5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.” - Jn 8:11b
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

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

Help us see signs like those you saw, Lord, signs so small they may be missed.

Yes, signs are there in our lives and especially as we struggle.

Sometimes it’s an outsider whom we never expected to help us at all.

Sometimes it’s something unexpected we never thought about before.

Sometimes it’s as small as Bread.

You are the God who works great wonders, but mostly you send us simple signs, words, things that seem like nothing.

Amen
Mass Intentions

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

**Monday, April 8th**
7:30AM  Chris Killmurray  
req. by his parents, Frank & Lynn

**Tuesday, April 9th**
7:30AM  Salvatore Brucato  
req. by Catherine Adams

**Wednesday, April 10th**
7:30AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory  
req. by Bee Rucando

**Thursday, April 11th**
7:00PM  Mary & Joseph Bodnar  
req. by their loving family

**Friday, April 12th**
7:30AM  Chris Killmurray  
req. by his parents, Frank & Lynn

**Saturday, April 13th**
8:30AM  Riley Family  
[Living Intention for: Thanksgiving & protection]  
req. by Maguy & James Sadhoo

**Sunday, April 14th**
10:00AM  Ilona Kuntar  
[Living Intention for: Thanksgiving & protection]  
req. by Maria Herczeg & family

**Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for**  
April 7th, 2019  
5th Sunday of Lent

Hatalmas dolgot művelt az Úr vélünk,  
azért szíből ujjongunk.

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

**Mon., April 8th**
5:00PM  St. Anthony of Padua

**Tuesday, April 9th**
12Noon  O.L. of Mt. Carmel  
& 1:30PM  St. Anthony of Padua

**Wednesday, April 10th**
3:00PM  O.L. of Mt. Carmel

**Thursday, April 11th**
St. Stanislaus

**Friday, April 12th**
St. Martin I

**Saturday, April 13th**
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**Sunday, April 14th**
St. Anthony of Padua  
Palm Sunday

This Week’s Scripture Readings

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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.
Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling 19,030.50 and payments totaling $14,074.50 from 158 parishioners. This represents 79.3% of our $24,000.00 goal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to:

Diocese of Metuchen—Bishop’s Annual Appeal
PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000
or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA

CHRISM MASS
April 15, 2019 7:30 P.M.
CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Monday, April 15th, 2019 Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom—which we now call the Chrism Mass—in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmands, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00pm.

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.

DOING ANYTHINGS SPECIAL THIS WEEKEND?
JOIN US AT ST. ANTHONY’S PARISH FOR A FREE MOVIE DAY!!
NOW SHOWING.....
DO YOU BELIEVE?
Sunday, April 7th, 2019
2:00PM
St. Anthony’s Church—Fr. Milos Hall
Light refreshments will be served.

From the creator of the hit movie God’s Not Dead comes Do You Believe? - a challenge for people to examine what they know to be true, and then live out their faith by sharing the life-changing message of the cross.

The each have their dreams, their secrets, and their hurts, which keep them from connecting with each other, and keep them from living their lives to the fullest. A ‘chance’ encounter with a street preacher challenges a local pastor into putting his faith to the test. Howe he react ricochets to those around him, drawing them all towards to place where they must confront an essential question for themselves:

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G.I.F.T.
Monday, April 29th/ Wednesday, May 1st

MENU
PIZZA, SALAD, DESSERT

STATUES 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 (Mime Stations)

ENCOUNTER ONA

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Do You Believe? Do you believe in the power of the cross?”

Sacramental Formation Program
Classes begin at 6:30PM
Communion Level 2 ONLY Wednesday, April 10th
Confirmation Level 1 & 2 Monday, April 8th
ALL Communion Level 1 & Level 2 Students must attend the Stations at least once during this Lenten Season.
Confirmation Level 1 & 2 Students and Parents must attend 7:00PM Mass, Holy Thursday, April 18th.

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 (Mime Stations)
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**

Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for April: Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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**Tabernacle**

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

In Loving Memory of my best friend, Janet Dragos
may she rest in peace in Heaven.
req. by Elisa Gurney

In Loving Memory of Danielle (D’Orsi) & Brian Caynor
req. by Richie & Adrienne

**Good Shepherd**

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

In Loving Memory of Salvatore Brucato
req. by St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society

**Cross of San Domiano**

May God bestow His Healing Grace for good health upon
John Carpenito
req. by Marge Barbato & Claudia Trotto

In Loving Memory of my mother, Lauretta Dato as she
Celebrates her 19th Anniversary in Heaven.
req. by daughter, Claire Miloscia

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**Eucharistic Adoration...**

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!**

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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.saintanthonypadua.org (click on the Parish Life tab; select Bulletin from the drop down menu; then View the bulletin of your choice.)
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 04/13/19
   4:00PM  N. Alvarez, K. Tobar

