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
First Saturday of the Month
Devotions to the Sacred Heart
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
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Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 22, 2017
### World Mission Sunday

We Pray to You, Our Dear Lord
Help us be strong, and always turn to You when we feel lost and weak.

Help us be brave, and always give of ourselves to others in Your name.
Help us be compassionate, and always share Your love.

Help us be charitable, and always give to others less fortunate than ourselves.

Help us increase our faith, and share Your Good News with the world.

Jesus, You came and died for us so that we may have eternal life.
Help us to be Your Missionary Disciples, as we recognize the opportunities we have every day to share in Your Mission to the whole world!

Amen

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### This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Sunday:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 7-10  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
Matthew 22:15-21

**Monday:** Romans 4:20-25  
Luke 1:69-75  
Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21  
Psalms 40:7-10, 17  
Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Romans 6:12-18  
Psalms 124:1b-8  

**Thursday:** Romans 6:19-23  
Psalms 1:1-4, 6  
Luke 12:49-53

**Friday:** Romans 7:18-25a  
Psalms 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94  
Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Ephesians 2:19-22  
Psalms 19:2-5  
Luke 6:12-16

**Next Sunday:** Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

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### Mass Intentions

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

**Tuesday, October 24th**  
7:30AM Rose Gochal  
req. by daughter, Janice & Bob Muller

**Wednesday, October 25th**  
7:30AM Donny Miller  
req. by his family

**Thursday, October 26th**  
7:00PM John & Helen Cheddar  
req. by Charlie & Jean Cheddar

**Saturday, October 28th**  
4:00PM People of the Parish Family

**Sunday, October 29th**  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM Barbara Ann Krissak  
req. by her loving husband Jim & family  
9:30AM Robert Diee (3rd Anniversary)  
req. by loving wife, Barbara & family  
11:30AM Charles Ballance (15th Anniversary)  
req. by loving wife, Joan

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

**Monday, October 23rd**  
St. John of Capistrano  
8:00AM Respect for Life in all its stages

**Friday, October 27th**  
8:00AM Basil Pereira  
req. by Matilda Pereira

**Saturday, October 28th**  
St. Simon & St. Jude  
8:00AM Jaime Bernabe  
req. by The Bernabe Family  
5:30PM Robert & Helen Lanigan  
req. by Dr. & Mrs. Edward Lokiec

**Sunday, October 29th**  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30AM Ferency Markus  
req. by his loving sister, Maria Geczo & family

**Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for October 22, 2017**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Adjatok az Úrnak dicsőséget, ismerjétek el hatalmát.

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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.
GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
by Gina Loehr
Liturgical Publications Inc.

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus had a brilliant way of navigating tricky situations. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees "plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech." But he outwitted them, as usual. They wanted to catch him being a political rebel; they expected him to suggest that paying taxes to Caesar was unnecessary or even unjust. But instead, he shifted the focus. He emphasized the importance of fulfilling our civic responsibilities but also the necessity of giving to God what we owe him.

So, how do we know what we should "repay" to God? Well, Jesus' response to the Pharisees gives us our answer. He looked at the Roman coin that bore the image of Caesar on it. Then he concluded that the coin belonged to Caesar because it was made in his likeness. Now, what bears the image of God? What is made in his likeness? We are! "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them" (Gn 1:27). If the coin belonged to Caesar, we belong to God. We repay God by giving him ourselves!

This self-giving is what the Second Vatican Council called "the obedience of faith." Through this spiritual obedience, we freely commit ourselves to God, "offering the full submission of intellect and will to God" (Dei Verbum #5). Jesus is calling us today to use our will to choose to follow God. Indeed, the one thing we can give God in return for the gift of life is our will. He gave us the freedom to love him or not. And while the choice is always ours, today Jesus encourages us to make the right decision by giving God what is really his: ourselves!
HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you to join them at their Prayer meeting each Friday at 8:00PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. Each First Friday they welcome you to join them in the celebration of Mass at 8:00PM. Blessing for those celebrating the month of their birth after Mass. (Rosary recited 7:30PM.)

VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

TABERNACLE

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

In Loving Memory of Danielle (D’Orsi) Caynor as she Celebrates her 7th year in Heaven (Oct. 26th)
req. by Richie & Adrienne

In Loving Memory of Catherine Yarmack
req. by The Port Reading / Sewaren Seniors

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In Loving Memory of Attila Modeszto
req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In Loving Memory of Vincent Leone
req. by Alfred & Pat Russo

In Loving Memory of Louis Masters
req. by Bob & Diane Aversa


Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend at St. Anthony Worship Site are...

In Loving Memory of Maria Vieira
With Love from her daughters

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal prayer for October, 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

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October—The 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.

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.
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!

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

TICKETS are $12.00
NOW ON SALE
AFTER MASS AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE

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.

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 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)
**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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**The Week Ahead**

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**Monday, October 23rd**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Clothing Drive Pick-Up 9:00AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo (doors open 10:30am) 12:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
- Pastoral Council 7:15PM Chapel

**Tuesday, October 24th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- 2018 MASS BOOK OPENS 4:00PM Fr. Milos Hall
- Children’s Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM Church
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church
- AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Wednesday October 25th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- First Penance Class (Level 1) 6:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
- First Eucharist (Level 2) 6:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Thursday, October 26th**
- 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 27th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo (doors open 6:00pm) 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Saturday, October 28th**
- Teaching Mass (Communion 1&2) 9:30AM Church
- Confessions 3:15PM Church
- FAMILY MASS 4:00PM Church
- Rotary Spaghetti Dinner 5:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Sunday, October 29th**
- Mass followed by Rosary 9:30AM Church
- God’s Little Helpers 9:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

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**The Week Ahead**

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

**Friday, October 27th**
- Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church Basement

**Saturday, October 28th**
- Confessions 4:45PM Church

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

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

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**COUNTING TEAMS**

SUNDAY, October 22nd
Team #5  L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli

SUNDAY, October 29th
Team #6  A. & J. Pannullo

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**NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE**

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Tickets on sale at the parish office.

