

# Infant Jesus Parish



St. John Vianney Church  
2901 Good Intent Road  
Deptford, NJ 08096

Reverend Joseph L. Pham, Pastor  
Reverend Stephen Rapposelli, Associate Pastor  
Reverend Michael M. Romano, Weekend Assistant  
Reverend Mr. Anthony Infanti  
Deacon Frank Dunleavy  
Sr. Michele DeGregorio, Principal  
Sr. Vilma Butron, Director of Religious Education

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848-6049

Please no calls between 4-7 PM

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Mass Schedule**

4:00 PM at St. Margaret Church  
6:00 PM at St. John Vianney Church

**Sunday Mass Schedule**

8:30 AM at St. Margaret Church  
10:00 AM at St. Margaret Church  
11:30 AM at St. John Vianney Church  
4:00 PM at St. Margaret Church

Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM at St. John Vianney Church  
& St. Margaret Church

Holy Days: 8:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM at  
St. Margaret Church

**Week Days :**

6:45 AM in the Convent (school days only)

8:30 AM in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturdays: 9:00-9:30AM; 2:30-3:30 PM at St. Margaret Church  
5:15-5:45 PM at St. John Vianney Church

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 28, 2018**

**ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 27**

**4:00 PM** Carl Williams req. by Michael & Sue Cook

**6:00 PM** Dorothy Maccariella req. by Mr. & Mrs.  
Anthony Maccariella

**Sunday, January 28**

**8:30 AM** Joyce Hansen req. by Bob Fritz & family

**10:00 AM** Jackie Collins req. by Joan Bullock & family

**11:30 AM** Mary Welsh req. by Deacon Frank & Dianne  
Dunleavy

**4:00 PM** William Connors req. by his wife, Rita & family

**Monday, January 29**

**6:45 AM** Sr. Carmelisa Dragoni req. by the Franciscan  
Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus

**8:30 AM** Henry J. Tacconelli req. by Joanne & Harry  
McConville

**Tuesday, January 30**

**6:45 AM** Eric McShane req. by the Franciscan Missionary  
Sisters of the Infant Jesus

**8:30 AM** Jack Brady (5th Anniv.) req. by his wife Pat &  
family

**Wednesday, January 31**

**6:45 AM** Frank & Marie Worstall req. by Peggy, Dave &  
Allie

**8:30 AM** Jackie Collins req. by Infant Jesus Parish  
Women's Club

**Thursday, February 1**

**6:45 AM** Msgr. David F. Budney

**8:30 AM** Kathy Graham-Fanelli (17th Anniv.) req. by her  
family

**Friday, February 2**

**6:45 AM** Intentions of Fr. Joseph Byerley

**8:30 AM** James Forte req. by his wife & family

**Saturday, February 3**

**8:30 AM** Intentions of Auxiliary Members of the Legion of  
Mary

**4:00 PM** Joseph P. Newcomb, Sr. req. by Joanne & Harry  
McConville

**6:00 PM** Mary Welsh req. by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony  
Maccariella

**Sunday, February 4**

**8:30 AM** Lenny Davis req. by Bob & Loretta

**10:00 AM** \*Multiple Intention Mass

**11:30 AM** Melba Manzano-Serna req. by her family

**4:00 PM** Elizabeth Pitt-Feroli req. by Joe & Theresa  
Remshard

**\*Multiple Intention Mass-Sunday, February 4**

Russell Clayton req. by Patti & Steve Graham

Jim Fitzpatrick req. by his wife & son

Terry Rosato req. by Fran Holmstrom

Intentions of Megan McMichael req. by Megan  
McMichael

Elaine Storino req. by Stacy & Earle Breslin

Charles Zampirro req. by the Cavalieri family

Elizabeth Wilson req. by Tom & Patricia Delacourt

Pat Miller req. by Fred & Helen Buehler

Claire Girouard req. by Diane & Paul Almond &

Delores Apriletti

Emma Roche req. by Raymond & Josephine Kappa



Please pray for the repose of the souls  
of :