Sunday 04/14/19
   8:30AM  A. Weiman
   11:15AM A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 04/13/19—04/14/19
   J. Bamber

Saturday 04/13/19
   4:00PM  M. Balint, D. Caffarelli, R. Masters, D. Scharff

Sunday 04/14/19
   8:30AM  J. Bamber, B. Lasek, C. Miloscia, J. Pannullo
   11:15AM K. Brenner, B. McCauley, L. Palasits
                   R. Sorbanelli

READERS
Saturday 04/13/19
   4:00PM  R. McNamara, C. Smith

Sunday 04/14/19
   8:30AM  L. Miloscia, R. Simeone
   11:15AM M. Oddo, M. Russo

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these time of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!
For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit: www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday 04/14/19
   9:45AM  Volunteer Welcome

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sunday 04/14/19
   9:45AM  L. Kadash, L. Quiray

READERS
Sunday 04/14/19
   9:45AM  V. Clarke, B. Perlas

FOR AGES 5—13
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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
BUS DRIVER
Hours are approximately an hour in the morning and 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.

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.
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### Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving

Next week our second collection is for the Fund for Retired Priests of the Metuchen Diocese. Our retired priests serve, as spiritual leaders, counselors, teachers, and friends to all. Health permitting, many continue to exercise various forms of priestly ministry—celebrating weekend Masses in parishes, assisting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and hospital visitations. Our retired priests are the living roots of our sacramental community. Let’s Not Forget. Please be as generous as your means allows.

Upcoming Special Collections:

- **April 14th** Property & Liability Insurance
- **April 18th** Retired Priests of Metuchen Diocese
- **April 19th** Holy Thursday—Social Ministry Fund
- **April 21st** Good Friday—Holy Land Collection
- **April 21st** Easter Sunday

“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ…”

Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

**NEW at St. Anthony’s OnLine Giving**, a web-based electronic contribution application. St. Anthony of Padua is providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online. It helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass (vacation, weather). Allowing you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. This service is safe and secure and convenient for you.

Just go to our website:

www.saintanthonypadua.org

Click on the box at the lower right hand corner. Complete the online registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 732-634-1403 or via email at info.stanthony1@gmail.com

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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 8:00 PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. (Rosary recited 7:30 PM.)
Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I know you will agree that among our greatest assets in this diocese is our faithful priests. The Diocese of Metuchen currently has 29 retired diocesan priests. Just imagine how many masses, baptisms, and confessions we have celebrated with them. They have blessed us, mourned with us, and ministered to us throughout our lives. Because they devoted their lives to the services of God and the Diocese of Metuchen we have been the recipients of their sacramental and pastoral care. Wherever I go on parish visits, I hear about and can sense your great love for our priests. As I think back on my own life, I see my own faith has been remarkably shaped by the priests who ministered to me and my family while growing up. Good and faithful priests bring joy to the Church.

For the majority of diocesan priests, retirement at the age of 75 may end administrative responsibilities, but not their priestly ministry. In a number of parishes, our retired priests continue to celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ’s love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our active priests. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also continue to support the people of God through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, April 13 and 14, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge those priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the *Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests*. This collection assists our elderly priests by helping to provide them with a monthly pension. It also subsidizes the operation of the Maria Regina Residence where 10 of our retired priests are currently living.

Your generous response to next week’s special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service as well as make it possible for us to continue to properly care for them. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. We depend on your prayerful support in order to accomplish the work of the Gospel in our challenging times.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen
11 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! In the last several weeks, we have been identifying tips to make Mass more meaningful. Here are the 11 ways to make Mass more meaningful:

1. Start by saying a silent prayer. For example, “Lord Jesus help me to enter this Mass more deeply.
2. Pick someone you are praying for this Mass. No need to tell them. The person can be living or deceased. This can help the Mass take on a greater personal intensity.
3. When your mind wanders...look at the Crucifix or tabernacle; listen to the liturgy or words of the hymns. Focusing on the words are a way to get back in participating in Mass.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Listen to the morals and ethics in the readings. In the Old Testament, figure out how the reading refer to Christ. In the Psalm, “own” the prayer rather than just repeating the refrains. In the New Testament reading, look for a helpful message you can take away. In the Gospel, focus on how Jesus reacts to situations in the world.
7. Offer yourself with the gifts. When the gifts are brought forward, offer yourself to Jesus with the gifts. For example, “Jesus, I place myself before you with these gifts to be taken up and transformed by your grace”.
8. Transport yourself through time. When the consecration comes, you are no longer just at Church with people from our area. You are witnessing the original sacrifice of Jesus Christ represented. Try to see through what is happening to that one sacrifice and offering of Jesus Christ.
9. Pray silently during the elevation. For example, when the Host is elevated pray “My Lord and my God”. When the cup is elevated pray “My Jesus, mercy”.
10. Pray in the communion line. For example, “Mary, tidy me up and help me to be presentable to Jesus at the altar”. “My guardian angel, bring me closer to Jesus”. Pray for the person in front of you and behind you.
11. On the way out the door...try to remember something from the gospel of homily that you can mention to someone. Repeating what moved your heart makes it stick more. Talk to one other person about what Jesus has “spoken” to you in this moment of prayer.

