THE PARISH FAMILY
OF
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 21, 2019

EASTER SUNDAY

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, April 22
Office Closed

Tuesday 10:00 AM — 3:30 PM
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An Easter Prayer

GOD OUR FATHER,
Creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy.

This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father’s glorious presence.

May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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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.
CHRIST IS RISEN!

ALLELUIA!!!

On behalf of Father Pafnouti Wassef,
Deacon Mike Brucato, Deacon Joey Perlas,
Deacon Peter Barcellona,
and myself
may you and those you love have a
Blessed, Peaceful and Joyous
Easter!

Father Smith

PASCHAL CANDLES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
was donated in
Loving Memory of
John Kadas
with love,
wife, Loretta & family

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site
was donated in
Loving Memory of our parents,
Anthony & Lillian Susko
&
Barbara & Matthew Linchinsky
by
The Susko—Parillo Family

The side Altar Candles
In Loving Memory of my parents,
Paul & Gertrude Naumyk
With love, daughter,
Patricia & Matthew Goldish

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
....an HOUR WITH JESUS

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua every Thursday from 2:00PM to 9:00PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM.

Please consider joining us for the hour or even a half-hour. Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

The parish office will be closed
Monday, April 22nd.
We wish you a Blessed and
Happy Easter.

As our G.I.F.T. Sessions come to a close, please note the following information for May.

- 6:00pm—6:25 Family Project in Fr. Milos Hall
- 6:30pm—7:00pm Presentation in Church
- 7:15pm Pizza & Dessert in Fr. Milos Hall

All Students in Sacramental Formation are required to obtain a bulletin, have it signed by the celebrant or deacon after Mass each weekend and submit it to their next Sacramental Formation class. Be sure their name is on it.

Class Schedule:
Confirmation Level 1 & 2  Monday, May 13th  6:30pm

Communion Level 2—Eucharist
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, May 11th, 2019  10:00AM
Admission by Ticket only

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
6:00—7:00PM
Friday, May 3rd, Monday, May 6th, Tuesday, May 7th

All Communicants are invited and encouraged to participate in the May Crowning (Please have them wear their First Communion Outfits)

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.
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 my beloved parents,
Bernardino & Esther Scutti. May they rest in peace in Heaven.
req. by The Gurney Family

Special Blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

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

In Loving Memory of John Osag
req. by his loving wife, Ethel & family

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**
In Loving Memory of my parents, Rose & Frank Miloscia
req. by their son, Lawrence Miloscia

In Loving Memory of the Hickman, Camilleri, & Decibus Families on this Easter Sunday.
req. with love, Janet & Kim

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

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**FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER**

In honor of Our Lady, during the month of May flowers may be placed by the:

**Blessed Mother (CHURCH), Mary, Comfort of the Troubled** and the **Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

each weekend in memory of a loved one or for your special intention. The donation for the flowers is $40.00. If you would like to order flowers, please call the parish office.

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!**

**ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don’t forget to turn in your RCS Rice Bow at St. Anthony of Padua or Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Sites.

**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.**


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.

Our monthly food drive will be held the weekend of May 4th & 5th. 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.
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday 04/27/19  
4:00PM N. Alvarez, K. Tobar

Sunday 04/28/19  
8:30AM A. Weiman  
11:15AM A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Homebound Ministers 04/27/19—04/28/19  
R. McNamara

Saturday 04/27/19  
4:00PM C. Adams, K. Brenner, L. Casey, H. Pagliuca

Sunday 04/28/19  
8:30AM S. Gadomski, K. Masarik, C. & E. Weiman  
11:15AM B. Cuozzo, J. Kondrk, M. Lerro, J. Sciandra

**READERS**

Saturday 04/27/19  
4:00PM T. Casey

Sunday 04/28/19  
8:30AM M. Russo  
11:15AM M. Oddo

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sunday 04/28/19  
9:45AM Volunteer Welcome

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sunday 04/28/19  
9:45AM C. Gumapac, V. Rabago

**READERS**

Sunday 04/28/19  
9:45AM A. Rabago

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**St. Anthony Summer Break**

