Pray for and donate to The 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal be Ambassadors for Christ

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2017
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua.

There are no Strangers at St. Anthony's - Only Friends We Haven't Met

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St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ
732-634-1403 Fax: 732-602-0119

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Daily: Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:30 AM
Thursday: 7:00 PM
Tuesday— Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal following 7:30 AM Mass
Thursday—Novena to St. Anthony following the 7:00PM Mass

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday Evenings 6:30pm
(No evening confession Holy Thursday, April 13th)
Saturday Evenings 3:15—3:45pm
(No evening confession on April 8th)
Saturday, April 8th … 10:30—11:30am
Wednesday, April 12th of Holy Week
9:00—10:00am & 7:00—8:00pm

Transfiguring God,
before the passion of your beloved Son you revealed his glory on the holy mountain:
grant that we who by faith behold the light of his face.
may be strengthened to bear the cross,
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35), Woodbridge, NJ

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 5:30 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM Rosary prayed in Hungarian before Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.
Daily: Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8:00 AM

First Friday of the Month
Devotions to the Sacred Heart Following the 8:00 AM Mass

First Saturday of the Month
Devotions to Mary following Mass
Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM

This weekend the Gospel theme is the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Parish Office Hours
Monday 8:30AM—3:30PM
Tuesday 10:00AM—3:30PM
Wednesday 8:30AM—3:30PM
Thursday 8:30AM—5:30PM; 6:30PM—9:00PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45PM—1:30PM

EMAIL:
Office: info_StAnthony@verizon.net
Religious Education: religious_StAnthony@verizon.net
Bulletin: bulletin_StAnthony@verizon.net
Study Hall: studyhall_StAnthony@verizon.net
Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated you have the right to present the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ during that particular celebration of Mass. If you would like to fulfill this responsibility, please inform one of the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) before Mass. If you don’t inform the Ministers of Hospitality, they will ask another person to fulfill that responsibility. Thank you for helping the Ministers of Hospitality in this matter.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
….an HOUR WITH JESUS
We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua every Thursday, from 2:00PM to 9:00PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM. Please consider joining us for the hour or even a half-hour. Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
Wednesdays of Lent at
7:00PM

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site
Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday)
12:15PM & 7:00PM

All Religious Education Sacramental Prep Students must attend at least once. Please remember to sign-in at the table at the entrance of the church.

Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Tuesday, March 14th
7:30AM Rev. Garrett Fitzgerald (Anniversary)

Wednesday, March 15th
7:30AM Angelo, Mary (parents); Louise, Geraldine (sisters) req. by Barbara DeFilippo

Thursday, March 16th
7:00PM Josephine Cieri
req. by George & Maryann Marrone

Saturday, March 18th
4:00PM Louis & Margaret Filep
req. by Louise & James Hamilton

Sunday, March 19th 3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00AM Marjorie Hanratty
req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia

9:30AM Jack Neste
req. by his family

11:30AM Alfred & Antoinette Barbato
req. by Patricia & Marty Martino

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Monday, March 13th
8:00AM Maximus & Alexys Cwrek [Living Intention for Blessings & Health]
req. by Bernice Forys

Friday, March 17th St. Patrick
8:00AM Rosalba Amaya
req. by Maria Herczeg & family

Saturday, March 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem
8:00AM Eileen & George Miller, Sr.
req. by George Miller Jr.
5:30PM People of the Parish Family

Sunday, March 19th 3rd Sunday of Lent
9:30AM Josefa Adea
req. by daughter, Doris Flores

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for March 12, 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent

Kegyes szemed legyen rajtunk, tebben van bizondalmunk.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:  
Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday:  
Daniel 9:4b-10  
Psalms 79:8-9, 11, 13  
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday:  
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20  
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23  
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday:  
Jeremiah 18:18-20  
Psalms 31:5-6, 14-16  
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday:  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalms 1:1-4, 6  
Luke 16:19-31

Friday:  
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
Psalms 105:16-21  
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:  
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12  

Next Sunday:  
Exodus 17:3-7  
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42
PASchal Candle
If you’d like to donate the Paschal Candle for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please contact the Parish office at 732-634-1403.

PALM ARRANGEMENTS
If you’re interested in donating one of the palm arrangements that will adorn the Altar of St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site or the Altar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site on Palm Sunday in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the Parish office.

GROW IN FAITH THIS LENT
Plan to attend one or all of the “Catholicism” DVD Series by Bishop Robert E. Barron

Discover spiritual and artistic treasures as we journey around the world with the riches of the Catholic faith.