Mass is the best thin you do that day. Make the most of it!

Sponsored by the Word Committee, Pastoral Council

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays 12:15pm & 7:00pm
PALM SUNDAY  Vigil Saturday April 13th 4:00pm
Sunday, April 14th 8:30am & 11:15am
Mass will begin in Father Milos Hall
HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th
Morning Prayer 9:00am
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm
Night Prayer 10:00pm
GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th
Morning Prayer 9:00am
Church will be open for Private Prayer and Reflection 12:00pm—3:00pm
Prayer Time w/Fr. Smith 1:30pm—2:30pm
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion & Death
Traditional Service 3:00pm
HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th
Morning Prayer 9:00am followed by Preparation of Easter Celebration Meal
Blessing of Easter Meal (Food) 1:00pm (in Hall)
The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter 7:30pm
(NO 4:00pm MASS)
EASTER SUNDAY April 21st
Mass 8:30am & 11:15am

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Wednesday evenings 7:00pm
*PALM SUNDAY MASS April 14th 10:00am
HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th
Mass of the Lord’s Supper celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Worship 7:00pm
GOOD FRIDAY, Apr. 19th Prayer Time/Fr. Smith 12Noon Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th Blessing of Easter Meal (Food) 4:00pm
The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter 7:30pm at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
*EASTER MASS, April 21st 10:00am

*Please Note the Mass Time Change
Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 14th and Easter, April 21st will be celebrated at 10:00am. Mass will resume at 9:45am on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th
EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Plans are underway for our 23rd Annual Easter Celebration Meal to be prepared in Father Milos Hall on Saturday morning, April 20th. Last year’s presentation and preparation of the meal was such a beautiful success – all because of the love and care shown by our Parish Family in so many ways in donating the items needed, in contributing financially, and most of all, by having many hands to do the work, beforehand and on the morning!

For anyone who is not familiar with this ministry – a meal of ham, kielbasa and all the trimmings is prepared and then either picked up or delivered to those who have previously called and expressed their interest in receiving this meal. This is primarily for anyone who may be going through a difficult financial time, who perhaps may be out of work, or ill, or alone, or without their family, whatever their reason. This meal is provided with no charge.

Help is needed in a variety of ways: people to help cook, prepare the individual arrangements, help spread the word about the availability of the meal, collect what is needed, drive and deliver the meals, etc. Please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office by Wednesday, April 10th.

Without YOU this cannot be done—
In the true spirit of stewardship, please be generous with your time and talents!!!

EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL

Yes, I would like to help out in the following ways.

Cook beforehand _____ Driver _____
Cook Sat. morn. _____ Donate kielbasa ______
(please specify lbs.)
Prepare servings _____
Donate 5 lb. canned ham _____
Applesauce (6 pack) ______
Monetary and/or supermarket gift cards welcome_______

NAME: _______________________
EMAIL: _______________________
PHONE: _______________________
BEST TIME TO CALL: ____________

In order to prepare accordingly, please drop form off no later than Wednesday, April 10th at the parish office or place in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you.
**FISH & CHIPS DINNER**

at
Trinity Episcopal Church
650 Rahway Ave at Trinity Lane, Woodbridge
www.trinitywoodbridge.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th, 2019 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Catering by Thistle

Adults $15.00
Children under 8 years of age $8.00

Call for tickets / information 732-634-7422
*Chicken available—must pre-order by April 4th.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Now that SPRING is finally here, why not shake off those winter blues and pump some new life into your marriage.

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 July 26th—28th. Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.
For further information visit:
www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

**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 busyness, 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, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cost: $100 for overnight guests; $75 for commuters

Volunteers Needed - The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ is looking for volunteer ushers for the 13th of May, June, July, Aug., Sept. & Oct. to celebrate Our Lady's six appearances to the three Shepherd Children in 1917. Volunteers are needed for all six of the events to assist with the Rosary Procession and Holy Mass. If you always wanted to help Our Blessed Mother, this is the perfect opportunity. If interested, please contact Achilles at (718) 423-5077 or email: achille_d@gmail.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/

**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 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….** EnCOURAGE 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. EnCOURAGE members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. EnCOURAGE 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: 732-826-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCOURAGE. Also visit the national website at Courage.org. All contacts are confidential.

**HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE’S BEGINNINGS** — On November 19th, 2016, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, The Lighting of the Watch Fires, it is available for purchase for $25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.