The Parish Family
of
St. Anthony of Padua
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

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ
732-634-1403   Fax: 732-602-0119

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

Holy Week, Wednesday, March 28th
9:00 AM—10:00 AM & 7:00 PM—8:00 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

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM

This Saturday is the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel. St. Katharine’s love of the Eucharistic Christ led her to pray and work that the Church would be a sign of unity throughout the world and that the people of every race and tongue would share in Christ’s one eternal banquet.

Prayer to
St. Katharine Drexel

Ever Loving God,
You called St. Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and bring the life of the Eucharist to Black and Native American peoples.

By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed.

Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church that we may be one in you.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Tuesday, February 27th
7:30AM Doris Narkum
req. by Rich & Finocchio

Wednesday, February 28th
6:30AM Joan Oxner
req. by Dorthea Landolfi

Thursday, March 1st
7:00PM Gennaro Scognamiglio, III
req. by Deacon Mike & Roni Brucato

Saturday, March 3rd
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Michael Drexel Family
req. by Marcella Rucando

Sunday, March 4th
8:00AM Veronica Lisco
req. by Port Reading / Sewaren Seniors
9:30AM Michael & Lillian Boris
req. by their daughter, Janice Martino
11:30AM Robert O’Donnell
req. by Lori Tulko

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Monday, February 26th
8:00AM Margaret Spalenski

Friday, March 2nd
8:00AM Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society

Saturday, March 3rd
St. Katharine Drexel
8:00AM Purgatorial Mass Society
5:30PM Joseph & Maria Schech
req. by their daughter, Maria Herczeg & family

Sunday, March 4th
3rd Sunday of Lent
9:30AM People of the Parish Family

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.

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, February 26, 2018 at 6:00PM, St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
**2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site and again next weekend, March 3rd / 4th at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God’s love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

---

**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!

---

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**

Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00PM

**Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday)

12:15PM & 7:00PM

This **Friday, March 2nd** at 7:00PM we will be praying *The Social Justice Stations* at St. Anthony of Padua.

**All Religious Education Sacramental Prep Students must attend at least once.** Please remember to sign-in at the table at the entrance of the church.

---

**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.

---

**Parish Contact Information**

www.saintanthonypadua.org

We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!

Office: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com

Religious Education: religiouss.1@gmail.com

Bulletin: bulletin.StAnthony@gmail.com

Study Hall: studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com

Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

---

**ALL PARISHIONERS**

Are invited and encouraged to share **Coffee & Conversation**

On the first Sunday of the month, **SUNDAY, MARCH 4th**

In Father Milos Hall after the 8:00AM and 9:30AM Mass

Come meet your neighbor…. Come join in fellowship…. Come—be a part of the “family”

---

**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
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 Madeline Salzano—Pedati req. by Richie & Adrienne Simeone

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

In Loving Memory of Henry Reckfort req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia

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

Special Blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne


Encounter Cesia

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives.

How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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

Feb. 26 Very Rev. Peter Cebulka, CO
Rev. James Hagerman

Feb. 27 Rev. Javier Flores, SDV
Rev. Kenneth Murphy

Feb. 28 Very Rev. Leonard Rusay
Rev. John Grimes

Mar. 1 Rev. Manuel Lorente
Rev. John Kavas

Mar. 2 Rev. Edward Czarcinski
Rev. R. Kevin Crowley

Mar. 3 Rev. Daniel Sloan
Rev. Dennis Weezorak

Mar. 4 Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkowski, DD
Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen Diocese

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.)

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

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.
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.

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.

THANK YOU….

Dear Parishioners and friends,

On behalf of the Brazilian Family and the Brazilian Fundraising Project, I want to express to you my gratitude for your kindness and generosity in donating for this emergency. Now the family is living in a better, safer and stronger home where they will live for a lifetime. The project is not completely finished yet...but with God’s grace, He will provide from the loving kindness.

God Bless!
Fr. Lauro

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.

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!

NEED A GIFT IDEA?

Pick A Basket

The Paschal Tree of Joy Ministry, with the help and generosity of our Parish Family, will enable St. Anthony’s Worship Site and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site to extend the Joy of the Risen Christ to children between the ages of 3 through 10 years, by providing them with little tokens of pleasure in the form of Easter Baskets.

