

# 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).

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 28, 2025

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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 856-767-2563 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.



**“For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother’s authority over her sons.”**  
- Sirach 3:2

### *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

**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

## 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 [www.StSimonStock.net/ParishRegistration](http://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. 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](mailto:office@stsimonstock.net).

## Baptism Class

The next class Baptism class is Monday,  
**January 19, 2026, at 7 pm**  
in the Parish Life Center.  
Please call the Parish office to register.



Dec. 28	Jubilee Year Closing Mass
Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation
Jan. 1/2	OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 4	The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 9	Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Jan. 11	The Baptism of the Lord
Jan. 25-30	Catholic Schools Week
Jan. 30	Women's Book Club

## 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.**



## No Adoration on December 31, 2025,

The greatest gift to Jesus is to spend time with him!



## Prayers to all who celebrate December birthdays

Cecilia Kuns 12/08  
Frankie Epifanio 12/09  
Michael Lambert 12/13  
Barbara Smith 12/13  
Jonathan Bilella 12/14  
James McKay 12/17  
Rev. Joseph D. Ciar 12/18  
Jim Pacifico 12/19  
Merla Zulueta 12/20  
Jude Warrington 12/20  
Joseph Lambert 12/21  
Mary Lambert 12/21  
Agnes Moore 12/23  
Michael Lambert 12/24  
Carl Auwarter 12/24  
Wanda Toney 12/26  
Sydney DeRosa 12/28  
Brian Gianvito 12/28  
Chris Morris 12/31



Please call the Parish Office to add a birthday/anniversary.  
Special blessing for those celebrating in December will be given at all Masses this weekend, December 27/28, 2025.



Music Ministry is looking for cantors and accompanists to join the music ministry. Contact Liz Williams at [elizawilliams@verizon.net](mailto:elizawilliams@verizon.net).

## Priest Schedule for next weekend January 3/4, 2026 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (subject to change without notice)

1/3	3pm Confessions	Father Michael
	4pm Mass	Father Michael / Deacon Michael
1/4	8am Mass	Father Philip / Deacon Michael
	10am Mass	Father Michael / 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 December 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to 8am on January 4<sup>th</sup> in memory of **Dennis & Gina Conway**, requested by Cass Conway



## 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](mailto:mvw139@comcast.net) or call the parish office. Training provided.

We invite six parishioners to join Bishop Williams and the clergy of the Diocese for the Jubilee Year Closing Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden, New Jersey, this **Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 3:00 PM.**

Thank you!

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

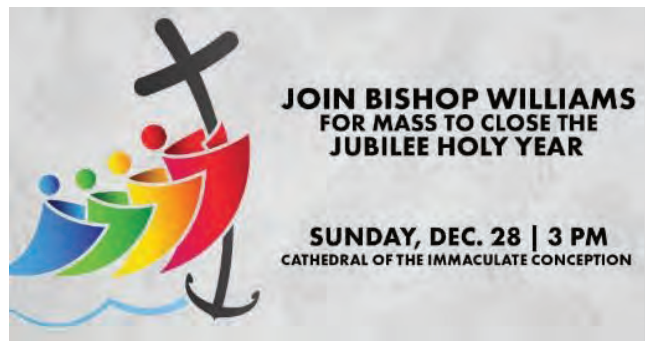
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you and your family are doing well and healthy.

As we approach the beautiful Feast of the Holy Family, I find myself reflecting on what it truly means to live with faith and trust in God. In Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, we see Joseph responding immediately to God's call: "*Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*" There's no hesitation, no debate—just quiet obedience. That simple act of trust protected the Savior of the world. It reminds me that holiness often looks like this: listening to God in the midst of uncertainty and choosing love over fear. The Holy Family didn't have an easy life, but they had each other, and they had God. Isn't that what we all long for in our own families—faith that guides us, love that sustains us, and hope that carries us forward?



This sense of family extends beyond our homes. As a Church, we are one family in Christ, and I warmly invite you to join us for a very special moment together: the **Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year** at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden** on **Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 3:00 PM**. Bishop Joseph Williams, our clergy, and I will be there, and we would be so blessed to have you with us. This Jubilee has been a time of grace and renewal, and what better way to conclude it than by gathering as one family to give thanks and celebrate the goodness of God? If you can make it, please come—you'll be part of something truly beautiful.



And as we stand at the threshold of a new year, I can't help but look back with gratitude. 2025 has had its share of joys and challenges, but through it all, God has been faithful. I'm thankful for the ways He has worked in our lives, often quietly, sometimes unexpectedly, but always with love. Now we look ahead to 2026 with hope—not just wishful thinking, but the deep hope that comes from knowing Christ walks with us into every tomorrow. My prayer for you is that this new year will bring peace to your heart, strength for your journey, and joy that overflows into the lives of those around you.

