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. SELDMAYER, 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
Thursdays: 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
Liturgies of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM
Saturday: 3:15 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35), Woodbridge, NJ

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 5:30 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM Rosary prayed in Hungarian before Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.

Daily: Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8:00 AM
First Friday of the Month Devotions to the Sacred Heart Following the 8:00 AM Mass
First Saturday of the Month Devotions to Mary following Mass
Liturgies of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM
**Mass Intentions**

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

**Tuesday, February 6th**
7:30AM Linda Bartus  
req. by Ed & Vera Lagomarsino

**Wednesday, February 7th**
7:30AM Purgatorial Mass Society

**Thursday, February 8th**
St. Jerome Emiliani;  
St. Josephine Bakhita  
7:00PM Lenin Alava  
req. by her daughter, Lenny Cedeno

**Saturday, February 10th**
St. Scholastica  
4:00PM Raymond Yurish  
req. by Paul Naumyk & family

**Sunday, February 11th**  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM People of the Parish Family  
9:30AM Mario P. Simeone  
req. by his loving wife, Tootsie & children

**Monday, February 5th**
St. Agatha  
9:30AM Kenneth Snyder  
req. by Charlie Volk

**Friday, February 9th**
8:00AM George & Anna Mikos  
req. by The Mikos Family

**Saturday, February 10th**
St. Scholastica  
8:00AM Rose Buchany-Stepko (50th Anniversary)  
req. by granddaughter, Georgette Kalisch

**Sunday, February 11th**  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30AM Mario P. Simeone  
req. by his loving wife, Tootsie & children

**Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for February 4, 2018**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Acknowledgment**

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.

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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.

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**Prayer Time with Father Smith for the people of the parish and the needs of the parish**

**Friday, February 9, 2018**  
6:00PM - 7:00PM  
**at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site**

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**This Week’s Scripture Readings**

**Sunday:**  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**Monday:**  
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13  
Psalms 132:6-7, 8-10  
Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday:**  
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30  
Psalms 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11  
Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday:**  
1 Kings 10:1-10  
Psalms 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday:**  
1 Kings 11:4-13  
Psalms 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40  
Mark 7:24-30

**Friday:**  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19  
Psalms 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15  
Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday:**  
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Psalms 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22  
Mark 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:**  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1  
Mark 1:40-45
We are beginning the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Today’s prayer is the prayer for the appeal.

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Prayer

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Eternal Father and faithful God,
By breathing the first breath of life into us
You kindled in our hearts a fire that burns within
But does not consume us.

Through Israel and her prophets
You kept that flame burning in a darkened world.

This light of your grace
Shown most clearly in Blessed Virgin Mary
And was named Jesus.

Christ’s disciples felt the fire of the Spirit
Burn passionately within them
As they encountered Him on the road to Emmaus.

To bring the Church to birth
Your Spirit breathed over Peter and the disciples
Gathered in the upper room
Stirring into a new blaze
The fuel Christ prepared in their hearts.

We thank you for that fire that has spread
Over nations and centuries
To reach us here in Metuchen.

By your help may we tend the fire of your grace
That we too may stir into flame the world around us
That has become acrid from indifference.

May the radiance of our charity give hope to our neighbors,
Our enthusiasm for the Gospel
Manifest in protection for the poor,
And the light of our faith be a guide to our youth.

Loving Father, touch our spirits to respond generously
To the mission of the Church
That spreading the encounter with Jesus,
We renew that face of the earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish Family of
St. Anthony of Padua welcomes

Lillianna Grace Giannini
Child of Emily Ziskoski & Matthew Giannini

who received the Sacrament of Baptism,
a sacrament of promise and welcome on

January 21st, 2018

We thank their parents for choosing life.

FAITH FORMATION

G.I.F.T. 2017—2018

6:00PM

Monday, February 5th & Wednesday, February 7th

MENU

Pasta with Meatballs, Salad & Dessert

GIFT MASS

Saturday, February 24th
4:00PM

Families with the last name beginning with the letters O-R are invited to participate. Please contact Holly at the parish office if you like to help out.

Sacramental
Formation
Program

All Students in Sacramental Formation are required to obtain a bulletin, have it signed by the celebrant or deacon after Mass each weekend and submit it to their next Sacramental Formation class. Be sure their name is on it.

Class Schedule:
Communion Level 1 & 2 Wednesday, February 21st
Wednesday, February 28th

Reminder: PLEASE help your child learn their prayers.

Confirmation Level 1 & 2 Monday, February 12th

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!

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?

Call the parish office for details or speak to Father Smith after Mass.

