

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).

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time JULY 5, 2026

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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.



God bless America!

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 - 5:00 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 Summer Hours

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

Friday 9:00 am – 12 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.

Adoration on July 8, 2026

Holy Hour and Benediction at 6 pm

Before you head to the shore, stop and spend time with Jesus, your Lord and Savior!



Prayers to all who celebrate July birthdays

Sarah Leyden 7/01
Rosemary Sapio 7/04
Ethan Hourihan 7/04
José Neyra 7/06
James Keen 7/08
Breana Fahringer 7/10
Carl Auwarter 7/12
Kelly Lambert 7/13
Deanna Schuenemann 7/15
Mark Fahringer 7/16
Betty Cipolone 7/19
Anthony DeRosa 7/23
Gail Grabowski 7/29
Jim Connor 7/29



Prayers to all who celebrate July Anniversaries

Rev. Joseph D. Ciar, A.M. 7/1
Ted & Theresa Baker 7/1
Joe & Elayne Hill 7/6
Joseph & Rita Henshke 7/12
Matthew & Breana Fahringer 7/13
George & Janet Ralston 7/17
Anthony & Sydney DeRosa 7/22
Mike & Pat Schofield 7/24
Roger & Trish Strong 7/26



Baptism Class

The next class Baptism class is scheduled for Monday, **July 20, 2026, at 7 pm**, in the Parish Life Center. Please call 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!

July 6	Parish Office Closed in honor of July 4 th
July 13	Harvest Festival Volunteer Meeting 7 pm
July 14	OCIA Gathering 6:30 pm
July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day
July 25/26	Mission Appeal - Alagad ni Maria
July 30	Women's Book Club
Aug. 4	OCIA Gathering 6:30 pm
Aug. 15	Feast of the Assumption – Not a Holy Day
Aug. 25	OCIA Gathering 6:30 pm
Sept. 7	Labor Day – Parish Office Closed
Sept. 8	OLMC School Opens
Sept. 12	Harvest Festival
Oct. 10	Pre-Cana Session
Oct. 12	Columbus Day-School & Parish Office closed
Nov. 22	Parish Anniversary Mass
Nov. 26/27	Thanksgiving – Parish Office Closed
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent



Priest Schedule for July 11/12, 2026 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(subject to change without notice)

7/11	3-3:45 pm	Confessions Fr. Joseph
	4 pm Mass	Fr. Joseph / Deacon Bob
7/12	8 am Mass	Father Michael
	10 am Mass	Father Michael
	12 pm Mass	Father Joseph / Deacon Bob
		<i>Deacon Bob preaches this weekend.</i>

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Our Sanctuary Candle will remain lit during the week of July 4th at 4pm to 8am on July 11th in memory of **Dorothy Adams (1st anniversary)** requested by the Peters Family



2026 Special Collections

July 12	Pastoral Soidarity 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



Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm
Fridays from 9 am to 12 noon.

Please call the Parish Office to add a birthday/anniversary. Special blessing for those celebrating in July will be given at all Masses the weekend of July 25/26, 2026.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parish Family,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying summer.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30), Jesus offers one of the most tender and reassuring invitations in all of Scripture: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28). These words are addressed not to the powerful or self-sufficient, but to the weary, the humble, and those who recognize their need for God. Jesus praises the Father for revealing divine truths not to the "wise and learned," but to the "little ones." In this, we are reminded that the heart of discipleship is not achievement, but trust; not control, but surrender.

The world around us often celebrates independence as self-reliance and personal success. Yet Jesus reveals a deeper truth: authentic freedom comes not from carrying life's burdens alone, but from entrusting them to Him. His yoke is easy, not because life becomes effortless, but because we do not walk alone. When we journey with Christ, we discover a peace that sustains us even in the midst of challenges.

This message resonates in a special way as we reflect on the celebration that took place this weekend. On July 4, 2026, our nation commemorated the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. For two and a half centuries, the ideals proclaimed in 1776—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—have shaped the identity of this nation. This milestone invites not only celebration, but reflection on how these ideals continue to call us to responsibility and unity.

For me personally, this anniversary carries deep gratitude. Four years ago, I became a citizen of the United States. The journey toward citizenship was both demanding and meaningful. I remember spending many hours studying more than a hundred questions that covered the civic, social, cultural, and political life of this country. These questions were not simply facts to memorize; they opened a window into the story of a nation—its values, struggles, and hopes.