Let's step into 2026 together, trusting that God has wonderful things in store. And let's keep the example of the Holy Family close to our hearts: listening to God, loving one another, and living with courage and faith.

I'd like to conclude with this special prayer:  
*Heavenly Father, as we honor the Holy Family, bless our families with faith, love, and unity. Guide us in the coming year to walk in Your ways and trust in Your providence. May our homes reflect the light of Christ, and may our hearts be filled with hope and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May you and your loved ones have a blessed and meaningful New Year of 2026. Please know that the clergy and I are praying for all of you.

With prayers and blessings,  
**Fr. Michael**





# STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

## Mass Intentions for the Week

SAT 12/27

8 AM † John Harris r/b Loretta Bunoza

4 PM **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

† Stanley Post r/b his loving daughter, Dolores

† Robert Zulueta r/b his loving wife, Merla

SUN 12/28 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8 AM

† Anthony D'Amico r/b Rosenbaum Family

10 AM **LIVE STREAMED**

† Concetta Boccella r/b her loving husband, Salvatore

† Maria & Donna Guerrini r/b Salvatore Boccella

† Alene Wallace r/b Ted & Lois Tighe

† Lorraine Fenton r/b Eleanor Jevic

† Mary Ann Sorensen r/b Walter & McGinley Families

12 PM

L Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)

MON 12/29

8 AM † Peggy McCarron r/b her cousin, Sally

TUES 12/30

8 AM † Victor Lombardi r/b his loving wife, Josie

WED 12/31

8 AM † Janet M. Bartley r/b her loving Family

6 PM **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

THURS 1/1 **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9 AM † Dominick & Ellen Matteo r/b Richard & Terry Matteo

FRI 1/2

8 AM † Kathleen F. McKeane r/b Kathy Bruckner

SAT 1/3

8 AM † John Grande, Jr. r/b Bea & Joe Jackson

4 PM **The Epiphany of the Lord** (Vigil Mass)

L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

SUN 1/4 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

8 AM

† Catherine Mahoney r/b Sally Villa

10 AM **LIVE STREAMED**

† Francis Tighe r/b Ted & Lois Tighe

12 PM

L Emily Prather r/b Greenwood & Leyden Families

**Priest Schedule for next weekend December 27/28, 2025**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

(subject to change without notice)

12/27 3pm Confessions Father Philip

4pm Mass Father Philip / Deacon Bob

12/28 8am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob

10am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Michael

12pm Mass Father Michael / Deacon Michael

*Deacons preach this weekend*

## Readings

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 28, 2025**

**First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

**Monday** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**1st Friday** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**1st Saturday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

## Stewardship

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 28, 2025**

**Thankful Stewardship**

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17*

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a **Stewardship** lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.



# STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY

## Women's Book Club



A new ministry for women of faith, ages 18 and older, creating a welcoming space for women to deepen their faith and friendships through reading and conversation.

The first discussion is on **Friday, January 30, 2026, at 7 pm**, in the Parish Life Center, on the first book, *Becoming Women of the Word: How to Answer God's Call with Purpose and Joy* by Sarah Christmyer.

Discussions will continue monthly on faith-based books, one per month. For more information, please contact Sarah Tyrseck at [sarahtyrseck@gmail.com](mailto:sarahtyrseck@gmail.com).

Grow in Faith. Build Community. Share the Journey. Join other women of Saint Simon Stock Parish to begin a new book club ministry dedicated to reading Catholic-focused books that inspire reflection, discussion, and spiritual growth.

## Midnight/Evening Run Ministry

Collection for the poor and homeless

The Midnight/Evening Run ministry is asking for your help in donating men's, women's or neutral hats, gloves, scarves and socks. A marked bin will be in the back of the church through December.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Marge Worthmann through the parish office or Nikki McNamara at [3189013@gmail.com](mailto:3189013@gmail.com).

More details will follow as the ministry prepares for its first "evening run." As always thank you for your generosity!

## Diocesan Training

### Lector

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026; Zoom, 6:30-8:30 pm**

In-Person Sessions (Choose One)

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, 6077 West Jersey Avenue,  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

**Thursday January 22, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Saint Vincent Pallotti  
Chapel, 901 Hopkins Road, Haddon Township, NJ 08033

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

**Saturday, January 17, 2026, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Our Lady of Hole Parish, McGivney Room  
Parish Family Center

701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

Call the Parish Office for a Registration Form.



