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
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**

St. Anthony of Padua Church

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on **Thursday, September 8th**. Ideally we need to have 3 people (2 minimum) to sit before the Blessed Sacrament (see times below.) Please fill our a form (available on the desk in the entrance of both worship sites) and return it to the parish office or simply place it in a plain envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass. You may also contact Rose Leone at 732-634-0958.

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The Rosary will be recited on **Friday, August 18th at 9:30AM**

at the Vacation Bible School Rosary Garden adjacent to the St. Anthony Rectory.

All are welcome!

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**G.I.F.T. 2017—2018**

**REGISTRATION WAS DUE LAST WEEK!**

Registration Forms were distributed to the families enrolled in our 2016—2017 G.I.F.T. Program in their May Home-Packs. The deadline for registering was Thursday, August 10th. This is a necessary evil as we do need to place orders for our supplies, especially the books for our Sacramental Preparation students.

As always class size is limited, and registration is on “First Submitted / First Honored” basis so get them in. Additional forms for new families are on the desk at the entrance of both worship sites.

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**ATTENTION CATECHISTS**

**Virtus Training**

If you have not attended a Virtus Training session or perhaps you feel it’s time for a “refresher” please consider registering for one of the following:

- **Saturday, August 26th at 9:00AM**
  
  Good Shepherd Parish, 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn 732-826-4859

- **Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00PM**

  St. James Elementary School 341 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge 732-634-0500

For more locations and to register please go to the Diocese of Metuchen’s website at www.diometuchen.org and click on Catechists Mark Your Calendars!!

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GOD’S LITTLE HELPERS

God’s Little Helpers…

St. Anthony’s Pre-school Program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds (potty trained, of course). We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM to 10:30AM and the cost for the school term is $25.00. Registration forms are available on the desk in the narthex and the parish office. Have questions please call Jackie at the parish office 732-634-1403.
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 John Pauswinski req. by his loving daughter, Beverly Cuozzo
God Bless Amanda & Joe on their Wedding Day August 12, 2017
Love you always, Gram & Pop Margiotto

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
May God Bestow His Healing Grace Upon MaryAnn Marrone Love, Richie & Adrienne

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal Intention for August 2017....
Artists. That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS
Aug. 14 Rev. Edward Struzik
Rev. Marco Caceres
Aug. 15 Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I
Aug. 16 Rev. Daniel Sloan
Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef
Aug. 17 Rev. Kent McCord
Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Aug. 18 Rev. Juan Carlos Gaviria
Rev. Albert Roca
Aug. 19 Rev. David Kosmoski
Rev. Herbert Stab (Deceased 6/7/17)
Aug. 20 Rev. Vincent Chen
Rev. Leon Aniszczyk

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.

Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration
You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4:00 PM
Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: http://diometuchen.org/marriage-enrichment/. Kindly note that this form can be typed on and printed out but cannot be forwarded. If you wish to keep the information it must be SAVED AS a word document in your computer.

Ambassadors for Christ
Thank you! The 2016 Bishop’s Appeal has officially come to a close. To date our parish pledged $25,441.50, payments totaling $20,617.75 from 200 parishioners.

If you have not completed your pledge payments, please send it in as soon as possible. Checks are to be made payable to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and mail it to:
Diocese of Metuchen
PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000

For further information, please call the Family Life Office by phone at 732-562-1990 x 1705 or 4573 or email at: mfonseca@diometuchen.org.
Monday, August 14th

Summer Break: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Bingo (doors open 10:30am): 12:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
4th Degree Installation: 7:00PM Church

FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, August 15th

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Summer Break: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Mass: 6:30AM Church
Mass: 12:15PM Church
Mass: 7:00PM Church
AA: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday August 16th
Summer Break: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Port Reading/Sewaren Srs.: 11:00AM Sycamore Center

Thursday, August 17th

Summer Break: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Confessions: 6:30PM Church
AA: 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, August 18th

Summer Break: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Rosary Prayed: 9:00AM Rosary Garden
Bingo (doors open 6:00pm): 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Saturday, August 19th

Confessions: 3:15PM Church

Stewardship:

God’s Plan for Giving

Due to the vacation schedule of our editor, the contributions for the weekends of July 29th/30th and August 5th/6th will be published at a later date.

Thank you for understanding.

“He said, “Come”. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.

COUNTING TEAMS

SUNDAY, August 13th
Team #3  N. Ackerman, C. Ellis

MONDAY, August 21st
Team #4  L. Casey, A. Cunningham, A. Fowler, P. Russo

SUMMER ENVELOPES - We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacations this summer. As many of you understand our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here at St. Anthony.

MONDAY, August 14th
Bingo Team #2  Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – R. Simeone
Kitchen - J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

FRIDAY, August 18th
Captain – C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen Team B. Silvaney, A. Rabago

MONDAY, August 21st
Bingo Team #3  Captain: R. Simeone
Caller – M. Oddo
Kitchen - J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

FRIDAY, August 25th
Captain – C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen Team B. Silvaney, M. Gesso

WONDER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING

In Our Neighborhood & Our Diocese

Pick up a copy of the flyer on the desk located at the entrance of both worship sites.

Thank you.

GOING ON VACATION? Remember it’s easy to locate a Catholic Church for Mass while you’re away.

Just log on to www.catholicmasstime.org;
www.thecatholicdirectory.com; catholic-mass-times.com
You’ll be able to locate the Church closest to where you’ll be throughout the United States.

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.)

ON VACATION?

Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Thank you for understanding.

Thank you.

Pick up a copy of the flyer on the desk located at the entrance of both worship sites.

