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
Liturgical 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 of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday, October 9th 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

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 8, 2017
If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated you have the right to present the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ during that particular celebration of Mass. If you would like to fulfill this responsibility, please inform one of the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) before Mass. If you don’t inform the Ministers of Hospitality, they will ask another person to fulfill that responsibility. Thank you for helping the Ministers of Hospitality in this matter.

**LET US SHARE THE JOURNEY**

**A Prayer for the Global Migration Campaign**

Adonai, Lord and Master,
Many are the journeys your people have taken:
Abraham’s journey led from fear to understanding;
Moses’ journey led from bondage to liberty;
the disciples’ journey led from death to new life.

Even today, your people journey—
immigrants and refugees, pilgrims and nomads,
searching for hope,
searching for opportunity,
searching for peace,
searching for you.

Lord, I know that I too am called to journey.
Yet too many times, I have heard your call,
and my feet have remained unmoved.

Continue to call me
Beyond my comfort and into encounter.
And when I meet a companion on the road,
May we find you in each other’s embrace.
Let us share the journey.

Amen.

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**Mass Intentions**

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

**Tuesday, October 10th**
7:30AM Holy Souls In Purgatory
  req. by a friend

**Wednesday, October 11th**
7:30AM Salvatore Covino
  req. by Patsy & Nina Dilauro

**Thursday, October 12th**
7:00PM Mary & Joseph Bodnar
  req. by their children

**Saturday, October 14th**
4:00PM Michael T. Guden (Birthday)
  req. by The Bamber Family

**Sunday, October 15th** 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the Parish Family
9:30AM Michael Larkin
  req. by his mom, Mary & family
11:30AM James DeSpirito (Birthday)
  req. by his loving wife, Marge

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

**Monday, October 9th**
8:00AM Mary & Louis Szuhay
  St. Denis & Companions;  St. John Leonardi
  req. by their family

**Friday, October 13th**
8:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving request for Gail Maines
  St. John XXIII
  req. by a friend

**Saturday, October 14th**
8:00AM Natacha Sadhoo [Living Intention: Birthday]
  St. Callistus
  req. James & Maguy Sadhoo
5:30PM Ferencz Markus
  req. by Maria Herczeg & family

**Sunday, October 15th** 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:30AM Lucille Barsi
  req. by Barbara White

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for October 8, 2017
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isten kedves szőlője az ő választott népe.

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**This Week’s Scripture Readings**

**Sunday:**
  Isaiah 5:1-7
  Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20
  Philippians 4:6-9
  Matthew 21:33-43

**Monday:**
  Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11
  Jonah 2:3-5, 8
  Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday:**
  Jonah 3:1-10
  Psalms 130:1b-4ab, 7-8
  Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday:**
  Jonah 4:1-11
  Psalms 86:3-6, 9-10
  Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday:**
  Malachi 3:13-20b
  Psalms 1:1-4, 6
  Luke 11:5-13

**Friday:**
  Psalms 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16
  Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday:**
  Joel 4:12-21
  Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

**Sunday:**
  Isaiah 25:6-10a
  Psalms 23:1-6
  Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
  Matthew 22:1-14
GOD’S LITTLE HELPERS

God’s Little Helpers…

St. Anthony’s Pre-school Program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds (potty trained, of course). We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. There is NO FEE! 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.

ATENTION CATECHISTS

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.

In Honor of Mary during the Month of the Rosary the Rosary will be prayed on Friday, October 13th at 9:30AM at the Bible School Garden. All are Welcome to pray with us.

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!

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.
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 on the 29th Anniversary of your birth, Jeffrey A. Bamber  
req. by Mom

In Loving Memory of Jeffrey A. Bamber  
req. by James, Andrea & Andy

In Loving Memory of our Uncle Moochie,  
req. by Max & Kaela

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

In Loving Memory of our dear parents, Maria & Carmen  
req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**
In Loving Memory of Danielle (D’Orsi) & Brian Caynor  
req. by Richie & Adrienne

In Loving Memory of Maureen Kaehler-Bellasalmo  
req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia


Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal prayer for June, 2017....

Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

**Altar Flowers**
The flowers this weekend at St. Anthony Worship Site are...

**In Loving Memory on your 29th Birthday,**  
Jeffrey A. Bamber  
Love, Mom

**THE BLESSED MOTHER**
In Loving Memory on your birthday, Jeff  
Love, James, Andrea & Andy

**MARY, COMFORT OF THE TROUBLED**
In Loving Memory of my Godfather,  
Uncle Moochie,  
Love, Kaela

**In Loving Memory on your birthday,**  
Uncle Moochie  
Love, Max

**Altar Flowers**
The flowers this weekend at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site are...

In Loving Memory of George Silvaney  
Celebrating his 100th Birthday in Heaven  
at the request of his daughter,  
Georgette Kalisch.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

| Oct. 9 | Rev. A. Gregory Uhrig  
| Rev. Louis Stingel |
| Oct. 10 | Rev. Henry Hemmerling  
| Rev. Alphonsus Kariuki |
| Oct. 11 | Rev. Michael Krull  
| Rev. Stanley Gromadzki |
| Oct. 12 | Rev. Kevin Kelly CO  
| Rev. John Hillier |
| Oct. 13 | Msgr. Robert Zamorski  
| Rev. John Gloss |
| Oct. 14 | Rev. Richard Rusk  
| Rev. Michael Saharic |
| Oct. 15 | Rev. Peter Tran  
| Rev. Sabinus Iwuchukwu SDV |
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 8:00 PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. Each First Friday they welcome you to join them in the celebration of Mass at 8:00 PM. Blessing for those celebrating the month of their birth after Mass. (Rosary recited 7:30 PM.)

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, are needed for our auction. Please consider donating them.

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

SERVICE HOURS
HUNGER CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

The Hunger CROP Walk is community-based and interfaith. CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the US. The 2017 Woodbridge Hunger CROP Walk will begin and end at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading Ave., Port Reading. Registration will be at 1:00pm with Opening Ceremonies planned for 1:15pm.

For more information, Please contact the St. Anthony Parish Office or visit the CROP Hunger Walk website at www.crophungerwalk.org.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
PARISH OFFICE & STUDY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th in observance of Columbus Day!
Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

“‘The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone…”’
- Matthew 21:42

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

COUNTING TEAMS

SUNDAY, October 8th
Team #3  N. Ackerman, C. Ellis

MONDAY, October 16th
Team #4  L. Casey, A. Cunningham, A. Fowler, P. Russo

The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, October 9th
CLOTHING DRIVE BEGINS
Bingo (doors open 10:30am) 12:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
Columbiettes’ Meeting 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Tuesday, October 10th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Children’s Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM Church
Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church
AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday October 11th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

Thursday, October 12th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Eucharistic Adoration 2:00PM Chapel
Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM Chapel
Confessions 6:30PM Church
AA 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, October 13th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Rosary Prayed 9:30AM VBS Garden
Bingo (doors open 6:00pm) 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Saturday, October 14th
Baptism 1:00PM Church
Confessions 3:15PM Church

Sunday, October 15th
Mass/Rite of Commitment (Confirmation Level 1) followed by Rosary 9:30AM Church
God’s Little Helpers 9:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Holy Name Atlantic City Trip 10:30AM Sycamore Center
INTERFAITH CROP WALK 1:00PM

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.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Friday, October 13th
Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church Basement

Saturday, October 14th
Confessions 4:45PM Church

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.

