

For more information on our St Bart's Program for Special Needs Children, please visit: [www.ourladyofhopenj.org](http://www.ourladyofhopenj.org)

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### *The Autism Awareness Ribbon*

The puzzle pattern of this ribbon reflects the mystery and complexity of autism

The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of those living with this disorder.

The brightness of the ribbon signals hope; hope through research and increasing awareness.

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### *PRAYER FOR AUTISM AWARENESS*

*Loving God,  
Bless today in special ways  
all the children, adults, and families  
who see the world through the  
window of autism.*

*May Your Spirit burn bright in them  
and all who celebrate and honor  
the richness of our diversity.*

*Grant us, O Lord,  
the wisdom  
to see your image reflected  
in all of our differences,  
and to recognize the unique gifts  
we each have to offer.*

*May the doors of ministry in our Church  
continue to open wide in welcome to all  
of God's family.*

*We ask this in Jesus' holy name.*

*Amen*

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### *OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH*

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## **OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH**

**WELCOME & INCLUSION MASS**

**3rd Sunday of Every Month**

**St Agnes Church**

**9:00am**



### **For Individuals and Families of Children with Special Needs.**

The Catholic Church wants all people of various abilities to feel welcome and to participate in the life of the Church. Catholics with disabilities have a right to actively participate in the Eucharist as full functioning members of the local Church. This Mass is adapted to meet the needs of those joining us for the celebration by following the requirements for a Children's Mass that offers limited sensory stimulation.



## The History of St. Bart's

At Confirmation we are proud of our Confirmandi as they come forward requesting full initiation into the

Church. But in 2013 we were especially proud of a young man who, through his persistence, has made a remarkable difference not only for himself but for many others.

At a very young age, Shane Tisera had a grace-filled desire to come learn about God. He started in our Sunday School when he was just in Kindergarten. Shane has many gifts. He is very bright, thoughtful, and loving. Shane also has special needs.

Because of Shane's special needs, we could see that we were sorely lacking in our ability to walk with Shane on his journey of faith and his desire could not be ignored. Thanks to Shane, in 2007 the Parish established the St Bartholomew's Program. Named after the patron Saint of Neurological Disorders, the program offers faith learning, faith sharing, and faith caring for God's special needs children.

Commonly called St. Bart's, the program that started out to serve one special needs child, now brings the good news of Jesus to many.

It took Shane to make us aware of just how unaware we were to the needs of this wonderful community of God's children.

We are very proud of Shane and the difference his faith continues to make in our community!

## Inclusion Masses around the Diocese

Many Parishes in the Camden Diocese are now offering a Mass of Welcome and Inclusion. Below is a list of current Inclusion Masses. For the most up to date list, please visit the Diocesan website at [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)

### 1st Saturday of the Month

4:30 p.m. Mass,  
Christ Our Light,

402 N. Kings Hwy, Cherry Hill  
**Mainstream Mass, all year.**

### 2nd Sunday of the Month

1:00 p.m. Mass,  
Holy Eucharist Parish,  
344 Kresson Rd, Cherry Hill.

**Separate Mass, September to June.**

### 3rd Saturday of the Month

4:30 p.m. Mass,  
Church of the Holy Family,  
226 Hurffville Road, Sewell.  
**Mainstream Mass, all year.**

### 3rd Sunday of the Month

9:00 a.m. Mass,  
Our Lady of Hope Parish,  
701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood.

**Mainstream Mass all year.**

### 4th Sunday of the Month

12:15 Mass,  
St. Joachim Parish,  
601 Browning Road, Bellmawr.  
**Separate Mass, all year.**

## St. Bart's Program

Our Lady of Hope Parish offers a Faith Formation Program for children with Special Needs.

Our St Bart's Program is specifically designed to walk with your child through their faith journey and prepare them to become full functioning members of the Catholic Faith.

### St Bart's Beginners

(Age 5-8)

This group meets 10:15am to 11am every other Sunday in our Parish Center. This is an interactive program which prepares your child for the next level of Faith Formation. The St Bart's Beginners Program offers your child the opportunity to know God and develop a relationship with Him without the restrictions of a formal classroom setting.

### St Bart's Communion Prep

(Age 7 & older. Based on child's needs)

At this stage, your child is comfortable enough to interact in a classroom setting and Parents are welcome to attend class with their child as we prepare them to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This group meets every other Sunday from 9am - 10am

### St Bart's Confirmation Prep

(Age 12 & older. Based on child's needs)

Continuing in a comfortable classroom setting, our Confirmation Prep class is designed to increase your child's knowledge of their Catholic Faith and prepare them to be fully received in the Church. This group meets every other Sunday from 9am - 10am.