

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).

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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Maintenance Manager

Sacrament of Baptism

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

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

Matthew 5:17

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 - 4:00 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. 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 18, 2026

Day of Fast and Abstinence



No Adoration on February 18, 2026

Prayers to all who celebrate February birthdays	
DJ Iuliucci	2/11
Karen Talucci	2/12
Addison Iuliucci	2/15
Lisa & Michelle Blaese	2/15
Roxanne Quinn	2/17
Pat Schofield	2/18
Tina Longo	2/18
Mike Schofield	2/24
Jennifer Smith	2/24
Jake Cunningham	2/24
Maureen Kaschak	2/27



Please call the Parish Office to add a birthday/anniversary. Special blessing for those celebrating in February will be given at all Masses this weekend, February 21/22, 2026.



Music Ministry is looking for cantors and accompanists to join the music ministry. Contact Liz Williams at elizwilliams@verizon.net.

Baptism Class

The next class Baptism class is scheduled for this Monday, **February 16, 2026, at 7 pm** in the Parish Life Center. Please call the Parish office to register.

Next Pre-Cana Session scheduled for March 14, 2026.
Contact the Parish Office to register!

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!

Feb. 16	Presidents' Day – OFFICE CLOSED
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday – Day of Fast & Abstinence
Feb. 22	First Sunday of Lent
Mar. 1	Second Sunday of Lent
Mar. 8	Third Sunday of Lent
Mar. 8	American Girl Tea Party
Mar. 14	Pre-Cana Session
Mar. 15	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mar. 21	Taste of Italy
Mar. 22	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mar. 29	Palm Sunday
Apr. 5	Easter Sunday



Priest Schedule for February 21/22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

(subject to change without notice)

2/21	3pm Confessions	Father Joseph
	4pm Mass	Father Joseph / Deacon Michael
2/22	8am Mass	Father Philip / Deacon Michael
	10am Mass	Father Joseph / Deacon Bob
	12pm Mass	Father Michael / Deacon Bob

Deacons preach every third weekend

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Our Sanctuary Candle will remain lit during the week of February 14th at 4pm to 8am on February 21st For the **Deceased Members of St. Simon Stock Parish**



2025 Special Collections

Feb. 18	Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Feb. 22	Catholic Missions-Black & Native Americans
Mar. 15	Catholic Relief Services
Apr. 3	Holy Land Collection
Apr. 26	Catholic Home Missions
May 17	Catholic Communication Campaign
June 28	Peter's Pence Collection
July 12	Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa
Sept. 6	Catholic University of America
Oct. 4	Pro-Life Collection
Oct. 18	World Mission Sunday
Nov. 15	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Dec. 13	Retired Religious Collection

8-week Grief Support Sessions

March 4, 2026 to April 22, 2026, 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Call the Parish Office to Register

The 2026 Mass Intention Book is now opened. Please stop in at the Parish Office to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one.

2025 Contribution Statements

Call or email the Parish Office for a copy of your 2025 Contribution Statement.

STEWARSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Mass Intentions for the Week

SAT 2/14

8 AM † Richard Driscoll r/b Marita Conrad
 4 PM **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Vigil Mass)
 † James and Dolores Porter r/b Porter Family

SUN 2/15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 AM † Deceased Sapiro & McDermott Family Members
 r/b Rick & Rosemary Sapiro

10 AM LIVE STREAMED

L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)
 12 PM † Francis Tighe r/b Carolyn & Lou Abruzzese
 † Mary Saponaro r/b her loving Family
 † John Silvestro r/b Karen Hellel
 † George Phillips r/b Ravoni Family
 † Emila Post r/b William Zuchowski & Joyce Walsh

MON 2/16

8 AM † Jane Hoy r/b Gillespie Family

TUES 2/17

8 AM † Raymond Mauger r/b his loving Family

WED 2/18 Ash Wednesday

8 AM † Emila Post r/b Rene & Vincent Amato
 7 PM L Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)

THURS 2/19

8 AM † People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

FRI 2/20

8 AM † Richard J. Driscoll r/b his loving Mother

SAT 2/21

8 AM † Pat Kuchler r/b Shaw Family
 4 PM **First Sunday of Lent** (Vigil Mass)
 † Mary Perocho r/b Rudy
 † Irving Motluck r/b his loving wife, Dolores
 † Mary DiSpirito r/b her loving daughter, Theresa
 † Clara DiGerolamo r/b Rose & Ron Katkocin & Family
 † Frederick Schurr r/b his loving Wife
 Angelo Porto r/b Nancy Grieco

