**The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua**

Parish Office: 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ 07064
Phone: 732-634-1403 • Fax: 732-602-0119 • www.saintanthonypadua.org

**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*

**FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR**
FATHER LAURO C. SEDLMAYER, PAROCHIAL VICAR
MICHAEL BRUCATO, DEACON  JOEY PERLAS, DEACON  PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM  
Saturday: 3:15 PM

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**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

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**www.saintanthonypadua.org**
CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

**EMAIL:**
- Office: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
- Religious Education: religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com
- Bulletin: bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
- Study Hall: studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
- Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
August 27, 2017
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.

A Prayer for Our Earth
by Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Psalms 149:1b-6a, 9b
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Psalms 139:1-6
Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Psalms 139:7-12ab
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Psalms 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Psalms 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Psalms 98:1, 7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms 63:2
Matthew 16:21-27

Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Tuesday, August 29th
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
7:30AM Ceferino Sarroca Sr.
req. by his family

Wednesday, August 30th
7:30AM Francis Centino
req. by The Scognamiglio Family

Thursday, August 31st
7:00PM Judith Pronti
req. by Beverly Cuozzo

Saturday, September 2nd
4:00PM Frank & Anna Sciscilo
req. by their daughter, Terri & family

Sunday, September 3rd
22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM Bernard Curran (Birthday)
req. by Claire Miloscia and children—
Brian, Colleen, Kevin & Susan
9:30AM Joseph Cunningham (1st Anniversary)
req. by wife, Angela & family
11:30AM Fred Racavich (4th Anniversary)
req. by his wife, MaryAnn

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Monday, August 28th
St. Augustine
8:00AM John Spalenski
req. by the Parish Family

Friday, September 1st
8:00AM Deceased Members of Former Rosary Society
req. by Former O.L. M. C. Rosary Society

Saturday, September 2nd
8:00AM Purgatorial Mass Society
5:30PM Maria Kozo
req. by Joseph & Magda Mikos

Sunday, September 3rd
22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:30AM People of the Parish Family

Respensorial Psalm in Hungarian for August 27, 2017
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Örökké tart, uram,
a te irgalmad:
ne vesd meg kezed alkotásait!

Friday, September 1, 2017 is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Today’s prayer is from Pope Francis’ encyclical (letter) Laudato Si (Care for Our Common Home)
**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 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM 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**

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

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

In Loving Memory of Tonia Marrone
req. by Dad & Maryann

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

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

In Loving Memory of Lucille Barsi
req. by The Gurney Family

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**

God’s Blessing Upon Alfred & Patricia Russo
as they Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary
August 26, 2017 —Congratulations!!!
req. by cousin, Richie & Adrienne

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**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. 28 Rev. Jeffrey Calia CO
Rev. Michael Fragoso

Aug. 29 Rev. Virgilio Tolentino
Rev. Gilles Njobam CMF

Aug. 30 Daro Endiaye
Rev. Jan Bernas SDB

Aug. 31 Rev. Michael Gromadzki
Rev. Thomas Naduvedathu SDV

Sept. 1 Rev. Sean Broderick CSSp
Rev. Gerardo Paderon

Sept. 2 Rev. Thomas Aenekatt VC
Rev. Paolo Fedrigoni IMC

Sept. 3 Most Rev. James Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

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**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.

Forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration Friday, September 1st. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed.

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.

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**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
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

- **Offertory for August 20, 2017**: $5,880.00
- **Offertory for the Assumption**: $665.00

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”
- Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

**COUNTING TEAMS**

- **SUNDAY, August 27th**: Team #5 R. Simeone, R. Sorbanelli
- **SUNDAY, September 3rd**: Team #6 A. & J. Pannullo

**SUMMER ENVELOPES** - We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their 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.

**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.

**WONDER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING**

Pick up a copy of the flyer on the desk located at the entrance of both worship sites. Thank you.
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 09/03/17
4:00PM Volunteer Needed

Sunday 09/04/17
8:00AM Volunteer Needed
9:30AM K. Martino
11:30AM Volunteer Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 09/02/17—09/03/17
B. Cuozzo

Saturday 09/02/17
4:00PM A. Fowler, K. Mitterando, H. Pagliuca

Sunday 09/03/17
8:00AM M. Balint, B. Lasek, C. Miloscia
9:30AM D. Caffarelli, J. Mulvaney, G. Pronti
11:30AM E. Bishop, B. Cuozzo, F. Scognamiglio

READERS
Saturday 09/02/17
4:00PM R. Simeone

Sunday 09/03/17
8:00AM C. Barcellona
9:30AM M. Russo
11:30AM M. Oddo

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 09/02/17
5:30PM C. Torres

Sunday 09/03/17
9:30AM Volunteer welcome

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 09/02/17
5:30PM R. Bernabe, J. Dizon

Sunday 09/03/17
9:30AM M. Amaya, V. Rabago

READERS
Saturday 09/02/17
5:30PM C. Dizon

Sunday 09/03/17
9:30AM A. Rabago

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.)

ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM

School is only 1 week 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.

COLUMBIETTES ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP TO

SUNDAY, September 17th, 2017
Bus leaves the Sycamore Senior Center at 11:00AM
Returns approximately 9:00PM
Cost: $35.00
Return Package $30.00!!
Sandwiches, Snacks and Games for ALL
Money Due Sunday, September 10, 2017

Please contact: Eileen McKenzie
732-636-0619 or 732-261-2142

ST. ANTHONY ARTS COUNCIL

Queen for a Day Auction!!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

DONATIONS
If you have any new items that you would like to donate, or do you sew, crochet, craft, woodwork?? If you would like to donate a Gift Card for a store, restaurant, etc. for our raffle table that would be most welcome. All donations are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the parish office.

BASKETS
Do you have any baskets just sitting around your house taking up much need space? Baskets of various sizes, esp. medium and large, are needed for our auction. Please consider donating them.

WE ALSO NEED
Cellophane wrap and/or large bags to wrap-up our beautiful baskets.

COLUMBIETTES JASPER AND JOHN W. HUGHES MEMORIAL AWARD

Applications are now available in the Parish Office. Applications are due October 5th. Contact Eileen McKenzie at 732-636-0619 for more information.
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.

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

Contact: DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!
Our deacons will resume their “Pasta Dinners” on Wednesday, September 6th
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!

HOOLOGYWOOD NIGHT CRUISERS
CUSTOM & CLASSIC CRUISE NIGHT
Sponsored by the Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2017
5:00—9:00 pm
Rain date: September 17th

*FREE ADMISSION
*GREAT FOOD
*GIFT BASKETS
*LIVE D.J.

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH CENTER PARKING LOT
25 FRANKLIN AVE., EDISON

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.

St. James Parish
Bereavement Support Group
Emmaus House
174 Grove Street, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on Monday, September 11th and run every Monday through October 30th. We will meet at Emmaus House at 7:30 pm. Anyone who is recently bereaved and who is in need of support please call Sr. Marie Pierson at 732-634-0500 ext. 103.

There will be a Mass of Remembrance on Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm at St. James Church.

Blessed are they who mourn……for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

St. James School
Accepting Applications
August 29th
School Office Reopens
9:00 am-3:00 pm
For more information please call (732) 634-0500 x300
www.st-school.org

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ALUMNI DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2017

Alumni Mass 5:30 pm
Dinner Dance 6:30 pm
Keating Gym

Honorees
Nancy Bader Drumm Class of ’73
Deacon Peter Barcellona Class of ’75

For more information contact Bob Golden Class of ‘77
by email at robertgolden@topproducer.com
or by phone at 732596-2115

ST. JAMES STREET FAIR
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th
Rain date: Saturday, September 23rd
10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Main Street, Woodbridge
Over 150 vendors, crafts, rides, food, face painting, games, live entertainment and more!
Please Support A3452/S2026, the NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

There is substantial medical evidence that babies in the womb feel pain at a very early stage of gestation. Thanks to advances in medicine, babies as young as 20 weeks post-fertilization can survive and thrive with appropriate care and treatment. Experts in the field of Maternal-Fetal medicine routinely administer pain medication as standard medical practice when performing fetal surgery because they recognize these babies as patients.

The NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (A3452/S2026) will protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks and older who are capable of feeling pain and ensure that babies born alive during an abortion will be given the same proper lifesaving medical care given to premature infants.

We are happy to report that A3452/S2026, the NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act has been introduced in the NJ Legislature. We thank the sponsors of this bill for wanting to protect babies in the womb and the lives of women. This bill is modeled after H.R. 36, the Federal bill by the same name. Passing this legislation is part of the 2020 Project, a collaborative effort by pro-life groups in NJ to protect babies in the womb who are capable of feeling pain at 20 weeks gestation.

Take Action Now!
◊ Pray for the protection of babies in the womb and their families.
◊ Contact your NJ State Senator and Assembly Members and ask them to support A3452/S2026, the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.”

To find your NJ State Senator and two State Representatives by district/town, visit: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp. For information on this initiative or to obtain a car magnet or sticker, please visit www.babiesinthewombfeelpain.com.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT!

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.

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.
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.

Sunday, March 19, 2017  2:00 – 7:00pm  The Examen
Sunday, June 4, 2017  2:00 – 7:00pm  Love & How God Loves Us, June 23-25, 2017  Weekend to End the Series
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

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.njccatholic.org/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.”

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.

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
local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.
Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org; call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075; or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org