To give online, visit  
**[www.stsimonstock.net](http://www.stsimonstock.net)**

Parish  Giving

Parish Giving offers secure flexible Online Giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Online Giving helps the church save money and plan the budget.

# STEWARDSHIP OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School

As the calendar is turned over from December to January, the students, faculty, and staff of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School wish everyone a year filled with good health, joy, and peace. Happy New Year 2026!

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

John Agyemang	Marilyn Kent
Julia Alessandrine	Patricia Knott
Robert Andreotta	Gary Koopman
Ted Baker	Conrad Lambert
Tina Belardo	Michael Liberatore
Paul Bilbrough	John Manes Sr.
Gladys Blaese	Ed & Sandy Markiewicz
Michelle Blaese	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
Carole Anne Conner	Margie & Walter Moronski
Benjamin Cuifolo	Chris Morrison
Terry Cunningham	Marie Niceto
Lyle Gerber	Gary Plisyczak
Joan Hagge	Lori Singley
Richard Herlihy, FSC	Kay Tedesco
Matthew Hernan	John F. Vece
Elayne Hill	Carol Walter
Jim & Teresa Hiteshew	John Werner
Jo Niece Holbig	Grace Wisniewski
Janice Judge	Lisa Wisniewski
	Joseph Wisniewski

**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

### 8-week Grief Support Sessions

March 4, 2026 to April 22, 2026

5:30 to 7:00 pm



## Society of St. Vincent De Paul

St. Simon Stock Conference

157 West White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ 08009

**Food Pantry Distribution:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 11 am–2:30 pm

**Thrift Store Open:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays  
10 am – 3 pm; Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm

Store Donations Accepted On Days The Store Is Open Up To ½ Hour Before Closing. Phone Assistance Services at 856-767-7391 available On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 11 am – 2:30 pm. At other times, if you need immediate assistance, **dial 211**, which is the NJ State Help Line.

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

[In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him: more humble, more holy, more happy, and more full of God.]

**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are in need to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."**

**The members of the St. Simon Stock Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wish you, your family, and your friends God's abundant blessings for all you have done through the year to help your neighbors in need.]**

If you are interested in learning more about us, getting involved, or if you have questions, 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!

If you or someone you know needs medical assistance items such as crutches, wheelchairs, 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

## Calls of JOY!

A friendly voice and caring connection

### What is Calls of JOY?

**Calls of JOY** is an uplifting start to your week. This free program brings meaningful conversations, compassionate listening, and social connection right to you over the phone. Every call is confidential with the intent to brighten your day

To start your week with connection, care, and conversation:

- ♥ Call us at 856-583-6123
- ♥ Scan the QR code to the right
- ♥ Or, visit: [vitality.camdenocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/](http://vitality.camdenocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/)



JOY is just a phone call away!





# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

## Parish-wide Capital Campaign Update

### An Extraordinary Opportunity to Double Your Gift!

We are thrilled to announce that two generous families have pledged to match every dollar you give—up to \$60,000—for our Capital Campaign. As you are aware, this campaign will fund the expansion of our church, including:

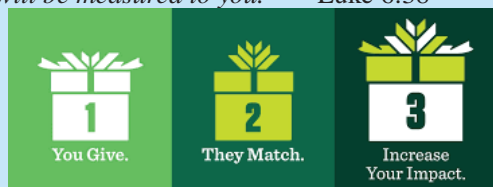
- A welcoming vestibule (foyer)
- A small chapel for prayer and adoration
- A priests' sacristy
- Altar servers' room
- A handicapped-accessible confessional

### Matching Gift Details:

- Begins **Monday, December 1, 2025**
- Ends **July 1, 2026**, or when we reach \$60,000
- Applies only to **new pledges**

Your generosity during this period will be **doubled**, helping us create a space that fosters worship, community, and accessibility for all.

As Scripture reminds us: *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* — Luke 6:38



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 Matching Gift

Gift/Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Matching \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHURCH VESTIBULE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we are grateful for all the blessings You bestowed upon my family and my parish faith community, Saint Simon Stock. Please help us to be good stewards of

Your grace. Let this capital campaign for the Church Vestibule project reflect our faith, hope, and charity. May we use our gifts according to Your holy will and purpose.

Together, with the help of your grace, may we make our vision a reality. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

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



We are just \$19,190.00 short (15.29%) 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. 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 Parish Office.

