The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua

Labor Day

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time—LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017


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

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**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*

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

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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

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As we celebrate Labor Day, we give thanks for those who are fully employed. We pray for those who are underemployed (not employed at their full capabilities) and those who are unemployed but looking for employment.

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<td>Lord on this Labor Day, we thank you for the blessing of work.</td>
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We ask for strength to complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday, September 4th—CLOSED
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

www.saintanthonypadua.org

We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!
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.

From the Desk of Fr. Smith, K.C.H.S.

On September 16th and 17th at St. Anthony’s in Father Milos Hall there will be a **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**. A big part Pope Francis’ vision for the church is to have this event held in every parish...and so we will fill very blessed and are excited that the Life in the Spirit Seminar will be at St. Anthony! This seminar can bring each of us into a personal encounter with Jesus who changes our life, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Please attend and take advantage of this opportunity to grow closer to the Lord.

As a Parish Family we rejoice and celebrate the gifts of life and love that God has given to us all. We offer to all those celebrating their birthdays this month our best wishes and prayers that God may continue to bless them abundantly in the years ahead.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Colossians 1:1-8
Psalms 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Colossians 1:9-14
Psalms 98:2-6

**Friday:** Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Psalms 13:6
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

**Saturday:** Colossians 1:21-23
Psalms 54:3-4, 6, 8

**Next Sunday:** Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions

**at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

**Tuesday, September 5th**  St. Teresa of Calcutta
7:30AM Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 6th**
7:30AM Manuel & Lee Vieira
req. by their daughter, Rose & Al Leone

**Thursday, September 7th**
7:00PM Manuel Simoes
req. by John & Holly Pagliuca

**Saturday, September 9th**
4:00PM Ernest Margiotto
req. by his son Ernie & Roseann Margiotto

**Sunday, September 10th**  23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM Lauro Francisco Sedlmayer
9:30AM Lucy Vecchio
req. by her sister, Virginia Ashby
11:30AM People of the Parish Family

**at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site**

**Monday, September 4th**
8:00AM John Mallis
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mikos

**Friday, September 8th**  The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00AM James DeSpirito
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Martino

**Saturday, September 9th**
8:00AM Feliza Perlas
req. by Steven & Kathy Grof
5:30PM Special Intention for my grandchildren
req. by Janet

**Sunday, September 10th**  23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:30AM People of the Parish Family

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for September 3, 2017
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hozzad vágyódik szívem, én Uram, Istenem.
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

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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
In Loving Memory of Nancy Kuchma req. by Barbara Siswo & family
In Loving Memory of Bruce Russell req. by Miss Debbie

GOOD SHEPHERD
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
In Loving Memory of Janice Ciardiello req. by Garry & Millie Sutphen

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO
With Love and Gratitude for Blessing our Lives, Nick DaPrile req. by The Casey Family
In Loving Memory of Betty Keogh req. by Nana


Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. Jeremiah 17:14

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISHIONERS
If you know of any parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site that are sick, homebound, in a Nursing Home or hospitalized, please contact Kathy “Tootsie” Simeone at 732-634-9285.

Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for Evangelization—September 2017...
That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Flowers
this weekend at
St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

In Loving Memory of
Joseph Cunningham
Celebrating his 1st Anniversary with our Lord requested by his loving wife, Angela & children

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.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sept. 4  Rev. Thomas Odorizzi CO  Rev. Michael Bihuniak
Sept. 5  Rev. Douglas Haefner  Rev. Edward Czarcinski
Sept. 6  Rev. Joemar Garboso  Rev. Roy Quesea
Sept. 7  Rev. Dawid Wejnerowski  Rev. Robert Gorman
Sept. 8  All Priests
Sept. 9  Rev. Guy Selvester  Rev. Slawomir Romanowski CSsR
Sept. 10 Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen

Mayor John E. McCormac
Woodbridge Township Municipal Council
Woodbridge Interfaith Clergy
“A Township Remembers”
9/11 Interfaith Memorial Service &
Salute to the Woodbridge Township First Responder Community
Woodridge Police Department
Woodbridge Township first Aid Squads
Woodbridge Township Office of Emergency Management
Woodbridge Township C.E.R.T. Team

Monday, September 11, 2017 6:00PM
Woodbridge Township Municipal Building
1 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ
COUNTING TEAMS

At St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

MONDAY, September 4th  PARISH OFFICE & STUDY HALL
Bingo (doors open 10:30am)  12:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall

TUESDAY, September 5th
Study Hall Staff Meeting  10:00AM  Fr. Milos Hall
AA  7:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 6th
Study Hall  6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Port Reading / Sewarten Srs.  11:00AM  Sycamore Center
Wedding Rehearsal  6:30PM  Church

THURSDAY, September 7th
Study Hall  6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Eucharistic Adoration  2:00PM  Chapel
Confessions  3:00PM  Chapel
Confessions  6:30PM  Church
AA  8:00PM  Fr. Milos Hall

FRIDAY, September 8th
Study Hall  6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Wedding  12:30PM  Church
Bingo (doors open 6:00pm)  7:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall

SATURDAY, September 9th
Confessions  3:15PM  Church

SUNDAY, September 10th
Baptism  12:30PM  Church

At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

FRIDAY, September 8th
Holy Family Prayer Group  8:00PM  Church Basement

SUNDAY, September 10th
Confessions  4:45PM  Church

Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

Offertory for August 27, 2017  $ 4,450.00
Building & Maintenance Fund  $ 1,649.00

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”
- Matthew 16:26

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. Please be as generous as your means allows.

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.
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** 09/09/17
- 4:00PM Volunteer Needed

**Sunday** 09/10/17
- 8:00AM Volunteer Needed
- 9:30AM K. Martino
- 11:30AM Volunteer Needed

*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 Albs are available.*

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Homebound Ministers** 09/09/17—09/10/17
M. Rucando

**Saturday** 09/09/17
- 4:00PM K. Brenner, C. Marney, R. McNamara

**Sunday** 09/10/17
- 8:00AM S. Gadomski, K. Masarik, J. Pannullo
- 9:30AM J. Bamber, V. Mudrak, V. Reuben
- 11:30AM M. Amuzie, L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli

**READERS**

**Saturday** 09/09/17
- 4:00PM R. Leone

**Sunday** 09/10/17
- 8:00AM T. Casey
  - 9:30AM P. Emory
  - 11:30AM C. Amuzie

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** 09/09/17
- 5:30PM C. Torres

**Sunday** 09/10/17
- 9:30AM Volunteer welcome

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday** 09/09/17
- 5:30PM B. Perlas, M. Torres

**Sunday** 09/10/17
- 9:30AM V. Clarke, A. Gumapac

**READERS**

**Saturday** 09/09/17
- 5:30PM R. Perlas

**Sunday** 09/10/17
- 9:30AM M. Poos

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**ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM**

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**BEFORE AND AFTERCARE SERVICES FOR 2017 / 2018**

- Child Care ages 5-13
- Before Care $7  After Care $12.50 Register Now
- What’s Included?
  - Open 6:30-6:30
  - Payment plans available
  - Open for delayed openings and half days
  - Accepts Community Childcare Solutions
  - CPR & First Aid certified staff
  - NO REGISTRATION FEES
  - Breakfast and snacks included
  - NO DEPOSIT
  - After school homework help provided
  - Full month registration not required
  - Indoor and outdoor activities
  - Discounts available
  - Low child to staff ratio
  - Conveniently Located to NYC Transportation.

**Transportation to and from:**
- Port Reading School #9, Matthew Jago School #28, Mawbey Street School #1, Ross Street School #11, Avenel Middle, Woodbridge Middle, Columbus School, Minue School, Nathan Hale Carteret, Carteret Middle School, St. James Woodbridge, St. Joseph Carteret, Fords Middle, Ford Ave #14, Layfette Estates #25

**For more information contact them at:** 732-634-6800 or email at studyhalldirector@gmail.com.

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**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 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.
REST IN PEACE
Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

Entered Eternal Life
Robert C. Murphy—August 9, 2017
Elizabeth Sziller—August 9, 2017
Barbara Dammann—August 18, 2017

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:
During the month of September, please remember those parishioners who died a year ago:

Anniversary of Death
Joseph M. Cunningham—September 4th
Katherine Ombres—September 20th

MISSION MASS
The souls of: Requested by....
Salvatore Covino Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D’Orsi
Ninfa DeFazio Mr. & Mrs. Joe Messina
A Mass will be offered in private.

