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

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ

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

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM

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
CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

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Bulletin bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
Study Hall studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2017
A Prayer for Recovery After Disaster

God our Father, in the wake of disaster, visit our places of desolation with your consolation.

Bring strength to the weary and courage to those who feel overwhelmed.

We believe that you hold our concerns in your Fatherly care, and that you entrust us to one another as sisters and brothers.

Mobilize your people near and far to feed the hungry, shelter the displaced, and protect those in deepest poverty.

As we rebuild what is ruined, may we recover tighter as a stronger community.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20e-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

**Monday:** Ezekiel 1:1-6
Psalms 126:1b-6
Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Psalms 122:1-5
Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Jr 31:10-12ab, 13
Ps 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

**Friday:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-5

**Saturday:** Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Jr 31:10-12ab, 13
Ps 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

**Next Sunday:** Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Mass Intentions

*at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site*

**Tuesday, September 26th**
7:30AM Patricia Williams
req. by Eileen Finnegan

**Wednesday, September 27th**
7:30AM In Thanksgiving
req. by Father William Smith

**Thursday, September 28th**
7:00PM Frank Margiotto
req. by his brother, Ernie & Roseann

**Saturday, September 30th**
4:00PM Charles Botwin (Birthday)
req. by Connie & Laura

**Sunday, October 1st**
8:00AM Donald Hahn (64th Wedding Anniversary)
req. by his wife, Dee

9:30AM Genevieve Antonelli
req. by Al & Rose Leone

11:30AM People of the Parish Family

*at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site*

**Monday, September 25th**
8:00AM Frances Centino
req. by Frank & Amy Paultz

**Friday, September 29th**
8:00AM Joseph Pattay
req. by Violet Pattay

**Saturday, September 30th**
8:00AM Laszlo Gyuresko
req. by Steven & Kathy Grof

5:30PM Feliza Perlas
req. by Joey & Beth Perlas

**Sunday, October 1st**
9:30AM Lucille Ann Barsi
req. by her good friend, Josephine Yacovino

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for September 24, 2017

Közel az Úr azokhoz, akik oltalmát kérik.
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

...an HOUR WITH JESUS

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

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**FAITH FORMATION**

Sacramental Formation Program

Tuesday, September 26th
Communion Parent Meetings
Level 1 (First Reconciliation) 7:00PM
Level 2 (First Eucharist) 8:00PM

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**G.I.F.T. 2017—2018**

Monday, October 2nd & Wednesday, October 4th

Attention Catechists ... Virtus Training
If you have not attended a Virtus Training session or perhaps you feel its time for a “refresher” please go to the Diocese of Metuchen’s website at www.diometuchen.org and click on to register.

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**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 as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated every year on October 7th. The month of October has been dedicated to the Rosary. Beginning Sunday, October 8th following the 9:30am Mass, we would like to recite an International Rosary.

We are inviting those who wish to lead a decade of the rosary in their native (or chosen) language. In order to plan accordingly, we are asking those who would like to participate to please fill out the form available on the desk at the entrance of church or call Betsy at 732-636-2741. Please leave a message and good time to call back.

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**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi—October 1st

St. Francis loved animals.
We love our pets.

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and the love of our pets, there will be a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 1st following the 9:30AM Masses at both worship sites, St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

All are welcome to bring their pets!

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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.

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**FOOD DRIVE MINISTRY**

Our next Food Drive is the weekend of October 7th & 8th

Staff: V. Lagamarsino
Delivery: H. Sullivan (Oct. 10th)
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

94th Birthday Blessings in Heaven to my Mom & Dad,
Olga & Anthony Daniele
req. by Phyllis Masarik & family

May God Bestow His Healing Grace upon my sister,
Maryann Marrone
req. by Nora & brother-in-law, Frank

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

In Loving Memory on your 7th Anniversary in Heaven,
Paul Hickman
req. by wife, Janet & daughter, Kim

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

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.

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.

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

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Flowers
Flowers
this weekend at
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
In Loving Memory of the
Baduske & Szlinske Families
requested by Janet & family

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.

ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS
are invited and encouraged to share
Coffee & Conversation
on the first Sunday of the month,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st
In Father Milos Hall after the
8:00AM and 9:30AM Mass
Come share your vacation stories....
Come meet your neighbor....
Come join in fellowship....
Come—be a part of the...
Dear Parishioner,

We thank you for your wonderful donation of backpacks and school supplies, which already have been gratefully received by the families of our food pantry. Your generosity supports our efforts to do God’s work in our parish community and the larger community of the Township of Woodbridge. It is said that God loves a giving heart. I am certain that you will be blessed many times over for your generosity and kindness.

Sincerely,
Sr. Marie Pierson, RSM
Social Concerns Ministry
Peggy Foley
Social Concerns Pastoral Assistant

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Dear St. Anthony of Padua Community,

Please accept our sincere thanks for the recent donations of backpacks and school supplies for the children of the Perth Amboy Food Pantry.

We thank you for your kind heart and giving spirit.

May God bring you and your families many blessings!

Sincerely,
Mayra Clifford
S.V.d. P. Society
Metuchen Diocese

October—The Month of Our Lady of the Rosary

In honor of Our Lady during the month of October why not consider hosting the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home?

If you would like to honor the pilgrim statue in your home, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. You will be notified as to when you will host the Statue.

Let Our Lady’s Prayers help us all in our spiritual journey!!

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I would like to honor the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in my home.
Name: ____________________
Address: __________________
Phone #: __________________

All requests will be processed as they are received.

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OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Received: ______________
Date Assigned: ______________

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
QUEEN FOR A DAY AUCTION!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017
Doors open 1:30pm
First ticket called at 3:30pm

Tickets are $12.00 and will go on sale at the parish office Monday, October 2nd

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH
will participate in Boscov’s annual community fundraiser for local non-profits.

A DAY TO ENJOY…. Great shopping, super savings, refreshments, door prizes and much more!

FOR A $5.00 DONATION YOU WILL RECEIVE…..

• 25% OFF Discount Shopping Pass
• Entertainment
• Refreshments
• A chance to win Fabulous Door Prizes

All proceeds from shopping passes will benefit St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Please stop by or call the parish office 732-634-1403 to purchase a shopping pass. Shopping Passes will also be available after Mass the weekend of Sept. 30th / Oct. 1st.

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.
**COUNTING TEAMS**

**MONDAY, September 25th**
Team #1  P. & R. Sierminski

**MONDAY, October 1st**
Team #2  C. Botwin, Wm. Neveil

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**CELEBRATE FALL**

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

**MONDAY, September 25th**
Bingo Team #4  Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – M. Oddo
Kitchen - J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

**FRIDAY, September 29th**
Bingo Team #1  Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – J. Nelen
Kitchen - J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

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**CELEBRATE FALL**

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

**Friday, September 29th**
Holy Family Prayer Group  8:00 PM  Church Basement

**Saturday, September 30th**
Confessions  4:45 PM  Church

**Sunday, October 1st**
“Blessing of Animals” after 9:30 AM Mass

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**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES**

**Wednesday, October 4th**
7:00 PM  Early Bird Tours  6:15 pm.
Union Catholic High School
1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains
Contact: Ms. Thornton  908-889-1600 x 302 or bthornton@unioncatholic.org

**Sunday, October 15th**
1:00—4:00 pm
Bishop George Ahr High School
One Tingley Lane, Edison
732-549-1108 x 620 or visit their web at www.bgahs.org
Applications for the placement test on November 4th, 2017 are available that evening through their Guidance Office.

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**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**
2:00 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 12:45PM)

**$400.00 JACKPOT**
Door-prizes & more!!!
Free coffee & tea

Don’t forget to bring a friend!!!!!

St. Anthony of Padua Church
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ 07064
732-634-1403  www.saintanthonypadua.org

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

Offertory for September 17, 2017  $5,676.00
Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund  $3,526.00

“So the last will be first and the first last” - Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.
**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

**Homebound Ministers** 09/30/17—10/01/17

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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 Child-care 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

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**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!**

Please join us for a **free**
Pasta Dinner at
The Deacons’ Table!