PALMS NEEDED: In preparation for Ash Wednesday (February 14th) we ask that you bring in any old palms you might have at home. There is a basket in the narthex for you to place the palms or you may bring them to the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your cooperation.
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 Jeffrey A. Bamber
on your 10th Anniversary with our Lord
Love, Mom, James, Andrea, Andy, Max & Kaela

In Loving Memory of Antoinette & Alfred Barbato
req. by loving daughter, Patricia & Marty Martino

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

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

In Loving Memory of Frances Hinds
req. by Phyllis Masarek

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO
In Loving Memory of Adele Fineberg
req. by Claudia Trotto

In Loving Memory of William Gallagher
req. by Phyllis & Kevin Masarik

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

ALTAR
In Loving Memory of Mario P. Simeone
req. by his loving wife, Tootsie & family


REST IN PEACE
Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

Entered Eternal Life
Charles Schimpf—December 9, 2017
Paul Stutzman—December 10, 2017
Anthony Buonomo—December 22, 2017
Richard Bodnaro—January 14, 2018

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:
During the month of February, please remember those parishioners who died a year ago:

Anniversary of Death
Mary (Nagy) Krushenski—February 10th
Kenneth Snow—February 14th

MISSION MASS
The souls of: Requested by:....
Rosemary Rutkowski Al & Pat Russo
Lena Russo Ethel Osag
Lena Russo Arlene Pedersen & Karen Brenner
Jerry Commissio Amanda Muldowney
Frank Santino Frank & Amy Paulitz
Henry Reckfort Herb & Bette Sullivan

A Mass will be offered in private.

PURGATORIAL MASS SOCIETY
The souls of: Requested by:....
Charles Schimpf St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Paul J. Stutzman St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Lillian Zamichieli Peggie & Carmen Margiottto
Anthony J. Buonomo St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Pauline Petto Phyllis & Kevin Masarik
Mrs. Kim Ann Sancilardi Anthony & Cheryl D’Orsi
Laura Smith Mr. & Mrs. Anthony R. D’Orsi
Stephanie Roberts Barbara McCauley
Stephanie Roberts The History Department of
Laura Smith Colonia High School
Thomas H. Devane John & Sharon Cuzzo
Laura Smith Virginia Resetar
Richard Bodnar Fr. William J. Smith
Scott Miller Crowl Carmen & Peggy Margiottto
Genevieve Cyrana The Fiego Family
Danielle Cirolo Barbara McCauley & Dorothy Ponte
Richard Bodnar Lori Matos
Rita Grzybowski St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Stephen Vitone St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family

They have been enrolled into the St. Anthony’s Perpetual Mass Society. They will be remembered in a special Mass during the first week of the month alternating between our two worship sites. (Odd months on the First Saturday at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; even months on the First Wednesday at 7:30AM at St. Anthony of Padua) and remembered daily at the Altar in the Eucharistic Prayer.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISHIONERS
If you know of any parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site that are sick, homebound, in a Nursing Home or hospitalized, please contact Kathy “Tootsie” Simeone at 732-634-9285.
Gospel Meditation  

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there’s the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don’t we need to relax?

We’re all busy. But just imagine Jesus’ situation in today’s Gospel. He heals Peter’s mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find “those who were with him pursued him.” How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. “He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.” Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today’s Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a “prayer chair” in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence. However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn’t linger overlong in the deserted place of make an excuse for why he can’t return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal Intention for February, 2018: Say “No” to Corruption.

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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       | Rev. Joseph Desmond |
| Feb. 6 | Rev. Sean Broderick, CSSp  
       | Rev. Zenon Bochnak |
| Feb. 7 | Rev. Kenneth Brighenti  
       | Rev. Lauro Sedlmayer |
| Feb. 8 | Rev. Jeffrey Calia, CO  
       | Rev. Louis Mattina |
| Feb. 9 | Rev. Abraham Orapankal  
       | Rev. Joseph Murphy |
| Feb. 10 | Rev. Roberto Coruna  
        | Rev. Michael Driscoll |
| Feb. 11 | Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
       | Bishop of Metuchen Diocese |

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you 18 years or older?

You did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

Call the parish office for more information or speak to Father Smith after Mass.

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!

St. Anthony of Padua

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017

Request Forms are available on the information desk at the entrance of both worship sites and at the parish office.

For a statement for your contributions to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal please call the diocese at 732-562-1990.

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.
The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

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St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society

**BUS TRIP TO**

**CAESARS**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

For those lucky enough to have a ticket remember the bus will depart at **10:30AM** from the Sycamore Center parking lot on Old Road (just off Port Reading Ave.)