You will have the opportunity to take a basket from our Easter Tree with a designated item that is most needed this year or you can purchase an item of your choice to make up the Easter Baskets.

All donations can be returned to our Easter Tree before and after Masses on the weekends of March 3rd/4th, March 10th/11th and Saturday, March 17th. The baskets will be made up in Father Milos Hall on Sunday, March 18th at 9:30am.

All are welcome to assist with the assembling of baskets. This is a great opportunity for those who need community service hours. There will be reminders in the church bulletin - so keep watching!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or if you would be interested in assisting with this important ministry, please call Ro McNamara through the parish office 732-634-1403.

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

Contributions for February 18, 2018 will be published next weekend. Thank you for understanding.

“Here I am!” he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### The Week Ahead

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday, February 26th</td>
<td>6:30AM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Hall</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BINGO</td>
<td>12:00noon</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(door open at 10:30AM)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prayer Time / Fr. Smith</td>
<td>6:00PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pastoral Council Meeting</td>
<td>7:15PM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, February 27th</td>
<td>6:30AM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Hall</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Children’s Choir Rehearsal</td>
<td>4:30PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adult Choir Rehearsal</td>
<td>6:30PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AA</td>
<td>7:30PM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday, February 28th</td>
<td>6:30AM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Hall</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1st Penance—Level 1</td>
<td>6:30PM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1st Communion—Level 2</td>
<td>6:30PM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, March 1st</td>
<td>6:30AM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Hall</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eucharistic Adoration</td>
<td>2:00PM</td>
<td>Chapel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chaplet / Rosary</td>
<td>3:00PM</td>
<td>Chapel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Confessions</td>
<td>6:30PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AA</td>
<td>8:00PM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, March 2nd</td>
<td>6:30AM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Hall</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stations of the Cross</td>
<td>12:15PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stations of the Cross</td>
<td>7:00PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bingo</td>
<td>7:30PM</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(doors open at 6:00PM)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday, March 3rd</td>
<td>9:00AM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Communion Workshop</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study Hall OPEN HOUSE</td>
<td>12:00noon</td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Confessions</td>
<td>3:15PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday, March 4th</td>
<td>8:00AM &amp; 9:30AM Mass</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coffee &amp; Conversation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9:30AM God’s Little Helpers</td>
<td></td>
<td>Fr. Milos Hall</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday, February 28th</td>
<td>7:00PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stations of the Cross</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, March 2nd</td>
<td>7:30PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Novena (Sacred Heart of Jesus)</td>
<td>7:30PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>First Friday Mass</strong></td>
<td>8:00PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Followed by fellowship in Church basement</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday, March 3rd</td>
<td>8:00AM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mass followed by 2000 Hail Mary’s</td>
<td></td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Confessions</td>
<td>4:45PM</td>
<td>Church</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### COUNTING TEAMS

#### SUNDAY, February 25th
Team #6  A. & J. Pannullo

#### SUNDAY, March 4th
Team #7  J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

### 2018-2019 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than Saturday, March 31, 2018. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

It is a lesson that we all need - to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow him; all do not go by the same path.

- St. Katharine Drexel
**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.

**SHOP AT AMAZON - SUPPORT THE ST. ANTHONY STUDY HALL**

If you shop on Amazon, you can help support the St. Anthony Study Hall as the charity you wish to support. Eligible purchases will result in Amazon donating a portion to the parish. You do have to designate St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading NJ as your charity. You also have to use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site. It is the same merchandize and account as Amazon but it allows you to be connected by the Amazon Smile Program.

To check it out go to [http://smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in using your personal Amazon account 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Study Hall office, 732-634-6800.

Thank for your support.
WHAT: THE MOVIE – “THE PERFECT STRANGER”