**John J. Keller, Sr.**  
**Anne Marie Chew**



Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital,  
nursing home or who are homebound: **Dolores Alba,**  
**Anna Alibrando, Madelyn Anderson, Marge Aregood,**  
**Anthony Apicella, Joe Avallone, Joseph Bada, John**  
**and Philomena Bertagnali, Chloe Bruce, Bill Cassidy,**  
**Mark Cesarano, Heather Ruple Chiaradonna, Mridul**  
**Chowdhury, Donna Chuba, Colleen, Baby Laney**  
**Cosenza, Barbara Costroff, Judith Crane, Debbie,**  
**Donna Marie Damico, Dan Devlin, Donna, Jerry**  
**Donnelly, Patty Dunleavy, Ted and Angie Estberg,**  
**Danny Feldwell, Thomas Fisher, Gerri Foster, Helen**  
**Gambogi, John Gendron, Chris Ginchereau, Audrey**  
**Greco, Christine Hastings, Christine and Zachariah**  
**Huber, Baby Jake, Jean, Deacon Brian Kearney,**  
**Deacon Bob Kenney, Michele Lott, Cecelia Luz, Jean**  
**Lynch, Melba Manzano, Elaine Marchiafava, Jeff**  
**Mazero, Joan McCarthy, Alice McCullough, Megan**  
**McMichael, Joe and Karen Metallo, Edward Milligan,**  
**Donna Mimplitsch, Jamie Moore, Marguerite Moore,**  
**Lucille Nelson, Carmela Paladino, Florence Pappert,**  
**Carmella Parto, Susan Paul, Sue Pietroforte, Baby**  
**Nicholas Pizzuti, Carmela Popjoy, Melony Popjoy,**  
**John P. Power, Chuck Rabb, Cathleen Ramenter,**  
**Kyle Riepen, Nora Joan Rush, Isabella Sammartino,**  
**Stephanie Selah, Sevda, Gary Shephard, Shawn**  
**Smith, Dylan Vitucci, Coreen Welch, Jim Welch,**  
**Sandra Wilson, John Witasick, Baby Mark Zimmer-**  
**man, Richard Zuber.** †††

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Beginning this week, our school together with the whole nation, celebrates National Catholic Schools Week, the "Gift of a Lifetime". As a parish, we are so blessed that we have St. Margaret Regional School, the largest school in our diocese. We are so proud of our school parents who are willing to sacrifice for their children's Catholic education. As children, their bodies need to be nurtured and their minds need to be formed and educated. At St. Margaret Regional School, we are not only providing our students excellent academics but also providing them the care for their spirituality by incorporating in our academic curriculums faith and moral values of the Gospel of Christ. Catholic education truly provides young people two-fold formation for their future: formation of mind and formation of life. The formation of mind will equip them in this earthly life; however the formation of life will ultimately lead them to the eternal life. As we know morally good virtues cannot be acquired naturally; but rather they are acquired through learning and training. For this reason St. Pope John XXIII once said: "If we want to build a church, let us build a school first". Therefore Catholic school is unquestionably the best place to invest for our children's future and for the future of our Church. Unfortunately, some parents don't see the importance of a Catholic education for their children, all they see is the financial burden of it. We invite parents to take Catholic education for your children into consideration, the door of our school is always open to help you and to work with you the best we can for the good of your children's education. Remember the mission of our school is the mission of our church and ultimately the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. **-Fr. Joe Pham**

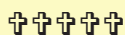


### REPLACING THE RISEN CHRIST CROSS

In October, 2017, Bishop Sullivan mandated to all Pastors that the Risen Christ Crosses in the Sanctuary of churches or chapels be replaced by the Cross with the Crucified Corpus. It is theologically incorrect to have the Risen Christ in the Sanctuary since the Mass offered on the Altar is truly the crucified Jesus being sacrificed. By this mandate, I have replaced the Risen Christ in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel with a beautiful Crucified Cross donated through the generosity of Mrs. Loretta Petito. However, the Risen Christ has been meaningfully hung above the Book of the Dead in the vestibule of the Church. Jesus is there with His open arms welcoming everyone who enters.

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary lamp at St. John Vianney Church  
is burning in loving memory of  
**Frank & Marie Worstall**  
req. by Peggy, Dave & Allie.



The Sanctuary lamp at St. Margaret Church  
is burning in loving memory of  
**Donato Schiraldi**  
req. by his wife, Helen.