**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

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**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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**ALL PARISHIONERS**

Are invited and encouraged to share **Coffee & Conversation**

On the first Sunday of the month,  
SUNDAY, MAY 5th

In Father Milos Hall after the 8:30AM Mass

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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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To All:

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Paschal Tree project this year. Once again the family of St. Anthony of Padua/Our Lady of Mount Carmel came through. We were able to create 90 Easter baskets for distribution. Eleven baskets were for our own Parish families and the remaining 79 were sent to Mother of Mercy Parish in Asbury Park. Needless to say, the baskets were very well received, and will be distributed to the children of Mother of Mercy Parish in time for Easter.

Many thanks to the small parish with the huge heart.

Happy Easter
**The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

**Monday, April 22nd**  Parish Office & Study Hall CLOSED
- Bingo 12:00PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open 10:30AM) Holy Name Society Meeting 7:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Tuesday, April 23rd**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Wednesday, April 24th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- 1st Communion—Level 2 6:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Thursday, April 25th**
- 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, April 26th**
- Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Prayer Time/Fr. Smith 3:00PM Chapel
- Bingo 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open 6:00PM)

**Saturday, April 27th**
- Baptism Prep Session 9:00AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Confessions 3:15PM Church

**Sunday, April 28th**
- **DIVINE MERCY**
- God’s Little Helpers 11:15AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Baptism 12:30PM Church
- Church will be open 1:30PM Church
- for private prayer Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00PM Church

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

**Friday, April 26th**
- Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church Basement

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**HEART OF A PRIEST**
**RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY’S INCORRUPT HEART**

**FRIDAY, May 3rd, 2019**
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
89 Ridge St., Newark, NJ

Veneration 9:00am—9:00pm
Morning Prayer - 9:45am
Confessions—10:00am
Rosary—12Noon
Mid-afternoon Prayer—1:45pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy—3:00pm
Holy Mass—7:00pm

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin will celebrate Mass with the relic present.

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

Due to our bulletin publisher’s holiday schedule, the contributions for Palm Sunday, April 14th will be published at a later date.

**ON-LINE Contributions for the Month of March**  $625.00

**Upcoming Special Collections…**
- May  Property & Liability Insurance
- May 5  Mother’s Day Novena
- May 12  Catholic Relief Service

“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

**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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**COUNTING TEAMS**

**MONDAY, April 22nd**
- Team #8  N. Cinelli, F. Rombardo
- Special Team

**MONDAY, April 22nd**
- 12:00Noon
- Team #4 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
- Caller— M. Oddo
- Kitchen— J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, April 26th**
- 7:30PM
- Captain C. Volk
- Caller— M. Moricz
- Kitchen— M. Gesso

**MONDAY, April 29th**
- 12:00Noon
- Team #2 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
- Caller— T.B.A.
- Kitchen— J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, May 3rd**
- 7:30PM
- Captain C. Volk
- Caller— M. Moricz
- Kitchen— M. Herczeg, A. Czum
PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima can be honored to promote devotion to Our Lady and can be honored in the parishioners’ homes throughout the year. When hosting the pilgrim statue you may wish to invite relatives, neighbors or just have it for yourself for private devotion. You may pick up the statue at the parish office on Thursday and return it on Monday during parish office hours.

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.

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Received: __________________________
Date Assigned: __________________________
SPRING CLEANING?!?

It’s time again for our annual Spring Used Clothing drive. St. Anthony’s Parish will receive money for every pound we collect. Last year’s clothing drive was very successful!

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS...
We will be collecting the following....

- WEARABLE & USEABLE CLOTHING (MEN’S, WOMEN’S, CHILDRENS)
- SHOES (MUST BE IN SEPARATE BAG)
- BELTS, HANDBAGS
- LINENS (BEDDING, CURTAINS, TOWELS)
- SMALL TOYS (2FT. OR LESS)
- STUFFED ANIMALS, BIKES & SCOOTERS
- CAR SEATS (ONLY TOGETHER WITH BASE)
- STROLLERS

PLEASE PLACE ALL ITEMS IN TIGHTLY TIED PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS READY FOR PICK UP.

