

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).

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time JULY 19, 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.



"It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" Matthew 13:32

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 22, 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

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 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 25/26, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(subject to change without notice)

7/25	3-3:45 pm	Confessions	Fr. Ericson Laguna
	4 pm Mass	Frs. Joseph & Ericson / Deacon Bob	
7/26	8 am Mass	Frs. Joseph & Ericson	
	10 am Mass	Frs. Michael & Ericson	
	12 pm Mass	Fr. Ericson / Deacon Bob	

Fr. Ericson Laguna preaches this weekend.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Our Sanctuary Candle will remain lit during the week of July 18th at 4pm to 8am on July 25th in memory of

Deceased Feyt Family Members

requested by Jennie Feyt



2026 Special Collections

July 26	Diocese Mission Co-op – Disciples of Mary - Alagad ni Maria
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 parishioners,

I hope you are all doing well, staying cool, and enjoying the summer with family and friends.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds. A farmer sows good seed in his field, but during the night an enemy plants weeds among the wheat. When the servants discover the weeds, they want to remove them immediately. The master, however, tells them to let both grow together until the harvest, when the separation will take place.

Through this parable, Jesus teaches us patience, mercy, and trust in God. We live in a world where goodness and evil exist side by side. We see this reality around us and even within ourselves. Yet the Lord does not give up on us. He patiently nurtures what is good, calling us each day to conversion and growth. Rather than focusing on the shortcomings of others, we are invited to become good wheat in the Lord's field, growing in faith, hope, and love.

Jesus continues by comparing the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed and to yeast. Both begin small, yet both bring about remarkable growth. God often works quietly through simple acts of faith, prayer, kindness, and service. Small gestures, offered with love, can have a profound impact on the life of a parish and on the building up of God's Kingdom.

One of the most powerful ways God strengthens us is through the Eucharist. At every Mass, we encounter Jesus Christ truly present in Holy Communion. The Eucharist nourishes us spiritually, unites us as one parish family, and sends us forth to live the Gospel in our daily lives. Although we come from different backgrounds and sit in different parts of the church, we become one Body in Christ when we gather at the Lord's Table.

With that spirit of unity and pastoral care, I would like to share a small change regarding the distribution of Holy Communion in our parish.

For many years, the priest celebrant has typically stood in the center aisle to distribute Holy Communion. Beginning in August, while this practice will often continue, the priest will periodically distribute Communion from different locations within the church. On some weekends, he may stand on the left side near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At other times, he may stand in the center aisle as usual or on the right side near the choir section.

This change comes from a thoughtful suggestion made by one of our parishioners. The purpose is simple: to give parishioners throughout the church an opportunity to receive Holy Communion from the priest, regardless of where they are seated. By occasionally rotating locations, those seated on the left, center, and right sides of the church will have greater access to the priest's Communion station.

At the same time, we will continue our long-standing practice of bringing Holy Communion first to those who are handicapped, disabled, elderly, or who have difficulty coming forward for Communion. This important ministry reflects the compassion of Christ and our commitment to caring for every member of our parish family. We want all our brothers and sisters to experience the dignity, respect, and welcome that belong to them as members of the Body of Christ.

This adjustment is not meant to place greater importance on one minister over another. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion continue to serve faithfully and generously, and we remain deeply grateful for their ministry. Rather, this change is intended to foster a greater sense of connection, hospitality, and pastoral care within our liturgical celebrations.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God often works through simple and humble means. A small seed becomes a large tree. A little yeast leavens an entire batch of dough. Likewise, a simple suggestion from a parishioner can become an opportunity to strengthen our worship and deepen our sense of community. When we listen to one another and seek ways to serve one another better, we help build up God's Kingdom in our midst.

As we continue our journey of faith, let us approach the Eucharist with reverence, gratitude, and joy. Whether we receive Holy Communion from the priest, a deacon, or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, we receive the same Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to nourish us with His love and grace.

May we strive each day to be faithful wheat growing in the Lord's field, strengthened by the Eucharist and inspired by the Gospel. May our participation in the Mass draw us ever closer to Christ and to one another as one family of faith.

