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

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site  
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ

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

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 23, 2018
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**Tuesday, September 25th**
7:30AM Carmen V. Pagliuca
req. by Al & Rose Leone

**Wednesday, September 26th**
7:30AM Cesar Rameriz
req. by Violet Pattay

**Thursday, September 27th**
7:00PM In Thanksgiving
req. by Fr. William J. Smith

**Saturday, September 29th**
4:00PM Michele Celenza [Birthday]
req. by Debbie & Holly

**Sunday, September 30th**
8:00AM Charles Botwin [Birthday]
req. by Connie & Laura
9:30AM People of the Parish Family
11:30AM Larry Cataldo, Sr. brother-in-law of Grace & Frank Dispoto & family

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

**Monday, September 24th**
8:00AM Araceli Bernabe [Birthday]
req. by Bernabe Family

**Friday, September 28th**
St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
8:00AM Joseph Mikos
req. by Laszlo & Winnie Herczeg

**Saturday, September 29th**
8:00AM 70th Anniversary of Mt. Carmel Nursing Services [October 1, 1948]
req. by Sister Maria
5:30PM Feliza Perlas
req. by Liza-Jo Quiray

**Sunday, September 30th**
9:30AM Holy Souls In Purgatory

Respensorial Psalm in Hungarian for September 23, 2018 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

_Isten megsegít engem, az Úr oltalmájá életemnek._

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

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

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This Week’s Scripture Readings

| Sunday: | Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 |
|         | Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 |
|         | James 3:16--4:3 |
|         | Mark 9:30-37 |
| Monday: | Proverbs 3:27-34 |
|         | Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 |
|         | Luke 8:16-18 |
| Tuesday:| Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 |
|         | Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 |
|         | Luke 8:19-21 |
| Wednesday: | Proverbs 30:5-9 |
|           | Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 |
|           | Luke 9:1-6 |
| Thursday: | Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 |
|           | Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc |
|           | Luke 9:7-9 |
| Friday:   | Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 |
|           | Psalms 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 |
| Saturday: | Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a |
|           | Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2ede-3, 4-5 |
|           | John 1:47-51 |
| Next Sunday: | Numbers 11:25-29 |
|            | Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 |
|            | James 5:1-6 |
|            | Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 |

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.
With your fatherly blessing, Lord, Strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists.

Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from pondering your Word and studying the Church’s teaching.

And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving your name.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

R.C.I.A. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which we prepare non-Catholics who are interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church, and Catholics who wish to complete their initiation sacraments. Our first session will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30PM in the Chapel.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE

All are welcome to attend the 8:00AM Mass on Saturday, September 29th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site.

The intention is for the 70th anniversary of Mt. Carmel Nursing Services by Little Servant Sisters of Immaculate Conception of “Strawberry Hill.” 1948—2018.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi—October 1st

St. Francis loved animals. We love our pets.

To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and the love of our pets, there will be a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 7th following the 9:30AM Masses at both worship sites, St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

All are welcome to bring their pets!

ATTENTION CATECHISTS

CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018
8:30AM—4:30PM

Flyers will be available on the desk in the narthex of the church entrance. Please fill it out and submit to the Parish office. Thank you.

GOD’S LITTLE HELPERS

St. Anthony’s Pre-school Program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds (potty trained, of course). We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM to 10:30AM. There is NO FEE! Registration forms are available on the desk in the narthex and the parish office. Have questions please call Jackie at the parish office 732-634-1403.

FOOD DRIVE MINISTRY

Our next Food Drive is the weekend of October 6th & 7th

Staff: V. Lagamarsino

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 beginning September 13th through June. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM.

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!
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

**Votive Candles**

**Tabernacle**

In Loving Memory of Janice Ciardiello
As she celebrates her birthday in Heaven
req. by Richie & Adrienne

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

In Loving Memory on your 8th Anniversary in Heaven,
Paul Hickman
req. by his wife, Janet & daughter, Kim

**Good Shepherd**

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

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

**Cross of San Domiano**

In Celebration of Linda Marmora
Birthday on September 26, 2018
req. by Bob Sboraneli

In Thanksgiving for my wife & nurse, Vera
req. by loving husband, Ed

**Altar**

In Loving Memory of Barbara Louise Manno
req. by Monica Keasey

**Let us join with Pope Francis I in his Universal Intention for September, 2018: Young People in Africa...** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**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;


**Pray for Our Priests**

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October—The Month of Our Lady of the Rosary

In honor of Our Lady during the month of October why not consider hosting the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home?

