The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua

Parish Office: 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ 07064
Phone: 732-634-1403 • Fax: 732-602-0119 • www.saintanthonypadua.org

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 BARCELLONOA, DEACON

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**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
CHECK US 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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 26, 2018
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Mass Intentions

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

**Tuesday, August 28th**
7:30AM Vito Buzcetti
req. by Bill & Maureen Walliser

**Wednesday, August 29th**
7:30AM Lena Russo
req. by Ethel Osag

**Thursday, August 30th**
7:00PM Carmen V. Pagliuca
req. by Gert Leahy

**Saturday, September 1st**
World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
4:00PM Joseph Cunningham
req. by loving wife, Angela & family

**Sunday, September 2nd**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM People of the Parish Family
9:30AM Melissa Kuchtyak
req. by Deacon Peter Barcellona
11:30AM Agnes Alibani
req. by Adam & MaryLou Ruzanski

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

**Monday, August 27th**
8:00AM John Spalenski
req. by the parish family

**Friday, August 31st**
8:00AM Maria Aprecio
req. by Maribe de la Merced

**Saturday, September 1st**
8:00AM Purgatorial Mass Society
5:30PM Joseph Mikos
req. by Maria Herczeg & family

**Sunday, September 2nd**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30AM Joseph Mikos
req. by his wife, Magda & children

Respensorial Psalm in Hungarian for
August 26, 2018 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ízleljétek és lássátok,
milyen édes az Úr!

Prayer Time with Father Smith for the people of the parish and the needs of the parish. All are Welcome.

Tuesday, August 28th
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 6:00PM

Wednesday, September 19th
No Prayer Time the Weeks of September 3rd & 10th

Monday, September 24th
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site 6:30PM
St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site 6:00PM

This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Sunday:**
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
John 6:60-69

**Monday:**
2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12
Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5
Matthew 23:13-22

**Tuesday:**
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17
Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13
Matthew 23:23-26

**Wednesday:**
2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18
Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5
Mark 6:17-29

**Thursday:**
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 24:42-51

**Friday:**
1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday:**
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
/Matthew 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:**
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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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.
Eucharistic Adoration
....An Hour With Jesus

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua Thursdays, from 2:00PM to 9:00PM from September through June. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM. We need volunteers to sit before the Blessed Sacrament especially 2:00pm; 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Please consider joining us for the hour or even a half-hour.

If interested call Angela Fowler 732-371-2862 or leave a message with the parish office for her.

Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

Food Drive Ministry

Our monthly food drive will be held the weekend of September 1st & 2nd. 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: H. Sullivan (Tuesday, September 4th)

Are you going to Rutgers in New Brunswick?

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule
Sunday Masses
12:00 pm  Busch Student Center, Rm. 120ABC
6:00 pm  St. Peter’s Church, 94 Somerset St.
(Next to Barnes & Noble)

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday)
7:30 am  St. Peter’s Church
12:15 pm  The Catholic Center Chapel
(Located inside the Catholic Center. No Mass on Friday)

Opening Activities
Monday, Sept. 3: College Ave. Involvement Fair
Luau, 6:00 pm at The Catholic Center
Wednesday, Sept. 5: Spirit Night, 8:00 pm,
St. Peter’s Parish Hall
Friday, Sept. 7: Grill & Chill, 5:00 pm on
Livingston Campus/Tillet Field

Visit us at www.rutgerscatholic.org or Facebook: Rutgers Catholic Student Association

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
8:00AM—11:00PM

Boscov’s annual community fundraiser
for local non-profits.

A day to enjoy great shopping, super savings, refreshments, door prizes and much more!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH will participate in this event!

For a $5 donation receive a 25% Off Shopping Pass, and 100% of all profits will benefit ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA!

Please call 732-634-1403 or stop by the Parish office for tickets or more information.

Tickets will also be available after Masses beginning September 29th /30th

Faith Formation
Sacramental Formation Program
G.I.F.T. 2018—2019 Registrations

Were due Thursday, August 9th, 2018

As always class size is limited, and registration is on “First Submitted / First Honored basis” Several G.I.F.T. classes are now closed. If you misplaced your form, or if your family is joining us for the first time, there are additional forms on the desk at the entrance of both worship sites and the parish office.

You may bring your registration directly to the parish office, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or mail it to the parish office: Attention: J. Bamber.