COST: $10.00  DRAWING: NOVEMBER 17th, 2017
(Winner need not be present)

1st Prize: 2017 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV (valued at $43,500)
2nd Prize: $1,000.00 ShopRite Gift Card
3rd Prize: $750.00 ShopRite Gift Card
4th Prize: $500.00 ShopRite Gift Card

Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state’s largest pro-life organization, whose work saves the lives of the unborn, elderly, and disabled from conception to natural death.
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday 10/28/17  
4:00PM Volunteer Needed

Sunday 10/29/17  
8:00AM Volunteer Needed  
9:30AM K. Martino  
11:30AM A. & M. Dohanyos

*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 10/28/17—10/29/17  
L. & P. Emory

Saturday 10/28/17  
4:00PM B. Barsi, M. Barsi, K. Brenner, J. Kondrk

Sunday 10/29/17  
8:00AM M. Balint, B. Lasek, C. Milosica, M. Russo  
9:30AM L. Palasits, O. & R. Sandoval, R. Sorbanelli  
11:30AM M. Amuzie, C. Coppola, R. Marney, M. Rucando

**READERS**

Saturday 10/28/17  
4:00PM R. McNamara

Sunday 10/29/17  
8:00AM L. Miloscia  
9:30AM P. Emory  
11:30AM C. Amuzie

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday 10/28/17  
5:30PM C. Torres

Sunday 10/29/17  
9:30AM Volunteer Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday 10/28/17  
5:30PM E. Bonus, L. Kadash

Sunday 10/29/17  
9:30AM M. Amaya, A. Rabago

**READERS**

Saturday 10/28/17  
5:30PM L. Quiray

Sunday 10/29/17  
9:30AM M. Pereira

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20

“Come open the door to Jesus”

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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, St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading, NJ  
Celebrant & Homilist  
Body of Christ Prayer Group  
For information call Pam @ 732-491-6042

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.

**ROTARY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE / PERTH AMBOY**

**Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday, October 28, 2017  
5:30pm—8:00pm

Proceeds to support “Rebuilding Warriors”  
And other local causes

St. Anthony’s Church  
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ

Tickets: $10.00  
For ticket info call Scott 732-661-6230

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Raffle tickets will be sold at the Spaghetti Dinner to win (4) Janet Jackson Concert Tickets  
at the Prudential Center on November 19, 2017
In Our Neighborhood & Diocese

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULES

Immaculata HIGH SCHOOL
240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, 08876

Sunday, October 29th, 2017 12:00pm—3:00pm
Online registration: www.immaculatahighschool.org
Click admission Process

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.

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.

DESIGNER BAG
Benefits St. James Catholic School
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017
St. James Catholic Church—McCrorristin 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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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.

MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER
1651 U.S. Highway 22
Watchung, NJ 07069-6587
Registration required
(908) 753-2091 * msmhope@msmhope.org

AN EXPERIENCE OF T’AI CHI CHIH: A Moving Meditation. Learn a simple, non-martial form of T’AI CHI CHIH, which is an excellent preparation for Centering Prayer.

Tuesday, Oct. 24th, EITHER 9:30-11:30AM OR 7:00-9:00PM
$20-$30 As You Are Able

SPIRITUALITEA - A Tea Party for Ladies!
Join us for a luncheon and an inspirational talk.

Sunday., Oct. 29th, 1:00—3:00PM $40-$50 As You Are Able
DISASTER RELIEF

In the wake of the recent hurricanes that devastated Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Florida, Louisiana and Texas, and the deadly earthquakes in Mexico, Bishop Checchio has asked that the diocesan-wide Disaster Relief Collection, originally intended to close September 30, be extended to support the relief and recovery efforts in the affected communities.

You may donate online at http://diometuchen.org or write a check made payable to “Diocese of Metuchen” with “Disaster Relief” in the memo line and mail to:

Disaster Relief Donation, Diocese of Metuchen
P.O. Box 191
Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191

Please give generously, as your means allow, to help our brothers and sisters who are most in need at this time. The Diocese will accept donations through Thanksgiving Day, November 23. All monies collected will be used to assist victims of these recent natural disasters, working with local Catholic relief and recovery agencies in the affected regions. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have already contributed.

Please continue to pray for all hurricane and earthquake victims, especially for the deceased and for families who have lost a loved one.

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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/

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Youth Rally & Mass for Life Washington DC
January 19, 2018

Bishop James Checchio will co-celebrate the Youth Rally & Mass for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19, 2018. The Youth Rally & Mass for Life is held at the Capital One Arena starting at approximately 6:45 AM prior to the March for Life.

Anyone wishing to attend must request tickets through the Respect Life Office 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 or ammarshall@diometuchen.org. The deadline for requests is Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

For more information on the Youth Rally & Mass please visit www.youthrallyandmassforlife.org

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 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM
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)

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Diocese of Metuchen—Youth & Young Adult Office
Invites Young Adults from Age 18 to 39 for a YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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.
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.nebcenter.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. Hopeland;
- 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.

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!
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 jeullen@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.

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.

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 established and a chronicle of its first five years. 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.

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