## Stewardship of Treasure December 21, 2025

Due to early deadline for the December 28<sup>th</sup> Bulletin, the December 21<sup>st</sup> Stewardship of Treasure will be reported next weekend.

**Thank you for your generosity.**



## Partnership with Volcano Steak and Sushi

St. Simon Stock Parish has formed a partnership with Volcano Steak and Sushi. For every parishioner who dines at Volcano on **Sundays**, tell the service person that you are a parishioner and your Parish will receive a 20% donation on the total food bill before taxes. The Parish has already received its first donation check. Cards from Volcano are available on the table in the back of the church.

# STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY

## CHRISTMAS SEASON 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Masses

Saturday, **December 27, 2025**, 4:00 pm

Sunday, **December 28, 2025**

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

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, **December 31, 2025**, New Year's Eve

6:00 pm Mass

Thursday, **January 1, 2026**, New Year's Day

9:00 am Mass

## Gloucester Catholic Centennial Jubilee

This year marks Gloucester Catholic's Centennial Jubilee, a milestone that reflects one hundred years of faith, tradition, and the strong spirit of community that has shaped generations of Rams. Please join us this spring as we gather to honor our past, celebrate our present, and continue the proud story of Gloucester Catholic.

*Once A Ram, Always A Ram!*

**GCHS Centennial Jubilee**  
**March 22, 2026, 6 PM-10PM**

Collingswood Ballroom

Collingswood, NJ

**Tickets:** GCHS100.org



**Inquiries:** gchscentennial@gchsrams.org



## PRAYER & YOGA SCHEDULE

December 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

**December:** 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

**December:** 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.

## WEDNESDAY'S SENIOR MINISTRY FUN & GAMES

**CREATE A TABLE: A BOOK CLUB,  
A CRAFT TABLE, CARD GAMES, ETC**

**WEDNESDAY'S WEEKLY**

Parish Life Center

**9 am to 1pm (Lunch at 12 pm)**

**Please RSVP to Jennifer (856) 767- 2563 ext.307**

## January: Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

The Catholic Church has dedicated each month of the year to a particular devotion. For January, it is the **Holy Name of Jesus**. The choice of January for this devotion is linked to the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, which used to be celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, in keeping with Jewish custom. This was when Jesus was officially given His name, which in Hebrew means "God Saves." The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus celebrated on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, further confirms this dedication. This feast was initially granted to the Franciscans in 1530 and has since spread throughout the Church. It serves as an opportunity for the faithful to express love and reverence for the Holy Name, and also as a reminder of the power and sanctity of Jesus' name, which should always be spoken and heard with profound love, respect, and reverence.

Strive to live a life that reflects the virtues of the name of Jesus, recalling the meaning of His name as Savior and His invitation to participate in the saving work of His Passion. Whenever you hear someone blaspheme the Holy Name, say, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord." Excerpted from <https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/january-dedicated-to-the-holy-name-of-jesus/>



# JANUARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<b>Dec. 27/28</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>12:00 Noon</b>
<b>EMs</b>	Agatha Cullin Frank Epifanio, Jr. Jeffrey Torrance Bill Tresca	Gary Kaschak Maureen Kaschak Robert Tartamosa Sheila Tartamosa	Rosemarie Manes Nora Rowan Jeff Salvatore Tracy Salvatore	Celeste Codario Sarah Leyden Toni Powers Janet Ralston
<b>Lectors</b>	Penny Tresca	Joe Hill	Edward Bond	Marie Leyden
<b>Music</b>	Varo/Linda	Vicky/Rich	Liz	Lou/Liz
<b>Altar</b>	Vanessa Longo	Sopia Byrd	Madison Grochal	Seraphina Schaber
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<b>Jr. Svrs.</b>	Francis Epifanio		Chris Brisbin, Brian Fruit	Roger Strong,
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Galen, Jim Pacifico, Rudy Perocho, John Lattuga, Bill Bansch, Jim Blackmore, Rich Grabowski, Mark Fahringer	Joe Adolph, Joe Karas, Joe Blasé Sr. & Jr., Bob Fahringer, Rick Danser, Bill Fox, Derrick Watkins, Dennis Consalvi	Tom Carey, Jeremiah McNamara, Mike McGee, Keith Jones, Chris Morris, Frank Flood, George Turner, Ed Bond Rich Cattell	Frank Vein, Brian Leyden

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Please remember to continue to pray for all our expectant mothers at St. Simon Stock Parish as they are a blessing to all of us.



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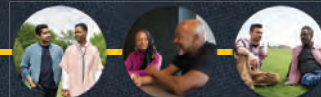


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