The Parish Family
of
St. Anthony of Padua

Third Sunday of Lent

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018
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

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord, Holy Father,
show us what kind of man it is
who is hanging for our sakes on the cross,
whose suffering causes the rocks themselves to crack and crumble with compassion,
whose death brings the dead back to life.

Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of him.
Let my soul break apart with compassion for his suffering.
Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which he dies.
And finally let it be softened with devoted love for him.

Amen.
~St. Bonaventure

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30AM—3:30PM
Tuesday 10:00AM—3:30PM
Wednesday 8:30AM—3:30PM
Thursday 8:30AM—5:30PM; 6:30PM—9:00PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45PM—1:30PM

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

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Bulletin bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
Study Hall studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Mass Intentions

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

**Tuesday, March 6th**
7:30AM Nathan Peto  
req. by Violet Pattay

**Wednesday, March 7th**  
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity  
7:30AM Charles Botwin (7th Anniversary)  
req. by his wife, Connie & daughter, Laura

**Thursday, March 8th**  
St. John of God  
7:00PM Michael Huber  
req. by Diane & Bob Aversa & family

**Saturday, March 10th**
4:00PM Maureen Kaehler-Bellasalmo  
req. by Frank & Nora Rombaro

**Sunday, March 11th**  
4th Sunday of Lent  
8:00AM People of the Parish Family  
9:30AM Mary & Charles Malik  
req. by their daughter, Barbara Diee  
11:30AM Stanley McPherson  
req. by Frank & Nora Rombaro

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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This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Monday, March 5th**
8:00AM William Born  
req. by Temkin Family

**Friday, March 9th**  
St. Frances of Rome  
8:00AM Patrick Arlet  
req. by James & Maguy Sadhoo

**Saturday, March 10th**
8:00AM Maria Aprecio  
req. by Ray & Cherie Gumapac  
5:30PM Faliza & Jose Perlas  
req. by Beth & Deacon Joey Perlas

**Sunday, March 11th**  
4th Sunday of Lent  
9:30AM William Dudash (9th Anniversary)  
req. by Jean Dudash - Ovsiew & family

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for March 4, 2018  
3rd Sunday of Lent

Uram, Istenem, örök életet adó igéid vannak.

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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.
FAITH FORMATION

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to:
Diocese of Metuchen,
Bishop’s Annual Appeal,
PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000
or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA

PASCHAL CANDLE
If you’d like to donate the Paschal Candle for St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please contact the Parish office at 732-634-1403.

PALM ARRANGEMENTS
If you’re interested in donating one of the palm arrangements that will adorn the Altar of St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site or the Altar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site on Palm Sunday in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the Parish office.

EUCHARISTICADORATION
...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) at 12:15PM & 7:00PM
This Friday, March 9th at St. Anthony of Padua we will be praying the Women of the World Stations at both times.

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.

G.I.F.T.
6:00PM
Monday, March 5th & Wednesday, March 7th

MENU
Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Roll & Dessert

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, March 14th
Wednesday, March 21st
Reminder: PLEASE help your child learn their prayers.

Confirmation Level 1 & 2
Living Stations
Rehearsal Saturday, March 10th 9:00AM—12:00Noon
" Monday, March 12th 6:30PM
" Friday, March 16th 5:00PM
& Presentation 7:00PM

FOOD DRIVE MINISTRY
Our monthly food drive will be held the weekend of March 18th & 19th. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Your donation of food items is always greatly appreciated and will enable us to provide a beautiful Easter feast for those in need. Just a reminder... Please do not send in any perishable items.

The ministry members working are asked to be in the Father Milos Hall at 10:00 am on Sunday morning. The members working this month are:
G. & G. Damiani
Delivery: H. Sullivan (Tuesday, March 20th)

As a Parish Family we rejoice and celebrate the gifts of life and love that God has given to us all. We offer to all those celebrating their birthdays this month our best wishes and prayers that God may continue to bless them abundantly in the years ahead.

Prayer Time with Father Smith for the people of the parish and the needs of the parish
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 6:00PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site
One Year Anniversaries:
During the month of March, please remember those parishioners who died a year ago:

Anniversary of Death
Lucy Perri—March 5th
Alan W. Jankowski—March 10th
Maria Kozo—March 12th
Stella Wincek—March 16th

Mission Mass
The souls of: Requested by:...
Henry Reckfort Mary & Tom Balint
Richard Bodnar Mary & Tom Balint
Thomas Schneider Mary & Tom Balint
Ann Patten Mr. & Mrs. Anthony R. D’Orsi
Eugene McCarthy his son
Bridget McCarthy her son
Ann Patten John Kish
Ann Patten Dave S.
Ann Patten Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Tamburello
Vincent Corubia Nicholas & Carmella Iannitto
Fredrick Harris Mary & Tom Balint

A Mass will be offered in private.