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



STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP AND LITURGY

Mass Intentions for the Week

SAT 7/18

8 AM Rev. Edward F. Heintzelman
4 PM **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**
 † Jennifer Feyt r/b her loving Mom
 † James & Dolores Porter r/b Porter Family
 † Irving Motluck r/b his loving wife, Dolores
 † Susie Grieco r/b Nancy Grieco
 L Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Jude Reyes
 r/b Lenny & Mary Ward

SUN 7/19 **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 AM † Maria & Rosario Carnovale r/b loving daughter, Sally
 † Josephine Covone r/b loving Daughter & Grandsons
 † John "Jack" Sapio r/b Rick & Rosemary Sapio
 † Frank Del Rossi Sr. r/b Camardo Family
 † Mary Carey r/b Our Lady of Mount Carmel Friends

10 AM **LIVE STREAMED**

L Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)

12 PM † Mary Saponaro r/b her loving Family

MON 7/20

8 AM † Fe Anatalio r/b Nora R. Rowan

TUES 7/21

8 AM † Germaine Borek r/b Fran & Debbie

WED 7/22

8 AM † Rev. Albert E. Harshaw
 † Camille & Gloria Clarke
 r/b loving daughter, Catalina & Family

THURS 7/23

8 AM † Mitchell Spera r/b Rich & Kathy Sbarra

FRI 7/24

8 AM † Mary Saponaro r/b Elizabeth & Rob

SAT 7/25

8 AM † Manuel Chu r/b Erwin Chu

4 PM **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

† Eleanor Cohan Munck r/b Nancy Grieco

SUN 7/26 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 AM † George Letham r/b Rick & Rosemary Sapio

10 AM **LIVE STREAMED**

† Richard Driscoll r/b loving Mom, Linda, & Family

† Richard J. McBrearty r/b Mom, Helen & sister, Linda

† Al Salvatore r/b Tiffany Painter & Mark Hughes

† Mary Carey r/b Daniela Sorensen

L Intentions of Barbara & Roy Kempf r/b Family

12 PML Parishioners and Benefactors (Pro Populo)

L = Living † = Deceased

Priest Schedule for July 18/19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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7/18 3-3:45 pm Confessions Fr. Joseph

4 pm Mass Fr. Joseph

7/19 8 am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob

10 am Mass Father Michael / Deacon Bob

12 pm Mass Father Joseph

Deacon Bob preaches this weekend.

Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16 19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26 27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24 43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Stewardship

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

Stewards Good Seeds

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Florence Dowell

Angelo Rinaldi III

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Catholic Christian Community:

Lucas Robert DiMeglio

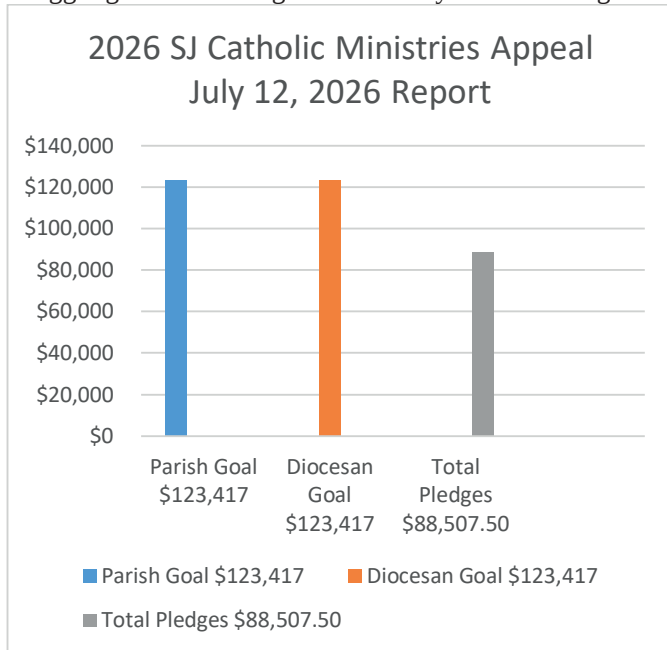
Matthias Joseph Leavey



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



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.



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.

MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT



In the words of Sacred Scripture:

"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely..." Psalm 112:5

STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY

Diocesan Mission Co-Operative



Religious Institute of the
ALAGAD NI MARIA
(Disciples of Mary)

Join us in solidarity with the dedicated missionaries who commit their lives to spreading the message of Christ, fostering faith and joy among communities worldwide.

