Patriot Day
We will never forget

SEPTEMBER 11
23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 10, 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

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 Evening: 6:30 PM
Saturday: 3:15 PM

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

Liturgical Mass - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM

Sunday, September 10th as we celebrate Grandparents Day, let us pray to St. Joachim and St. Ann, parents of our Blessed Virgin Mary.

A Prayer for Grandparents

Dear St. Joachim and St. Ann,

You were truly twice blessed to have Mary, the mother of Jesus, as your daughter and Jesus, our Savior as your grandson.

Take care of our family, especially my grandchildren. Inspire them all to follow your grandson, Jesus and lead Christian lives.

Keep all of us in your loving care. May we never turn away from Jesus.

Help us in the end to receive the joy of entering into your Grandson’s glorious presence forever.

Amen.

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

www.saintanthonypadua.org
We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!
The News Reports about the devastation of Hurricane Harvey in Texas have been overwhelming. Some of us have had flashbacks to Superstorm Sandy five years ago which is understandable.

Bishop Checchio has approved a special collection to help the people affected by Hurricane Harvey. The collection will be taken September 16th / 17th. If you’re planning to be away the weekend of September 16th / 17th and would like to make a donation prior to the special collection put your donation in an envelope marked Hurricane Harvey Relief. (see Bishop Checchio’s Insert)

In honor of our Lady’s Birthday in September the rosary will be prayed at the Rosary Garden on Friday, September 15th at 9:30 am

This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Sunday, September 11**
- Ezekiel 33:7-9
- Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
- Romans 13:8-10
- Matthew 18:15-20

**Monday, September 12**
- Colossians 1:24-2:3
- Psalms 62:6-7, 9

**Tuesday, September 13**
- Colossians 2:6-15
- Psalms 145:1b-2, 8-11

**Wednesday, September 14**
- Colossians 3:1-11
- Psalms 145:2-3, 10-13ab

**Thursday, September 15**
- Numbers 21:4b-9
- Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-38
- Philippians 2:6-11
- John 3:13-17

**Friday, September 16**
- 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
- Psalms 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11
- John 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday, September 17**
- 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- Psalms 113:1b-5a, 6-7

**Next Sunday, September 24**
- Sirach 27:30–28:7
- Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12
- Romans 14:7-9
- Matthew 18:21-35

Mass Intentions

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

**Tuesday, September 12th**
- Most Holy Name of Mary
  - 7:30AM John & Lou Rotili
  - req. by Charlie & Jean Cheddar

**Wednesday, September 13th**
- St. John Chrysostom
  - 7:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
  - req. by a friend

**Thursday, September 14th**
- The Exaltation of the Cross
  - 7:00PM Emery Marsek
  - req. by daughter, Violet & granddaughter, RoseAnn

**Saturday, September 16th**
- 4:00PM Ralph Coti
  - req. by Patricia & Matthew Goldish

**Sunday, September 17th**
- 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
  - 8:00AM George Sabol
    - req. by his wife, Gloria & children
  - 9:30AM Joseph Cunningham
    - req. by his wife, Angela & family
  - 11:30AM People of the Parish Family

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

**Monday, September 11th**
- 8:00AM 9/11 16th Anniversary

**Friday, September 15th**
- Our Lady of Sorrows
  - 8:00AM Ferency Markus
  - req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mikos
  - 5:30PM Robert Pieczyski
  - req. by Alice Pieczyski

**Saturday, September 16th**
- Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
  - 8:00AM Philamena Rameriz
  - req. by Violet Pattay
  - 5:30PM Robert Pieczyski
  - req. by Alice Pieczyski

**Sunday, September 17th**
- 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
  - 9:30AM Isabelo Torio
  - req. by Ray & Cherie Gumapac

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for September 10, 2017
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bár hallgatnátok ma Isten szavára, “Népem, ne légy kemény szívű.”

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.
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!

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
Woodbridge Township Police Department; First Aid Squads Office of Emergency Management; and C.E.R.T. Team

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY’S
PRE-HOLIDAY Bazaar / Flea Market

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FATHER MILOS HALL
8:00AM—2:00PM
Contracts available on the table at the entrance narthex of Both worship sites and on our website:
www.saintanthonyypadua.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
QUEEN FOR A DAY AUCTION!!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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.

Do you have any baskets just sitting around your house taking up much needed 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.

Registration Forms were distributed to the families enrolled in our 2017—2018 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.

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

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

CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
8:30AM—3:30PM
Flyers available on the desk in the narthex of the church entrance. Please fill it out and submit to the Parish office. Thank you.

