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

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

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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studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

PRAYER TO
THE INFANT JESUS
IN ST. ANTHONY’S ARMS

O Jesus, my Savior!
Who did miraculously appear
to St. Anthony
in the form of an infant.
I implore You,
through the love
You did bear to this Saint
when he dwelt on earth,
and which You now
bear to him in heaven,
graciously hear my prayer and
assist me in my necessities.

Who lives and reigns
the world without end.

Amen
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Tuesday, June 12th
7:30AM  Owen Taraszkiewicz
req. by The Family

Wednesday, June 13th  St. Anthony of Padua
7:00PM  People of the Parish Family

Thursday, June 14th
7:00PM  George Sabol
req. by his children

Saturday, June 16th
4:00PM  Father’s Day Novena

Sunday, June 17th  11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM  Father’s Day Novena
9:30AM  Father’s Day Novena
11:30AM  Father’s Day Novena

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Monday, June 11th  St. Barnabas
8:00AM  Angela Pattay
req. by Violet Pattay

Friday, June 15th
8:00AM  Corazon Guanzon [Living Intention: Birthday]
req. by Lourdes Sarroca

Saturday, June 16th
8:00AM  Glenn Bernabe (Anniversary)
req. by The Bernabe Family
5:30PM  Father’s Day Novena

Sunday, June 17th  11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30AM  Father’s Day Novena

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for
June 10, 2018  10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Az Úrnál az irgalom,
és bőséges a megváltás nála.

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

Wednesday, June 13th  9:00AM at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
Monday, June 18th  8:30AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site
Thursday, June 28th  3:00PM at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

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.

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. Thank you for helping the Ministers of Hospitality in this matter.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:  Genesis 3:9-15
Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday:  1 Kings 17:7-16
Psalms 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:  1 Kings 18:20-39
Psalms16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:  1 Kings 18:41-46
Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday:  1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16
Psalms 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday:  1 Kings 19:19-21
Psalms 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10
Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sunday:  Ezekiel 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34
All Are Welcome to celebrate
The Feast of our Patron Saint

St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
7:00pm Mass

Traditional Blessing & Distribution of St. Anthony Bread

Following Mass enjoy Fellowship & Dessert
in Fr. Milos Hall &
The Drawing of St. Anthony Feast Day Raffle
(Tickets still available)

If you can share a dessert or are available to help set-up Wednesday afternoon, June 13th or help that evening, please call the parish office. Desserts may be dropped off in Father Milos Hall any time Tuesday or Wednesday. Thank You!

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 Thursday and dropped off on Monday 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 the entrance of both worship sites and return it to the parish office.

PILGRIM STATUE OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA is being honored this coming week,
Monday, June 11th—Thursday, June 14th
at the home of
Rose & Al Leone
Thursday, June 14th—Monday, June 18th
at the home of
The Bamber’s

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
…an hour with JESUS

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua through Thursday, June 28th, from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00 PM.

All are welcome!

As we have done in the past years, we will not have Adoration during July and August. Adoration will resume on Thursday, September 7th. Many thanks to all for your devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

May you and your families be blessed with a Happy, Safe & Restful Summer!

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FLOWERS FOR
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

this weekend

In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received
requested by
Marty & Patricia Martino

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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!
614 Tickets sold to date!

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

Don’t Miss Out!
You have to be in it to WIN IT!

ONLY 3 DAYS TO THE DRAWING!!!

If you haven’t received your tickets or need more, please call the parish office.

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.

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FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY UPDATE
Thank you to everyone who was able to help with the first clean-up of the rectory basement and those who helped move and discard some of the furniture.

The next clean-up will be in the evening—Monday, June 11th at 7:00PM—8:30PM.
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 J. Kurucz, Sr. req. by St. Anthony’s Adult Choir
In Loving Memory of John “Jack” Powers req. by The Port Reading / Sewaren Seniors

**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

**CROSS OF SAN DOMINANO**
In Loving Memory of Rosaria DiStefano req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia
In Loving Memory of our sisters in Heaven—Michaele Ann Camilleri, Theresa Darone & Angie Durante req. by sister, Mildred, Janet & Mary Dee


**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.

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal Intention for June, 2018...Social Networks:
That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

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**Attention Business Owners, Professionals, Self Employed and Families!**
**Bulletin advertising Opportunities Available!**

Donna Delgrosso from our publisher LPi, will be in our office the week of June 25th, 2018; working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our Bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, “In Memory of” a loved one or to support the church or a community service organization like the Holy Name, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, emergency pregnancy counseling, the March of Dimes, etc.

If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Donna before her visit. She can be reached directly at 1-646-359-0254, or via e-mail at ddelgrosso@4lpi.com.

