Today is Pentecost, 2018. In conjunction with the Solemnity of Pentecost the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults is celebrated. The candidates for Confirmation have opened themselves to the Holy Spirit to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the grace to continue their journey of faith the rest of their lives.

The Parish Family here at St. Anthony’s celebrates as we offer our prayers and best wishes to our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 20, 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

This weekend is the Feast of Pentecost. A prayer for the help of the Holy Spirit is appropriate. This week’s prayer is especially appropriate because it was written by our parish’s patron.

Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, And into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy.

Amen

by St. Anthony of Padua

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

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 5:30 PM
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

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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Mass Intentions

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

- **Monday, May 21**
  - St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
  - 8:00AM Joseph Pattay
  - req. by Violet Pattay

- **Friday, May 25**
  - St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
  - 8:00AM Leah Bernabe [Living Intention: Birthday]
  - req. by her sister, Rowena Bernabe

- **Saturday, May 26**
  - St. Philip Neri
  - 8:00AM Joseph Lopes
  - req. by The Herczeg Family
  - 5:30PM People of the Parish Family

- **Sunday, May 27**
  - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
  - 9:30AM Joseph & Eleanor Lopes
  - req. by Anna Czum
  - Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for Pentecost Sunday—May 20, 2018
  - Áraszd ránk Lelkedet, Istenünk: újítsd meg a föld színét.

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

- **Tuesday, May 22**
  - St. Rita of Cascia
  - 7:30AM Respect for Life In All Its Stages

- **Wednesday, May 23**
  - 7:30AM Brenda Porga
  - req. by Maria Bosque

- **Thursday, May 24**
  - 7:00PM Bill Nyers [Wedding Anniversary]
  - req. by his wife, Lorie

- **Saturday, May 26**
  - 4:00PM Charles Botwin
  - req. by his wife, Connie

- **Sunday, May 27**
  - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
  - 8:00AM George Away [Birthday]
  - req. by loving wife, Rosemary & children
  - 9:30AM Frances Imbriglio
  - req. by Gloria Pronti
  - 11:30AM Leon Watts
  - req. by Frank & Nora Rombardo

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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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**This Week’s Scripture Readings**

Readings for the Week of May 20, 2018

**Sunday:** Vigil
- Genesis 11:1-9 or Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30
- Romans 8:22-27
- John 7:37-39

Day:
- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

**Monday:**
- James 3:13-18
- Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15
- Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday:**
- James 4:1-10
- Psalms 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23
- Mark 9:30-37

**Wednesday:**
- James 4:13-17
- Psalms 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11
- Mark 9:38-40

**Thursday:**
- James 5:1-6

**Friday:**
- James 5:9-12
- Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12
- Mark 10:1-12

**Saturday:**
- James 5:13-20
- Psalms 141:1-2, 3 and 8
- Mark 10:13-16

**Sunday:**
- Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
- Psalms 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22
- Romans 8:14-17
- Matthew 28:16-20
The Office of Vocations of the Diocese of Metuchen invites you to join them for Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, June 8, 2018  6:00PM
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Ordination to the Priesthood
Deacon Tholitho
Deacon Robert Pinnisi
Saturday, June 9, 2018  11:00AM
Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen

For directions or questions, please contact:
Vocations@diometuchen.org / 732-562-2456
www.diometuchen.org/vocations

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop of Metuchen,
will celebrate Mass for Home School Students and their Families
Friday, June 1, 2018  10:30 a.m.
St. Magdalen de Pazzi roman Catholic Church
105 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ 08822

Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.
Register online at: diometuchen.org/homeschoolmass
If you have questions, call Erin at 732-562-2463 or email communications@diometuchen.org

PILGRIM STATUE
In Honor of our Patron Saint’s Feast Day, June 13th, why not consider hosting the pilgrim statue of St. Anthony of Padua in your home this summer?

The Pilgrim Statue can be honored to promote devotion to our Patron Saint. When hosting the Statue you may wish to invite relatives, neighbors or just have it for yourself for private devotion. The Pilgrim Statue can be picked up on Monday and dropped off on Thursday at the Parish Office during office hours.