WHEN: Tuesday’s March 14th
TIME: 10:00AM or 7:00PM
WHERE: St. Anthony’s Chapel

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ONE OR ALL OF THE SESSIONS!

March 14th—What is the Church?
March 21st—The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist
March 28th—The Saints
April 4th— World Without End: The Last Things

For more information contact Beverly at 732-636-2487.

2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Ambassadors for Christ

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together we are Ambassadors for Christ.

FAITH FORMATION

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ALL students must attend at least once during this Lenten Season. Stations of the Cross are prayed at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and at Saint Anthony of Padua on Friday’s at 12:15pm and in the evening at 7:00pm. Be sure to sign in at the desk.

CLASS SCHEDULE

6:30pm
Communion Levels 1 & 2
Wednesday, March 15th
Wednesday March 22nd

Confirmation Levels 1 & 2
Monday, March 20th

MENU
Chicken Fingers & Mac & Cheese; Salad, and Dessert

DO YOU NEED A QUIET WEEKEND AWAY TO SPEND TIME WITH THE LORD?

Women’s Retreat

San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch
Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st, 2017

The cost is $210.00 for the whole weekend (meals are included) a $50.00 non-refundable deposit is required by April 19th.

For information call Colleen Coppola at 732-331-4151.

Mary Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
7:00PM
Come journey with Mary, the Mother of our Lord, as she witness His suffering on the road to Calvary.

Encounter Nutrition

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you to join them at their Prayer meeting each Friday at 8:00PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. Each First Friday they welcome you to join them in the celebration of Mass at 8:00PM. Blessing for those celebrating the month of their birth after Mass. (Rosary recited 7:30PM.) ALL ARE WELCOME!
Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site.

**Tabernacle**

In Loving Memory of our dear parents, Maria & Carmen  req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio

In Loving Memory of Gerard Muller  
**Happy 60th Birthday in Heaven**  
req. by mom, Maria & family

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Doppel  
req. by Garry Millie Sutphen

**Good Shepherd**

In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen  req. by their family

Special blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte  
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

**Cross of San Domiano**

Happy Birthday In Heaven, Madeline  
req. by Holly

Special Blessings for Erin & Kasey D’Amato  
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like flowers for the altar for your special intention at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site please call the Parish office.

**Catholic School 2017-2018 Tuition Assistance**

Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

**Pray for our brave soldiers & their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially:**


**Pray for**

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal prayer for March 2017....

Support for Persecuted Christians—That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole church.

**Pray for our priests**

Mar. 13  Rev. Czeslaw Zalubski  
Rev. Stanley Jarosz

Mar. 14  Rev. Raymond Leonard  
Rev. Michael Crummy

Mar. 15  Rev. Waldemar Latkowski CSsR  
Rev. Paul Ruge

Mar. 16  Rev. Dennis Weezorak  
Msgr. William Capik

Mar. 17  Rev. Lukasz Blicharski  
Msgr. Robert Medley

Mar. 18  Rev. Bede Kim  
Rev. Charles O’Connor

Mar. 19  Rev. Roberto Coruna  
Rev. Michael Driscoll

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”

Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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COUNTING TEAMS

SUNDAY, March 12th
Team #5  L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli

SUNDAY, March 19th
Team #6  A. & J. Pannullo

MONDAY, March 13th
12:30PM
Bingo Team #2  Captain: R. Simeone
Caller –  R. Simeone
Kitchen -  J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

FRIDAY, March 17th
7:30PM
Captain –  C. Volk
Caller –  M. Moricz
Kitchen Team  B. Silvaney, A. Rabago

SUNDAY, March 19th
7:30PM
Captain –  M. Oddo
Caller –  S. Pribila
Kitchen Captain  M. Sorbanelli

MONDAY, March 20th
12:30PM
Bingo Team #3  Captain: R. Simeone
Caller –  M. Oddo
Kitchen -  J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

FRIDAY, March 24th
7:30PM
Captain –  C. Volk
Caller –  M. Moricz
Kitchen Team  B. Silvaney, M. Gesso

Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

Offertory for March 5, 2017  $ 6,406.00
Ash Wednesday  $ 1,835.00

GIVING AWAY THE GREEN!!

AT

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SPECIAL SUNDAY

MARCH 19th  2:00PM
DOORS OPEN 12:45PM

Door prizes, & more!!  Free coffee & tea

….You could be the Lucky Leprechaun and the
Chance to win an extra $5.00
when I17 is called.

