The Parish Family of
St. Anthony of Padua

Parish Office: 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ 07064
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ALL ARE WELCOME!
Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church,
whatever your current family or marital situation,
whatever your past or present religious affiliation,
whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color,
you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
the Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua.

*There are no Strangers at St. Anthony’s – Only Friends We Haven’t Met*

FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR
FATHER LAURO C. SEDLMAYER, PAROCHIAL VICAR
MICHAEL BRUCATO, DEACON  JOEY PERLAS, DEACON  PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON

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**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
Liturgical of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

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

**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
Liturgical 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

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CHECK OUT ON FACEBOOK!
EMAIL:
Office: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Religious Education: religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Bulletin: bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
Study Hall: studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  July 22, 2018
This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Psalms 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalms85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8
Matthew12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Matthew20:20-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Psalms 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Matthew13:18-23

Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11
Matthew 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalms 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

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.
Our Prayer for the week…..
Saint Sharbel was a monk in the area of Lebanon. Today Christians in the Middle East are being persecuted and martyred for practicing their faith. Our prayer this week is a prayer through the intercession of Saint Sharbel for Christians of the Middle East. His feast day is Tuesday, July 24th.

Prayer to Saint Sharbel Makhlouf

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Sharbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit.

We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example.

Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of Saint Sharbel’s intercession through his countless miracles and favors, grant us [state your intention(s) here]

Amen.

“…come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile.” mark 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.

FOOD DRIVE MINISTRY
Our monthly food drive will be held the weekend of August 4th & 5th. In conjunction with the 2018 Vacation bible School “Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World” we will continue collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Anthony Food Pantry to open in the Fall. You may drop off your item(s) “around the campfire” located in the narthex. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Your donation of food items is greatly appreciated and will enable us to provide 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:

N. Ackerman
Delivery: P. Barcellona (Tuesday, August 7th)

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
QUEEN FOR A DAY AUCTION!!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

DONATIONS...

If you have any new items that you would like to donate, or do you sew, crochet, craft, woodwork?? If you would like to donate a Gift Card for a store, restaurant, etc. for our raffle table that would be most welcome.

BASKETS...

Do you have any baskets just sitting around your house taking up much need space? Baskets of various sizes, esp. medium and large, are needed for our auction. Please consider donating them.

WE ALSO NEED...

Cellophane wrap and/or large bags to wrap-up our beautiful baskets.

All donations are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at our Parish Office ONLY or call to arrange a pickup 732-634-1403 or 732-429-4850.
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**
Special blessings for Erin & Kasey D’Amato req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne
In Loving Memory of our dear parents, Maria & Carmen req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
God Bless our nephew, Chase John Darpino on his Baptism Love Godfather John & Jackie Cuozzo

**GOOD SHEPHERD**
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
God Bless our son, Chase John Darpino as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism
Love Mom & Dad

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**
In Loving Memory of Margaret “Midge” Pannone req. by Richie & Adrienne
In Loving Memory of Danielle (D’Orsi) & Brian Caynor req. by Richie & Adrienne

Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry.
That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**
- July 23: Rev. Anthony Siriani, Rev. James Kyrpczak
- July 25: Msgr. Joseph Curry, Rev. Edgar Madarang
- July 26: Rev. Lukasz Drozak, CSsR, Rev. Pervaiz Indrias
- July 28: Rev. Timothy Christy, Msgr. David Fulton
- July 29: Rev. Maurice Carlton, Rev. Jimson Varghese, SDV

**Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration**
You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

**Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 4:00pm**
Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website [https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/](https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/). The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the occasion. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582, amatos@diometuchen.org.

Even though no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or calling 732-243-4582, Monday thru Friday, during business hours.

Registration will close on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2018.

**Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millennium**
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

**Wednesdays, August 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 10:00-11:00am**

Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millennium is a video series with discussion with Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, Ph.D. The course is described as an exploration of the enduring power of Vatican II’s teachings in our day. It is an opportunity to reflect on the challenges facing the Catholic Church today. Each week with cover a different topic. The program is free. No registration is required.

For information, call (732) 529-7933.