Purgatorial Mass Society
The souls of: Requested by:...
Brianna Rasimowicz Barbara McCauley
Brianna Rasimowicz Dorothy Ponte
Brianna Rasimowicz History Dept. of Colonia High School
Joseph Stuart Debra Stuart & Christina Burns
Mrs. Josephine Butterfield Mr. & Mrs. Anthony R. D’Orsi
Susan E. Kanda Barbara McCauley & Dorothy Ponte
Carmen V. Pagliuca Joseph DeMarino & family
Carmen V. Pagliuca Deacon Michael & Roni Brucato
Carmen “Champ” Pagliuca St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Ann Panariello St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Alice Cybuch Erin & Joe LeBar & Peggy Jayne &
Fredrick Harris Mackenzie D’Orsi & Tom Ambrose
Fredrick Harris Anthony & Cheryl D’Orsi

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.

Paschal Tree of Joy
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 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.

Begining next Sunday, March 11th.
Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 10th.

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

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

In Loving Memory of Andrew Vitzthum
req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia

In Loving Memory of Stanley J. Szymanik Jr.
as he celebrates his birthday in Heaven
req. by his Dad & Diane

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

In Loving Memory of Carmen V. Pagliuca
req. by Angelina Cunningham


That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels..

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mar. 5 Very Rev. Ronald Jandernoa
Rev. Charles Sciliieri

Mar. 6 Rev. Richard Rusk
Rev. Paolo Fedrigoni, IMC

Mar. 7 Rev. Timothy Lambert
Rev. Timothy Gatitu, IMC

Mar. 8 Rev. Charles Sabella
Rev. Sahaya Peter, CMF

Mar. 9 Rev. Douglas Haefner
Rev. Roy Quesea

Mar. 10 Rev. Michael Crummy
Rev. J. William Mickiewicz

Mar. 11 Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen Diocese

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

CHRISM MASS
March 26, 2018 7:30 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Monday, March 26, 2018 Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommittting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 PM.

Dear Members of St. Anthony of Padua Church,

May all of you have a very Blessed Easter!

Thank you for the many cards and many times you have sent them to us here at McAuley Hall. They are much appreciated!

God bless you!
Sister Carol
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### 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 of February 18, 2018** $5,482.00
- **Ash Wednesday Contributions** $2,107.00
- **Contributions of February 25, 2018** $5,652.00
- **Winter Fuel Fund** $2,075.00

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything…” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

### COUNTING TEAMS

#### SUNDAY, March 4

Team #7: J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

#### MONDAY, March 12

Team #8: N. Cinelli, F. Rombardo

#### MONDAY, March 5

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

#### FRIDAY, March 9

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

#### MONDAY, March 12

- **Team #4**: Captain R. Sorbanelli
- **Caller**: R. Simeone
- **Kitchen**: J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

#### FRIDAY, March 16

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

### Catholic School

#### 2018-2019 Tuition Assistance

**ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

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.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of two Application Workshops, which will be held in two locations in January and February going to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

### 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.
EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Plans are underway for our 22nd Annual Easter Celebration Meal to be prepared in Father Milos Hall on Saturday morning, March 31st. Last year’s presentation and preparation of the meal was such a beautiful success – all because of the love and care shown by our Parish Family in so many ways in donating the items needed, in contributing financially, and most of all, by having many hands to do the work, beforehand and on the morning!

For anyone who is not familiar with this ministry – a meal of ham, kielbasa and all the trimmings is prepared and then either picked up or delivered to those who have previously called and expressed their interest in receiving this meal. This is primarily for anyone who may be going through a difficult financial time, who perhaps may be out of work, or ill, or alone, or without their family, whatever their reason. This meal is provided with no charge.

Help is needed in a variety of ways: people to help cook, prepare the individual arrangements, help spread the word about the availability of the meal, collect what is needed, drive and deliver the meals, etc. Please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office by Wednesday, March 21st.

Without YOU this cannot be done-
In the true spirit of stewardship, please be generous with your time and talents!!!

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EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Yes, I would like to help out in the following ways.

Cook beforehand_________ Driver____________
Cook Sat. morn.___________ Donate kielbasa_________
Prepare servings___________ Donate 5 lb. canned ham_______
Applesauce (6 pack)_________
Monetary and/or supermarket gift cards welcome_______

NAME: ________________________ EMAIL: ________________________
PHONE: ________________________ BEST TIME TO CALL: ___________

In order to prepare accordingly, please drop form off no later than Wednesday, March 21st at the parish office or place in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you.
**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.

**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.

**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.
**WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11th, 2018**

Begins 1:30PM at Woodbridge High School, down Freeman St., Linden Ave., Green St, Rt. 35 & Main St.

**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., Hopewell

Meals are offered every Wednesday 4:00-5:30PM!!!

Please join us and bring your family and friends!

**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 mediation, 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

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.

**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.

**CHARITY Fundraiser**

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!

**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.

**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!

**Funds 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.

**Donate-A-Car**

Cost $75. —— $25 back in play.

Any question call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

**DESIGNER POCKETBOOK BINGO FUNDRAISER**

Friday, April 13th, 2018

Designer Pocketbooks—50/50 Raffle—Gift Basket Raffles

Mercy Hall—1645 US Highway 22, Watchung

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.

**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.
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.

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:

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.
Catholic Charities
Diocese of Metuchen
Connections Program

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

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

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email her at jcullen@ccdom.org, for more information.

Are you suffering after an Abortion? Help is available!
If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God’s merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel
local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org; call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075; or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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-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 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-saintthomas.org for information. We look forward to hearing from you.

ST. PETER’S GIANNA CENTER
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.