#### **Family Prayer Crucifix for Vocations**

Each week we invite a family to take a Crucifix home for a week to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

January 28 - The Zelinski Family

If you are praying over a possible calling, please speak to Fr. Joe. Please contact Mrs. Zenith Macdonald at (856) 397-5978 if you would like your family to receive the Crucifix at St. Margaret Church. Thank you.



#### **COME LET US ADORE HIM**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel until 6:00 PM. On First Fridays, the Blessed Sacrament is adored after 8:30AM Mass until Saturday morning continuously. If you would like to come to adoration, please sign in (guests as well as scheduled adorers). If you are scheduled for adoration and cannot attend, please try to get a replacement or contact Jody at 848-3239 or the rectory 856-848-0047.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Coverage needed for First Friday, **February 3 at 3 AM.**



#### **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

*We continue to pray for our men and women overseas especially, Ryan Berthold, Megan Dolan, Justin Gousha, Shawn Jarrell, Becky & Nick Johnson, Brian Schwartz, Rob Solome, and Sarah Turse.*

If someone has returned home, we ask that you let us know.

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. †††*



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**January 21 - \$13,972.00**  
**Church in Latin America - \$1,239.00**  
**December Expenses - \$77,899.00**

May God repay you for your sacrifices. Thank you for making your checks payable to: *"Infant Jesus Parish"*.

The second collection today is for **Catholic Schools**. Please be as generous as your means permit. Thank you.

**End of Year Contribution Letter**

If you have contributed over \$500 to Infant Jesus Parish in 2017, a letter for your tax purposes will automatically be mailed by January 31st, 2018. (If you do not receive a letter by February 14th, please call the office.) If your contributions are not over \$500, and would like a letter anyway, please contact the rectory via parish email : [theinfantjesusparish@comcast.net](mailto:theinfantjesusparish@comcast.net) or by phone 856-848-0047. Please remember, the only way we can verify your contributions is by using church envelopes, personal checks or electronic giving. Thank you.



**Would You Like to Become a Stephen Minister at Infant Jesus Parish?**

**What is a Stephen Minister?**

- A child of God who walks beside a hurting person
- A caring Christian friend who really listens
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care

**Who does Stephen Ministers help?**

- the hospitalized and terminally ill
- the bereaved, disabled, and homebound
- the lonely, in a job crisis, in a spiritual crisis, or looking for a friend

When you or someone you know is in need of care...Stephen Ministers are there...- to listen, to encourage, and to share God's love and help people through difficult times.

If you are interested, **please email me SOON**. Also, please pass this email along to someone you know who may be interested

- Deacon Frank Dunleavy - 856-562-6499

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Upcoming Important Dates**

**Level/Grade 6 Retreat** - Saturday, February 24th - Ministry Center 1:30 – 5:00 PM.

Students are required to attend as part of their Confirmation Requirements.

**\*School closing Number - 2041 KYW**



We will be running our personal care drive on the weekends of **February 3rd & 4th and February 10th & 11th**. We will be collecting soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner (2 in 1 is a great option), deodorant, feminine care products, toilet paper, etc. These are all everyday necessities that are sometimes not in the weekly budget and cannot be paid for with food stamps. If you are able to help with any of these items your donations can be left in the vestibule of either of our churches. Thank you in advance for the generosity that we can always count on from Infant Jesus parishioners and may God bless you.

**WOMEN'S CLUB CORNER**

**Super Bowl Cake Sale!** - Celebrate the **EAGLES** going to the **SUPER BOWL!** Before and after all the Masses on the weekend of February 3rd and 4th, at both St. Margaret's Church and St. John Vianney Church, the Women's Club will sponsor their annual Super Bowl Cake Sale! So when planning your **SUPER BOWL PARTY** .... remember to stop by the Cake Sale for your dessert goodies .... and ..... **GO BIRDS!!**

Announcing two new trips for 2018 ... Sign-up **NOW!**

**Saturday, March 24th, 2018 Trip to Our Lady of Czestochowa**, Doylestown, PA Cost - \$55.00 per person.

**Saturday, April 28th, 2018 - The Original Brooklyn Pizza Tour** - Cost - \$100.00 per person.

All costs include gratuity for bus driver / guides and donation to the Shrine (Our Lady of Czestochowa Trip)

If you have any questions or would like to know more contact Neen Raspa at [neenie@comcast.net](mailto:neenie@comcast.net), call 856-468 - 6430 or like our Facebook page Infant Jesus Parish Women's Club! Hope to see you soon!