When the day of my interview came, I felt both nervous and hopeful. The interviewer asked questions that required honesty and understanding—not only about knowledge, but about my intentions and commitment. I did my best to answer sincerely, with respect for the process and gratitude for the opportunity. By God's grace, I passed the interview.

Yet the most moving moment came later, at the oath-taking ceremony. Standing together with others from many parts of the world, I felt a profound sense of unity and belonging. As we recited the oath, it was more than a legal declaration—it was a promise to uphold the values of this nation and to contribute to its future. It was a moment of joy, humility, and deep thanksgiving.

As I reflect on both the Gospel and this personal experience, I see a beautiful connection. The freedom celebrated in our nation finds its fullest meaning when it is rooted in the freedom Christ offers. Political liberty is a remarkable gift, but it flourishes when grounded in moral responsibility and respect for the dignity of all people. Jesus invites us to a freedom of the heart—a freedom from fear, selfishness, and indifference.

In a world still marked by division and injustice, these reflections challenge us in practical ways. What does it mean for us, as followers of Christ and as members of this nation, to live out peace, justice, and liberty? It begins in simple, daily actions: treating one another with respect, listening with compassion, and choosing kindness even when it is difficult. It calls us to stand with those who are marginalized and to promote fairness in our communities.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict; it is the presence of understanding and reconciliation. Justice is not only expressed in laws, but in how we treat one another each day. Liberty is not simply the freedom to act, but the responsibility to choose what is good and right.

As we move forward from this historic anniversary, may we carry both gratitude and commitment in our hearts. Let us give thanks for the blessings we have received, and let us respond to Christ's invitation to find rest in Him. Strengthened by His grace, may we continue the work of building a society where peace is nurtured, justice is pursued, and liberty is shared by all.

May Christ, who lifts our burdens and teaches us humility, guide us always.

Happy Independence Day! May God bless you and your families! May God bless our parish community!
May God bless the United States of America!

**With love and prayerful blessings,
Fr. Michael**



STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Mass Intentions for the Week

- SAT 7/4**
8 AM James Rawls r/b Friends
4 PM **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**
 L Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Baxter
 r/b Lenny and Mary Ward
 † Shawn A. McIntosh r/b Donna-Jo Cohan
- SUN 7/5** **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 AM L Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)
 † Leona P. Dacillo r/b Josie Lombardi
- 10 AM** **LIVE STREAMED**
 † Jillian & Mark Edwards r/b loving mom, Rosemarie
 † Jose Marie de Leon, Sr. r/b Debbie & Dana Sirois
 † John W. Meyers, Jr. r/b Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Carden
 † Diane Kelly r/b Debbie & Rich Reggio
 † Pat Amodeo r/b Phil & Eileen Cresthull
- 12 PM** † Mary Saponaro r/b her loving Family
- MON 7/6**
8 AM † Dominick Covone r/b his loving wife, Carmela
- TUES 7/7**
8 AM † Antoinette "Ton-Ton" Padilla-Bido r/b Sally Villa
- WED 7/8**
8 AM † Paul Erwin r/b Bea Jackson
- THURS 7/9**
8 AM † Antoinette "Ton-Ton" Padilla-Bido r/b Debbi Sirois
- FRI 7/10**
8 AM † Charles Gill r/b Kathy Haines
- SAT 7/11**
8 AM Rev. Thomas S. Donio
4 PM **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**
 † Ed Smith r/b his loving wife, Barbara
 † Joseph Talucci r/b his loving wife, Karen
- SUN 7/12** **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8 AM
 † Mary T. Saponaro r/b Anne Marie Saponaro
- 10 AM** **LIVE STREAMED**
 L Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)
- 12 PM** † Jose Marie de Leon, Sr. r/b Nora Sauers
 † Joanne Schurr r/b Shields Family
 † Thomas Johnson r/b John & Laurinda Linden
 † Myrna Valdez r/b Marvin Valdez
 † Azadinha Varella Dias r/b Frank & Pat Di Maria

L = Living † = Deceased

Priest Schedule for July 4/5, 2026 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(subject to change without notice)

- 7/4 3-3:45 pm Confessions Fr. Joseph
 4 pm Mass Fr. Joseph
- 7/5 8 am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob
 10 am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob
 12 pm Mass Father Joseph

Deacon Bob preaches next weekend.