DROP OFF DATES:
You may drop off bags at the Parish Office (during Office Hours) or on the weekends after Mass BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 22ND through MONDAY, MAY 13TH, 2019

ALL BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP AT ST. ANTHONY’S 9:30AM TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2019

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE COLLECTED CLOTHING?
A&E Clothing Corporation has been involved in school & church fundraising since 1997 in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania & Connecticut. Organizations such as Franklin High (Somerset), Mater Dei (New Monmouth), St. Joseph Church (West Milford) have participated. The clothing is weighed in their warehouse then sorted and shipped to Africa, Central America, South America, India and Poland.

If you need any additional information please call the parish office 732-634-1403.

IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON SAINT
50/50 Raffle to benefit
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading, NJ

THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019- 8:00PM

$25 A TICKET

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

Over 184 Tickets already sold!!

% applied winners portion of the 50/50 if all tickets are not sold.

GRAND PRIZE $5,000.00 (40%)*
SECOND PRIZE $2,500.00 Prizes (20%)*
FIVE $1,000.00 (8% each = 40%)*

You have to be in it to WIN IT!

Flyers with complete details & Ticket Applications are available on the desk in the outer narthex and the parish office at 732-634-1403.

The drawing will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church at 5:00pm on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8:00pm. Winner need not be present at drawing. All winners will be notified and published in parish bulletin. All taxes are the responsibility of winner.

*If not completely subscribed, the exact prize offered shall be the percentage noted, per state regulations or the offering may be cancelled by the committee and all contributions returned.

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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

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTICADORATION

Commencing in the new year, Eucharistic Adoration will be 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 the following: evangelization@diometuchen.org.

Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser

Designer Pocketbooks
50/50 Raffle
and Tricky Tray Gift Basket Raffles
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019
Mercy Hall - 1645 US Highway 22, Watchung
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.- Games start at 7 p.m.

AWAKENING NIGHTS

Awakening Nights are happening now all around the Diocese of Metuchen. It’s an Evening of Prayer, Preaching and Testimony centered on the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Blessed Mother points to Christ and desires to lead each one of us into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him. Come and learn more!

Upcoming services:
Monday, April 29th: Holy Trinity Parish
Bridgewater
7:00 pm

For a complete list of Parish Awakening Nights all throughout the Diocese of Metuchen visit https://lightingheartsonfire.org/parish-awakening-nights

All are welcome.
Don’t miss out on the grace!

674 Mountain View Rd East
Asbury, NJ 08802
908-689-1700 ext 210

Mountain Saint Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
Registration is required: www.msmhope.org or 908-753-2091

WPL WOODBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732—634-4450 ex:7120 /WoodbridgeLibrary
WoodbridgeLibrary.org @WoodbridgePLNJ

• April 25 - 7:00PM at the Iselin Branch Library - TEDxWoodbridgePublicLibrary Growing A Culture of Lifelong Learning. The independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices and TED Talks videos under the theme of Growing A Culture of Lifelong Learning

• April 30 — 7:00PM at the Woodbridge Main Library - Accounting Basics for Small Businesses. Mentors from Central Jersey SCORE will help you understand the basic must haves for your business’ financial health, including how to avoid the dreaded cash flow trap.

Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need throughout our Diocese.

◊ Donations are tax deductible.
◊ Free pick-up is available.
◊ Vehicles do not need to be running.

Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322.

Donated A Car to Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen!
**In Our Neighborhood & Diocese**

**Laudato Si’**: the first papal encyclical devoted to the environment has now been released. Start reading Pope Francis' document at [www.vatican.va](http://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/](http://diometuchen.org/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si/)

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**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](http://www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org) for information.

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**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.

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**EnCOURAGE…**

Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-atraction 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-atraction. 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 Couragercnj.org. All contacts are confidential.

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**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.

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**ST. PETER’S GIANNA CENTER**

The Center is dedicated to offering truly pro-life women’s health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For more information visit: [http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/](http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/) or contact us at 732-565-5490.

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**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.