**Bulletin**—In an effort to keep the cost of our bulletin within reason, we’re trying to only include inserts when its absolutely necessary. To view the bulletin in its entirety, see our website: [www.saintanthonypadua.org](http://www.saintanthonypadua.org) click on the Parish Life tab; select Bulletin from the drop down; then View the bulletin of your choice.
**The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

**Monday, July 23rd**
- **Summer Break**
  6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- **BINGO**
  12:00 Noon Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open at 10:30AM)

**Tuesday, July 24th**
- **Summer Break**
  6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- **Prayer Time / Fr. Smith**
  5:30PM Church
- **AA**
  7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Wednesday, July 25th**
- **Summer Break**
  6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- **SummerWorks of Faith Parent Mtg.**
  7:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Thursday, July 26th**
- **Summer Break**
  6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- **Confessions**
  6:30PM Church
- **AA**
  8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Friday, July 27th**
- **Summer Break**
  6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- **Bingo**
  7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open at 6:00PM)

**Saturday, July 28th**
- **Baptism Prep Session**
  9:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- **Confessions**
  3:15PM Church

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

**Friday, July 27th**
- Holy Family Prayer Group
  8:00PM Church Basement

**Saturday, July 28th**
- **Confessions**
  4:45PM Church

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

Contributions for Sunday, July 15, 2018 $ 5,539.00

Next Weekend, July 28th & 29th we will have our special collection for the Building & Maintenance Fund. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

Second collections coming up:
- August Property & Liability Insurance
- August 15th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Mary
- August 29th Building & Maintenance

**SUMMER ENVELOPES**

As many of you understand our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here at St. Anthony. We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office for the time you are out-of-town on vacations this summer.

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, July 22nd**
- Team #2 C. Botwin, W. Neveil

**SUNDAY, July 29th**
- Team #3 N. Ackerman, C. Ellis, R. Kierstead

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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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**EMLOYMENT 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 or have any questions, please contact Frank Cacace at 732-754-8401.
### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **Saturday** 07/28/18 4:00PM Volunteer Needed
- **Sunday** 07/29/18
  - 8:00AM A. Weiman
  - 9:30AM G. LaMorte, S. LaMorte, V. LaMorte
  - 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** 07/28/18—07/29/18
  - O. & R. Sandoval
- **Saturday** 07/28/18 4:00PM K. Brenner, D. Caffarelli, L. Casey
- **Sunday** 07/29/18
  - 8:00AM A. & D. Anderson, S. Gadowski
  - 9:30AM V. Mudrak, J. Mulvaney, G. Pronti
  - 11:30AM M. Amuzie, J. Kissel, R. Sorbanelli

**READERS**
- **Saturday** 07/28/18 4:00PM R. Leone
- **Sunday** 07/29/18
  - 8:00AM R. Simone
  - 9:30AM M. Russo
  - 11:30AM C. Amuzie

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#### OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **Saturday** 07/28/18 5:30PM C. Torres
- **Sunday** 07/29/18
  - 9:30AM Volunteer Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- **Saturday** 07/28/18 5:30PM L. Quiray, M. Torres
- **Sunday** 07/29/18
  - 9:30AM M. Amaya, G. Golden

**READERS**
- **Saturday** 07/28/18 5:30PM C. Dizon
- **Sunday** 07/29/18
  - 9:30AM A. Rabago

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#### ST. ANTHONY’S STUDY HALL

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

2018 Program

**Pick up our flyer for more information.**

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#### DON’T MISS OUT!

**Thursday, August 23rd**

- **Axelrod Performing Arts Center**
- **Deal, NJ**
- **$60.00 Admission & Transportation**

**Thursday, August 23rd**

- **Doo Wop Revue**
- **For Tickets or Information Call CAROL**
  - 732-969-1565 or 732-841-2930

- **8 TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

**DOMINIC NOFFI**
- **CHARL BROWN**
- **RUSSEL FISCHER**
- **DOMINIC SCAGLIONE**
- **DWAYNE COOPER**

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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. Jewelry, cell phones, etc. are kept in the parish office.