If you would like to honor this pilgrim statue in your home, please fill out the form available at then entrance of both worship sites and return to the parish office.

EUCARISTHIC 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!

FLOWERS FOR ST. ANTHONY
In honor of Patron Saint Anthony of Padua flowers may be placed by the statue in the Church each weekend in memory of a loved one or for your special intention. The donation for the flowers is $40.00. If you would like to order flowers, please call the parish office.

St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day Raffle
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 - 8:00PM
$25 PER TICKET  17 CHANCES TO WIN

ONLY 2,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD! 280 Tickets already sold!

GRAND PRIZE $10,000 (40%)*
SECOND PRIZE $5,000 (20%)*
FIVE TEN $ 1,000 (4% each=20%)*
$500 (2% each=20%)*

% applied winners portion of the 50/50 if all tickets are not sold.

LIC#: RL-2018-34  FED. ID 22-3075617

*If not completely subscribed, the exact prize offered shall be the percentage noted, per state regulations or the offering may be cancelled by the committee and all contributions returned. Flyers with complete details & Ticket Applications are available on the desk in the outer narthex and the parish office.

It’s almost graduation time!

If there is anyone in your family graduating from Catholic or Public Middle School (8th grade), High School or College level, please call the parish office or email bulletin.StAnthony1@gmail.com with the name of the student and the school they’re graduating from, your name and relation to the “graduate” and for college graduates, their degree. [example: BA in Education].

F.A.I.T.H. 2018—2019 REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!
Registrations forms were distributed to the families currently enrolled in our G.I.F.T. Program at the last sessions, Monday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 2nd. As always class size is limited, and registration is on “First Submitted / First Honored basis so get them in early. Additional forms for new families are on the desk at the entrance of both worship sites and the parish office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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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 brother, Anthony Scutti reg. by The Gurney Family
In Loving Memory of our dear parents, Maria & Carmen req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
In Loving Memory of John “Jack” Powers req. by Millie & Garry Sutphen

**Good Shepherd**
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
God bless you, Jack Kobylakiewicz & Ryder Kutney as you receive First Holy Communion req. by Great-grandma, Rose Kutney

**Cross of San Domiano**
In Loving Memory of Christopher Killmurray req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia
Special Blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne


Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for May 2018.
Evangelization - The Mission of the Laity.
That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**Pray for our priests**
May 21 Rev. Pauly Thekkkan, CMI
Rev. Thomas Ryan
May 22 Msgr. Richard Lyons
Rev. Charles O’Connor
May 23 Rev. Vincent Cornejo
Rev. J. Philip Vadakkekara
May 24 Rev. Joseph Kubiak, OFM Cap
Rev. Robert Da Silva, SDV
May 25 Rev. Mhonchan Ezung
Rev. Jerome Johnson
May 26 Rev. John O’Kane
Msgr. John Fell
May 27 Msgr. John Gordon
Rev. Glenn Comandini

**Altar Flowers**
this weekend at
St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site are...

**In Loving Memory of**
Buddy & John Oberhuber
requested by
Angela & Frank Fowler & Justin Oberhuber

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes

**Julian Raye Parrilla**
Child of Faye Ramirez & Randy Parrilla
who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on

**May 12, 2018**

We thank their parents for choosing life.

**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**

at the Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

In Loving memory of our mother, Maria D’Alessio
at the request of
Albina & Victor D’Alessio
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Contributions for Sunday, May 13, 2018 $ 5,351.00  
Catholic Communication Campaign Fund $ 1,043.00

Next weekend, May 26th/27th our second collection is for the **Parish Debt Reduction Fund**. Please be as generous as your means allows.

Second collections coming up….