And…Don’t forget to bring a friend!!!
The Paschal Tree of Joy Ministry, with the help and generosity of our Parish Family, will enable St. Anthony's Worship Site and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site to extend the Joy of the Risen Christ to children between the ages of 3 through 10 years, by providing them with little tokens of pleasure in the form of Easter Baskets.

You will have the opportunity to pick an egg from our Easter Tree with a designated item that is most needed for our Easter baskets this year or you can purchase an item of your choice. The Easter Tree will be out next weekend.

All donations can be returned to our Easter Tree before and after Masses on the weekends of March 18th/19th, March 25th/26th and Saturday, April 1st. The baskets will be made up in Father Milos Hall on Sunday, April 2nd at 10:00am.

All are welcome to assist with the assembling of baskets. This is a great opportunity for those who need community service hours. There will be reminders in the church bulletin - so keep watching!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or if you would be interested in assisting with this important ministry, please call Roe McNamara through the parish office 732-634-1403.

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid."
Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who THEY were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!
Please join us for a free Pasta Dinner at The Deacons’ Table!

Located at the Most Holy Rosary Worship Site of the Good Shepherd Parish 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn

Meals are offered every Wednesday 4:00-5:30PM!!!
Please join us and bring your family and friends!
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

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*STEP UP... When you come for Mass if you notice that there is no altar server, please volunteer to substitute. Just speak to Fr. Smith. Extra Alts are available.*

**EUCARISITIC MINISTERS**

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**CHILDCARE SERVICES**

The mission of this program is to provide all children from 5 years to 13 years old with a place to do their homework with the help of certified teachers, College and High School students. Open for before care from 6:30AM to 9:00AM and aftercare from 2:00PM to 6:30PM. Breakfast is served and snack in the afternoon. We will transport your child to and from school. Rates and more information are available on parish website or in Father Milos Hall by the study hall entrance or call their office at 732-634-6800.

**ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM**

**YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**

The Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday, March 19th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at St. James in Woodbridge. Please remember to bring any loose change for Axel, out “Compassion Child.” For more information about the JAAM Youth Ministry, please email them at the following: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

**LOST & FOUND**

There is a box on the shelf in the hallway by the restrooms with items that have been forgotten here at St. Anthony’s. They will be held for 30 days, after which they will be donated to a local charity. Items such as cell phones, jewelry, keys, etc. are held in the parish office.

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!**

At St. Anthony’s we have an ongoing fundraiser, ShopRite Gift Cards. When purchasing ShopRite gift cards, our Parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift Cards come in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the Parish Office. Please consider helping St. Anthony’s the next time you shop.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Before Care Help**—2 adults are needed for this position. Hours are approximately 7:00AM to 9:00AM helping the children with breakfast, games and getting them off to school and on the appropriate buses.

All inquire contact Frank Cacace at 732-754-8401

**TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The St. Anthony Study Hall is looking for a few good volunteers. Are you between 12 and 15 years young? Do you like playing/working with younger children?

We are looking for you to work the Summer of 2017. The hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 12:30 to 4:30 and every other Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. I need for the 9 weeks we are open or any part of the summer. We will be starting training in May and June which will include but not limited to CPR and First Aid. This could lead to a paid position in September if openings are available.

Please contact Frank Cacace @ 732 754 8401 or see our website under the Study Hall tab for Employment Opportunities.
EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Plans are underway for our 21st Annual Easter Celebration Meal to be prepared in Father Milos Hall on Saturday morning, April 15th. Last year’s presentation and preparation of the meal was such a beautiful success – all because of the love and care shown by our Parish Family in so many ways in donating the items needed, in contributing financially, and most of all, by having many hands to do the work, beforehand and on the morning!

For anyone who is not familiar with this ministry – a meal of ham, kielbasa and all the trimmings is prepared and then either picked up or delivered to those who have previously called and expressed their interest in receiving this meal. This is primarily for anyone who may be going through a difficult financial time, who perhaps may be out of work, or ill, or alone, or without their family, whatever their reason. This meal is provided with no charge.

Help is needed in a variety of ways: people to help cook, prepare the individual arrangements, help spread the word about the availability of the meal, collect what is needed, drive and deliver the meals, etc. Please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office by Wednesday, April 5th.

Without YOU this cannot be done- In the true spirit of stewardship, please be generous with your time and talents!!!

EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Yes, I would like to help out in the following ways.