If you need to contact us with any Faith Formation (Religious Education / Sacramental Preparation) questions or concerns please call Jackie at 732-634-1403 or email: religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com or call Jackie at 732-634-1403 or email at religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com.
**If you would like flowers for the altar for your special intention at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site please call the Parish office.**

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**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.

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**Tabernacle**

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

In Loving Memory of Anthony Provenzano req. by Garry & Millie Sutphen

Special Blessings for Erin & Kasey D’Amato req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

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**Good Shepherd**

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

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Pray for our brave soldiers & their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially: an anonymous request; Mike Aiello, Edward Barcellona, Carol Ann Boland, William Bunavage, Anthony D’Ambrosio, Eugenia Damiani, George Diken, Richard Emory, Frank Grossman, Anna Hanley, Kim Hickman, Josie LaSpina, Paul Marini, Natalie “Dolly” Nardiello, Ethel Osag, Robert Pavey, Taylor Pavey, James Pelosi, Priscilla Ragucci, Peter Reuben, George Seibert, Isaura Taccogna, Chung-Tung Wang.

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**Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal Intention for August, 2018:** The Treasure of Families.

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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**Pray for our priests**

Aug. 27  Msgr. Sylvester Cronin  
Rev. Peter Tran

Aug. 28  Rev. Guy Selvester  
Rev. Frank Fellrath

Aug. 29  Rev. James King’ori, IMC  
Rev. J. Michael Venditti

Aug. 30  Rev. George Targonski  
Rev. John Barbella

Aug. 31  Rev. Jose Lorente  
Rev. A. David Chalackal, CMI

Sept. 1  Rev. Damien Breen  
Rev. Michael Krull

Sept. 2  Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD  
Bishop Emeritus of Metuchen Diocese

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**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 Wednesday, October 3rd.

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**HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**

The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you to join them at their Prayer meeting each Friday at 8:00PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. Each First Friday they welcome you to join them in the celebration of Mass at 8:00PM. Blessing for those celebrating the month of their birth after Mass. (Rosary recited 7:30PM.)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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**Wonder What Else is Happening?**

Pick up a copy of the flyer on the desk located at the entrance of both worship sites or 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.

Thank you.
The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, August 27th
Summer Break 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
BINGO 12:00Noon Fr. Milos Hall
(doors open at 10:30AM)
Columbiettes Mass/Dinner 6:00PM Church

Tuesday, August 28th
Summer Break 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday, August 29th
Summer Break 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

Thursday, August 30th
Summer Break 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Confessions 6:30PM Church
AA 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, August 31st
Summer Break 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Bingo 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
(doors open at 6:00PM)

Saturday, September 1st
Confessions 3:15PM Church

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

Tuesday, August 28th
Prayer Time / Fr. Smith 6:00PM Church

Friday, August 31st
Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church Basement

Saturday, September 1st
Mass followed by 2000 Hail Mary’s 8:00AM Church
Confessions 4:45PM Church

St. James Parish
Bereavement Support Group
Emmaus House, 174 Grove St., Woodbridge

The next session of the Bereavement Support Group will be held each Monday, September 10th through October 29th at 7:30pm at the Emmaus House on Grove Street, Woodbridge.

Anyone who is recently bereaved and who is in need of support please call St. James’ Parish office at 732-634-0500 ext. 100.

"Blessed are the who mourn....for they shall be comforted"
Matthew 5:4

Contributions:
Assumption of Mary, August 15th $ 1,600.00
Sunday, August 19, 2018 $ 4,764.00

Second collections coming up….
August Property & Liability Insurance
August 26th Building & Maintenance
September 9th Peter’s Pence [Fall]
September 23rd Utility

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve…As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

GIVE 20% of your income! 

Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

MONDAY, August 27th
Team #8 N. Cinelli, F. Rombardo

MONDAY, September 10th
Team #1 P. & R. Sierminski

MONDAY, August 27th 12:00Noon
Team # 4 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – M. Oddo
Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, August 31st 7:30PM
Captain – B. Sorbanelli
Caller – B. Sullivan
Kitchen Team S.Pribila

MONDAY, September 3rd 12:00Noon
Team # 1 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – J. Nelen
Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, September 7th 7:30PM
Captain – C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen Team A. Czum, M. Herczeg

The committee for St. James Parish 29th Annual Street Fair on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 10:00am-5:00pm is looking for VENDORS! [rain date: Saturday, September 22nd]

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

The “Ladies Night Out” Bowling League is looking for Women to Join our league. Single Bowlers and Teams are welcome to join.

