Planning and Consolation Ministry is seeking a few new members to be part of this caring ministry. Contact Marge Worthmann at mvw139@comcast.net or call parish office. Training provided.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

#### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School

As we enter the month of November, the students at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School are called to be living examples of Christ's call to serve and to put into practice what they hear preached. Money raised from a recent "pink-out" dress down day will be donated to the client assistance fund of the SJ Breast Cancer Coalition. Our McAuley Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will sponsor a non-perishable food drive to benefit St. Vincent dePaul's Food Pantry. Collections will be organized to assist local homeless shelters, and to benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as well. Our students are reminded daily that our school community is steeped in the tradition of service to others.

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is ongoing. If you would like to learn more about the benefits of a Mt. Carmel education, please contact Principal Alice Malloy (amalloy@olmc-school.org) or Advancement Director Mandee DeHaven (adehaven@olmc-school.org) at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School for more information.

#### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Janice Judge John Agyemang Julia Alessandrine Marilvn Kent Robert Andreotta Patricia Knott Ted Baker Conrad Lambert Tina Belardo Michael Liberatore Theresa MacElrath Paul Bilbrough Gladys Blaese John Manes Sr. Michelle Blaese Ed Markiewicz Linda Bodoni Janis Mayer Rosalie Bowman Connie McCusker Kevin Brady James & Mary McKay Irene Browne Larry Meo Sr. Joe & Terry Bruno Adele Miller Loretta Bunoza Agnes Moore Betty Butler Sister Marie Moore, IHM Elena Comi Margie & Walter Moronski

Carole Anne Conner Baby Caroline Morozzi Benjamin Cuifolo Marie Niceto Terry Cunningham Lori Singley Lyle Gerber Kay Tedesco Richard Herlihy, FSC Francis Tighe Matthew Hernan Carol Walter Elayne Hill Grace Wisnewski Jim & Teresa Hiteshew Lisa Wisnewski Jo Niece Holbig Joseph Wisnewski

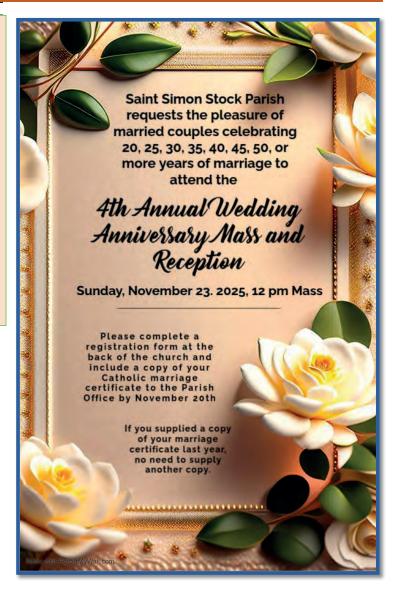
Note: To add or remove a name from the **Sick and Homebound** list, please call the Parish Office. Permission must be obtained to print someone's name. **Please let us know if a person listed has recovered from sickness**. Thank you.

#### 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



Calling all Singers from Grades 2-12 - Rehearsals will be held in the Church on Sunday: (11/2), (11/30), (12/07), (12/21) Time: (1:30-4:30 PM) - Bring a water bottle, snack, and two-pocket folder.

Youth Choir Director, Cindy Tedesco cynthiatedesco12@gmail.com or (609) 440-6026.



#### St. Vincent de Paul Request for Volunteers



St. Vincent de Paul is in need of a couple of volunteers to help unload the truck and put away food that we receive from Walmart twice a month. Food is distributed to the needy on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Food is picked up from Walmart at 8:00 a.m. on the Friday before each food distribution. This takes about 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Please contact Mary Spicer if you can help (mary@stsimonstock.net) Thank you.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Parish-wide Capital Campaign Update Church Vestibule Vision Project

We are pleased to share an update on our Parish-wide Capital Campaign for the Church Vestibule Vision Project.

#### **Campaign Goal:**

Our fundraising goal is between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000. To date, we have raised approximately \$890,000 in cash and pledges—thank you for your generosity!

#### **Campaign Timeline:**

The campaign began in 2024 and will continue through 2027, spanning a total of three years.

However, we may begin the project sooner if we reach our fundraising goal ahead of schedule.