If you would like to honor the pilgrim statue in your home, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

You will be notified as to when you will host the Statue.

Let Our Lady’s Prayers help us all in our spiritual journey!!

I would like to honor the Pilgrim State of Our Lady of Fatima in my home.

Name: __________________________

Address: __________________________

Phone #: __________________________

All requests will be processed as they are received.

**Our Clarion Call from the Holy Spirit**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for prayer for life. In the United States we will have a day of prayer, **Rosary Coast to Coast**. Please put in in your calendar on **Sunday, October 7th at 4:00PM Sharp** at St. James Church, Amboy Ave. and Main St., Woodbridge, NJ.
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PRESENTS:

QUEEN FOR A DAY TRICKY TRAY AUCTION

Sunday November 11th, 2018
Father Milos Hall
Doors Open 1:30pm        Calling Starts 3:30pm
Tickets Go On Sale Monday, October 1st
at the parish office at
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading.
Phone: 732-634-1403

The cost is $12.00
(ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)

PRIZES INCLUDE:
$1,500.00 Vacation Voucher,  “Frozen” Ride-On-Sleigh,
Gym Memberships, Bistro Set, Grill, TV, Designer Purses,
Appliances, Sports Memorabilia, Gift Certificates
and Much, Much More!
Pizza, Hot Dogs, Snacks, Drinks (Available For Purchase)

Attention Students: Service Hours Available

ST. ANTHONY’S RELICS VISIT
The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua,
Port Reading

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Friday,
October 5th, 2018

Veneration 10:00AM—8:00PM

MASS 12:15PM

The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony will be visiting us in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario Conte from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua.

Prayer petitions with holy cards will be distributed by Friar Mario and volunteers to allow parishioners to write their prayer petition to the saint. The writing of a prayer petition is a worldwide tradition when venerating a relic of a saint. Fr. Conte will bring the petitions back to the Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of St. Anthony where the Friars will gather to pray for the saint’s intercession upon our intentions and petitions.

Pope Benedict Emeritus said of relics “by inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals touched by the living power of God. The relics of the saints are traces of that invisible but real presence which sheds light upon the shadows of the world and reveals the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst.

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 NEXT WEEKEND!

Attention Students: Service Hours Available

Boscov's annual community fundraiser for local non-profits. A day to enjoy great shopping, super savings, refreshments, door prizes and much more!
**The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

**Monday, September 24th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- BINGO 12:00Noon Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open at 10:30AM)
- Prayer Time with Fr. Smith 6:00PM Chapel
- G.I.F.T. Catechist Meeting 7:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Tuesday, September 25th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Children’s Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM Church
- Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church
- Penance Parents Meeting 7:00PM Chapel
- AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
- Communion Parents Mtg. 8:00PM Chapel

**Wednesday, September 26th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Holy Name Federation Mass followed by dinner 7:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Thursday, September 27th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Eucharistic Adoration 2:00PM Chapel
- Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM Chapel
- Confessions 6:30PM Church
- AA 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Friday, September 28th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open at 6:00PM)

**Saturday, September 29th**
- Confessions 3:15PM Church

**Sunday, September 30th**
- God’s Little Helpers 9:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

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**HOLY NAME SOCIETY’S**

**PRE-HOLIDAY Bazaar & Flea Market**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**
**FATHER MILOS HALL**

8:00AM—2:00PM

**Contracts available** on the table at the entrance narthex of Both worship sites and on our website: www.saintanthonyypadua.org

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

**Friday, September 28th**
- Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church Basement

**Saturday, September 29th**
- Confessions 4:45PM Church

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

Contributions: September 16, 2018 $ 5,169.00

Second collections coming up….
- October Property & Liability Insurance
- October 21st World Mission
- October 28th Maintenance