**The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua Parish welcomes**

**Lucy Grace Mejias**
Child of Jose Omar & Catherine (Pitko) Mejias who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on **June 3, 2018**
at our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
We thank their parents for choosing life.
**The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

**Monday, June 11th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- BINGO: 12:00 Noon Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open at 10:30AM)
- Food Pantry clean-up: 7:00PM Rectory basement

**Tuesday, June 12th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- AA: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Wednesday, June 13th**
- ST. ANTHONY FEAST DAY
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Prayer Time with Fr. Smith: 8:30AM Church
- FEAST DAY MASS: 7:00PM Church
- FEAST DAY RAFFLE: 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Thursday, June 14th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Eucharistic Adoration: 2:00PM Chapel
- Chaplet / Rosary: 3:00PM Chapel
- Confessions: 6:30PM Church
- AA: 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Friday, June 15th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open at 6:00PM)

**Saturday, June 16th**
- Rosary Prayed: 9:30AM Rosary Garden
- Confessions: 3:15PM Church

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

**Friday, June 15th**
- Holy Family Prayer Group: 8:00PM Church Basement

**Saturday, June 16th**
- Confessions: 4:45PM Church

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

One man’s garbage is another man’s treasure!

**St. Anthony’s Study Hall’s Summer Break Program needs your garbage!**

We have special art projects in mind but need your help with the supplies. If you could please save your paper towel rolls, small boxes from cereal, & cracker boxes & donate them to the “Summer Break Program.”

There will be a receptacle in the narthex for you to place your donation.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Contributions for Sunday, June 3, 2018: $6,132.00

Second collections coming up….

- June Property & Liability Insurance
- June 24th Building & Maintenance Fund
- July 22nd Debt Reduction-Diocesan Assessment

“And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.”

– Mark 3:25

Do your parish ministries complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is your parish “one Body of Christ” or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God’s name, not our own name.

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**MONDAY, June 11th**
- Team #4 L. Casey, A. Cunningham, A. Fowler, P. Russo

**SUNDAY, June 17th**
- Team #5 L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli

**FATHER’S DAY - June 17, 2018**

Fathers’ Day Spiritual Novena Cards are available on the desk at the entrance to St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

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**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]. You must submit the information NO LATER than MONDAY, JUNE 18th in order to meet the publication deadline for the bulletin for June 24th.

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**MONDAY, June 11th**
- Team #2 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
- Caller – R. Simeone
- Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, June 15th**
- Captain – C. Volk
- Caller – M. Moricz
- Kitchen Team A. Rabago

**MONDAY, June 18th**
- Team #3 Captain: R. Simeone
- Caller – M. Oddo
- Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, June 22nd**
- Captain – C. Volk
- Caller – M. Moricz
- Kitchen Team M. Gesso
## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

**Altar Servers**
- **Saturday** 06/16/18
  - 5:30 PM C. Torres
- **Sunday** 06/17/18
  - 8:00 AM A. Weiman
  - 9:30 AM K. Martino
  - 11:30 AM Volunteer Needed

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- **Saturday** 06/16/18
  - 5:30 PM B. Perlas, M. Torres
- **Sunday** 06/17/18
  - 9:30 AM V. Clarke, C. Gumapac

**Readers**
- **Saturday** 06/16/18
  - 4:00 PM Volunteer Needed
- **Sunday** 06/17/18
  - 8:00 AM A. Weiman
  - 9:30 AM K. Martino
  - 11:30 AM Volunteer Needed

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### St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**Altar Servers**
- **Saturday** 06/16/18
  - 4:00 PM Volunteer Needed
- **Sunday** 06/17/18
  - 8:00 AM S. Gadomski, K. Masarik, J. Pannullo
  - 9:30 AM D. & M. Martino, V. Mudrak
  - 11:30 AM E. Bishop, S. Emory, R. Sorbanelli

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- **Homebound Ministers** 06/16/18—06/17/18
  - K. Masarik

**Readers**
- **Saturday** 06/16/18
  - 4:00 PM C. Adams, A. Fowler, R. McNamara
- **Sunday** 06/17/18
  - 8:00 AM R. Simeone
  - 9:30 AM S. Martino
  - 11:30 AM P. Emory

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

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 **9:00 am until 12:00 noon.** 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.

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**St. James Parish**

The committee for St. James Parish 29th Annual Street Fair on **Saturday, September 15th, 2018** from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm is looking for **VENDORS!**

[rain date: Saturday, September 22nd]

For information please email the Street Fair Committee: St.JamesSF@gmail.com

**DON’T MISS OUT!**

**Thursday, August 23rd**

$60.00 Admission & Transportation

For Tickets or Information Call CAROL
732-969-1565 or 732-841-2931

Dominic Nolfi Charl Brown Russel Fischer Dominic Scaglione Dwayne Cooper
MAN to MAN
Men have unique roles in life…husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and religious life…We’re pushed and pulled in a thousand directions by responsibilities, stress, loss and by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? For all men-young, old and in between.

Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds. The facilitators are Jerry McKenna, environmentalist & teacher & Bob Christie, academic & administrator

We gather on the 4th Tuesday monthly. We will meet again on June 26th at 7:00pm (until 9:00pm.) 1 Free-Will Offering

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS
The Diocese of Metuchen has begun a major effort to make people in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties aware of the outstanding Pre-K and Kindergarten programs offered by our schools. They feature certified teachers, a foundation in faith, and pricing competitive with independent preschools. We invite you to learn about a Catholic school near you!

For more information visit metuchencatholicschools.org/schools or call 732.562.2446 to learn how Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen offer students a SMARTER START in school and in life!

Quo Vadis Days
Young men ages 14-17!
June 25th—27th, 2018
You’re invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org

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

Diocese of Metuchen—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA Training Seminar 2018
Four Session Series 7:30 – 9:30 pm
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE.

Questions or for registration assistance, contact Sara Sharlow ssharlow@diometuchen.org or 732-243-4577

Diocese of Metuchen—Office of Adult Faith Formation presents
Rejoice and Be Glad “Gaudete et Exsultate”
July 10, 17, 24, 31 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

Father Gregory Uhrig will review and discuss Pope Francis’ new Apostolic Exhortation entitled “Gaudete et Exsultate” Rejoice and Be Glad. Each session will cover a different topic. This publication is easy to read and practical on how to grow spiritually in our busy lives. The cost is $5 for the discussion booklet. All are welcome.

To register, call Father Uhrig, (732) 529-7933 or email guhrig@diometuchen.org

Oﬃering the following programs.
Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or
e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

CIRCLES OF GRACE: IMPRESSIONISTIC MANDALAS
Presenter, Linda Howe, an artist, storyteller, poet, naturalist, brings her experience and love of Touch Drawing to this program. Participants, through prayer and reflection, will create a Mandala using the medium of Touch Drawing.

No artistic ability needed! Art materials provided.
Wednesday, June 27th 7:00-9:00pm $35-45 As You Are Able

Movies @ Main: “Libraries Rock!” Summer Schedule
FREE films are shown at 2:00PM on Fridays
June 22nd La La Land
June 29th School of Rock
July 6th Ray
July 13th Cadillac Records
July 20th Mamma Mia!
July 27th Not Fade Away

FREE POPCORN!
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 life-saving medical care given to premature infants.

We are happy to report that A3452/S2026, the NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act has been introduced in the NJ Legislature. We thank the sponsors of this bill for wanting to protect babies in the womb and the lives of women. This bill is modeled after H.R. 36, the Federal bill by the same name. Passing this legislation is part of the 2020 Project, a collaborative effort by pro-life groups in NJ to protect babies in the womb who are capable of feeling pain at 20 weeks gestation.

Take Action Now!

◊ Pray for the protection of babies in the womb and their families.
◊ Contact your NJ State Senator and Assembly Members and ask them to support A3452/S2026, the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.”

To find your NJ State Senator and two Stat Representatives by district/town, visit:
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities.asp.
For information on this initiative or to obtain a car magnet or sticker, please visit www.babiesinthewombfeelpain.com.

NJ CATHOLIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE FORM

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) Advance Directives for Health Care forms are available by contacting the Respect Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543. An English of Spanish copy can also be downloaded from the NJCC website:
http://www.njccatholic.org/content/respect_life_living_will.php

In addition, A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions is a resource made available by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. This document provides a clear explanation of the Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Individual copies of this guide can be ordered and downloaded online at www.ncbcenter.org by clicking on “publications.”

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT!

URGENT!
Take action to Oppose Assisted Suicide Bill—Update

New Jersey Senate bill S2474, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, may be voted on in the next few weeks. An identical bill, A2451, passed the General Assembly on October 20th. If passed, this bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill patients who have been diagnosed with six months or less to live.

Doctor-assisted suicide is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost containment and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost.

The facts are clear - in California, Vermont and Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. One such example is Stephanie Packer, a young mother of four from California. Stephanie was recently denied insurance coverage for her new chemotherapy treatment but suicide drugs were approved by her insurance with a nominal co-pay of $1.20.

Other reasons to oppose assisted suicide legislation include:
♦ A six-month prognosis for a terminal illness is not always accurate. Often, with treatment, patients survive well beyond their prognosis.
♦ S2474 would allow the death certificate to list the cause of death as the underlying terminal disease - not assisted suicide. The cause of death should be listed as self-administered drugs that ended life. Why not tell the truth?
♦ Legalized assisted suicide would send the wrong message to vulnerable groups such as our troubled youth and to our veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Studies have shown that in states where assisted suicide has been legalized, overall suicide rates increase.
♦ There is no requirement for a physician to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription. In fact there is no supervision of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy. Our society should embrace what Pope John Paul II called “the way of love and true mercy” —a readiness to surround patients with love, support, and companionship, providing the assistance needed to ease their physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. Our duty is to assist those who are dying not kill them. Please contact your state Senators today and urge them to oppose S2474 by visiting: http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action. Also, contact Governor Christie (609-292-6000) and ask him to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.
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

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

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: 732-563-4672 for Courage (email: couragecplnj@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-sainthomas.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.