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**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS! at WOODBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

- **provided by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield**

- **July 23rd—Iselin Library**
- **August 1st—Main Library**
- **August 6th—Main Library**
- **August 15th—Henry Inman**

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While planning your vacation, remember it’s easy to locate a Catholic Church for Mass while you’re away.

Just log on to www.catholicmasstime.org; www.thecatholicdirectory.com; catholic-mass-times.com

You’ll be able to locate the Church closest to where you’ll be throughout the United States.
In Our Neighborhood & Our Diocese

Our Lady of Peace
1740 US-130, North Brunswick
to honor Our Lady of Good Health &
Independence Day of India & Pakistan
Communities also Participating:
Bangladesh  Nepal  Sri Lanka
Mass to honor Our Lady of Good Health and Independence Day of India & Pakistan on August 18th, 2018 at 5:30PM at Our Lady of Peace, North Brunswick. The main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop James F. Checchio. Dinner will be held at 6:30PM. Tickets at 609-331-3636.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
Offering the following programs:
Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or
e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org
GIFT FROM THE SEA: A RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN
“Woman must come of age by herself—she must find her true center alone.” How do we find peace in the midst of busyness? Who helps us learn and grow so we become whole? Using Anne Morrow Lindbergh’s book as a guide, we’ll spend the day looking at answering these questions. Lunch included.
Saturday, July 28th, 2018
11:00AM—4:00PM
$45-$55 As You Are Able

Upcoming UP—Who Cares about the Saints?  August 15th
Hildegard of Bingen  August 22nd

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!
Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you constantly fighting?
Or, do you simply shut down?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Does talking about it make it worse?

Retrovaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriage. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. UPCOMING WEEKEND: August 24th—26th, 2018
More information call the Family Life Office—732-243-4573
REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671
or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

St. Ambrose Parish
83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge
St. Ambrose Parish is seeking a part-time (potential full-time) maintenance worker for general custodial duties. Must be able to perform general handyman tasks, seasonal chores, bingo setup/breakdown in a busy school and church, and be prepared to perform occasional manual labor. Applicants must have a valid N.J. Driver’s license and a High School diploma (or G.E.D.) and undergo a thorough background check. Interested candidates should submit a resume via email to joan.abitabile@saintambroseparish.com for this position requires an August 20th, 2018 start date.

Pastoral Musicians Summer Seminar for Skills
Saturday, July 28, 2018
All pastoral musicians are invited to attend a Summer Seminar for Skills from 9:00AM—2:00PM, with registration beginning at 8:30AM, on Saturday, July 28th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 105 Summer Road, Three Bridges.
Hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Worship and the Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), this seminar will develop the basic skills necessary for music ministers, including vocal and instrumental music and liturgy.
The day will begin with Morning Prayer, followed by your choice of breakout session. After breakout sessions, the group will reconvene for a panel discussion and lunch. Advance registration is requested.
The cost to attend is $35/person for advance registration and $40/person for onsite registration. Lunch is included.
This seminar is the first in a three-year series that will be held the last Saturday in July of 2018, 2019 and 2020.
For more information and to register, please visit diometuchen.org/NPM.

St. Joseph’s Catholic School—
Now Enrolling Students for the 2018-2019 School Year.
St. Joseph School Students are members of a larger faith community.
Catholic Schools are one of the great success stories in the Church. The combination of religious and moral values, strong academics, and a disciplined environment simply cannot be surpassed. Catholic Schools are a sacrifice. But the sacrifice is well worth it. —Most Rev. Frank J. Rodimer, J.C.D.
Interested in enrolling your child in St. Joseph School? We would be happy to schedule a School Tour or provide you with more information about our School. Please call 732-541-7111 or visit our website at www.sjps.net

An investment in your child’s future: Priceless.
St. Joseph School, 865 Roosevelt Ave, Carteret

ARE YOU A RETIRED TEACHER?
St. Joseph School is looking for retired teachers, who enjoyed being in the classroom, to be on their substitute list. This is a paid position (per diem). If interested, please email rjohnson@sjps.net or contact the School Office at 732-541-7111.
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-speaking 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 individuals 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 caregivers. 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 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.
