**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  
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**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

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**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  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
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**Office is CLOSED on Fridays**  
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45 PM—1:30 PM

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**28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
October 15, 2017

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CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!  
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Heavenly Father,
The beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation.

Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus’ Name.

Amen.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalms 23:1-6
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Monday: Romans 1:1-7
Psalms 98:1-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25
Psalms 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Psalms 145:10-13, 17-18

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30
Psalms 130:1b-6ab
Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8
Psalms 32:1b-2, 5, 11
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: Romans 4:13, 16-18
Psalms 105:6-9, 42-43
Luke 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
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4:00PM Kathleen Daley
req. by Irene Daley

Sunday, October 22nd
29th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00AM Richard Wyzykowski
req. by his wife, Dorothy, children & grandchildren
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Mission Statement

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua
Is a diverse Community of Faith
Formed in July 2012 by the merging of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Woodbridge (est. 1920)
with St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading (est. 1904).
We proclaim the “Good News” of Jesus Christ
And the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church.

We are committed to maintaining worship as a
Powerful experience of the presence of God through
Word, Sacrament, Music and Community.
We have a passion for Social Justice
and our duties toward all people.

We enrich the Faith of those in need through a
variety of ministries.
All are Welcome.

We strive to be a beacon of Faith, Hope and Love
while honoring God’s Presence in every person.

3rd Banns of Marriage…
Announced for the third time the intention of:
Dana Dalu & Alexander Quinones
to enter into the Covenant of Marriage
at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
Port Reading, NJ
on October 21, 2017

EUCARISTICADORATION
….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. Each Sunday following the 9:30am Mass your
invited to join us recite an International Rosary.
We are inviting those who wish to lead a decade of the
rosary in their native (or chosen) language. If interested or
have questions please call Betsy at 732-636-2741. Please
leave a message and good time to call back.

FAITH FORMATION
Sacramental Formation Program

Class Schedule:
Confirmation Level 1 & 2 Monday, October 16th
Communion Level 1 & 2 Wednesday, October 18th
Wednesday, October 25th

Attention Catechists

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

G.I.F.T. FAMILY MASS Saturday, October 28, 2017 4:00PM
Families A—C to Participate.

G.I.F.T. 2017—2018
Monday, November 13th &
Wednesday, November 15th

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. There is NO FEE! Registration forms are available on the desk in the nartex and the parish office. Have questions please call Jackie at the parish office 732-634-1403.

GOD’S LITTLE HELPERS

HUNGER CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017
The Hunger CROP Walk is community-based and
interfaith. CROP Hunger Walks help fight hunger and pov-
erty around the world, including the US. The 2017 Wood-
bridge Hunger CROP Walk will begin and end at St. Anthony
of Padua Church, Port Reading Ave., Port Reading. Registra-
tion will be at 1:00pm with Opening Ceremonies planned for
1:15pm.
Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site.

**TABERNACLE**
In Loving Memory of our dear parents, Maria & Carmen req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
Special Blessings for Erin & Kasey D’Amato req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne
In Loving Memory of Maureen Kaehler - Bellasalmo req. by Millie & Garry Surphen

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

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**
In Loving Memory of Santa Maria DeCibus Repka req. by Vincent & Rose Martino
In Loving Memory of Vincent Leone req. by Richie & Adrienne Simeone


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.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**
Oct. 16  Rev. Imre Juhasz
Rev. John Grimes
Oct. 17  Msgr. William Benwell
Rev. John Rozembajger
Oct. 18  Rev. Arlindo Da Silva
Msgr. Joseph Celano
Oct. 19  Rev. John Szczepanik
Rev. Jimson Varghese SDV
Oct. 20  Very Rev. Thomas Walsh
Rev. John Giordano
Oct. 21  Rev. J. Philip Vadakkekeara
Rev. Dawid Adamczak SDS
Oct. 22  Msgr. James Moran
Rev. Glen Comandini

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 pick up a flyer from the desk at the entrance fill out the bottom of this form and return it to the parish of the church 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.

October Month of Our Lady of the Rosary
FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER
In honor of Our Lady, during the month of October, flowers may be placed by the Blessed Mother (Church) and Mary, Comfort of the Troubled (Narthex) each weekend in memory of a loved one or for your special intention. The donation for the flowers is $40.00. If you would like to order flowers, please call the parish office.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**
**QUEEN FOR A DAY AUCTION!!!**
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**
**TICKETS $12.00 NOW ON SALE!!**

**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.
October 15, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, October 22nd, Pope Francis invites each of us to promote change that comes from responding to the lifesaving message of the Gospel. We have been given a tremendous gift in the fact that someone has shared their love of Jesus Christ with us. Because of our baptism and confirmation, we are set on mission; we have the mandate to share as a gift what has been given to us as gift.

