Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a
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
REV. MSGR. PAFNOUTI WASSEF, 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, 8:30 AM & 11:15 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 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
First Friday of the Month
Devotions to the Sacred Heart
Following the 7:30 AM 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
Sunday, 9:45 AM Mass
Rosary prayed in Hungarian before Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.
Daily: Saturday only: 8:30 AM
First Saturday of the Month
Devotions to Mary following Mass
Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

Parish Office Hours
Monday, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM
Tuesday 10:00 AM—3:30 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM—3:30 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM—5:30 PM; 6:30 PM—9:00 PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45 PM—1:30 PM

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God of Hope,
You journey with us through the desert.
You challenge us to become more like CHRIST.
During this Lenten season, may our prayers, fasting and giving
Give us the courage to go forth from these 40 days in the desert to share our gifts with the world.
May our encounter with you allow us to bring your HOPE to all of our human family.

Amen.

This week we will be blessing and distributing Catholic Relief Service’s “Rice Bowl” boxes. In 2018 St. Anthony’s received a grant for the Food Pantry.
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, March 11th
7:30AM  Charles Botwin
req. by Laura & Connie

Tuesday, March 12th
7:30AM  Margaret Rosenkranz
req. by Fr. Bill Smith

Wednesday, March 13th
7:30AM  Rev. Garrett Fitzgerald

Thursday, March 14th
7:00PM  John Da’Silva
req. by Frank & Nora Rombardo

Friday, March 15th
7:30AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 16th
4:00PM  Josefina Yepez

Sunday, March 17th  
8:30AM  John Patrick Ur
req. by his loving family
11:15AM  Frances Gross
req. by Fr. William J. Smith

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Saturday, March 16th
8:30AM  Stella & Brady Riley [Living Intention]
req. by James & Maguy Sadhoo

Sunday, March 17th
9:45AM  People of the Parish Family

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for
March 10th, 2019  1st Sunday of Lent

Légy velem, Uram, minden szükségemben.

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

Thurs., March 14th  3:00PM  St. Anthony of Padua
Tues., March 19th  5:30PM  St. Anthony of Padua

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:  Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13

Monday:  Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [John 6:63b]
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday:  Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalms 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday:  Jonah 3:1-10
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Like 11:29-32

Thursday:  Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cede-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday:  Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday:  Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Next Sunday:  Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17—4:1

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.
2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Help Build a Civilization of LOVE

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Anthony of Padua. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16th/17th, which has been designation as Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

TIPS TO MAKE MASS MORE MEANINGFUL

One of the ways to draw us to a closer relationship with God is by fully participating in the Mass. The Mass should not be a boring routine that is something inconvenient. Rather, we should see it for what it is – a miracle. It is the re-presenting of Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary here and now for us! Each week, we have been identifying tips to make Mass more meaningful. Here are two additional tips:

3. If you are afraid to go deeper at Mass, ask why. If we ask to be allowed to see and confront the weaknesses that hold us back, we can recognize them and bring them to confession.

4. If you start judging others during Mass…try focusing on objects used at Mass that are meant to be symbols of Christ: the altar, candles, vestments, sacred vessels, rather than focusing on people. These symbols are designed to elevate the mind.

Sponsored by the Word Committee, Pastoral Council

ADULT CONFIRMATION

1. Are you a Baptized Catholic?

2. Have you received your First Communion in the Catholic Church?

3. Have you received your Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

If you answered YES to the first questions and NO to the third question, you are eligible to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program 2019 which will begin in the near future.

If you’re interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult please call the parish office to set up an appointment with Father Smith to begin the process.

FAITH FORMATION

Sacramental Formation Program

Classes begin at 6:30PM

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All Religious Education

Sacramental Prep Students must attend at least once during Lent.

On Friday, March 15th our G.I.F.T. Families will be presenting the “Family Stations of the Cross”. Please consider volunteering to participate. If interested call Holly at the parish office.

Please remember to have your child sign-in at the table at the entrance of the church.