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”  
Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, September 23rd**

Team #3  N. Ackerman, C. Ellis, R. Kierstead

MONDAY, October 1st

Team #4  L. Casey, A. Fowler, P. Russo

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**MONDAY, September 24th**

12:00Noon

Team # 4  Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – M. Oddo
Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, September 28th**

7:30PM

Captain – C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen Team M. Gesso

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**MONDAY, October 1st**

12:00Noon

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

**FRIDAY, October 5th**

7:30PM

Captain – C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen Team M. Herczeg, A. Czum

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**BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As you may be aware Bingo is one of the major fund-raisers for our parish. We are currently in need of Volunteers for our Friday Night Bingo. If you can volunteer in any way please the call the parish office 732-634-1403.

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**IT’S TIME TO PACK THOSE LUNCH BOXES! ….. 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.
### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

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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.

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### 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.

### 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 Mike Martino at 732-429-4850 or the parish office 732-634-1403.

### Catholic High School Fall Open Houses

**Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018 7:00PM**

Early Bird Tours” will begin at 6:15PM

1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
908-889-1600 x 302 bthornton@unioncatholic.org

**Sunday, October 14th, 2018 1:00PM—4:00PM**

**Bishop George Ahr High School**

One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820
732-549-1108 x 620 bgahs.org

### 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.

**Volunteers are needed!** If you’re interested in helping, please contact Mike Martino at 732-429-4850 or the parish office 732-634-1403.
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.” 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://diometuchen.org/critical-life or call 732-562-1629 or 732-562-1543.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MASS
Friday, September 28, 2018 7:30PM
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen.

As we come together to celebrate Hispanic heritage in the Diocese of Metuchen, we continue to be inspired by the words of Pope Francis, which he wrote in a letter to the U.S. Bishops about V Encuentro: “We need to become ever more fully a community of missionary disciples, filled with love of the Lord Jesus and enthusiasm for the spread of the Gospel.”

For more information, please contact the Diocese of Metuchen’s Hispanic Ministry at (732) 243-4573.

Divorce Effects Everyone... It Happens and It Hurts!
The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, NEW ministry for men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. “The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide” is a 12 week program, featuring a thirty-minute DVD session each week.

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

Wednesdays 7pm – 8:30pm
October 3, 10, 17, 24
December 5, 12, 19

To register call 732-243-4573 during business hours. The Fee for the series is $25.00. Credit card payments are available.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 25, 2018 or when 12 participants are registered.

FOR INFORMATION: Ro Bersch 908-313-5947 | 908-470-0678

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF
The 8 week session will start this Wednesday. This non-denominational program is designed to help men and women work through the grief that one experiences in reaction to the loss of a loved one. Anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process is welcome.

PLACE: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center (45 Library Place, Metuchen, NJ 08840)
DATE: Wednesday, September 26th—November 14th, 2018
TIME: 7:00PM
CONTACT: Jessie Flynn 732-895-2563 or Mary Beth Connolly 732-512-8901

There is NO FEE. Pre-registration is required.

LIFE CHAIN
OCTOBER 7th, 2018
Peaceful, prayerful demonstration in opposition to abortion and other attacks on human life. The event is held 2:00pm-3:30pm, rain or shine.

Pope Francis’ Rejoice and be Glad…..

There will be a discussion of Pope Francis’ "Rejoice and be Glad" on the call to holiness in the modern world, led by Rev. Gregory Uhrig of the office of Adult Formation, Diocese of Metuchen.

There will be 4 sessions Sept. 13, 20, 27, and Oct. 4, 9:30-11:00 AM at St. Joseph's Church 34 Yorktown Rd., Hillsborough. The cost is $5. for the discussion booklet.

No registration necessary but If you have any questions call the rectory at 908-874-8220

Catholic Charities

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 jecullen@ccdom.org, for more information.

Poverty Relief Services

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

Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete list of drop-off locations visit:

http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes

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

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

24 HOUR HOT LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine:  Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

EnCOURAGE….Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCourage. Also visit the national website at Couragecnj.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.