For information contact: Garry Sutphen at 732-841-4618

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

**Contributions for January 28, 2018**

- **Maintenance Fund**: $2,099.00
- **$5,402.00**

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed…He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”

- Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

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**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, February 4th**

Team #3 N. Ackerman, C. Ellis, R. Kierstead

**MONDAY, February 12th**

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

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**MONDAY, February 5th 12:00 Noon**

- **Team #1**: Captain R. Sorbanelli
- **Caller**: J. Nelen
- **Kitchen**: J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, February 9th 7:30 PM**

- **Captain**: C. Volk
- **Caller**: M. Moricz
- **Kitchen Team**: M. Gesso

**MONDAY, February 12th 12:00 Noon**

- **Team #2**: Captain R. Sorbanelli
- **Caller**: R. Simeone
- **Kitchen**: J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, February 16th 7:30 PM**

- **Captain**: C. Volk
- **Caller**: M. Moricz
- **Kitchen Team**: A. Rabago

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**SOLD OUT!**

**KICK OFF YOUR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!**

**at St. Anthony of Padua BINGO**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

**GAME TIME**: 2:00PM

**DOORS OPEN** TAILGATING BEGINS 12:45PM

**…BE A SUPER FAN & WEAR A TEAM SHIRT**

**…Don’t PASS up the chance for a $500.00 JACKPOT**

**…You will score with FREE COFFEE & TEA**

**…BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY**
**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** 02/10/18—02/11/18

J. Kisielewski

**Saturday 02/10/18**

4:00PM J. Barcellona, A. Fowler, J. Kondrk, C. Marney

**Sunday 02/11/18**

8:00AM A. & D. Anderson, S. Gadomski, J. Pannullo

9:30AM J. Bamber, B. Barsi, M. Barsi, J. Mulvaney

11:30AM M. Amuzie, C. Coppola, R. Marney, J. Sciandra

**Readers**

**Saturday 02/10/18**

4:00PM R. McNamara

**Sunday 02/11/18**

8:00AM R. Simeone

9:30AM P. Emory

11:30AM C. Amuzie

**Employment Opportunity**

* Are you retired?
* Do you have a CDL license?
* Would you like to drive a school bus (with a bus aide at all times.)

Hours are approximately an hour in the morning and maybe 2 hours in the afternoon. We will train and pay for license. We need someone as a substitute or “as needed” basis.

If you are interested please contact Frank Cacace at 732-754-8401. You can adjust as you like.

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.

**ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL PROGRAM**

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.
ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN (IAATO)

50 / 50 RAFFLE
To benefit scholarship and youth programs

Drawing February 24, 2018 at 10:00pm at IAATO Annual Dinner Dance.

Only $50.00 PER TICKET
Only 1000 TICKETS TO BE SOLD /12 CHANCES TO WIN

Grand prize—$10,000 * (40%)
2nd prize—$5,000 * (20%) 10—$1,000 Prizes * (4% each)

For Tickets pick up a flyer from the desk at the entrance of St. Anthony of Padua or Our Lady of Mt. Camel worship sites.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Movies @ Main: Unlikely Companions
Free films shown 2:00pm on Fridays at the Main Library
Free Popcorn
February 9th Hitman’s Bodyguard
February 16th Home Again
February 23rd Victoria & Abdul

Dr. Seuss Family Night
Where: St. James School
Date: Tuesday, February 27th
Time: 7:00pm—8:00pm
Location: St. James School
Grades Pre K—3rd
Story time, crafts & snacks
Bring a Friend

For more information please contact
Mrs. Lori Jensen at ljensen@sj-school.org
or visit our website at www.sj-school.org

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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN
February 26th—March 9th, 2018
$3,390.00 from Newark
sponsored by St. Andrews, Avenel


Daily Mass, most meals, superior hotels, professional guides and tour escort...

FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED
Arrangements by Inspirational Tours, Houston, TX

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays, January 24th through March 21st
10:30AM-12:30PM
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

Topic: “Spring Bible in Preparation for Sunday Mass”
Presenter: Father Greg Uhrig
Fee: $5.00 per session
Bring Your Bible

Sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen.
To register, call (732) 562-1990 x 1705
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Let Freedom Ring!
A concert celebrating freedom, democracy, liberty, and justice.

Sunday, February 11, 2018 5:00PM
Christ Church New Brunswick
5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ
Tickets $20 (cash only, available at the door.)

This concert is being offered in cooperation with the Christ Church black Heritage Committee

For more information visit: RiseUpChorus.org
IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD & OUR DIOCESE

IN GRATITUDE….Bishop James F. Checchio received a note of gratitude from John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America. A special collection was taken up throughout every diocese to sustain this institution of higher learning, which is under the auspices of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The bishop was both pleased and grateful that you, the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen, responded so generously, with a contribution amounting to $30,670.

On behalf of Bishop Checchio, thank you and God bless you all.

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 jecullen@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

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/

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.

EnCOURAGE….Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-atraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCOURAGE is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-atraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragenj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCOURAGE. Also visit the national website at Couragec.org. All contacts are confidential.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE AT ST. THOMAS

"Community House at St. Thomas, in Old Bridge, 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-sainthomasm.org for information. We look forward to hearing from you.

ST. PETER’S GIANNA CENTER

We are very pleased to introduce you to the Saint Peter’s Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ.

The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women’s health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For more information visit: http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/ or contact us at 732-565-5490.
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 advancements 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.

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.

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.njcatholic.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.”
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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

Price per ticket - $50.00 per ticket. No. of tickets requested_________________Amount enclosed $_________________

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