G.I.F.T.

Monday, April 1st & Wednesday, April 3rd

GIFT MASS

Saturday, April 6th 4:00PM

Due to a scheduling conflict the G.I.F.T. Mass originally scheduled for March has been postponed until April.

Families with last names beginning with the letters A—C are invited to participate in our G.I.F.T. Family Mass.

Please contact Holly at the parish office either by phone 732-634-1403 or email at hols019@yahoo.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Wednesdays at 7:00PM

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Fridays (except Good Friday) at 12:15PM & 7:00PM

Special Stations at the evening presentation:

March 15th Family Stations of the Cross
March 22nd Social Justice Stations
April 5th Living Stations
April 12th Mime Stations

ENCOUNTER NORMA

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.
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 Danielle (D’Orsi) & Brian Caynor
req. by Richie & Adrienne

In Loving Memory of Dennis Mulligan
req. by Bob & Diane Aversa

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


**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION…. AN HOUR WITH JESUS**
We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua Thursdays, from 2:00PM to 6:30PM and 7:45PM to 8:45PM through June. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM. We especially need someone from 4:00-5:00PM and 5:00-6:00PM, even for only a half-hour. Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

**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. (Rosary recited 7:30PM.)

All are welcome!

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Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for March: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Mar. 11  Rev. John Barbella
       Rev. John Brundage

Mar. 12  Rev. Dennis Weezorak
       Rev. Stanley Jarosz

Mar. 13  Rev. John Pringle
       Rev. Joseph Kubiak OFM Cap

Mar. 14  Rev. Charles Kelly
       Rev. Richard Rusk

Mar. 15  Rev. Alberto Ruiz CMF
       Rev. John Zec

Mar. 16  Rev. Nicolas Norena
       Rev. Edgar Madarang

Mar. 17  Rev. Zenon Bochnak
       Rev. Michael Krull

**Year of Spiritual Renewal and Awakening of Faith**
If you would like to host the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon in your home for private prayer and devotion, please pick up a flyer from the desk at the entrances of both worship sites and return the form to the parish office or email—info.stanthony1@gmail.com. **The icon can be picked up on Thursday and returned the following Tuesday during office hours. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us!**

**THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
is being honored from Thursday, March 14th—Tuesday, March 19th
at the home of Joe & Debbie Caffarelli

The Rosary will be recited on
Friday, March 15th at 9:30AM
in the Chapel of St. Anthony
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 entrances of both worship sites or see our website: www.saintanthonyypadua.org (click on the Parish Life tab; select Bulletin from the drop down menu; then View the bulletin of your choice.
**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
Saturday  03/16/19
4:00PM  C. Greener, E. Roche

Sunday  03/17/19
8:30AM  A. Weiman
11:15AM  A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
Homebound Ministers  03/16/19—03/17/19
M. Russo

Saturday  03/16/19
4:00PM  C. Marney, J. Mulvaney, H. Pagliuca, D. Scharf

Sunday  03/17/19
8:30AM  B. Lasek, C. Miloscia, C. & E. Weiman
11:15AM  M. Amuzie, E. Bishop, B. Cuozzo, J. Kondrk

**READERS**
Saturday  03/16/19
4:00PM  C. Barcellona

Sunday  03/17/19
8:30AM  L. Miloscia
11:15AM  C. Amuzie

**ST. ANTHONY SUMMER BREAK**

**FIELD TRIPS**
- Crystal Springs Waterpark
- Friday Theatre Shows @ MCC
- Keansburg Amusement Park / Runaway Rapids
- Pool & Area Parks

**ACTIVITIES**
- Arts & Crafts
- Baking
- Canvas Painting
- Fitness Fun
- Organized Sports/Games
- Weekly Dance Parties w/DJ Mike

Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks Included!
Early Registration Discount if paid in full by May 24, 2019
Community Childcare Solutions Accepted
1:6 Staff/Child Ratio
All Staff CPR/First Aid Certified