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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
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

God’s Blessings upon Allison & Dan Sharkey as they celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniversary
Love, Mom & Dad (Phyllis & Kevin Masarik)

In Loving Memory of Bruce Russell req. by Holly

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

Special blessings for Erin Jessica & Kasey Victoria req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

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.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

| Sept. 11 | Rev. Louis Mattina  
| Rev. William Warman |
| Sept. 12 | Rev. Timothy Lambert  
| Rev. John Siceloff |
| Sept. 13 | Rev. Peter Suhaka  
| Very Rev. Leonard Rusay |
| Sept. 14 | Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I |
| Sept. 15 | Rev. Abraham Lotha  
| Rev. Marcin Zubik CSsR |
| Sept. 16 | Rev. John Polyak  
| Rev. Lauro Sedlmayer |
| Sept. 17 | Rev. John Kavas  
| Rev. Zenon Bochnak |


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

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.

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!
The Holy Family Prayer Community
cordially invites you to attend

Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar

Baptism of the Holy Spirit
(A Renewal of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation)

Faith Sharing

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Celebration of the Eucharist

Mass Celebrant:
Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu

God love you. He wants To touch and heal you...

Come and witness the power of the Holy Spirit!

Do not miss the uplifting experience...

St. Anthony of Padua Church (Milos Hall)
Rev. William J. Smith, Pastor
436 Port Reading Ave.
Port Reading, NJ NJ 07064

Sept. 16 & 17, 2017 (Sat. & Sun.)
8:00AM

Moderator: James Sadhoo

Conducted by: KFI-LSS Ministry

Ching Mangalili (732) 804-8055
Cherie Gumapac (732) 485-6006
Chato Torio (848) 219-2016

For more info. contact: Doris Flores (732) 947-0960
Aida Rabago (732) 602-1954
Vicky Chander (848) 219-0760

FREE Registration           FREE Food            FREE Bible

“One candle may light a thousand when you share this flyer with someone”
The Life in the Spirit Seminar is an introduction to life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through a series of talks, worship, Scripture teachings, song, and personal testimonies, participants explore faith topics, including the basic message of salvation, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as the potential and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Addressing priests Pope Francis said: “I ask each and all of you—organize Life in the Spirit Seminars in your parishes and seminaries, schools, in neighborhoods, to share the Baptism in the Spirit. It is catechesis. It is catechesis that produces, by the work of the Holy spirit, the personal encounter with Jesus who changes our life.”

Although mainly intended for practicing Catholics desiring to make a deeper commitment to the Lord, the seminars are open to all and will cater to people from every walk of life. It is not essential that those invited must already have Church involvement.

Topics covered are:
(1) God’s Love: ‘God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in Him.’ (John 4:16) This first session puts forward God’s unconditional love and the ongoing personal invitation to a relationship with Him. God is love and offers us the fullness of life and holiness.

(2) Salvation: Because of humanity’s fall, God needed to save us from sin, death and the evil one. God sent Jesus, His Son, to give us new life. Jesus reveals the Father’s love for us. Through His life, death and resurrection Jesus is Shepherd, Healer, Lord and Savior.

(3) The New Life: The Father offers new life to all. Jesus came into the world to bring life. Jesus surrendered to the Spirit during His baptism in the Jordan, and gives the Holy Spirit, as the source of this new life for His disciples.

(4) Receiving God’s Gift: As we turn toward God and surrender our lives the Holy Spirit fills us with new life.

(5) Baptism in the Holy Spirit: We are each members of the Body of Christ, called to serve the Church in many ways, the Holy Spirit empowers us with charisms or gifts to carry out our role. The fruit (Galatians 5:16-26) of the Spirit will be evident in our life in new and very specific ways.

(6) Growth in the Spirit: In the parable of the sower we learn how the seed grows differently according to the type of ground it falls on. In this seminar we are taught how to cultivate the seed so as to grow in holiness and give effective service in the church. ‘I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty...’ (John 15:5)

(7) Transformation in Christ: We have several tools to help us grow in the life in the spirit, to grow in intimacy with God—prayer, Scripture, study, community, the sacraments and service.

For nearly fifty years the Life in the Spirit Seminars have been a presented to thousands upon thousands of people all over the world. These are words from people who participated in a previous Life in the Spirit Seminar.

“I learned that the same Holy spirit that was so active in the early Church is still at work renewing lives now.”

“I’ve come to realize that “living in the power of the Holy spirit” is normal Catholic life!”