## CAP Sessions for February, 2018

### CAP Phase 1

Monday, February 5 - 6:30 PM, Assumption, Galloway;  
Thursday, February 8 - 6:00 PM, Bishop McHugh  
School, Cape May Court House

### CAP Phase 3

Monday, February 26 - 7:00 PM, Christ Our Light,  
Cherry Hill

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: **856-583-6165**, or contact Maryellen Schell at [maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org](mailto:maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org). Please leave your name and the session date you plan to attend. You **will not** receive a call back. We ask that you register at least 5 days before the session you would like to attend.

The **CAP** schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website:

[www.camdendiocese.org/cyp](http://www.camdendiocese.org/cyp).

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY**



We invite you to join your fellow Catholic men at Malvern Retreat House for a Weekend Spiritual Retreat (Friday evening to Sunday morning) **February 9 - 11, 2018**. God loves you, and He wants you to experience that Love in a personal way. Say yes to that invitation - **Jesus says, "Come just as you are."** Everyone is welcome... especially if you have never been on a retreat before.

For more information, please contact Lou Greco 856-468-4091, Bob Heenan 856-468-3708. Richard Macdonald 856-397-5989 or Bob Law 856-685-0019. Prosit!

**Icons: History and Arrangement in Churches. - Deacon Anthony Infanti and Deacon Anthony Di Stefano. - Friday Feb. 2, 7:00PM Collegium Center For Faith and Culture, 301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035**

Icons are a window into the world of the divine. It is our ability to spiritually contemplate those who are in heaven as we contemplate the designed icon before our eyes.

Yet, there is much more than the beauty to each icon that is made. Come learn about the history of icons, the colors used in them, and how they are structures in the iconostasis in the Eastern Rite churches. Invite your friends! Doors open at 6:30. Light Refreshments Served. Handicapped Accessible.

## **ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN**



Come pray the rosary with us to end abortion at the Cherry Hill Women's clinic, every first Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 AM. Transportation is available.

Contact Mary Foster at 856-853-2662.



## **St. Margaret Regional School News**

Please see our bulletin insert for a list of our many activities for Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 3, 2018. We look forward to having you join us in celebration of our Catholic faith and long standing tradition of academic excellence in the Franciscan Tradition.

Alumni, join us for our first Wine and Cheese Reception! January, 28, 2018 5-6pm in the Parish Ministry Center.

To RSVP and share your family news by visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5WW6SMG>

We would love to hear from you!

Visit our Facebook page to see how our students embody the theme of Catholic Schools Week, Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed., in their daily activities.



## **Good Counsel Homes Annual Dinner Dance**

St. Margaret's Knights of Columbus Council invites you to...An evening of dining, dancing, an opportunity to win lots of prizes and help our babies! St. Margaret's Knights of Columbus Council is hosting Good Counsel Homes Annual Dinner Dance, Buffet and Basket Fund Raiser, February 24, 2018 at Infant Jesus Parish, (St. Margaret's Gym) in Woodbury Heights. Doors open at 6:00 PM. You will be able to dine at an all you can eat buffet, listen to music by the Starlings and John Childress, participate in 50 - 50 raffles and win beautiful gift baskets. All proceeds will benefit the moms and babies of Good Counsel Homes, Riverside. Advance tickets by February 19<sup>th</sup> will be \$30.00. After February 29<sup>th</sup> and at the door- ticket prices will be \$40.00. Bring your family and friends - we promise it to be a rewarding evening in many different ways especially knowing you are helping those less fortunate. For tickets call Rob 856-649-9519; or email [DIETRICH@AOL.COM](mailto:DIETRICH@AOL.COM). See you there!



