

Happy Labor Day



To ALL Of You



**ANN'S CHOICE
CATHOLIC COUNCIL
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**Saturday and Sunday Transportation
to Nativity of Our Lord Parish**

The bus will be available for Saturday Mass (5:00pm) and Sunday Mass (10:00am) beginning the weekend of 9/11 and 9/12.

- **The bus will pick up at Village, proceed to Liberty and finish at Keystone.**

*** Saturday pickup: Begins at 4:30pm at Village Club house.**

***Sunday pickup: Begins at 9:30am at Village Clubhouse.**

The cost (per person) is \$3.00 and will automatically be billed each week to your Ann's Choice billing.

- **If you are not on the list, it is ok! The driver will write the name in and I will add the name to the list.**

**Questions - call Transportation -
Mary Boardman 215-443-3883**



Rest and Recreate

*“From time to time, one must recreate and relax in mind and body.”
-St. Francis de Sales*



This summer I followed this wise and holy man’s advice and went “down the shore” – as we Philadelphians say – to vacation in Cape May, New Jersey.

As my husband was loading the car with the three kids, the dog, and tons of “stuff,” I wondered if this is the recipe for relaxation that St. Francis recommended.

I think it is.

The Oblates at my home parish – Our Mother of Consolation in Philadelphia – and my “vacation parish” –Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cape May – remind me that holiness is not found apart from my vocation as wife and mother. Rather, Salesian Spirituality recognizes that the quest for holiness is integrated into the quotidian of life. Even “down the shore.”

I am drawn “down the shore” –especially this year –as I emerge from my COVID cave. I find the surf, sand, and sun salvific. I see God everywhere in the Cape May landscape, even in ordinary, non-religious nautical structures like the Cape May Lighthouse. While not an overtly Catholic symbol, the lighthouse reminds me that Christ is “Light of the World” (John 8:12) – the beacon of hope as I navigate these post-pandemic waters.

The natural beauty of Cape May is alluring. I crave comfort in the cathedral of Creation. I recognize that this time at the shore is more than just fun in the sun; it is sacred time. It is sacred space. The stunning sunset over the Delaware Bay reminds me of the awesomeness and generosity of our Creator, who offers me the opportunity for grace.

Is our Creator inviting me to conversation through Creation? How am I to respond? I begin by listening. As St. Jane Frances de Chantal suggests, “in prayer, more is accomplished by listening than by talking.” Therefore, I must embrace a posture of openness.

Perhaps our wise and holy friend St. Francis recognized that once we relax our minds and bodies then our souls are more disposed to the promptings of the Spirit. If so, then I must have more than flip flops in Cape May. I must have an open heart and a submissive soul to not only listen, but to hear and heed God’s will.

What will you bring?

Maureen Furetletti Graduate Student, Institute for Ministry Loyola University New Orleans & DeSales



Our Catholic Neighbors who have passed away during August, 2021

Agnes Carty, Elizabeth Thornton, Walter Fox,
Maria Carchedi, Donald Schneider

*“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies,
will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*
-John 11:25-26-

YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

John McSorley—Chair, Ray Schwegel - Vice chair
Maria Burlein - Secretary Jim Morgan - Treasurer
Judy Coyle , Bob Klimek, Bob Dunnigan,
Charlie Reckner, Caroline Chambers, Fran Calahan
Marge Devine—Liturgist



WE REMEMBER
September 11, 2001

Thank you to these resident volunteers who make
our Mass happen:

Our volunteers in August:

Sacristan—Frank Noonan, Judy McSorley
Cantor - Betty Matyas - Reader— Frank Noonan
Altar Server—Dick Serafin, George Murray
EM’s—Marge Devine, Judy McSorley, Maria Burlein
Greeters - Mickey Roe, Peggy Noonan, Judy Coyle,
Barbara Masonis
Ushers— Judy Coyle Social—Charlie Reckner
Technicians - Ray Schwegel Liturgist—Marge Devine





THE MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

HOLD THE DATE

Monday, September 27, 2021

Planning stage is in progress;

More information will follow shortly.



What does Labor Day celebrate in the USA?

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on **the first Monday in September** in any given year (i.e. a single day from September 1 through September 7) to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States.

RESULTS OF OUR JUNE SURVEY

SURVEYS RETURNED 12%

BIBLE STUDIES

6 PAR MASS VIDEO 39%

8 PARRT BIBLE STUDY 58%

7 PART SINS & VIRTUES 38%

JOINT RETREAT (LECTOR) 46%

CATHOLIC RETREAT 61%

ROSARY BEFORE MASS 39%

ROSARY AFTER MASS 13%

WE START THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

BIBLE STUDIES ARE UNDER REVIEW.

We received **only 70 responses from 100's of our residents here.**