CELEBRATE FALL at ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

BINGO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 2:00PM
(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

Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

Offertory for October 1, 2017 $ 6,800.00

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 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.*

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Homebound Ministers** 10/14/17—10/15/17

- J. Bamber
- Saturday 10/14/17 4:00PM J. Barcellona, D. Caffarelli, H. Pagliuca
- Sunday 10/15/17 8:00AM C. Miloscia, J. Pannullo, C. & E. Weiman
- 9:30AM G. Pronti, O. & R. Sandoval
- 11:30AM E. Bishop, B. Cuozzo, J. Kisielewski

**READERS**

- Saturday 10/14/17 4:00PM R. Simeone
- Sunday 10/15/17 8:00AM L. Miloscia
- 9:30AM J. McGuinness
- 11:30AM C. Smith

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**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- Saturday 10/14/17 5:30PM L. Kadash, B. Perlas
- Sunday 10/15/17 9:30AM M. Amaya, J. Dizon

**READERS**

- Saturday 10/14/17 5:30PM R. Perlas
- Sunday 10/15/17 9:30AM V. Clarke

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**ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM**

Do you have your before and after services setup?

St Anthony Study Hall meets and exceeds your childcare needs for children in grades kindergarten to 8th grade.

Pick up a flyer from the information desk in the entrance area of our narthex, go online to our parish website under childcare services for all forms and prices, call the Study Hall office line at 732-634-6800 or Frank at 732-754-8401.

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**BoScov's**

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

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 all Masses.

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**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES**

Sunday, October 15th 1:00—4:00pm
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 through their Guidance Department and can be picked up if attending the Open House.

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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!
ALL SOUL’S DAY COMMENORATION MASS

Thursday, November 2nd, is the Feast of All Souls. The Church traditionally sets this day aside to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed that they may experience the fullness of God.

The special All Souls Day Commemoration Mass will be celebrated for those buried from St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30pm and for those buried from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site on Sunday, November 12th at 9:30am Mass.

I am expanding the opportunity of those we remember in the Commemoration Mass. If a member of your family has passed away since November 2, 2016 and you would like to have your family member remembered at the commemoration Mass (even though they were buried somewhere else) please call the parish office at 732-634-1403 by Wednesday, October 25th.

In conjunction with the celebration for All Soul’s Day memorial posters are available for you to put pictures or remembrances that are placed in the church. If you would like a memorial poster to decorate, you may pick one up at the parish office or at the table in the narthex/vestibule. The memorial poster needs to be returned to the parish office by Monday, October 30th.

I hope you can join us on the Feast of All Souls! Be assured of our continued prayers and love!

Saint Anthony of Padua 2018 MASS BOOK

ST. ANTHONY WORSHIP SITE
&
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

Mark Your Calendar!

TUESDAY
October 24th...4:00PM

On Tuesday, October 24th at 4:00PM the parish office will be open to record your Mass intentions for 2018. As a matter of fairness, we would ask that you please observe the following guidelines.

1. Each family will be limited to 3 Masses (Oct. 24th– Nov. 9th) 2 Saturday Vigil / Sunday Masses & 1 Weekday Mass.

2. Masses may be requested for living or deceased.

3. The donation for a Mass is $10.00. All checks may be made payable to St. Anthony’s Church.

4. If you are making intentions for “Mr. & Mrs.” please have first names available so celebrant can mention them by their first names.

5. If you do not have the opportunity to come on Oct. 24th, the office will continue to record Mass intentions during office hours on Wednesday, Oct. 25th.

   Monday & Wednesday  8:30am – 3:30pm
   Tuesday  9:30am – 3:30pm
   Thursday 8:30am–5:30pm; 6:30pm–9:00pm

6. On Monday, November 13th you may reserve additional Masses (1 Sat. / Sun., & 1 weekday)

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
Friday morning, October 20th 9:00AM—10:00AM
For Masses at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ONLY.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Keep up with Bishop Checchio around the Diocese
Bishop's schedule, correspondence and more can be found on our diocesan website: http://diometuchen.org/bishop/
Photos from Bishop Checchio's visits around our diocese can be found on our official social media pages Facebook, http://www.facebook.com/DioceelseyofMetuchen and Twitter, https://twitter.com/diocesemetuchen and in The Catholic Spirit http://www.catholicspirit.com/. * Like us on Facebook * Follow us @diocesemetuchen on twitter
St. Anthony of Padua will sponsor its semi-annual used Clothing Drive. Our parish will receive money for every pound we collect. Our Spring Clothing Drive was very successful.