Nikki Cominsky (Pamela Brumley) is a lawyer with problems in her married life. She moved from Cincinnati, Ohio and is working for a large law firm in the Chicago area. She invites her husband to have a romantic dinner at a local restaurant, but he has already made plans to go to a baseball game. Disappointed, she goes to work and sees an invitation for dinner at the very same restaurant that she was planning on going to with her husband. At first she is irked because she is sick of the local churches’ attempts at getting new followers, but quickly realizes that this may be a romantic attempt from her husband. Excited, she goes to the restaurant, but sees a mysterious man claiming to be Jesus Christ (Jefferson Moore). She thinks the man is crazy and attempts to leave, but the man persuades her to stay by telling her that after dinner he would tell her who sent him. Knowing that she would want to find out who is responsible, and not wanting to refuse a free dinner, she stays. The man begins to use real life examples such as family and other religions to tie in why Christianity is the one true religion, also as to why he really is, in fact, Jesus. Throughout their evening of conversation, arguments and debate, Nikki learns things she never knew about life, Heaven, Hell, other religions, the universe, and even herself. By the time dinner is over, she notices large spike scars on the man’s wrists, and her life has been changed forever. He says that she was the one who sent for him, years before. When Nikki gets home, she finds her husband there, and Sarah (her daughter) in bed, as was foretold by the stranger.

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018  2:00PM

WHERE:  ST. ANTHONY’S CHURCH -  FATHER MILOS HALL

Brought to you by the
Pastoral Council/Community Committee
Laudato Si': the first papal encyclical devoted to the environment has now been released. Start reading Pope Francis' document at www.vatican.va and take up the pope's urgent call for dialogue on the future of our common home.


Keep up with Bishop Checchio around the Diocese:
Bishop's schedule, correspondence and more can be found on our diocesan website:
http://diometuchen.org/bishop/


Like us on Facebook
Follow us @diocesemetuchen on twitter

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.

MOUNT SAINT MARY
House of Prayer
An Oasis of Peace, Contemplation & Hospitality
1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069-6587
(908) 753-2091 * msmhope@msmhope.org
Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

THE WOOD AND THE STONE—All of us suffer grief and God embraces our pain. Through music and guided meditation, Gerard and Mary Chiusano hope to provide a sense of hope in the love of God, regardless of how bleak things look. Will be held in Mt. St. Mary Parlor.

Friday, March 9th 7:00pm—9:00pm $20-30 As You Are Able

DESIGNER POCKETBOOK BINGO FUNDRAISER
Friday, April 13th, 2018
Designer Pocketbooks—50/50 Raffle—Gift Basket Raffles
Mercy Hall—1645 US Highway 22, Watchung
Doors open at 5:30pm Games start at 7:00pm
Admission: $40 includes 20 Bingo Sheets
No Admission Tickets Sold at the Door

For an order form or for more details please pick up their flyer from the entrances of both worship sites.

DESIGNER POCKETBOOK BINGO FUNDRAISER
Friday, April 13th, 2018
Designer Pocketbooks—50/50 Raffle—Gift Basket Raffles
Mercy Hall—1645 US Highway 22, Watchung
Doors open at 5:30pm Games start at 7:00pm
Admission: $40 includes 20 Bingo Sheets
No Admission Tickets Sold at the Door

For an order form or for more details please pick up their flyer from the entrances of both worship sites.

CHARITY Fish Fry hosted by
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER CAREY COUNCIL #1280
164 High Street, Carteret
6 Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday)
4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Menu includes: salad, Choice of:
Broiled or Fried Fish Dinner, / Fried Shrimp Dinner / Combo Dinner of Fish (broiled or fried) /Shrimp (fried) All with French Fries or Rice, Cole Slaw, / or Ravioli Dinner with sauce
Homemade Cake and Coffee or Tea

Fish or Shrimp Dinner: Adults $13; Seniors (65+) $12;
Children (<12) $7.
Combo Meal: Adults $14, Seniors (65+) $13;
Children (<12) $8.
Ravioli Dinner: Adults $7; Children (<12) $5.
$1 EXTRA for each Take-out Order
Cash Bar Available!

BUS TRIP sponsored by
HOLY ROSARY SENIORS
Spend 2 hours at Renault Winery. - Italian Family style lunch and wine tasting., then on to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City/

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Bus leaves 9:30AM from Holy Rosary parking lot
Leaving Resorts approximately 6:30 pm.

Cost $75. $25 back in play.
Any question call Ronnie at 732/442-5252.

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.
Is looking for volunteers, both men and women to participate in on-to-one activities and become a mentor to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township.

Do you:
- Have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child?
- Like having fun?
- Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
- Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email her at jcullen@cedom.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…**
EnCOURAGE is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-attraction 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-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCOURAGE. Also visit the national website at Couragerc.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-saintthomas.org** for information. We look forward to hearing from you.

**ST. PETER'S GIANNA CENTER**
The Center is dedicated to offering truly pro-life 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 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.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.”

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.