June  Property & Liability Insurance  
June 10th  Father’s Day Novena  
June 24th  Building & Maintenance Fund

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”  

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**MONDAY, May 21st**  
Team #1  R. & P. Sierminske

**SUNDAY, May 27th**  
Team #2  C. Botwin, W. Neveil

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

**Friday, May 25th**  
Mass/Corpus Christi Novena 8:00AM  Church  
Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM  Church Basement

**Saturday, May 26th**  
Confessions 4:45PM  Church

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Thursday, August 23rd**  
8:00pm  Performance  
Axelrod Performing Arts Center, Deal, NJ  
$60 p.p. includes ticket & bus

**Festa di San Antonio**

**Saturday, June 9th  12:00—7:00PM**  
**Good Shepherd Parish**  
**at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church**  
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, NJ

Msgr. Gambino Hall [Elevator Service Available]  
**Italian Food & Desserts Available for Sale**  
(Eat In / Take Out)  
*Games & Activities for Kids  *Raffles

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the parish food pantry
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 05/26/18
4:00PM Volunteer Needed

Sunday 05/27/18
8:00AM Volunteer Needed
9:30AM K. Martino
11:30AM A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

STEP UP..... When you come for Mass if you notice that there is no altar server, please volunteer to substitute. Just speak to Fr. Smith. Extra Albs are available.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 05/26/18—05/27/18
S. Gadomski

Saturday 05/26/18
4:00PM C. Adams, A. Fowler, R. Masters

Sunday 05/27/18
8:00AM J. Pannullo, C. & E. Weiman
9:30AM V. Mudrak, J. Mulvaney, G. Pronti
11:30AM B. Cuozzo, J. Kisielewski, R. Sorbanelli

READERS
Saturday 05/26/18
4:00PM R. Leone

Sunday 05/27/18
8:00AM R. Simeone
9:30AM M. Russo
11:30AM D. Stuart

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 05/26/18
5:30PM C. Torres

Sunday 05/27/18
9:30AM Volunteer Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 05/26/18
5:30PM L. Kadash, M. Torres

Sunday 05/27/18
9:30AM M. Amaya, V. Rabago

READERS
Saturday 05/26/18
5:30PM L. Quiray

Sunday 05/27/18
9:30AM A. Rabago

ST. ANTHONY’S STUDY HALL

“St. Anthony of Padua Campfire” this summer as we “Light a Fire” in “St. Anthony of Padua Campfire” this summer as we “Light a Fire” in “St. Anthony of Padua Campfire” this summer as we “Light a Fire” in “St. Anthony of Padua Campfire” this summer as we “Light a Fire” in

Bullet Update- In an effort to keep the cost of our bulletin within reason, we’re trying to only include inserts when its absolutely necessary. Therefore, weekends when it exceeds our page limit, copies of the “In the Neighborhood & Diocese” page and any flyers will be available on the desk at the entry of both worship sites.

To view the bulletin in its entirety, see our website: www.saintanthonypadua.org click on the Parish Life tab; select Bulletin from the drop down; then View the bulletin of your choice.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

Departure Time: 10:30AM from the Sycamore Senior Center parking lot on Old Road (just off Port Reading Avenue)
Tickets: $26.00 per person
You’ll receive $20.00 in casino money and a $5.00 food voucher upon arrival.

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

All children entering Pre-K (age 4) – 6th grade are welcome to join us at St. Anthony of Padua Church 26th Vacation Bible School. The program will run from Monday, July 9th – Friday, July 13th from 9:00am until 12:00noon. Registration is $30.00 per child which includes a T-Shirt. An information letter will be mailed the week before. Forms are available at the entrance of both worship sites.

Field Trips, Sports, Arts & Crafts, Dance Parties, & other Special Events

Sponsored by St. Anthony’s Holy Name Society

Pick up our flyer for more information.
HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE’S BEGINNINGS

On November 19th, 2016, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, The Lighting of the Watch Fires, it is available for purchase for $25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen.

Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. The nearest location to St. Anthony’s is James, Grenville St., Woodbridge.

For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes.

If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

Open Your Heart and Home to a Foster Child

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey’s Department of Children and Families.

The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living.

Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential.

Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection. All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child’s expenses and support from experienced families.

For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org.
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.
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/

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

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 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 care 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.