Cook beforehand ___________ Driver ______________
Cook Sat. morn. ___________ Donate kielbasa ___________
Prepare servings ___________ Donate 5 lb. canned ham ________
Applesauce (6 pack) _________

Monetary and/or supermarket gift cards welcome________

NAME: __________________________

PHONE: __________________________ BEST TIME TO CALL: ______________

In order to prepare accordingly, please drop form off no later than Wednesday, April 5th at the parish office or place in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you.
**In Our Neighborhood & Our Diocese**

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**WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP’S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12th**

There’ll be over 100 marching units ….including 9 bagpipe bands, High School & other bands, community groups & various entertainment groups! The parade will begin at 1:30 pm. Woodbridge High School traveling down Freeman St, Linden Ave, Green St., then onto Route 35 and continuing down Main St & concluding at Town Hall.

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**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

**Friday, April 28th—Sunday, April 30th, 2017**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information

Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

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**Calling all Young Adults (18-39)!**

What is your deepest desire? Is it to live a happy and meaningful life?

This retreat series is for all young adults who want to live life to the fullest in peace and joy! Consisting of 5 afternoons of prayer between October and June, the series has been revitalized from previous years and each afternoon will focus on one aspect of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Suggested Offering for Sunday afternoons $10. The next in the series will be on **Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 2:00 to 7:00pm** the Topic: The Examen.

All retreats will be held at Loyola Jesuit Center
161 James Street, Morristown, NJ.

To register, please call 973-539-0740, email: retreathouse@loyola.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/young-adult-retreats

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**The Community House AT St. Thomas**

"Community House at St. Thomas, in Old Bridge NJ, is a program managed by Catholic Charities and provides affordable, accessible housing for adults of very low income who have physical disabilities.

Up to 8 physically challenged adults live together as a group, functioning to their individual level of independence, and with professional case management services provided.

If you or someone you know is in need of this type of housing, please call **Susi at 732-251-0022** or go to www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org for information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**BUS TRIP**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20th, 2017**

Includes: Transportation

a 3:30PM show “The Music of Mamma Mia”
Lunch buffet; $10.00 Slot Play

Cost: $70 per person

Bus leaves Holy Rosary Church parking lot (Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn) at 10:00AM. For more details please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

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**The St. Matthew Church**

100 Seymour Avenue, Edison, NJ

The St. Matthew Church Fathers’ Club is bringing the divine musical comedy **Nunsense** to their parish center.

**Performance dates and times are as follow:**

- March 25th 7:00PM (doors open at 6:00PM)
- March 26th 2:00PM (doors open at 1:15PM)

**TICKETS:**

- $20.00 in advance
- $25.00 at the door

and can be purchased:

- Via phone—1-800-838-3006
- On line—www.ourcabaret.com
- Local—after all weekend Masses at St. Matthew’s

Refreshments will be available for purchase at the event.

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**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**

1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

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**MOVERS & SHAPERS:**

Journey with us as we explore the gifts of some of our most influential witnesses of the faith. March 15th—St. Catherine of Siena

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**Woodbridge Community Players, Inc**

**proudly presents**

**An Evening With RUSSELL FISCHER**

Saturday, June 3, 2017

**7:30PM**

at **The Theatre**

at Woodbridge Middle School,
Barron Ave., Woodbridge-, NJ

**Proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Community Players’ July production of West Side Story.**

*More Information to follow, keep your eyes on future bulletins!*

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**Mount Airy**

Includes: Transportation

**a 3:30PM show “The Music of Mamma Mia”**

Lunch buffet; $10.00 Slot Play

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ARE YOU SUFFERING AFTER AN ABORTION? HELP IS AVAILABLE!

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God’s merciful love and begin the journey of healing: Call Project Rachel’s local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. (Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org., or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org., call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075. )

HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE’S BEGINNINGS

On November 19th, 2016, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymbanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, The Lighting of the Watch Fires, it is available for purchase for $25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

PILGRIMAGES

FATIMA
with ST. ANDREW PARISH, Avenel
Father David Kosmoski of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church is hosting a pilgrimage for the…

JUBILEE YEAR IN FATIMA
100th Anniversary of the Apparitions
May 10th–May 20th, 2017

Stay in a hotel next to the plaza. In Fatima 3 days and three nights for the Jubilee celebration with Pope Francis. Tour Portugal and Southern Spain, including Madrid, Seville, Granada, Avila and much more. All inclusive including daily Mass.
$3,695 from Newark / $2,695 land only
For more information please call St. Andrew Church, 244 Avenel Street, Avenel, NJ 732-634-4355. Visit their website www.standrewparish.com.
Arrangements by: Select International Tours 1-800-842-4842

POLAND OR FATIMA
with ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH, Colonia
Father Joseph Kubian of St. John Vianney Catholic Church is leading two pilgrimages in 2017.