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, February 3**

**4:00 PM** Lorraine Panepinto, Vince Brandolini,  
Christina LoGiudice, Theresa Hawthorn  
**6:00 PM** Ellie Kandle, Terry Wolstenholme,  
Bob Law

**Sunday, February 4**

**8:30 AM** Annette Leash, Kelly Puitz, Mark Petito,  
Jim McHugh  
**10:00 AM** Jody & Tony Ilisco, Richard Macdonald,  
Jim DiGennaro  
**11:30 AM** Evelyn Iacovone, Nick & Sharon Sandone  
**4:00 PM** Kathy Smith, Kevin & Lisa Rice



**Saturday, February 3**

**4:00 PM** Isabel Brandolini  
**6:00 PM** Denise or Rob Dietrich

**Sunday, February 4**

**8:30 AM** Francis Rovello  
**10:00 AM** Delores Apreletti, Karen Schonewise  
**11:30 AM** Cynthia Aragoncillo  
**4:00 PM** John Power

***Diaconate Vocations  
Where Love Becomes Service***

- \*Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?
- \*Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?
- \*Do you participate actively in Church ministry?
- \*Are you between the ages of 30 & 55?

The Office of the Diaconate is currently accepting applications from men discerning a call to ordained ministry. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of the deacon, visit our website at [www.camdendeacon.org](http://www.camdendeacon.org) or call 856-583-2858.

***Is God calling you to Serve?  
Let us help you answer that call.***

The Office of the Diaconate is supported by the House of Charity - Bishop's Annual Appeal

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Jan. 28 Rel Ed - 8:30 AM  
Choir - 9:30 AM (SMC)  
Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
St. Margaret's Alumni - 5:00 PM (MC)  
Deeper Dimensions - 7:00 PM (MC)
- Mon., Jan. 29 Rel Ed 4:30/6:45 PM  
Prayer Group - 7:30 PM (C)  
Altar Server Training - 5:45 PM (SMC)
- Tues., Jan. 30 Altar Server Training - 3:00 PM (SMC)  
Art & Music Festival - 6:00 PM (gym)  
Stephen Ministry - 7:00 PM (Rectory)
- Wed., Jan. 31 Legion of Mary - 10:00 AM (C)  
RCIA - 7:00 PM (D)  
Choir - 7:15 PM (SMC)
- Thurs., Feb. 1 Senior Citizens Board - 10:00 AM (D)  
Rel. Ed. - 6:15 PM  
Knights of Columbus - 7:00 PM (D)  
NA - 8:00 PM (C)
- Fri., Feb. 2 Family Game Night - 5:00 PM (gym)  
Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 AM to  
Saturday 8:30 AM
- Sat., Feb. 3 Kings Men - 7:00 AM (B)  
Altar Server Training - 1:00 PM (SMC)  
Family Rosary - 2:30 PM (MC)  
SVDP Personal Care collection  
Women's Club Bake Sale at all Masses
- Sun., Feb. 4 Women's Club Bake Sale at all Masses  
SVDP Personal Care collection  
Rel Ed - 8:30 AM  
Choir - 9:30 AM (SMC)  
Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
Deeper Dimensions - 7:00 PM (MC)

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

### **CELEBRATE OUR PARISH**

SUNDAY MASS – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - STUDENT PARTICIPATION

ALUMNI WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION 5-6PM –MINISTRY CENTER – Must be 21 or older to attend

RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5WW6SMG>

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

### **CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS**

ART AND MUSIC FESTIVAL 6-8PM IN THE GYM

DAY OF GIVING FROM THE HEART – ONLINE GIVING DRIVE – ANNUAL FUND

[WWW.STMARGARETS-RS.ORG](http://WWW.STMARGARETS-RS.ORG) & CLICK - **SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

### **CELEBRATE OUR NATION**

OPEN HOUSE 9-11AM

PARENT VISITING DAY 9-11AM

RELIGION FAIR 9-11AM

MILITARY PRAYER SERVICE 2PM: VETERANS, ACTIVE SERVICE, FAMILY & FRIENDS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

### **CELEBRATE OUR FACULTY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS**

FIRST FRIDAY MASS 8:30AM – SPECIAL BLESSING FOR FACULTY & VOLUNTEERS

FAMILY GAME NIGHT – A NIGHT OF UNPLUGGED FUN 5-7PM GYM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

### **CELEBRATE OUR FAMILIES**

FAMILY ROSARY 2:30 PM IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

MASS 4PM

# frequently asked questions



## What is the *Catholic Strong* Campaign?

*Catholic Strong*, the Campaign for the Catholic Community of South Jersey, is an effort to raise a minimum of \$50 million in gifts and pledges. Seventy percent (70%) of all dollars collected up to the parish's goal will be used to support the needs defined by each parish. Every parish in the Diocese has been assigned a financial target to reach in order to meet both the needs of the parish and specific needs of the Diocese, which will be funded with the remaining 30% raised. The needs being addressed through the campaign of both the Diocese and the parish are extraordinary needs beyond those supported on an annual basis by parish offertory or the House of Charity.