This year as we celebrate the 91st World Mission Sunday, our diocesan family of Metuchen will join our sisters and brothers around the world, as we gather to celebrate our faith at the Altar of the Lord. With them, we will celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. We participate in this world wide mission through our own prayers and financial sacrifices, and through the Church’s missionary arm, The Propagation of the Faith. In this way, we continue to be faithful to the mission of Jesus in His Church.

In the words of Pope Francis, as we witness to Christ and serve the poor: “Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all humanity.”

One way that we open our hearts is to make a sacrificial offering for the work of the world wide missionary efforts of the Church. We give not so much because there is a great need, of which there is, but more importantly because we have a need to give; to be part of the mission of making Jesus known and loved throughout the world.

I am delighted with all that I have learned about how generous this diocese has been in the past to this critical dimension of our walk with the Lord. I wish to encourage you to continue to give sacrificially in next week’s collection for World Mission Sunday, so that the Joy of the Gospel may go forth to help those spiritually and physically in need, that everyone will know the personal love of the Lord Jesus.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen
ALL SOUL’S DAY
COMMEMORATION 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!

October….Month of the Holy Rosary

Call your Mother!
She hasn’t heard from you in decades!

Saint Anthony of Padua
2018 MASS BOOK

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

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

Offertory for October 8, 2017 $ 5,723.00

"Next week our second collection is the World Mission Campaign. Please be as generous as your means allows.

“My God will supply whatever you need…” - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don’t live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it’s just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**MONDAY, October 16**

Team #4  L. Casey, A. Cunningham, A. Fowler, P. Russo

**SUNDAY, October 22**

Team #5  L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli

**BINGO**

**MONDAY, October 16**

12:30PM

Bingo Team #3 Captain: R. Simeone

Caller – M. Oddo

Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner

**FRIDAY, October 20**

7:30PM

Captain – C. Volk

Caller – M. Moricz

Kitchen Team B. Silvaney, A. Rabago

**MONDAY, October 23**

12:30PM

Bingo Team #2 Captain: R. Sorbanelli

Caller – M. Oddo

Kitchen - J. Ballance, B. Walliser, D. Bortner

**FRIDAY, October 27**

7:30PM

Captain – C. Volk

Caller – M. Moricz

Kitchen Team B. Silvaney, M. Gesso

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Family Celebration 2017

ENTIRE FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, October 22, 2017 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Cathedral CYO

Main Street & Library Place, Metuchen

World Mission Sunday will be held on October 22nd with "Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus," a mile walk for children in need. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio and co-celebrated by Fr. Timothy Christy. A simple mission lunch will follow Mass.

For more info or a registration form, contact the diocesan Office of Pontifical Mission Societies, (732) 243-4583 or pontifical.mission.societies@diometuchen.org by Wednesday, October 18th.

**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 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.
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **Saturday** 10/21/17
  - 4:00PM Volunteer Needed
- **Sunday** 10/22/17
  - 8:00AM Volunteer Needed
  - 9:30AM S. LaMorte, V. LaMorte
  - 11:30AM C. Greener, E. Roche

*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** 10/21/17—10/22/17
  - D. Caffarelli
- **Saturday** 10/21/17
  - 4:00PM C. Adams, A. Fowler, V. Mudrak
- **Sunday** 10/22/17
  - 8:00AM J. & M. Balanlayos, S. Gadomski
  - 9:30AM J. Bamber, D. & M. Martino
  - 11:30AM L. Emory, M. Russo, J. Sciandra

**READERS**
- **Saturday** 10/21/17
  - 4:00PM C. Barcellona
- **Sunday** 10/22/17
  - 8:00AM T. Casey
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  - 11:30AM M. Oddo

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **Saturday** 10/21/17
  - 5:30PM C. Torres
- **Sunday** 10/22/17
  - 9:30AM Volunteer Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- **Saturday** 10/21/17
  - 5:30PM J. Dizon, G. Golden
- **Sunday** 10/22/17
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**READERS**
- **Saturday** 10/21/17
  - 5:30PM G. Miller
- **Sunday** 10/22/17
  - 9:30AM E. Bonus

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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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**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA’s ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE**

continues through Sunday, October 22nd

FALL CLEANING TIME.... TIME TO CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!!!

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**Stbosco'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.

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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!
**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 si: 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.