**HERE IS HOW IT WORKS...**
We will be collecting the following:

- **WEARABLE & USEABLE CLOTHING** (MEN’S WOMEN’S, CHILDRENS)
- **SHOES, BELTS, HANDBAGS**
- **LINENS (BEDDING, CURTAINS, TOWELS)**
- **STUFFED ANIMALS**

Please place all items in tightly tied plastic garbage bags (no boxes) ready for pick up.

**DROP OFF DATES:** You may drop off bags at the Parish Office (during Office Hours) or on the weekends after Mass

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 9TH – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**

All bags will be picked up at St. Anthony’s on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 9:00AM**

**WHAT HAPPENS TO THE COLLECTED CLOTHING?**
A&E Clothing Corporation has been involved in school & church fundraising since 1997 in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania & Connecticut. Organizations such as Franklin High (Somerset), Mater Dei (New Monmouth), St. Joseph Church, (West Milford) have participated. The clothing is weighed in their warehouse then sorted and shipped to Africa, Central America, South America, India and Poland.

If you need any additional information please call the parish office 732-634-1403.

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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 NOW ON SALE in the parish office and after Masses.**

436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading, NJ
Phone - 732-634-1403
“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,”
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.

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*)
St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish*
500 Rt. 22, Bridgewater, NJ
*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.

Calling all St. Francis fans and all Music lovers –
Join in prayer on
Sunday, October 15th, 2017  at 7:30 pm at
St. Joseph Parish
34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough
Enjoy the diocesan festival choir’s Taizé prayer. Not familiar with Taizé? It’s a wonderful back-and-forth chant way of praying and singing. The music reflects themes found in Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato sí: On Care For Our Common Home. Fr. Hank Hilton will be giving a brief reflection on the encyclical.
For more information contact Candace Piemonte at the Diocesan Office of Worship at 732-765-6438 or cpiemonte@diometuchen.org.

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 732596-2115

You’re Invited….
to attend a Prayer Service for the "Share the Journey" Global Migration Campaign on October 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish's Holy Trinity Church, 315 Lawrie Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.
During the Church's worldwide Week of Prayer and Action October 7-13, members of our local Church will gather with our migrant brothers and sisters and our DACA youth in prayer and solidarity. #ShareJourney
For information, e-mail mostholynamemofjesus@gmail.com or visit http://mostholynamemofjesus.org.

An Evening of Prayer, Worship and Music
with Josh Blakesley
Sunday, November 12th, 2017  5:00PM—8:00PM
For Grades 8 – 12
Immaculata High School
240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876
Come join us for a wonderful evening with Josh Blakesley which will also include Eucharistic Adoration and Mass.
Online Registration Available
More information/music can be found at joshblakesleymusic.com
For more information call or email youth.ministry@diometuchen.org – 732-243-4575

October…Month of the Holy Rosary
Pray the Rosary
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.

HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE’S BEGINNINGS

On November 19th, 2016, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be. Entitled, The Lighting of the Watch Fires, it is available for purchase for $25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE AT ST. THOMAS

"Community House at St. Thomas, in Old Bridge NJ, is a program managed by Catholic Charities and provides affordable, accessible housing for adults of very low income who have physical disabilities.

Up to 8 physically challenged adults live together as a group, functioning to their individual level of independence, and with professional case management services provided.

If you or someone you know is in need of this type of housing, please call Susan at 732-251-0022 or go to www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org for information. We look forward to hearing from you.
**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!

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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.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.”

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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.

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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.

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.

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

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