#### Ongoing Campaign to raise funds for the Project:

- 1. Funds for the project have been raised.
- 2. The architectural design has been finalized.
- The project will be opened for construction companies to submit bids.
- 4. Three proposals will be submitted to the Diocese for final review and approval.
- 5. The winning bid will be awarded to a construction company.
- 6. Construction of the Church Vestibule will begin.

Every donation—no matter the size—makes a meaningful difference. On behalf of both current and future generations of parishioners who will benefit from this project, we kindly ask you to consider making a monetary pledge today. Your donation is **tax-deductible** as permitted by law.

Thank you for your continued support. God bless you and your family. May the maternal mantle of love of Our Lady of Mount Carmel embrace you!

Capital Campaign for Church Vestibule Project
Gift/Donation of \$
I make my Pledge today of \$
Please set up payments of \$ for months
Name:
Address:
City:State:Zip:
Email:
Phone:
Make check payable to St. Simon Stock Parish, put "Vestibule Vision
Project" on the memo line, and mail to 178 W. White Horse Pike,
Berlin, NJ 08009, or drop in the collection on Sunday or drop off at the
Parish Office

## SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR THE CHURCH VESTIBULE PROJECT

A special raffle is being held, the proceeds for which will benefit the Church Vestibule Project. Tickets available after all Masses through **November 8/9, 2025.** 

Special items such as Civil War Replica Chess set, 2 handcrafted oak framed tabletop stain glass, and dinner with the parish priests at the priest's residence. We are aware that many parishioners are unable to pledge large amounts of financial support for the vestibule but still wish to participate towards this worthwhile project. We hope this will provide the perfect opportunity for all.

## Drawing November 16<sup>th</sup> before the final blessing of the 12 pm Mass

Tickets: one sheet for \$5 three sheets for \$10

Thank you!

#### South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal Let's Reach Our Goal – Together!



Parish Office.

We are just \$20,773 short (16.55%) of reaching our parish goal for the Annual South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal. Once we meet our goal, 10% of the total amount raised – approximately \$12,550–will be returned to

our parish to support local charitable outreach. In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, **100% of any amount raised beyond our goal** will also be returned to the parish for local charitable needs. Every donation – no matter the size – is deeply appreciated. Please consider making a monetary pledge today to help our parish reach its goal. Your donation is **tax-deductible** as permitted by law. **Thank you for your generous support!** 

#### SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL PRAYER

O Merciful God, you are the provider of all that we are and all that we have.

You open wide your hand to provide for the needs of every living creature.

Make us always grateful for your loving mercy and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns God forever and ever.

Amen

South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal
Gift/Donation of \$
I make my Pledge today of \$
Please set up payments of \$ for months
Name:
Address:
City:State:Zip:
Email:
Phone:
Make check payable to South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal, and mail to 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ 08009, or drop in the collection on Sunday, or drop off at the

#### Stewardship of Treasure October 26, 2025

Sunday Collections	\$9,116.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,354.00
Total	\$10,470.00

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## PARISH NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						All Saints' Day Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Confessions 3p Mass 4p
2 All Souls' Day Masses 8 a, 10a, 12p Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30p *Daylight Saving Time ends	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a  Mass of Remembrance – Celebration of Life (Church) 7p	4 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Prayer & Yoga 430p Contemporary Ensemble rehearsal 7p OCIA Class 630p Pastoral Council Mtg 7p	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a Prayer & Yoga 645a All-Day Holy Adoration 8:45a-7p Legion of Mary 9:30a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Berlin Rehab Communion Service 2p Grief Ministry Session 530p Holy Adoration 6p Man-Up Office 7p	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Choir Rehearsal Canceled 2nd Grade Parents' Meeting 6:30p Knights of Columbus meeting 7p	7 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a *Designer Bag Bingo OLMC School 5:30p	8 Mass 8a Man-Up Conference (Paul VI High School) Praying Rosary 8:40a Confessions 3p Mass 4p
9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Masses 8 a, 10a, 12p 8th Grade Ministry Sunday Masses 10a & 12p Baptism 1:30p	10 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Stephen Ministry Supervision 7p	11 Veterans Day Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Spring Oak Communion 10a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Prayer & Yoga 430p OCIA Class 630p Chosen S4 E8 630p PLC Contemporary Ensemble rehearsal 7p	Mass 8a Prayer & Yoga 645a Praying Rosary 8:40a Legion of Mary 9:30a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Grief Ministry Session 530p Holy Adoration 6 p Baby Blanket/ Crochet 7p Man-Up Office 7p	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Wedding rehearsal 5p Choir Practice 7p Crochet Ministry 7p	14 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a  Pernice-Anastasia Wedding 130p  Confessions 3p Mass 4p Pastoral Council Election
16 Pastoral Council Election Masses 8 a, 10a, 12p Baptism 1:30p	17 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a  Baptismal Class 7p Respect Life Ministry 7p	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Prayer & Yoga 430p OCIA Class 630p Contemporary Ensemble rehearsal 7p	Mass 8a Prayer & Yoga 645a Praying Rosary 8:40a Legion of Mary 9:30a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Rosary Berlin Rehab 130p Berlin Rehab Mass 2p Holy Adoration 6 p Man-Up Office 7p	20 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Senior Ministry 9a-1p St. Vincent de Paul Mtg 330p Knights of Columbus 7p	21 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a	Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40a Confessions 3p Mass 4p
23 Christ the King Masses 8 a, 10a, 12p Wedding Anniversary Mass 12p	24 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Stephen Ministry Supervision 7p	25 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Mass Spring Oak 10a Prayer & Yoga 430p Senior Thanksgiving Dinner 5p Contemporary Ensemble rehearsal 7p	26 Mass 8a Prayer & Yoga 645a Praying Rosary 8:40a OLMC School Mass 9a Legion of Mary 9:30a Senior Ministry 9a-1p Holy Adoration 6 p Man-Up Office 7p	27 Thanksgiving Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a	28 No Mass 8a Church is closed	29 Mass 8a Praying Rosary 8:40 a Confessions 3p Mass 4p
30 Masses 8 a, 10a, 12p Youth Choir rehearsal 130p						