Thank you.

Thank you.
## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

#### ALTAR SERVERS
- **Saturday** 08/19/17
  - 4:00PM Volunteer Needed
- **Sunday** 08/20/17
  - 8:00AM Volunteer Needed
  - 9:30AM K. Martino
  - 11:30AM T. Greener, E. Roche

### OUR LADY OF MT. CARME WORSHIP SITE

#### ALTAR SERVERS
- **Tuesday** 08/15/17 Feast of the Assumption
  - 8:00AM Volunteers Welcome
- **Saturday** 08/19/17
  - 8:00AM J. Dizon, L. Kadash
- **Sunday** 08/20/17
  - 9:30AM C. Alcobendas, M. Amaya

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
- **Tuesday** 08/15/17 Feast of the Assumption
  - 8:00AM Volunteers Welcome
- **Saturday** 08/19/17
  - 5:30PM C. Adams
- **Sunday** 08/20/17
  - 5:30PM C. Alcobendas, M. Amaya

#### READERS
- **Tuesday** 08/15/17 Feast of the Assumption
  - 8:00AM J. Dizon
- **Saturday** 08/19/17
  - 5:30PM C. Dizon
- **Sunday** 08/20/17
  - 9:30AM E. Bonus

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### ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM

School is only 3 weeks away!

Do you have your before and after services setup? Plan ahead and register now with no deposit or registration fees. St Anthony Study Hall meets and exceeds your childcare needs for children in grades kindergarten to 8th grade. See the parish website under childcare services for all forms and prices.

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### ST. ANTHONY’S STUDY HALL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Please save your: **Caps** - Gatorade, Large Vitamin, Snapple & **Cardboard Egg creates** (please no Styrofoam)

Please put them in the bin in the Narthex that’s marked for the Study Hall.

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### Bertucci’s Fundraiser

**Eat Well DO GOOD**

**Dining for Dollars**

**FUNDRAISING PROGRAM**

*Bertucci’s is proud to help our community raise money for your charitable organizations. And we really enjoy it. Please visit or call your local restaurant for details.*

**Save The Date!**

899 St. George Ave., Woodbridge

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23rd 11:00AM—10:00PM**

**EAT IN OR TAKE OUT**

**Bertucci’s Fundraiser**

to benefit

**St. Anthony’s SUMMER WORKS OF FAITH Program**

15% of our sales will come back to our program.

**FULL FLYER IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**
Summer Start on Catholic Girl Scout Medals

Come join one of the fun sessions and get a head start on next year’s GS awards.

**Spirit alive (Seniors / Ambassadors)**
Sunday, August 20th 1:00pm—5:00pm
St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen
Cost $5, snack and beverages provided
Discuss “Where life is taking you” and begin service project planning.

**I Live My Faith (Junior GS)**
Saturday, September 30th
12:00noon—4:30pm Cost: $10
(location to be determined)
Living my faith is like making a pizza
pizza lunch and beverages to be provided

Contact for all sessions: DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com

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Office of Multicultural Ministry

CULTURAL MASS—PROGRAM AND DINNER
August 13, 2017 2:30 to 7 p.m.
Our Lady of Peace Parish
277 Washington Place, North Brunswick, NJ

The Indian and Sri Lankan Apostolate and the Indian Communities of Goan, Gujarati, Mangalorian and Tamils, invites all to a Cultural Mass, program and dinner. The celebrant will be the Most Reverend George Antonysamy, Ph.D., Archbishop of Madras and Mylapore Archdiocese. This is an opportune moment for Catholics from the South East Asian subcontinent to come together as one community.

For information or to RSVP, call Charles Arokiaswamy, at 732-372-3194 or email apostolate.in@gmail.com.

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Retrouvaille

September 15th—17th, 2017
Somerset Hotel

Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussion) with six follow-up sessions. The cost is $450.00, which includes meals and resource materials.

For more information, please call: Office of Family life at (732) 562-1990 ext. 4573.

To register call Tom & Pat McTague at (732) 583-4468 (evenings); or Rich & Annette Colasuonno at (732) 236-0671.

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Open Your Heart and Home to a Foster Child

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey’s Department of Children and Families.

The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living.

Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential.

Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection. All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child’s expenses and support from experienced families.

For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org.
Keep up with Bishop Checchio around the Diocese
Bishop's schedule, correspondence and more can be found on our diocesan website:
http://diometuchen.org/bishop/


Like us on Facebook /Follow us @diocesemetuchen on twitter

**24 HOUR HOT LINE**

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

**Donate Your Vehicle to Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen!**

Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties.

*Donated vehicles are tax deductible.
*Free pick-up is available
*Vehicles do not need to be running.

Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322.

**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 EsperanzaPosaburto.org, or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org, call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075.)

**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 Susan at 732-251-0022 or go to www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org for information. We look forward to hearing from you.

**OPPOSE NJ ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL S2474**

The NJ “Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill” Act was released from the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizen’s committee on November 3rd, 2016 and could be posted for a vote in the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2451, passed the General assembly on October 20th, 2016. The bill would allow for physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of individuals considered to be terminally ill. This assisted suicide bill is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost control 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, in Vermont and in 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. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A2451/S2474. You may send a prewritten note by visiting: http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONNCETIONS 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 jeullen@ccdom.org, for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**
  - Sunday, September 17th: 4:00PM
- **BLUE MASS**
  - Thursday, October 19th: 10:30AM
- **CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE**
  - Saturday, October 28th: 8:30AM—3:30PM
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.njcathtcomf.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.

Clearly 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!

URGENT!

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.