SUN 2/22 First Sunday of Lent

8 AM
 † Richard Driscoll r/b Marita Conrad

10 AM LIVE STREAMED

† Judy Sustek r/b Mary Holak

12 PM L People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Priest Schedule for February 14/15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 (subject to change without notice)

2/14 3pm Confessions Father Michael
 4pm Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob

2/15 8am Mass Father Philip / Deacon Bob
 10am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Michael
 12pm Mass Father Walter Norris / Deacon

Michael

Deacons preach this weekend

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Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 15, 2026

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Stewardship
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 15, 2026
Righteous Stewards

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, not **Stewardship**. They used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

Youth Choir forming to sing for 12 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Rehearsals are Sundays: March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 29 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Bring two-pocket folder, water bottle, and love of singing.

Register with Director: Cindy Tedesco

(609) 440-6026 or cynthiatedesco12@gmail.com

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear parishioners,

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

Midnight / Evening Run Ministry – A Night of Service and Grace

On the evening of January 16, 2026, a spirit of generosity and quiet courage filled our parish as twenty-eight parishioners—joined by me—set out together for our first Midnight/Evening Run. With trucks and a trailer packed tightly with nearly 900 donated items, we made our way to Camden, to Joseph's House, a shelter that welcomes men and women who have nowhere else to turn.

As we arrived, the bags and boxes were unloaded with joyful energy: coats and blankets for warmth, socks and essentials for comfort, and an abundance of food prepared with love. A full chicken dinner awaited the guests, along with desserts baked by our own Bakers Ministry. While the trays warmed and the drinks were poured, a sense of shared purpose settled over the group.

The most powerful moments of the night, however, came not from what we brought, but from the time we spent. Parishioners talked, listened, and simply shared life with the guests of Joseph's House. Laughter rose around tables; quiet conversations revealed hopes and struggles; and compassion flowed naturally. Again and again, we heard the same words of gratitude—not only for the meal or the clothing, but for the dignity of being seen and valued.

As we returned home, tired but deeply moved, many of us felt a quiet certainty: this is exactly the kind of ministry Jesus calls us to embrace—to be kind, helpful, and respectful to those in need, and to meet them not from a distance, but face to face. The experience touched hearts, strengthened community bonds, and opened a path forward for a ministry we hope will continue—perhaps monthly or several times a year. We invite everyone to watch upcoming bulletins for future opportunities to serve.

With Heartfelt Thanks

This night was only possible because of the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners. Your donations—especially coats, blankets, and socks—brought warmth and comfort to many. We offer special thanks to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Saint Simon Stock Conference, Wholesale Sock Outlet of Berlin, and Aversa's Bakery for their generous support, as well as to our Bakers Ministry, Youth Group, Senior Ministry, and the students of OLMC School.

We also offer an honorable mention and sincere gratitude to **Anthony Dixon**, who orchestrated the preparation and serving of the meal with leadership and love.

Participants on January 16, 2026

Marge & Pete Worthmann, Nikki & Jeremiah McNamara, Sarah & Bob Tyrseck, Barb Davis, Anthony Primo, Joe Adolf, Barb Hoag, Lynn Torrance, Pat & Patti Carden, Agatha Cullin, Bill Bansch, Anthony Dixon (chef), Stephen Rolf, Dave Charnay, Rich & Beth Cattell, Joe Hill, Marie & Sarah Leyden, Andrew Winters, Diane & George Turner, Lisa Bosley, and me.

May this ministry continue to grow—not only in scale, but in spirit—as we seek to bring Christ's compassion to those who need it most.



Please know that the clergy and I are praying for all of you. Let us continue to pray for and love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. May Our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your loved ones with good health, serenity, and peace.