PURGATORIAL MASS SOCIETY
The souls of: Requested by....
Janice Ciardiello Mr. & Mrs. Anthony R. D’Orsi
Betty Keogh Mr. & Mrs. Anthony R. D’Orsi
Robert C. Murphy St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Barbara J. Dammann St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Elizabeth Sziller St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Frank Alexai Barbara McCauley
They have been enrolled into the St. Anthony’s Perpetual Mass Society. They will be remembered in a special Mass during the first week of the month alternating between our two worship sites. (Odd months on the First Saturday at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; even months on the First Wednesday at 7:30AM at St. Anthony of Padua) and remembered daily at the Altar in the Eucharistic Prayer.

SHOP AT AMAZON - SUPPORT THE ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL
If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the St. Anthony Study Hall as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading NJ as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site. It is the same merchandize and account as Amazon but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program.

To check it out go to http://smile.amazon.com and log in using your personal Amazon account or if you do not have one click on create one. Select a charity by typing St. Anthony of Padua Church and click the search tab and select the one that says, Port Reading, NJ.

If you have any questions, please contact the Study Hall office, 732-634-6800.

Thank for your support.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
9:00AM—11:00PM

Boscov’s annual community fundraiser for local non-profits.

A day to enjoy great shopping, super savings, refreshments, door prizes and much more!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH will participate in this event!

For a $5 donation receive a 25% Off Shopping Pass, and 100% of all profits will benefit ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA!

Please call 732-634-1403 or stop by the Parish office for tickets or more information.

Tickets will also be available after Masses beginning October 1st, 2017!

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.
**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.

**MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER**

1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069  
908-753-2091 * msmhope@msmhope.org  
Registration Required

**SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE**

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God’s presence. Day begins with communal prayer.

Thursday, September 14th, 2017  
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Bring bag lunch  
FEE: $20-30 As You Are Able

**St. James Street Fair**

Saturday, September 16th  
Rain date: Saturday, September 23rd  
10:00am to 5:00pm  
Main Street, Woodbridge

*Over 150 vendors, crafts, rides, food, face painting, games, live entertainment and more!*

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 7:30pm. 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.
**In Our Neighborhood & Our Diocese**

**Senior Bible Classes**
**Wednesdays, September 13th through November 15th**
**10:30am—12:30pm**
**St. John Neumann Pastoral Center**
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

Topic: “Studying the Bible in Preparation for Sunday Mass”
Presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig
Fee: $5.00 per session
Bring Your Bible.

**Diocese of Metuchen**
**Youth & Young Adult Office**
**Invites Young Adults from Age 18 to 39 for a**
**YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR**
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**
**(followed by fellowship*)**
**Diocesan Center Chapel**
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

*Parish locations might be used but notifications will be made prior to date.
The Second Sunday of every Month – 6:00 – 7:00 PM starting (except May 13, 2018).
For more information, contact Mary Ann Giannone mgiannone@diometuchen.org.
*Please note individuals will be responsible for their own meal at a local restaurant.

**Diocese of Metuchen Catholic Cemeteries**
**Cordially invites you to the Dedication Mass of the Mausoleum of the Holy Spirit**
**Saturday, September 9, 2017 10:00 AM**

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery
899 Lincoln Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen will be the presider

Refreshments Will Be Served following Mass
Visit our website: diometuchen.org/cemeteries
or Call Us At 800-943-8400

**You’re Invited**

**2017 Champions for Catholic Charities DINNER**

Monday, October 16th, 2017
The Palace at Somerset Park
6:30 p.m. Cocktails - 7:30 p.m. Dinner

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the 2017 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner where you will hear how American Standard, the well-known plumbing supply company that is part of LIXIL, joined forces with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen to renovate Naomi’s Way giving 12 low-income families a safe and attractive place to call their own.

The dinner is an opportunity for us to publicly recognize our corporate partners while raising much-needed funds for our less-fortunate neighbors.

For dinner reservations and sponsorship opportunities, call 732-562-2438 or visit www.diometuchen.org/champions.

**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
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Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322 to get started.

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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.)

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**Summer Start on Catholic Girl Scout Medals**

Come join one of the fun sessions and get a

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: DOMgirlsout@gmail.com
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.

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.)

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.

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The Second Sunday of every Month – 6:00 – 7:00 PM starting (except May 13, 2018).
For more information, contact Mary Ann Giannone mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

*Please note individuals will be responsible for their own meal at a local restaurant.
**In Our Neighborhood & Our Diocese**

**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.njcatholic.org/faith-in-action

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.njccnj.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.
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.

**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.

**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

**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

**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