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

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Parish Office Hours
Monday, January 15th Office 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

www.saintanthonypadua.org
We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!

EMAIL:
Office: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Religious Education: religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Bulletin: bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
Study Hall: studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhaldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry: jaamyoutheamministry4@gmail.com

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14, 2018
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**Tuesday, January 16th**
7:30AM  Richard Wincz  
req. by Barbara Young

**Wednesday, January 17th**  
7:30AM  Anne Scotto  
req. by The Family

**Thursday, January 18th**  
7:00PM  Anthony & Lena Leone  
req. by son, Al & Rose Leone

**Saturday, January 20th**  
4:00PM  Micheline Contala [20th Anniversary]  
req. by her daughter, Michele

**Sunday, January 21th**  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM  Angelina DaPrile  
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Martino  
9:30AM  Genevieve Antonelli  
req. by daughter, Lori, grandchildren & great-grandchildren  
11:30AM  Veronica Lisco (Birthday)  
req. by best friends

**Monday, January 15th**  
8:00AM  Polly Vecchione  
req. by Maria Herczeg & family

**Friday, January 19th**  
8:00AM  Stella Riley [Living Intention–In Thanksgiving]  
req. by James & Maguy Sadhoo

**Saturday, January 20th**  
8:00AM  Faustino Lansang Sr. (Anniversary)  
req. by The Lansang Family  
5:30PM  People of the Parish Family

**Sunday, January 21th**  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30AM  Anna & Joseph Mesics  
req. by their daughters, Tootsie & Margie

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The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua

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.

Prayer Time with Father Smith for the people of the parish and the needs of the parish  
Monday, January 15, 2018  8:30AM  at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

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Our Prayer for the Week...This week as a nation we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Today’s prayer is one that he wrote.

A Prayer by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Yes, Jesus,
I want to be on your right side
or your left side,
not for any selfish reason.
I want to be on your right or your best side,
not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition,
but I just want to be there
in love and in justice and in truth
and in commitment to others,
so we can make of this old world a new world.

Amen.

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!

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes

Adrianna Auarora Mattea Orrico
Child of Chrystal (A. (Bedley) & Gerald J. Orrico, Sr.
who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on

December 30, 2017
We thank their parents for choosing life.

FAITH FORMATION

Sacramental Formation Program
Class Schedule:
Communion Level 1 & 2 Wednesday, January 17th
Wednesday, January 24th
Wednesday, January 31st
Confirmation Level 1 & 2 Monday, January 22nd

Gift Mass
Saturday, January 27th
4:00PM
Families with the last name beginning with the letters K-N are invited to participate. Please contact Holly at the parish office if you like to help out.

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 narthex and the parish office. Have questions please call Jackie at the parish office 732-634-1403.

Need a Gift Idea? Think Shop-Rite Gift Cards.
At St. Anthony’s we have an ongoing fund raiser, Shop-Rite Gift Cards. When purchasing Shop-Rite 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 next time you shop.

Lost & Found
There is a box on the shelf in the hallway by the restrooms with items that have been forgotten here at St. Anthony’s. They will be held for 30 days, after which they will be donated to a local charity.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Parish Office & Study Hall Closed Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day
Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. Jeremiah 17:14

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 Veronica “Dolly” Lisco req. by Lorraine Utitus
In Loving Memory of Rose Lewis req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia

Good Shepherd
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
In Loving Memory of Goldie Ryan req. by Josie Yacovino

Pray for our brave soldiers & their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially: an anonymous request; Matthew Ackerman, Celia Arroyo, Edward Barcellona, Noemi Arroyo, Lydia Bellino, Jessica Bunavage, William Bunavage, Marie Cacace, James Calimano, Anthony Carreira, Alexis Cavaciuti, Alice Cavaciuti, Elizabeth Clark, Rosa Claudino, Sebastian Colletti, Mario Coppola, Michael DeFilippo, Robert Del Campo, Josephine Dellaguzzo, Ed Doherty, Linda Drakoulis, Richard Emory, Veronica Evans, Mikaela Febres, The Fenyar Family, Donna Furago, Frank Grossman, Joseph M. Hale, Anna Hanley, Kim Hickman, Jake Honig, Brody Kasnowski, Chris Killmurray, Anna Kowalewski, Robert Kowalewski, Andrew Kurucz, Sr., Evelyn Lambert, Rose Lagan, Cynthia Larsen, Josie LaSpina, Kitty Lessuk, Paul Marini, Jean Martino, Richard Martino, Beverly Mayte, Dorothy McDermott, Thomas McNamara, Joseph Mikos, Tom Miller, Evaristo Morales, Mindy Nagy, Natalie “Dolly” Nardiello, Paul Naumyk, Jordy Pavey, Robert Pavey, Taylor Pavey, Joan Petro, Richard Petrowski, Laura Poland, Patsy Renaldi, Peter Reuben, Virginia Reuben, John Sabin, Michele Santamaria, Edward Savage, George Seibert, Jackson Silva, Natalia Sosnin, Joseph Strunak, Stanley Szymanik Sr., Francis Tierney, Mary Toth, Chung-Tung