Peace and grace,
Fr. Michael

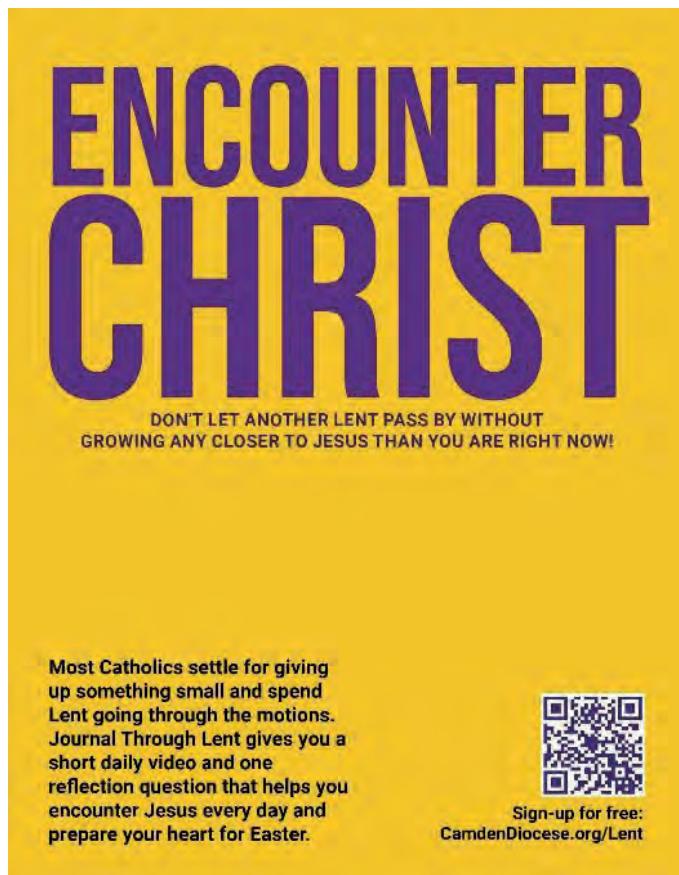


MIDNIGHT / EVENING RUN MINISTRY



Our deepest gratitude to Marge & Pete Worthmann, Nikki & Jeremiah McNammara, Sarah & Bob Tyrseck, Barb Davis, Anthony Primo, Joe Adolf, Barb Hoag, Lynn Torrance, Pat & Patti Carden, Agatha Cullin, Bill Bansch, Anthony Dixon (chef), Stephen Rolf, Dave Charnay, Rich & Beth Cattell, Joe Hill, Marie & Sarah Leyden, Andrew Winters, Diane & George Turner, Lisa Bosley for providing a wonderful, faith-filled experience on January 16, 2026. God bless you!

STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY



ENCOUNTER CHRIST

DON'T LET ANOTHER LENT PASS BY WITHOUT GROWING ANY CLOSER TO JESUS THAN YOU ARE RIGHT NOW!

Most Catholics settle for giving up something small and spend Lent going through the motions. Journal Through Lent gives you a short daily video and one reflection question that helps you encounter Jesus every day and prepare your heart for Easter.

Sign-up for free: CamdenDiocese.org/Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS AT 7 PM
Stations of the Cross with seniors and elderly - **February 20th**
Stations of the Cross with teenagers - **February 27th**
Stations of the Cross with Taizé Prayer - **March 6th**
Stations of the Cross with Faith and Courage – for those suffering from addictions for healing and recovery - **March 13th**
Stations of the Cross with Strength - **March 20th**
Stations of the Cross with Perseverance - **March 27th**

DAILY HOLY HOUR, ADORATION, BENEDICTION DURING LENT
Monday through Saturday from **8:30 am to 9:30 am**
Monday, February 16th, until Friday, March 27th
All Day Adoration on First Wednesday; thereafter Adoration and Benediction on Wednesdays from **6 - 7 pm**

CONFessions (LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU) DURING LENT
Saturdays - February 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 3:00 – 3:45 PM
Wednesdays – February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 7:00 pm

HOLY WEEK 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 28 (Saturday) Confessions at 3:00 – 3:45 PM
Mass at 4:00 PM
March 29 (Sunday) Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

HOLY TRIDUUM 2026
Holy Thursday – April 2, 2026, 7 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Visitation to the Altar of Repose from 8 pm to 12 midnight

Good Friday – April 3, 2026
Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Jesus Christ 3 pm
The Liturgy of the Word, the Adoration of the Holy Cross, and Holy Communion

Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday – April 4, 2026
The Blessing of Easter Food Baskets **10 am**
Easter Vigil Mass at **8 pm**

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026
Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at **8 & 10 am, 12 pm**

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 11/12, 2026
April 11 Confessions 3:00–3:45 pm; Mass at 4 pm
April 12 (Sunday) – Masses at **8 & 10 am, 12 pm**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 2pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction 3 pm



PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Les Misérables

Friday, February 20 7:30 PM
Saturday, February 21- 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 22 2:00 PM
Friday, February 27- 7:30 PM
Saturday, Feb 28 7:30 PM

Tickets Available at: paulvijn.booktix.com

SAINT SIMON STOCK PARISH - BERLIN NJ
Lent – Holy Week – Holy Triduum – Easter 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18, 2026
8:00 am Mass & Ashes
9:30 am OLMC Regional School Mass & Ashes
12:00 pm Communion Service with Ashes (not Mass)
4:30 pm Communion Service with Ashes (not Mass)
7:00 pm Mass & Ashes

STEWARSHIP OF EDUCATION

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School

If you are looking for a school where your child or grandchild will be challenged academically, yet still be treated as a unique individual, please consider Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School. Our students experience a full curriculum which includes art, music and physical education taught by degreed and certified teachers. Our standardized test scores in math and language arts have consistently been among the highest in the diocese. Students have the opportunity to participate in clubs and athletic activities. Please consider Catholic education – the gift of a lifetime!

Registration for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years is ongoing, with openings in all grades from pre-school through 8th grade. 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.

Consider Serving on the OLMC School Finance Council

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School is seeking dedicated parishioners and school families to serve on the **OLMC School Finance Council**. This advisory group plays an essential role in supporting the long term financial health of our school and ensuring that our mission of providing excellent Catholic education continues to flourish.

We invite individuals who are:

- **Registered members of the parish**
- **Knowledgeable in finance, budgeting, business management, accounting, or related fields**
- **Deeply committed to the mission of Catholic education**
- **Able to collaborate thoughtfully and maintain confidentiality**
- **Willing to offer time, talent, and professional insight for the good of the school community**
- **Motivated by faith, stewardship, and a desire to help form the next generation of disciples**

If you feel called to share your expertise and serve our parish and school in this meaningful way, we would love to hear from you. Your leadership can make a lasting impact on our children, families, and the future of OLMC. pastor@stsimonstock.net and amalloy@olmc-school.org.

Diocesan Training

Lector: March 7, 2026, 9 am – 1 pm Holy Cross, Bridgeton
EM: March 12, 2026, then March 16 or 24, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, St. Damien, Ocean City or Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill, respectively.

Tousha Bailey MSN-ed, RN (EdD- doctoral candidate)

Parish Nurse

Hello Fellow Parishioners, Peace and Blessings to all!

If you would like to contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions for health-related programs please leave a message at the parish office (856-767-2563). Your feedback is valued and helps guide this Ministry.

CPR Training is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2026, from 5-00 pm** in the Parish Life Center. If you are interested in CPR training, you must register your name, number and email address at the Parish Office. **Registration will close February 20th by 3 pm**. Thank you!



Women's Book Club



The next gathering of the Women's Book Club is Friday, February 27, 2026, at 7 pm, in the Parish Life Center. We will be covering the following books:

- ✓ *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, by Sherry A Weddell, Published by Our Sunday Visitor 2022 (280 Pages)
- ✓ *At His Feet: Drawing Closer to Christ with the Women of the New Testament*, by Derya Little, Published by Our Sunday Visitor 2021 (128 pages)

Following in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II Pilgrimage to Poland

With Father Anthony Infanti
September 29 – October 10, 2026



Visit

Krakow, Zakopane, Czestochowa, Warsaw, Auschwitz
\$5,150 double occupancy/\$900 more single occupancy

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

OVERVIEW OF THE VESTIBULE PROJECT

We are now more than halfway through our **Capital Campaign for the Church expansion**, commonly called the **Church Vestibule Project**. This project will enhance our church's hospitality and sacred spaces. The plan includes:

- **Vestibule (Gathering Space):** A welcoming area for fellowship before and after Mass.
- **Chapel:** A quiet place for personal prayer and, during Holy Week, the Altar of Repose.
- **Sacristy:** Improved space for liturgical preparation.
- **Handicapped-Accessible Confessional:** Ensuring the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to all.
- **Renovated Cry Room:** To become a **Family Room** for parents with small children, allowing them to pray and participate in Mass comfortably.
- **Conversion of Old Sacristy:** Into a dedicated **Altar Server's Room**, supporting the formation and service of our young parishioners.