On **July 25-26, 2026**, we welcome **Rev. Ericson A. Laguna, AM**, a priest from the Philippines and member of the **Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)**. Father Ericson will share his missionary experiences and the significant challenges confronting the young people in his country today. We are especially honored to welcome him as a fellow member of the Disciples of Mary, the same religious community to which **Fr. Michael, Fr. Joseph, and Fr. Philip**, the priests serving our parish, belong. Their shared commitment to the missionary spirit and charism of the Disciples of Mary strengthens our bond with this important apostolic work. We invite you to take part in **Father Ericson's** mission apostolate through your prayers and donations.

What an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and to respond to our baptismal call to take part in our Church's missionary challenge as we also partake in the sacramental graces of the Eucharist, offered for us by this missionary priest!

Please be as generous as your means allow in responding to the Lord's call to support the spread of His love and hope to all people throughout the world.

Vital Spirituality for Grandparents:
The Key to Healthy Aging

You are invited to join Catholic Grandparents for a one-day retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. Space is limited, please register early!

Date: Monday, September 21, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Location: Marianist Retreat Center, 417 Yale Ave, Cape May Point, NJ
Cost: \$55 per person
The day will include lunch and Mass!
To register contact Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535 or southjerseygrands@gmail.com



This year's celebration falls on **July 26, 2026**, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV is:

"I will never forget you"
Is 49:15

This comforting reminder was offered at the beginning of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on the fourth Sunday of July, on the theme "I will never forget you." (Is 49:15)

These words that fill us with comfort and hope, he said, are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me" (Is 49:14).

The Pope acknowledged that quite a few elderly people share the painful feeling of being forgotten, especially as they experience loneliness or sometimes being reduced to a bed number or illness.

The Holy Father also invited everyone, especially the young, "to revive the beautiful custom" of visiting their grandparents, elderly relatives, and even those who have no one to visit them.

Prayer for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 26, 2026



Father who watches over every person watch over me too when I am elderly. You have revealed your name to me in Christ, and You were not discouraged by my frailties. You hold me tenderly in your hands, and You caress my lines. You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness; help me learn to love it just as You love it. Help me learn to listen to it just as You listen to it. Help me embrace it just as You have chosen it — You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division so that we may live these years united in You. You will never forget us! Amen.

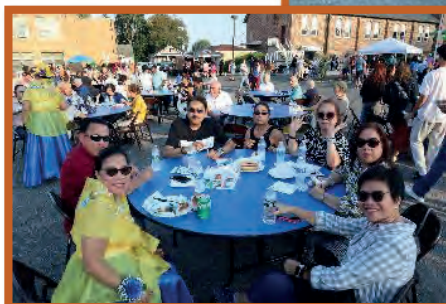


STEWARDSHIP OF COMMUNITY

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	Marilyn Kent
Julia Alessandrine	Patricia Knott
Robert Andreotta	Gary Koopman
Ted & Therese Baker	Kamal Leahy
Rosemarie Berekkia	Michael Liberatore
Paul Bilbrough	John Manes Sr.
Gladys Blaese	Ed & Sandy Markiewicz
Michelle Blaese	Philip Marzili
Patti Boone	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 Plisczak
Terry Cunningham	Bobby Ricci
Carol Defoney	Jason Robers
Bernadette DeFilippis	Tony Romeo
Concetta DiFrancisco	Nora Sauers
Charles Dowd	Gale Schofield
Jean Ervin/Smith	Mike & Pat Schofield
Janet Flood	Lori Singley
Gene Golluscio	Alejandra Talucci
Joan Hagge	Kay Tedesco
Richard Herlihy, FSC	Trinna Tindle
Matthew Hernan	John F. Vece
Kim Hertzberg	Carol Walter
Elayne Hill	John Werner
Teresa Hiteshew	Grace Wisniewski
Jo Niece Holbig	Joseph Wisniewski
Giana Iannuzzi	Lisa Wisniewski
Janice Judge	

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

A Pastoral Reminder About Overnight Parking

As a welcoming parish family, we are grateful to be able to share our campus and parking facilities with our community. To help us be good stewards of parish property and ensure the safety and security of all vehicles, we kindly ask parishioners to contact the parish office whenever they plan to leave a vehicle on parish grounds overnight or for an extended period of time.

Providing advance notice helps us account for vehicles on the property and avoid any misunderstandings during routine maintenance, security checks, or special parish events. We are happy to work with you whenever the need arises.