Pray for our priests
Jan. 15 Rev. John Werner
Rev. John Morley
Jan. 16 Rev. Pauly Thekkkan, CMI
Rev. Thomas Ryan
Jan. 17 Msgr. Richard Lyons
Rev. Charles O’Connor
Jan. 18 Rev. Vincent Cornejo
Rev. J. Philip Vadakkekara
Jan. 19 Rev. Joseph Kubiak, OFM Cap
Rev. Roberto Da Silva, SDV
Jan. 20 Rev. Mhonchan Ezung
Rev. Jerome Johnson
Jan. 21 Rev. John O’Kane
Msgr. John Fell

A Message from the Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities
Thank you so very much!

A sincere thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the success of our 2nd Annual Diocesan Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th for children and young adults with disabilities. Whether you purchased a gift card for your Parish Giving Tree or sent a donation directly to the Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities, we wish to thank you for participating in this huge undertaking. More than 300 people participated in our festivities and some 400 enjoyed a gift for Christmas as a result of your kind charity.

You are great. We are grateful!
Father Hillier & the volunteers
Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities

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.)

All are welcome!

Bus Trip to Caesars
Sponsored by St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society

Sunday, February 11, 2018
Departure Time: 10:30AM
From the SYCAMORE SENIOR CENTER parking lot
On Old Road (just off Port Reading Avenue)
Approx. return: TBD

Tickets $26.00 per person
You’ll receive $30 in casino money on arrival!
For tickets or more information please contact:
Garry Sutphen at 732-841-4618
As we countdown to the Super Bowl, St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship sites will “Team Up Together” to “Tackle Hunger” and be a “LIGHTHOUSE FOR OTHERS” in our Community by participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl weekend February 3rd/4th.

WHAT IS THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING?
Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food around the time of the big game. These groups then give 100% of their donations to local charities. More than $110 million has been raised changing the nation’s largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring, giving and serving. St. Anthony of Padua has been participating for over 11 years. Last year we collected over 500 lbs of food and raised over $250.00. We assisted our community by donating to the Township “Have a Heart Food Drive.”

HOW CAN YOU SHINE YOUR LIGHT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE???
To kick off Super Bowl week, (January 27/28) after all Masses, youth of our parish will be handing out suggestions for food items that are most needed in our community. All you have to do is purchase the item and return it to the Football Field on Super Bowl Weekend (February 3rd/February 4th). Monetary donations will also be accepted.

CALLING ALL YOUTH...Shine Your Light....
We need you to be a part of our Super Bowl team! If you can sign up for one or more Masses (St. Anthony Mass Schedule Saturday, 4pm, Sunday, 8, 9:30, 11:30am; Mt. Carmel Saturday, 5:30pm, Sunday, 9:30am) on one of the weekends (January 27th/28th or Super Bowl weekend February 3rd/4th), please return form below or call the parish office 732-634-1403.

Let’s “Shine our Light” and “Be a Lighthouse for Others” in SUPERBOWL 52!

SPONSORED BY JUST FAITH MINISTRY
Deacon Peter Barcellona, Debbie Caffarelli, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, Pat Russo, Holly Pagliuca, Bob Sorbanelli

I/WE CAN JOIN THE SUPERBOWL 52 TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

NAME/NAMES: ________________________________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN: ____________________________________________________________

PHONE: ________________________________________________________________ EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________

WEEKEND: January 27th/28th ______ Mass Time: ____________________________

February 3rd/4th ______ Mass Time: ____________________________

St. Anthony Worship Site ______ Mt. Carmel Worship Site ______
Monday, January 15th  
Office & Study Hall Closed

MONDAY, January 15th  
Office & Study Hall Closed

PRAYER TIME/FR. SMITH  8:30AM  O.L.M.C. Church
BINGO  12:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall
(door open at 10:30AM)
Holy Name Society Meeting  7:00PM  Fr. Milos Hall

Tuesday, January 16th  
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, January 17th  
Study Hall  6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Port Reading / Sewaren Srs.  11:00AM  Sycamore Center
1st Penance—Level 1  6:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall
1st Communion—Level 2  6:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall
Knights of Columbus Mtg.  8:00PM  Fr. Milos Hall

Thursday, January 18th  
Study Hall  6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Eucharistic Adoration  2:00PM  Chapel
Chapel / Rosary  3:00PM  Chapel
Confessions  6:30PM  Church
AA  8:00PM  Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, January 19th  
Study Hall  6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Bingo  7:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall
(door open at 6:00PM)

Saturday, January 20th  
Confessions  3:15PM  Church
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MASS  4:00PM  Church

Sunday, January 21st  
God’s Little Helpers  9:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Baptism  1:00PM  Church

The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

MONDAY, January 15th  
Office & Study Hall Closed

The second collection next weekend, January 20th/21st, is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a Diocesan endowment fund which provides tuition assistance grants for students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Please be as generous as your means allow.