Readings

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2026

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Contrasting "flesh and spirit," Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the "Spirit."

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, "Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

- Monday** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

Stewardship

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2026

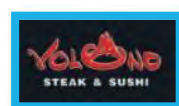
Stewards Gifts

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good **stewards**, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "**stewards**" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

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 only**, 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 donation checks. Cards from Volcano are available on the table in the back of the church.



STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY

Harvest Festival

Volunteers are needed to help at **this year's Harvest Festival on September 12th**, for setting up, breaking down and working during the event. Please call the Parish Office to join in the fun. Thank you!

Chair Marie DiStefano



2026 Harvest Festival



The Harvest Festival will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026. We are currently seeking sponsors to help offset costs, as well as donations of gift baskets, baked goods and, most importantly, *volunteers*. Please contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL Seeking Sponsors

Platinum	\$1000
Gold	\$ 750
Silver	\$ 500
Bronze	\$ 250
General Sponsorship	\$ 100

Name: _____

Name on Sign: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____ \$ _____

Please complete and return with your check made payable to *St. Simon Stock Parish*, 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ 08009 or drop off at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support!
St. Simon Stock Pastoral Council



SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 BASKET AUCTION

The Basket Auction is always a great success and a lot of fun! If you are interested in donating an auction basket please drop them off at the office by **September 4th**.

Please follow these guidelines:

All items included **MUST BE NEW**.

Baskets or other creative containers are to be wrapped in some type of clear covering so the items can be seen.

If possible, give your basket a creative name.

Attach the donor or donors' names to the basket.

Ticket Pre-Sale held after all masses on Sept. 5/6, 2026.
THANK YOU!



If you would like to donate baked goods for the Harvest Festival contact:
Marge Worthmann
Email: mvw139@comcast.net
or call the parish office.



STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

John Agyemang	Patricia Knott
Julia Alessandrine	Gary Koopman
Robert Andreotta	Kamal Leahy
Ted & Therese Baker	Michael Liberatore
Rosemarie Berekkia	John Manes Sr.
Paul Bilbrough	Ed & Sandy Markiewicz
Gladys Blaese	Philip Marzili
Michelle Blaese	Janis Mayer
Rosalie Bowman	Connie McCusker
Kevin Brady	Mary McElroy
MaryBeth Bravman	Adele Miller
Baby Savannah Britt	Agnes Moore
Irene Browne	Sister Marie Moore, IHM
Joe & Terry Bruno	Margie & Walter Moronski
Loretta Bunoza	Chris Morrison
Betty Butler	Francesco (Frankie) Nero
Carole Anne Conner	Marie Niceto
Benjamin Cuifolo	Glenn Pliszczak
Terry Cunningham	Bobby Ricci
Carol Defoney	Jason Robers
Bernadette DeFilippis	Tony Romeo
Concetta DiFrancisco	Alfred Salvatore Sr.
Charles Dowd	Nora Sauers
Jean Ervin/Smith	Gale Schofield
Janet Flood	Mike & Pat Schofield
Joan Hagge	Lori Singley
Richard Herlihy, FSC	Alejandra Talucci
Matthew Hernan	Kay Tedesco
Kim Hertzberg	Trinna Tindle
Elayne Hill	John F. Vece
Teresa Hiteshew	Carol Walter
Jo Niece Holbig	John Werner
Giana Iannuzzi	Grace Wisnewski
Janice Judge	Joseph Wisnewski
Marilyn Kent	Lisa 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

Women's Book Club



The next gathering of the Women's Book Club is this **Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 7 pm**, in the Parish Life Center. The next book is *The*

Interior Castle or the Mansions of St. Teresa of Ávila: New Study Edition Catholic Classic Series by St. Teresa of Ávila Published by Holy Water Books 2024 (289 pages). Please join us for conversation and fellowship.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School



Best wishes for a safe and happy July 4th weekend are extended to all students and families! As everyone settles in to summer vacation, don't forget to take time to relax and enjoy family and friends. Read for pleasure, try a new craft or hobby, practice your musical instrument

or hone your athletic skills without the pressure of homework deadlines. Whatever summer adventures await, remember to keep prayer and the sacraments a central part of your plans.