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

Meals are offered every Wednesday 4:00-5:30PM!!!
Please join us and bring your family and friends!
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
PRESENTS:

QUEEN FOR A DAY
TRICKY TRAY AUCTION

Sunday November 19th, 2017     Father Milos Hall
Doors Open 1:30pm        Calling Starts 3:30pm
Tickets are $12.00
(ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)
PRIZES INCLUDE:
$1500.00 Vacation Voucher, Walt Disney Hopper Passes,
One Night Stay Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Gym Memberships,
2 Person Swing, Extra Large Smoker, TV, Designer Purses,
Appliances, Sports Memorabilia, Gift Certificates,
and Much, Much More!
Pizza, Hot Dogs, Snacks, Drinks (Available For Purchase)

Tickets will be on sale October 2nd in the parish office.
436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading, NJ
Phone - 732-634-1403
In Our Neighborhood & Diocese

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF
The eight (8) week sessions will start on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process is welcome.

PLACE: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
DATE: Wednesday, September 27, 2017
TIME: 7:00P.M.
CONTACT: Jessie Flynn 732-895-2563 or Jo Flanigan 732-548-0100 x225

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER
Thursday—October 5, 20167
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.

4 year old with a Wilms tumor She continues to undergo treatments.

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.

Knights of Columbus—Middlesex Council #857 proudly presents the 2017 Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 7, 2017
7:00PM—12:00AM
Tickets: $35.00 per person
includes: German food, Beer, Wine, Soda, Dessert & Coffee
Entertainment by the “Cheers” Ompah Ban
Real German music—Musicians proudly wear lederhosen
Vocals are in German as well as English.

Call: Ray Bober 732-636-5058 or Ed Kuchie 732-501-4482
Or send an email to Event.info.kc857@gmail.com and an order form will be sent to you.

Senior Bible Classes
Wednesdays, 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.

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 732-562-2463 or visit http://diomentuchen.org/2017-blue-mass.

COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT
16th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement

Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call 732-562-2463 or visit http://diomentuchen.org/2017-blue-mass.

BUS IS SOLD OUT

Appearing at Monmouth University Thursday, October 26th
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
1 Minnehaha Ave
West Long Branch, NJ

Fe: $40 includes ticket & round trip transportation. Bus leaves 5:30pm from S. River St. Parking in front of Fire House.

However we are creating a WAITING LIST for those interested. If you’d like to drive down yourself or car pool you can purchase tickets by calling the University’s Box Office at 732-263-6889.

For further information call CAROL 732-969-1565.
In Our Neighborhood & Diocese

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.

Diocese of Metuchen—Youth & Young Adult Office Invites Young Adults from Age 18 to 39 for a YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 (except May 13, 2018).

For more information, contact Mary Ann Giannone at: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

*Please note individuals will be responsible for their own meal at a local restaurant.

You’re Invited

2017 Champions of 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.

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“The 16th Annual CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE.”
Saturday, October 14, 2017 8:30 am — 3:30 pm.
sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Newark

St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway

Registration: $25.00. Fee includes lunch and handouts.

Expert speakers will address a variety of life issues including: “Abortion and the Art of Communicating Truth,” “Evangelization and Building a Culture of Life,” “Breathing Underwater – A Caregiver’s Journey of Hope” and “Organ Donation – The Gift of Life in the Midst of Sorrow”.

The speakers will give practical information as well as thought-provoking testimony of real life experiences. The Conference will also feature exhibits of products and services which pertain to some of these issues.

To register please visit http://diometuchen.org/critical-life or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543. Seating is limited.
Foster a Child! Become a Treatment Home Parent with Catholic Charities Diocese Of Metuchen.

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

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

NJ CATHOLIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE FORM

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) Advance Directives for Health Care forms are available by contacting the Respect Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543. An English of Spanish copy can also be downloaded from the NJCC website:

http://www.njcathcomf.com/content/respect_life_living_will.php

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

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Metuchen
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.

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

LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017    2:00 PM—3:30 PM

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Nearest Locations:          Contact:
New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy          Fr. Gordon
732-442-0512
855 Washington Rd. (at High School) Janice O’Brien
732-727-1879
For more information contact the Office of Respect for Life Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629 amarshall@diometuchen.org or www.diometuchen.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