Architectural drawings are currently under review by the **Diocesan Buildings and Project Management Office**. In 2026, we will invite a **minimum of three construction companies** to participate in the bidding process. Our **Capital Campaign Committee**, together with me, is committed to securing the necessary funds to bring this vision to life.

Already, **over 500 individuals have participated in our parish-wide Capital Campaign**—a wonderful sign of faith and unity! We hope even more parishioners will join us in this effort. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us move closer to making this dream a reality.

Please continue to pray for this project and consider how you can participate. Together, guided by His light, we can build a space that welcomes, inspires, and serves for generations to come.

Please know that the clergy and I are praying for all of you. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you and your loved ones with good health, serenity, and peace!

With gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Michael



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

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.

Stewardship of Treasure February 8, 2026

Sunday Collections	\$9,397.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,709.00
Total	\$12,106.00

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 scotch tape envelopes closed.

Mass Attendance	947
Envelopes Used	244
Electronic Contributors	67

Thank you for your generosity.



Parish Cookbooks are still available in the Parish Office at the reasonable price of \$15.

Stop by and get yours today before they are sold out.

STEWARSHIP OF COMMUNITY

PRAYER & YOGA SCHEDULE

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
February: 02/17* (Audrey), 02/24 (Sue)

Yoga will be held on the following Wednesdays @ 6:45 am
February: 02/18* (Yogi), 02/25 (Ed)

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

Respect Life Ministry



"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life—the unborn—without diminishing the value of all human life."

President Ronald Reagan

Knights of Columbus Council #7429

Collection for the Ukraine

Dear Parishioners:

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for your generous support for the past two years to assist the people in the Ukraine with clothing, food, and personal hygiene supplies.

We have also been assisted by several other Parishes within the Diocese of Camden. To date, we have been able to send 18 sea containers to the Ukraine that have been distributed by our Brother Knights. The cost to ship these containers is \$6,000 per unit. To date, our shipping cost exceeds \$100,000.00. Without your support, this would not have been possible. We will continue collecting in April and we thank you for your generosity. May God bless you and your family.

Bill Bansch PGK
Chairman



A Sacred Place for Cremated Remains

South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries announces the addition of a beautiful granite columbarium in the shape of a cross at New St. Mary Cemetery & Mausoleum

in Bellmawr. This serene and sacred space provides families with a dignified resting place for the cremated remains of loved ones. The new granite columbarium features 8 walls offering single and companion niches, thoughtfully designed to accommodate a variety of needs. Discounts are available when purchasing pre-need burial rights. Call 856-931-1570.

Garden Permit Program 2026 & Special Spring Offering From South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries



New this year! When you enroll with our Garden Permit Program, you'll receive a complimentary seed paper bookmark. Each bookmark includes a heart-shaped packet of flower seeds to plant in your garden, along with a prayer to St. Gertrude the Great for those souls in purgatory. For 2026 there will be no fee increase. The program begins around March 21, and applications are now being accepted, with the greatest benefit when enrolling by March 15.

Call or stop by your cemetery office. Visit SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org to learn more.



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
Your Choice • Your Privilege • Your Right

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	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	Francesco (Frankie) Nero
Charles Dowd	Marie Niceto
Jean Ervin/Smith	Glenn Plisczak
Lyle Gerber	Lori Singley
Joan Hagge	Kay Tedesco
Richard Herlihy, FSC	John F. Vece
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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

FEBRUARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Feb 21/22	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 Noon
EMs	Agatha Cullin Mark Fahringer Ruth Fahringer Bill Tresca	Barb Davis Gary Kaschak Maureen Kaschak Anthony Primo Lynne/Rich	Rosemarie Manes Nikki McNamara Jeff Salvatore Tracy Salvatore Vicky/Rich	Wendy Bradley Marie DiStefano Frank Epifanio, Jr. Toni Powers Tony- Betty
Lectors	Penny Tresca Terry/Stephanie	Terry/Stephanie	Ricky/Rich	Roger Strong, Frank Vein, Brian Leyden
Music	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 Dancer, Bill Fox, Derrick Watkins, Dennis Consalvi	Mike McGee, Keith Jones, Chris Morris, Frank Flood, George Turner, Ed Bond Rich Cattell	
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- Help 128 families with **temporary shelter** in local motels while they sought more permanent housing opportunities. In addition, we provided aid in the form of rent, mortgage payments, and/or security deposits for 51 families. That's almost **double the number** of families we helped in 2024 with similar needs (26 in 2024).
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