SUNDAY, January 14th  
Team #6 J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

MONDAY, January 22nd  
Team #1 P. & R. Sierinski

Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

Contributions for Building & Maintenance $ 2,363.00
December 24th $ 6,857.00
“ December 31st $ 4,938.00
“ January 7, 2018 $ 4,519.00
“ Together in Charity $ 1,352.00

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

The Week Ahead at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Friday, January 19th  
Rosary Prayed  9:30AM  Church
Holy Family Prayer Group  8:00PM  Church

Saturday, January 20th  
Confessions  4:45PM  Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 16th  
FREE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP
6:30PM - 8:00PM
Registration required.
Call 732-634-4450 ext. 7120

Movies @ Main: Unlikely Companions
Free films shown 2:00pm on Fridays at the Main Library
Free Popcorn

January 19th
Everybody Loves Somebody

WOODBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732—634-4450 ex:7120  WoodbridgeLibrary.org
/WoodbridgeLibrary  @WoodbridgePLNJ

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**Liturrgical Minister Schedule**

**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. Extra Albs are available.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Homebound Ministers** 01/20/18—01/21/18

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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 732-634-6800 or Frank 732-754-8401.

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**St. Anthony of Padua**  
Port Reading, NJ 07064

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017**

Please send me a listing of contributions I/we made to St. Anthony’s for 2017.

Name:__________________________________________

ADDRESS:_____________________________________

ENVELOPE #: __________________

PLEASE INDICATE:  
___ CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS  ___ BUILDING FUND  OTHER ____________________________

We do not list contributions or special collections without envelopes. If you do not use your envelopes we have no records of any donations you might have made.

This statement does not include the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. That may be obtained through the diocese by calling: 732-562-1990.

Please return this form in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!**
For an appointment, call (800) 655 available.

If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can provide individual and family therapy for children and adults through Catholic Counseling and Wellness Services. Visit www.diometuchen.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322.

**BARRON ARTS CENTER**

**MTS. ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER**

1651 U.S. Hwy. 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
908-753-2091  msmhope@msmhope.org

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer will offer the following program. Registration required

**CHARLES DE FOUCAUD: His Life, Our Inspiration**

From playboy to priest to hermit to saint, Charles de Foucauld summed up his life: “The love of God, the Love of men, that is my whole life.” Program will be presented twice on:

Tuesday, January 30, 2018  9:30—11:30AM or 7:00—9:00PM
Fee: $20—$30 As You Are Able

**COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available.

For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

**DONATE-A-CAR**

Fund from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties.

*Donations 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.

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Commencing in the new year, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Volunteer adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday during business hours to pray for the intentions of the diocese. For information or to volunteer, call Laura at 732-529-7932 or email her at the following: evangelization@diometuchen.org.

**Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards**

All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 12 Noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Bishop Coughlin will present the 2018 Pro-Vita awards at this time.

This year’s recipients are Kevin and Mary Dugan of Immaculate Conception in Somerville who are being recognized for their dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and beyond and Arlene Lippincott of St. Philip & St. James in Phillipsburg for her service to women facing unplanned pregnancies at Life Choices, Inc. in Phillipsburg.

Please plan to attend as a show of support for these pro-life champions! Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs.

Please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or visit www.diometuchen.org for more information.

**Kerygma Retreat**

Jan. 27, 9a.m. to 5p.m. and Jan. 28, 9a.m. to 1p.m. St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

The Office of Evangelization will offer Kerygma, a Catholic Bible-based retreat which gives participants and opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus through hearing and responding to His Word. Renew the gifts and graces received in Baptism and Confirmation. Meals are not included.

The cost is $25. Bring a bagged lunch on Saturday.

For details or to register, call (732) 562-02469 or visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization/courses.

**Bus Trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton**

Monday, January 22, 2018

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 – 2:30 PM.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org.

**MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER**

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**BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON**

Monday, January 22, 2018

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 – 2:30 PM.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org.
Are you suffering after an Abortion?  Help is available!
If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God’s merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel
local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.
Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org; call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075; or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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/
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 Stat 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.

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.njccatholic.org/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.”

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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For tickets, contact an IAATO member, or fill out the attached ticket application below and mail it with your check. For information, contact Marty at 732-750-9717 or visit our website at IAATO.com

APPLICATION FOR TICKET

Make checks payable to IAATO - (do not send cash) - Please PRINT CLEARLY
Mail form with payment to: M. Martino, IAATO, 1110 Route 35, Ocean, NJ 07755

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