Poland—May 26th through June 4th, 2017
Cost: $2,950 (double occupancy) includes land, air fare and 3 meals a day.

Fatima, Lourdes with Barcelona—October 15th, 2017
Cost: $3,299 (double occupancy) includes land and air fare

For more information please call:
Fr. Joseph Kubia at 732-574-0150 or Mrs. Phyllis Gomulka at 732-566-4115.
Website: http;//www.sjvianney.com

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
Celebrate FATIMA’S 100 YEARS
*SPAIN * FRANCE * PORTUGAL
12 Days August 4th—15th, 2017

Barcelona, Monserrat, Lourdes, Santiago De Compostela, Zaragoza, Madrid, Lisbon, Santarem, Fatima
Daily Mass / Father Roy Quesea, Tour Chaplain

Land Tour:$2,640
W/RT Airfare & Taxes from Newark $3,800
Includes: First Class Hotels, Breakfasts/Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoach, Transfers. GLORY TOURS.

If interested please call Juliet Banaag Hobson at 732-439-2835.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Is looking for volunteers, both men and women to participate in on-to-one activities and become a mentor to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township. Do you:
◆ Have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child?
◆ Like having fun?
◆ Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
◆ Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email her at jcullen@ccdom.org, for more information.
Foster a Child! Become a Treatment Home Parent with Catholic Charities Diocese Of Metuchen.

Treatment Parents are volunteers who provide consistent, flexible, and loving parenting to school age children in foster care who have histories of abuse and/or neglect. They work with Catholic Charities staff to become licensed by the State and receive ongoing training in areas such as behavior management, suicidal ideation, and drug/alcohol abuse. Treatment Parents are members of a professional team who work closely with their Catholic Charities Clinician to learn new behavior management techniques and therapeutic parenting skills. They provide a safe treatment home environment where they foster children by helping them heal from their past trauma. To become a Treatment Parent, applicants complete a screening process that includes fingerprinting, local police checks, interviews, home visits and reference checks. The TFH Program also arranges for pre-service education (PRIDE training) and ongoing training of all parents in the program.

If you are interested in becoming a Treatment Parent and fostering a child, call 1-866-247-HOME if you are interested in fostering a child through this specialized program.) Thank you!

NJ CATHOLIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE FORM
The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) Advance Directives for Health Care forms are available by contacting the Respect Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543. An English of Spanish copy can also be downloaded from the NJCC website:
http://www.njcathcomf.com/content/respect_life_living_will.php

In addition, A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions is a resource made available by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. This document provides a clear explanation of the Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Individual copies of this guide can be ordered and downloaded online at www.ncbcenter.org by clicking on “publications.”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen.

Clear marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese including:
- St. John Vianney, Inman Ave., Colonia;
- O.L. of Most Holy Rosary—Florida Grove Rd. Hopelawn;
- Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Elm Ave., Metuchen
- St. James, Grenville St., Woodbridge

For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes.

If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT!
URGE!
Take action to Oppose Assisted Suicide Bill—Update

New Jersey Senate bill S2474, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, may be voted on in the next few weeks. An identical bill, A2451, passed the General Assembly on October 20th. If passed, this bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill patients who have been diagnosed with six months or less to live.

Doctor-assisted suicide is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost containment and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost.

The facts are clear - in California, Vermont and Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. One such example is Stephanie Packer, a young mother of four from California. Stephanie was recently denied insurance coverage for her new chemotherapy treatment but suicide drugs were approved by her insurance with a nominal co-pay of $1.20.

Other reasons to oppose assisted suicide legislation include:
- A six-month prognosis for a terminal illness is not always accurate. Often, with treatment, patients survive well beyond their prognosis.
- S2474 would allow the death certificate to list the cause of death as the underlying terminal disease - not assisted suicide. The cause of death should be listed as self-administered drugs that ended life. Why not tell the truth?
- Legalized assisted suicide would send the wrong message to vulnerable groups such as our troubled youth and to our veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Studies have shown that in states where assisted suicide has been legalized, overall suicide rates increase.
- There is no requirement for a physician to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription. In fact there is no supervision of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy. Our society should embrace what Pope John Paul II called "the way of love and true mercy" — a readiness to surround patients with love, support, and companionship, providing the assistance needed to ease their physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. Our duty is to assist those who are dying—not kill them. Please contact your state Senators today and urge them to oppose S2474 by visiting: http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action. Also, contact Governor Christie (609-292-6000) and ask him to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.