## Why do we need a major fundraising campaign?

At the time of the mergers and consolidations of parishes in the Diocese, it was believed that the majority of our parishes, because of efficiencies of right-sizing and the sale of property, would become operationally stable and prepared to meet ongoing physical plant and maintenance needs. Unfortunately, as a result of the "great recession" of 2008, many parishes in the Diocese of Camden have been struggling financially. Most are able to meet their day-to-day operational expenses, but few are ready to deal with major physical plant needs. Understanding the challenges that our parishes face, 70% of all funds collected up to the parish goal will go directly to the parish to meet their own unique needs.

Thirty percent (30%) of the funds raised up to the parish's goal will be directed to meet specific needs of the Diocese of Camden that cannot be met by the House of Charity. The Diocese operates with funds provided by the House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal, the assessment revenue provided by parishes, and the income from sources such as investments, rental income and service fees. These operational funds come in and go out every year from the House of Charity to meet the day-to-day operations. There is no surplus.

Since his arrival in the Diocese of Camden, Bishop Sullivan, as part of his strategic plan, has identified a variety of needs to

be addressed at the diocesan level. These include increasing the effectiveness of our faith formation and evangelization ministries by matching them to those provided in our individual parishes, coordination of the delivery of social service and social justice services to better serve our parishes, and providing resources identified as essential by the Catholic Schools Commission for building up our Catholic schools. These are needs that go beyond the ability of the House of Charity.

## Who will be asked to support the *Catholic Strong* Campaign?

Each parish family in the Diocese of Camden will be asked to consider making a gift to the campaign. This campaign is conducted in a phased approach so that each member is reached in the appropriate time and manner. While not all members will be able to give at the same level, each will be asked to make a sacrificial commitment.

## What is the timeframe of the campaign?

The campaign began with eight pilot parishes that launched their efforts in August of 2017. The remaining parishes will conduct their campaigns in one of two six-month blocks beginning in January 2018.

## Who is conducting the campaign?

Along with your pastor and assigned parish campaign director, a core group of parish volunteers will be asked to lead and assist in the implementation of the campaign plan. Every parish will receive assistance from the diocesan campaign office staff. Full-time campaign directors will assist parishes weekly.

## Will the House of Charity continue?

Yes. The House of Charity is vital to continue funding the day-to-day work of the ministries of the Diocese.



## How is this campaign different from the House of Charity?

This campaign is a response to extraordinary needs, while the House of Charity helps to fund the ongoing operating expenses of the Diocese.

## How will the campaign affect parish offertory collection?

Parishes rely on their offertories. Throughout the campaign, pastors will ask parishioners to make commitments above and beyond regular giving. Parishioners are asked not to diminish giving to the offertory or the House of Charity collection, but rather to consider an increased commitment to the Church. Parishioners are encouraged to continue to embrace stewardship as a way of life.

## How will parish targets be set?

Each parish target will be set at 1.35 times the average ordinary income from the years 2014-2016.

## How will my parish benefit from the campaign?

Each parish will receive 70% of the funds collected up to its goal from parishioners to be allocated to its own local case. Parishes that exceed their target will receive 80% of those funds collected above their target. Funds collected will be dispersed every six months to both a parish's deposit and loan fund and diocesan case components.

## How much should we give?

Genuine stewardship encourages gifts of equal sacrifice, but not gifts of an equal dollar amount. Ultimately, your thoughtful and prayerful decision will be most appropriate and most appreciated.

## How long will the pledge redemption period last?

Gifts are encouraged to be pledged over a three- to five-year period.

## Are gifts to the campaign tax deductible?

Yes. Pledge payments are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

## Are donors able to pay pledges using a credit card, debit card, or through automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account?

Yes. A donor may fulfill a pledge using a credit card, debit card, or automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account. Donors simply provide their account information and their authorization on their personalized pledge card.

## Why are donors asked to complete a pledge card?

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