“My faith was stagnant. Now I feel like I am on a journey and the Mass, the Eucharist and bible have come alive for me.”
**Monday, September 11th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo (doors open 10:30am): 12:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
- 9/11 Service: 6:00PM Woodbridge Town Hall
- Holy Name Bazaar Mtg.: 7:00PM Fr. Milos Hall
- Columbiette Meeting: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Tuesday, September 12th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Adult Choir Rehearsal: 6:30PM Church
- Kitchen: J. Ballance, B. Walliser

**Wednesday, September 13th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

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- Eucharistic Adoration: 6:00PM Chapel
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**Friday, September 15th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Rosary Prayed: 9:30AM Bible School Garden
- L.S.S. Set-Up: 6:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Saturday, September 16th**
- LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: 8:00AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Confessions: 3:15PM Church

**Sunday, September 17th**
- LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: 8:00AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Columbiette Atlantic City Trip: 10:30AM Sycamore Center

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**COUNTING TEAMS**

**Monday, September 11th**
- Bingo Team #2: Captain R. Sorbanelli
  - Caller: R. Simeone
  - Kitchen: J. Ballance, B. Walliser

**Friday, September 15th**
- Bingo Team #3: Captain C. Volk
  - Caller: M. Moricz
  - Kitchen Team: B. Silvaney, A. Rabago

**Sunday, September 17th, 2017**
- Cost: $35.00

**Return Package $30.00!!**
- Bus leaves the Sycamore Senior Center at 11:00AM
- Returns approximately 9:00PM
- Sandwiches, Snacks and Games for ALL
- Money Due Sunday, September 10, 2017
- Please contact: Eileen McKenzie
  - 732-636-0619 or 732-261-2142

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!**

Our Deacons have resumed their “Pasta Dinners”
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!

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

Offertory for September 3, 2017 $ 5,461.00

**Next weekend, September 16th & 17th** there will be a

**SPECIAL COLLECTION for the VICTIMS of HURRICANE HARVEY.**

**PLEASE** be as generous as your means allows.

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.”

- Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

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**COLUMBIETTES**

**ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP TO**

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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.)

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**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 Albs are available.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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**ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM**

**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, Lafayette Estates #25

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

**BUS DRIVER**

Part Time Bus Driver—2 to 3 hours a day. Must be 21 years of age or older. Will train and pay for licensing.

**Before Care Help**—We need 2 adults to work from approximately 7:00AM to about 9:00AM helping children with breakfast, games, and getting them off to school and on the appropriate buses.

All inquiries to Frank Cacace, Director
Study Hall Office: 743-634-6800 Cell: 732-754-8401

**SHOP AT AMAZON - SUPPORT THE ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL**

Do you shop on Amazon? Why not consider designating St. Anthony of Padua Church as your charity on Amazon Smile, and use it instead of the regular Amazon site. Just go to [http://smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in using your personal Amazon account number 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.
HOOLYWOOD NIGHT CRUISERS
CUSTOM & CLASSIC CRUISE NIGHT
Sponsored by the Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2017
5:00—9:00pm

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

MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER
1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
908-753-2091  *  msmhope@msmhope.org
Registration Required

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE
What is the Biblical response to the difficult people in our lives? Learn spiritual practices helpful in more challenging relationships

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017    7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
FEE: $20-30 As You Are Able

 Missing content

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER
Thursday—October 5, 2017
4:30PM—7:00PM
Serving 4:30pm until 6:30pm
Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria
One Tingley Lane, Edison

BGA STARS
David Santos    Sadie Ally
David was born with congenital heart problems. Not yet 1 year old and has had 2 open heart surgeries.
ADULTS—$10.00    STUDENTS—$7.00
CHILDREN (under 12) - $4.00
For tickets call: 732-549-1108 ext. 648 or pick up their flyer from our narthex information desk.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ALUMNI DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2017
Alumni Mass 5:30pm       Dinner Dance 6:30pm  Keating Gym
Honorees
Nancy Bader Drumm  ’73   Deacon Peter Barcellona  ’75
For more information contact Bob Golden  Class of  ’77 by email at robertgolden@topproducer.com or by phone at 732-596-2115

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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!

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.
Fire Upon the Earth: a ‘New Evangelization’ Course

Beginning in October the Diocese of Metuchen will be offering a nine month course to form people for the mission of evangelization in two locales—the St. John Neumann Center in Piscataway and St. Joseph Church, Washington. The classes will take place one Saturday per month from 9:00am—12:00pm. This course is a basic introduction to the ‘New Evangelization’ spoken of so often by our popes in recent years. The classes teach the fundamentals of evangelization as well as assist the participants to become evangelizers. An evangelistic retreat is incorporated into the content as well as different methods and practical tools available for use in the mission of evangelization.

Fire Upon the Earth is open to anyone who wants to understand what evangelization is and can commit to a 3-hour class once a month from September/October through May/June. In particular, parish evangelization team members, catechists, adult faith formation leaders, parish council members, priests, deacons and all those interested in fulfilling their baptismal call to spread the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the earth are invited to participate.

Registration is required. For more information go to: www.diometuchen.org/evangelization or contact the Office of Evangelization at 732-562-2469 or at evangelization@diometuchen.org.

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 to get started.

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: DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com

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.

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.)

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.
**Foster a Child! Become a Treatment Home Parent with Catholic Charities Diocese Of Metu**

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!

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**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.njcathconfm.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.ncccenter.org by clicking on “publications.”

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**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.

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**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.