Summer office hours at OLMC School began on June 30 and extend to August 27. The school office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 - noon during that period. Registration for the 2026-27 school year will continue through the summer months. 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 Mande DeHaven (adehaven@olmc-school.org) at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School for more information.



Please visit our page in the parish website for more info. www.stsimonstock.net/Ministries/StephenMinistry

Has God blessed you with the gift of music? Can you sing or play an instrument? There are several ways you can become an active member of our parish's music ministry. Cantors, accompanist, instrumentalist, adult choir members, and members of the contemporary vocal group are being sought. A huge time commitment is not necessary. If interested in more information, please contact Liz Williams 856-304-1167 or Liz@StSimonStock.net.



STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY

PARISH PILGRIMAGE INVITATION 2027

Father Michael de Leon warmly invites you to consider joining a parish pilgrimage from **March 29 to April 9, 2027**—a sacred journey of prayer, faith, and encounter.

Together, we will visit some of the most beloved pilgrimage sites of our Catholic tradition, including:

- Our Lady of Fátima (Portugal)
- Santiago de Compostela (Spain)
- Ávila Cathedral (Ávila, Spain)
- The Massabielle Grotto in Lourdes (France)
- La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona
- And many other sacred places

These are not merely destinations on a map; they are sacred encounters – holy places where heaven has touched earth and where countless souls have encountered God’s grace, healing, and abiding presence.

Pilgrimage is a powerful expression of our Easter faith: a pilgrim people on the move, journeying together toward



deeper communion with God and one another. This time away will be devoted to prayer, reflection, community, and spiritual renewal. It will also be an invitation to step back from the busyness of daily life and to walk more deeply with Mary, as she gently leads us ever closer to her Son.

I encourage you to prayerfully discern whether the Lord may be calling you to take part in this grace-filled journey. For more information or to register, please visit: <https://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/msh-5929/> or see Father Michael personally.

While you are enjoying the summer sun and activity, don't forget your home parish, Saint Simon Stock. Your help will still



be needed to meet the current parish expenses. If while on vacation you cannot contribute regularly, may we suggest that you keep the unused envelopes on hand and bring your contribution up-to-date when you return; or consider joining the **Parish Giving** where your weekly contribution is automatically deducted on a monthly basis from your checking account or credit card at no cost to you? For more information on signing up, go to parish website or call the Parish Office at 856-767-2563 ext. 301.

Sacrament of Holy Anointing



If you are homebound, ill, or preparing for surgery, please contact the Parish

Office at (856) 767-2563 to schedule a visit from Father Joseph (Ciar) or Father Michael (de Leon). They will gladly administer the Sacrament of Holy Anointing. Please do not wait until the last minute.

*May the God of Healing lay
His healing hand upon you!*

Diocesan Training Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 8 am to 12 pm

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
724 Maple Avenue
Linwood, NJ 08221**

Please call the Parish Office for an Application

RETROUVAILLE:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. The program provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of **July 31-August 2, 2026**, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. An additional program will be the weekend of October 2-4. For more information, or to register, visit www.MarriageHelpDeVal.org or call 215-766-3944. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Stewardship of Treasure June 27, 2026

Sunday Collections	\$8,465.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,624.00
Total	\$10,089.00

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	774
Envelopes Used	273
Electronic Contributors	

Thank you for your generosity.

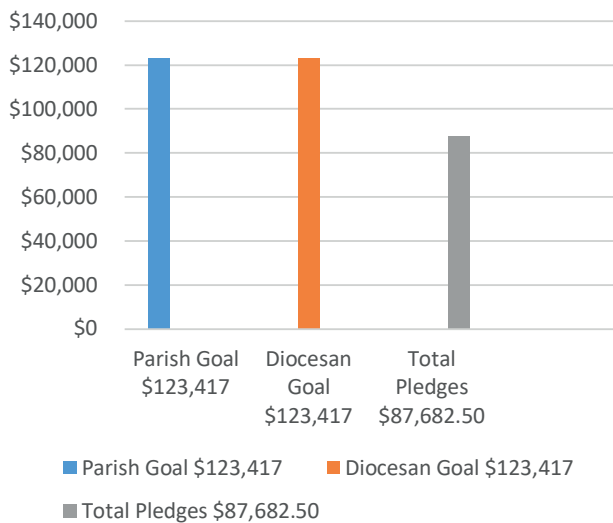
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

This year's theme for the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal is **Missionaries of Mercy**. Let us join Bishop Joseph Williams in renewing our commitment to charity, which lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. When we give, we become instruments of God's mercy—walking alongside those who are struggling and reminding them that they are never forgotten.