Absolutely no experience needed, just a desire to make good friends, have fun and burn a few calories!

Starting: Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 @ 6:45PM
Details: 4 women’s teams, handicap 80% of 200
Place: Woodbridge Bowling Center
Cost: $23 per week Prizes: Yes

If interested please contact the Woodbridge Bowling Center as soon as possible: www.WoodbridgeBowling.com or 732-634-4520
### Liturgical Minister Schedule

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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.

### 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 or have any questions, please contact Frank Cacace at 732-754-8401.

### St. Anthony Study Hall

Do you have your before and after services set up? Register now with no deposit or registration fees. St Anthony Study Hall meets and exceeds your childcare needs for children in grades kindergarten to 8th grade. See the parish website under childcare services for all forms and prices.

### Queen for a Day Auction

**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.

### 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.

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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.

**IT’S STILL BBQ and PICNIC SEASON .... THINK SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS**

At St. Anthony’s we have an ongoing fund raiser, Shop-Rite Gift Cards. When purchasing Shop-Rite Gift cards 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.
 Called to be fully alive in Christ...
Explore an ancient tool, the Enneagram, that provides understanding of our humanity. Developed by Christian and Sufi mystics, it has been used for generations to help persons grow into spiritual maturity. Since the 1970’s psychologists and spiritual directors have expanded the understanding of this tool and have shared it through books and workshops. This three-part series will discuss the wisdom of this tool and how it can help us understand our gifts and limitations as well as our prayer preferences so that we can become more “fully alive in Christ”.

Wednesday, September 18th, , 26th, October 3rd , 2018
7:00—9:00 PM  $20-30 per session

17th ANNUAL CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE
Reflections on Humane Vitae

On Saturday, October 20th, 2018, the Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Newark will be sponsoring “The 17th Annual Critical Life Issues Conference.” The theme is “Every Life: Cherished, Chosen & Sent.” Expert speakers will address a variety of life issues including: “Humanae Vitae at 50 Years—Back to the Future,” “The Beauty and Wisdom of God’s Design: A Millennial’s Perspective,” Panel Discussion on Excerpts of the documentary, “Unprotected,” and “From Death to Life: a Conversion Story—Becoming a Missionary Disciple for Life.” The speakers will give practical information as well as thought-provoking testimony of real life experiences. The Conference will also feature exhibits of products and services which pertain to some of these issues. It will be held at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway from 8:30AM—3:30PM. Registration is $25.00. this fee includes lunch and handouts. Seating is limited.

To register please: visit http://diomentuchen.org/critical-life or call 732-562-1629 or 732-562-1543.

International Overdose Awareness Day Prayer Service
Friday, August 31st, 2018  7:00pm
St. John Neumann Church,
398 County Rd. 513, Califon, NJ

Hosted by The Community of Saint John Neumann Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen

Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

For more information on International Overdose Awareness Day: https://www.overdoseday.com/

St. Cecelia Church
Autumn Harvest Tricky Tray Gift Auction

When:  Saturday, September 29, 2018
Where:  St. Cecelia Church, 45 Wilus Way, Iselin, NJ – Lourdes Hall
Time:  Doors open at 6:00 pm – Prizes called at 7:30 pm
Cost:  General Admission - $20 (includes 2 free sheets of yellow tickets and coffee/tea and dessert)
        Bundle Package - $80 ($85 value – save $5)
        Must be 18 or older to participate – Bring your own food and beverages.

Tickets are available by going to www.stcecelia.com – Upcoming Events. You will be redirected to PayPal for credit card payment; or you may purchase tickets (cash/check) in the Parish Office.

For further information contact Kathy at 732-283-2300 or kbeglan@stcecelia.com.
Laudato Si': the first papal encyclical devoted to the environment has now been released. Start reading Pope Francis’ document at www.vatican.va and take up the pope’s urgent call for dialogue on the future of our common home. For related information visit the diocesan website at http://diometuchen.org/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si/

Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen Connections Program

Is looking for volunteers, both men and women to participate in one-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: courage@nj@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 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.
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.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.