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**DESIGNER BAG BINGO**
Benefits St. James Catholic School

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**
St. James Catholic Church—McCorristin Hall
369 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ

Doors Open at 6:00PM—Games Begin at 7:30PM

Admission: $30.00 - Includes ....
2- two-faced bingo card for each of the 10 regular games.
Additional games will be available.

**Complimentary Coffee and Desserts**
*Bring your own food, snacks & beverages*

For tickets email—sjshsa@sj-school.org

Please note: all prizes are final and cannot be exchanged or returned for cash value. Must be 18 years of age or older for admittance. No children, No exceptions.

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**VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE**
**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL GYM**
865 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, NJ

Please join them on **Friday, November 3, 2017 at 10:00am** for their annual Veterans Day Memorial Service. You’re invited to participate in a dedication service honoring the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces.

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**ANNULMENTS**

An information session on Annulments will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Whitehouse Station on **Wednesday, November 8th, 2017** and Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Old Bridge on **Thursday, November 9th, 2017**. Both identical presentations will begin at 7:00PM.

This identical presentations are intended for those who have experienced the pain and anguish of a divorce and who wish to learn more about the Annulment process and have common myths dispelled.

Presented by The Tribunal of the Diocese of Metuchen in a confidential and sensitive atmosphere. **RSVP appreciated:** 732-529-7589 or Tribunal@diometuchen.org.

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**YOU’RE INVITED TO ATTEND…..**

**A CHARISMATIC MASS**
followed by
**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017** 7:30PM

to be celebrated at
**St. Francis Cathedral**
32 Elm Ave. & Main Street, Metuchen, NJ
Fr. William J. Smith, K.,C.H.S.
Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, Celebrant

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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 08820
732-549-1108 x 620 or visit their web at www.bgahs.org
For on-line registration visit their website.

**Sunday, October 29th, 2017**
12:00pm—3:00pm
Immaculata High School
240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, 08876
Online registration: www.immaculatahighschool.org
Click admission Process
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.

Action Alert to Support DREAM Act of 2017

The Dream Act of 2017 (S. 1615 / H.R. 3440) was recently introduced in Congress as a bipartisan effort. The bills are intended to protect immigrant youth who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home. The bills offer qualifying immigrant youth “conditional permanent resident status” and a path to full lawful permanent residency and eventual citizenship. These bills would protect numerous youth, including the over 780,000 individual who received temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility through the Department of Homeland Security’s Deferred action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

The young people S. 1615 / H.R. 3400 seeks to protect are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. As Catholics, we have long supported DREAMers as we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children.

To make your voice heard visit: https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/action-alert-support-dream-act-2017/

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

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

Join us for an evening with Dr. Robert J. Wicks

THE SIMPLE CARE OF A HOPEFUL HEART:
Enhancing Resilience, Compassion, and Personal Well Being

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7:00PM—9:00PM
in Mercy Hall (under the chapel) on the grounds of the Mount Saint Mary Complex

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can’t share what we don’t have. By discussing psychological and classical spiritual approaches to maintaining perspective and inner strength in challenging times, Dr. Wicks offers insights into how we can live in peace and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process.

Following presentation, book-signing of his latest book: Night Call: Embracing Compassion and Hope in a Troubled World Robert J. Wicks is a clinical psychologist and writer about the intersection of spirituality and psychology. Wicks is a well known speaker, therapist, and spiritual guide who has taught at universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, nursing, theology, and social work for more than thirty years. He is a Professor Emeritus at Loyola University, Maryland.

HOW DO I LIVE MY FAITH?

This 3week series will revolve around Rolheiser’s Sacred Fire book. How can I live as a mature disciple? Together we will unpack the wisdom of this book.

Monday, October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th, 2017 1:00PM—2:30PM $20—$30 As You Are Able

SURVIVING DIVORCE

The Office of Family Life is offering a half day workshop to train facilitators to run a 12 week, DVD based support program, "SURVIVING DIVORCE". It is easy. All you need is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and a willingness to help.

Saturday, November 4th, 2017 8:30AM to 1:00PM
Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane Piscataway, NJ

Cost is $35 per person (Includes breakfast and materials)

For more information and to register, please contact RO BERSCH at (908) 313-5947

"The Lord...heals the brokenhearted" (Ps. 147:3)
**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.ncbcenter.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-Diocece 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.
Please Support A3452/S2026, the NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

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

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

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

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

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

24 HOUR HOT LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

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.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement, through the diocesan website (www.diometuchen.org), or by calling Lawrence Nagle, Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, (732) 562-2413.