2026 SJ Catholic Ministries Appeal
June 28, 2026 Report



Every donation, whether large or small, is deeply appreciated. On behalf of those in need and all who benefit from the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal (SJCMA), please consider making a monetary pledge today. **Your gift is tax deductible.**

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Capital Campaign for Church Vestibule Project- Matching Gift

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 "Church Vestibule Project-Matching Gift" 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.

PARISH-WIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE A Grace-Filled Milestone – and a New Blessing

Dear Parish Family,

With full and grateful hearts, we are overjoyed to share a wonderful moment in the life of our parish. Through your remarkable generosity and faithful response, we have **surpassed the \$60,000 Matching Gift Opportunity**. What began as a generous invitation from two families became a beautiful testament to the unity and love of our parish community. Every dollar given was matched, doubling the impact of your sacrifice and bringing us closer to realizing a sacred vision for our Church Vestibule Extension Project.

We give thanks to God for each one of you. Your generosity is not only a gift—it is a living witness to your love for Christ and His Church.

And now, with even greater joy, we share yet another blessing:

a family within our parish has come forward to offer a new Matching Gift Opportunity—up to \$100,000, dollar for dollar.

This extraordinary act of generosity invites us once again to come together in faith and mission. It is an opportunity not only to build and improve our sacred spaces, but to deepen our commitment to the life of prayer, worship, and community that defines us as a parish.

As we continue this journey, we keep before us the vision of a more welcoming and prayerful church, including:

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

Each of these spaces will serve generations of faithful people who seek the Lord in this place.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and love. Let us move forward with renewed hope and confidence, trusting that the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, will bring it to fulfillment.

May God bless you and your family abundantly.
 And may the maternal mantle of love of
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 embrace and protect you always.



In the words of Sacred Scripture:
*"Good will come to those who are generous
 and lend freely..." Psalm 112:5*

JULY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

July 4/5 EMs	4:00 pm Terry Bongiovanni Eleanor Fahringer Mark Fahringer Ruth Fahringer	8:00 AM Barb Davis Robert Tartamosa Sheila Tartamosa Sally Villa	10:00 AM Ed Bond Frank Epifanio, Jr. Lisa Gillespie Jim Gillespie	12:00 Noon Wendy Bradley Marie DiStefano Marie Leyden Sarah Leyden Riv Voltaire Wendy Bradley Steve/Kuz Gabriella Corrielus Ava Moran
Lectors	Terry Bongiovanni	Don Kukola	Cathy Rainey	Wendy Bradley
Music	Cindy/Ann	Stephanie/Tony	Liz	Steve/Kuz
Altar Servers	Vanessa Longo	Liam Farina	Gordon Schaeffer Gemma Schaeffer Gia Schaeffer Bryson Morton Frankie Epifanio Trent Smith DJ Iuliucci	Gabriella Corrielus Ava Moran
JrAltrSrv Ushers	Tom Galen, Jim Pacifico, Rudy Perocho, John Lattuga, Bill Bansch, Jim Blackmore, Rich Grabowski, Mark Fahringer	Lily Farina Joe Adolph, Joe Karas, Joe Blasé Sr. & Jr., Bob Fahringer, Rick Danser, Bill Fox, Derrick Watkins, Dennis Consalvi	Matthew Trant Chris Brisbin, Brian Fruit Tom Carey, Jeremiah McNamara, Mike McGee, Keith Jones, Chris Morris, Frank Flood, George Turner, Ed Bond Rich Cattell	Maddie Moran Roger Strong, Frank Vein, Brian Leyden

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Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pastoral Council

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Legion of Mary – Fr. Joseph Ciar, AM, Spiritual Director – 856 767 2563
Music – Adult Choir - Liz Williams - Liz@StSimonStock.net
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