Our parish is blessed with over 40 active ministries. This Parish Calendar is designed to serve as a helpful guide for all parishioners. Please note that the dates and times of events and activities are accurate as of publication.

We warmly invite you to consider joining one or more ministries. God bless you!

### NOVEMBER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Nov 8/9 EMs	4:00 PM Mark Fahringer Ruth Fahringer Bonnie Piontkowski Sally Rosenbaum	8:00 AM  Harry Frett  Mary Frett  Frank Mitchell  Marge Worthmann	10:00 AM  Beth Cattell Rich Cattell Charlotte McCullough Chuck Warrington	12:00 Noon Wendy Bradley Marie Leyden Sarah Leyden Anna Marchesani
Lectors Music Altar Servers	Samantha Covone Betty/Steve Vanessa Longo Kaydence Leahey Madeleine Smith Landon Hannigan	Pete Worthmann Mike/Linda Sopia Byrd Blake Smith Trent Taylor Phoebe Purcell Finley Pollard Giulia Maimone	Barb Hoag Vicky/Liz Madison Grochal Gordon Schaeffer Gemma Schaeffer Gia Schaeffer DJ Iuliucci Angela Fiordaliso	Wendy Bradley Liz Seraphina Schaber Trent Taylor Gracie Pullaro Carlene Taylor Bryson Morton Ava Moran
Jr.Svrs. Ushers	Tom Galen, Jim Pacifico, Rudy Perocho, John Lattuga, Bill Bansch, Jim Blackmore, Rich Grabowski, Mark Fahringer	Francis Epifanio Joe Adolph, Joe Karas, Joe Blasé Sr. & Jr., Bob Fahringer, Rick Danser, Bill Fox, Derrick Watkins, Dennis Consalvi	Claire Hering Chris Brisbin, Brian Fruit Tom Carey, Jeremiah McNamara, Mike McGee, Keith Jones, Chris Morris, Frank Flood, George Turner, Ed Bond Rich Cattell	Roger Strong, Frank Vein, Brian Leyden

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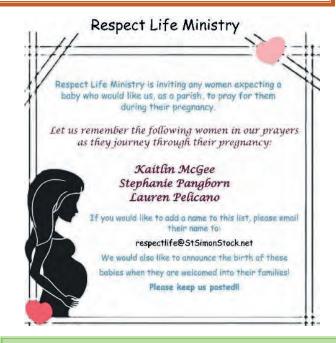
With Veteran's Day fast approaching (November 11<sup>th</sup>), if there is anyone you wish to add to the Prayer List or add a photograph to the shadow boxes at the church, please contact Jim Gillespie at gillespie as @comcast.net.

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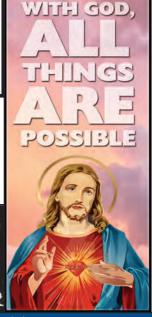


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