Please see website for rates and registration forms.
www.saintanthonypadua.org/67

St. Anthony Study Hall
Email: studyhalldirector@gmail.com
732-634-6800

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by or no later than March 31, 2019. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.
MONDAY, March 11th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Bingo 12:00PM Fr. Milos Hall
G.I.F.T. (doors open 10:30AM)

TUESDAY, March 12th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Children’s Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM Church
Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church
AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

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Port Reading/Sewaren Srs. 11:00AM Sycamore Center
G.I.F.T. 6:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

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Prayer Time / Fr. Smith 3:00PM Chapel
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AA 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

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Rosary Prayed 9:30AM Chapel
Stations of the Cross 12:15PM Church
Family Stations of the Cross 7:00PM Church
Bingo 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
(doors open 6:00PM)

SATURDAY, March 16th
Confessions 3:15PM Church
Mass / Girl Scout 4:00PM Church

SUNDAY, March 17th
God’s Little Helpers 8:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

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Friday, March 15th
Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church Basement

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

At St. Anthony’s we have an ongoing fund raiser: Shop-Rite Gift Cards. They make fantastic shower and wedding gifts. Please consider helping St. Anthony’s the next time you shop. For each purchase, our Parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift Cards come in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the Parish Office.

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.

Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

Offertory for March 3, 2019

Upcoming Special Collections....
March Property & Liability Insurance
April 7th Easter Flowers
April 14th Retired Priests of Metuchen Diocese

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.”
Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits”, the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.
Come Have Fun

Woodbridge Township’s Annual ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

Begins 1:30PM at Woodbridge High School, down Freeman St., Linden Ave., Green St, Rt. 35 & Main St.

Don’t Miss Out!

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

Registration is required: www.msmhope.org or 908-753-2091

Through the Eyes of Women: A Lenten Journey

Join us for this six-week women’s program based on the book Walk In Her Sandals by Kelly Wahlquist, as a prayerful and creative way to enter into Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

Wednesdays at 9:30am—11:00am

- March 13th Gift of Receptivity
- April 3rd Gift of Prayer
- March 20th Gift of Generosity
- April 10th Gift of Maternity
- March 27th Gift of Sensitivity

The final session, Saturday, May 11th Gift of the Holy Spirit 9:30-12:00pm

$120.00—$180.00 as you are able

The book is available for purchase prior to the first session.

Footsteps in the Garden
Women’s Retreat

Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life, even without your help? In scripture, God says, “You will be like a watered garden.” (Is 58:11-12). The blooms in the garden take root in the silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our business, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. Come to spend time in the garden of your life.

Friday, April 12th, 6:45–9:30 p.m. & Saturday, April 13th, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

$100 for overnight guests; $75 for commuters

You are invited to a Mass followed by Prayers for Healing at Saint James Church Cor. Main Street & Amboy Avenue (Rt.35), Woodbridge

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at 7:00PM Rev. John F. Campoli, His Love Ministries, Presider & Homilist

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Valentine’s Day is Every Day

No reason why Valentine’s Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held Friday, March 22nd—Sunday, March 24th.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.
Phone 732-904-9636 for registration and information For further information visit them at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199

Presents a Saint Patrick’s Day Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner, also including Irish Soda Bread and Irish Music (BYOB). The celebration is to be held on…

Sunday, March 17th, from 1:00 to 5:00PM in the OLP Parish Center, 25 Franklin Ave, Edison

Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door.

For tickets and information: Rich Fetzer (732) 822-4957

Prayer & Support for Families Affected By Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families affected by mental health issues will take place at:

St. Patrick’s Church 327 Greenwich Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823 at 10:00AM AND 7:00PM

on Wednesday, March 13th and continues April through December on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.
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 www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org for information.

24 HOUR HOT LINE
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayers 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 Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

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 are available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Eucharistic Adoration is being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Volunteer adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday during business hours to pray for the intentions of the diocese. For information or to volunteer, call Laura at 732-529-7932 or email her at jevangelization@diometuchen.org.

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.