We also ask for your help in extending this notice to your family members and friends who visit and worship with us in our parish faith community. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe, orderly, and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding, consideration, and continued support of our parish. If you anticipate leaving a vehicle on parish property overnight or for an extended time, please contact the Parish Office to obtain permission and make the necessary arrangements.

May God bless you and your loved ones!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School



Did you ever wonder what happens at OLMC School during the summer months? Like all schools, there are scheduled maintenance projects and deep cleaning of all areas that take place. But...there are also opportunities for students to continue learning and explore topics in greater detail than the typical school day allows. Students have already participated in an Art Camp, and summer music lessons are ongoing. Basketball and volleyball camps are on the horizon. There's no time to be bored at Mt. Carmel!

Summer office hours at OLMC School continue until 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.

O.C.I.A. News

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be hosting several information nights for anyone interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Communion and Confirmation and anyone else who wishes to learn more about their faith in the Parish Life Center at **6:30 pm on August 4th and August 25th**. All are welcome. Contact Deacon Bob at Deaconbob@stsimonstock.net.

Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year Faith Formation for Children (Religious Education)

Faith Formation Registration is now open for the upcoming school year for 1st through 8th grades. Classes begin on Monday, September 28th or Wednesday, September 30th. **Please register online at www.stsimonstock.net**. Click on the Faith Formation tab and scroll down to the Registration Form link.

For onsite classes, you can choose Monday (5:00 to 6:00 PM) **or** Wednesday (6:00 to 7:00 PM). Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early to ensure you get the night you prefer. Below the registration link you will find links for the schedules for onsite and home schooling. Students must attend in person for preparation/sacramental years: Grades 1, 2, 7, and 8. Children may be home schooled for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Please consider teaching or assisting our students next year. Those who volunteer to help our Faith Formation program receive **FREE** tuition for their family.

Contact Mrs. Mary Spicer, 856-767-2563 x 314 or mary@stsimonstock.net with questions or to volunteer. **Thank you!**

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.



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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.



Diocesan Training
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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
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Stewardship of Treasure July 12, 2026

Sunday Collections	\$9,534.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,069.00
Total	\$11,603.00

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	750
Envelopes Used	228
Electronic Contributors	64

Thank you for your generosity.

Healthcare Ministry Wellness Tip of the Month Stay Safe During Extreme Heat

Script for Reflection: “Beloved, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you”—3 John 1:2

Summer heat can affect both your physical and mental well-being. New Jersey has already experienced several periods of extreme heat this year, leading to an increase in heat-related illnesses. Protect yourself by drinking plenty of water, wearing lightweight clothing, limiting outdoor activities during the hottest part of



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Heat Exhaustion Symptoms	Heat Stroke Symptoms
Heavy sweating	High body temperature
Headache	Red, hot dry skin (no sweating)
Weakness	Rapid, strong pulse
Fatigue	Headache
Dizziness	Slurred Speech
Nausea or vomiting	Nausea
Muscle cramps	Confusion, loss of consciousness

<https://dep.nj.gov/heat-hub-nj/ehaw-2026>

the day, and spending time in air-conditioned spaces when possible. Be sure to check on older adults, young children, and anyone with chronic health conditions. Extreme heat can also increase stress, irritability, fatigue, and difficulty concentrating.

Tousha Bailey MSN-Ed, RN

JULY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

July 18/19 EMs	4:00 pm Agatha Cullin Ruth Fahringer Bonnie Piontkowski Karen Talucci Terri Wetzell	8:00 AM Kevin Johnson Frank Mitchell Jeffrey Torrance Marge Worthmann	10:00 AM Jim Gillespie Lisa Gillespie Nikki McNamara Nora Rowan	12:00 Noon Marie DiStefano Toni Powers Riv Voltaire
Lectors	Don DeSorte	Pete Worthmann	Cathy Rainey	Riv Voltaire
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Jesus Speaks in Parables

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and
good deeds, and that He will mercifully gather us into His
kingdom.

**This week, please say a special prayer each day for those
in need and those forgotten in our parish.**

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
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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



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gillespiejas@comcast.net and provide name, rank, and branch of service.

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*“It is a sad commentary on our culture when human life is
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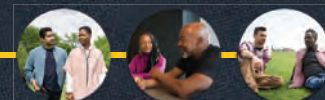
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