Eternal Father,
I offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.
For the sake of his
sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and
on the whole world.
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 7:00 PM 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

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, Today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy—to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out.

Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth’s exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our wretchedness through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death’s hour.

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation’s enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children await Your final coming—that day known to You alone.

And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven.

(Diary of St. Faustina 1570)

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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We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, April 29th
7:30AM  Florence P. Scognamiglio
          req. by Gary & Doreen Sutphen & family

Tuesday, April 30th
7:30AM  St. Pius V, Pope
          Joey Pattay
          req. by Violet Pattay

Wednesday, May 1st
7:30AM  St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday, May 2nd
7:00PM  Malafrente & Carpenito’s
        req. by their children, John & Lucille Carpenito

Friday, May 3rd
7:30AM  Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Saturday, May 4th
4:00PM  Jack Krapf  [Living Intention for Good Health]
        req. by Gene & Viola Mayer

Sunday, May 5th
8:30AM  Linda Bartus (3rd Anniversary)
        req. by her loving mother, Dee & sister, Jody
11:15AM  Fred Gross
         req. by Fr. William Smith

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.

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

Tuesday, April 30th
6:00PM  St. Anthony of Padua

Friday, May 10th
3:00PM  O. L. of Mt. Carmel

Monday, May 13th
5:00PM  O. L. of Mt. Carmel

Monday, May 20th
6:00PM  St. Anthony of Padua

Ascension Thursday, May 30th
8:30AM  O. L. of Mt. Carmel

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:
Acts 5:12-16
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

Monday:
Acts 4:23-31
Psalms 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday:
Acts 4:32-37
Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday:
Acts 5:17-26
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21

St. Joseph the Worker: Genesis 1:26--2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
Psalms 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16
Matthew 13:54-58

Thursday:
Acts 5:27-33
Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36

Friday:
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5
John 14:6-14

Saturday:
Acts 6:1-7
Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

Next Sunday:
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

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

On Divine Mercy Sunday we turn to our faith in God who is ready to embrace us and forgive us for all our wrongdoings. In exchange for our humanity God offers His divinity and even though we have sinned against God He never forgets that what He made is good and always shows mercy.

Mercy is a sign of a strong church. We need to be merciful and we need mercy upon us to carry out the mission of the Church to make the Risen Lord’s Way, Truth, and Life known.

With a few weeks remaining in the Bishop’s Annual Appeal we have reached over 89% ($21,348.00) of our parish goal of $24,000.00 and together we can reach our full potential in the upcoming weeks. The ministries that the Bishop’s Annual Appeal funds provides us the opportunity to attend to our people, serve our Church, and makes the priorities of the Gospel known.

All the funds raised through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal go towards the ministries and programs outlined in the appeal brochure.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. 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

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!

2,000 Hail Marys

Please join us in praying 2,000 Hail Marys at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Our next prayer session will be on Saturday, May 4th. Prayers will begin at 9:00AM after the 8:30AM Mass. Come, stay for a half-hour, a hour or more and you will be blessed. You may also send us your personal intentions or petitions or drop them in a box at the front of the altar and we will pray for them.

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FAITH FORMATION

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

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

Sacramental Formation Program
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.

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EMAIL:
Study Hall studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
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 our Dear Parents, Maria & Carmen
req. by Albina & Victor D'Alessio

In Loving Memory of Joseph Cunningham
req. by your wife, Angela & loving family

In Loving Memory of Barbara McCormick
req. by Garry & Millie Sutphen

**Good Shepherd**

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


**May Celebrations Honoring Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Recitation of the Rosary:** In honor of the blessed Mother during the month of May, the Rosary will be recited on Friday, May 10th at 9:30am at the Vacation Bible School Rosary Garden (weather permitting) adjacent to the Rectory.

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**May Crownings**—St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Sunday, May 13th in conjunction with the 11:15am Mass
Our First Holy Communicants are invited to participate. All are welcome to attend. You are also welcome to bring flowers to be presented to Our Lady

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.

**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.**

**Pray for Our Priests**

Apr. 29 Rev. William Warman
Rev. Guy Selvester

Apr. 30 Msgr. Robert Zamorski
Rev. Lukasz Drozak CSsR

May 1 Rev. Peter Suhaka
Rev. Jerome Johnson

May 2 Rev. Pauly Thekkan CMI
Rev. Patrick Nwachukwu SDV

May 3 Msgr. Randall Vashon
Rev. Gerardo Paderon

May 4 Msgr. John Szymanski
Rev. R. Kevin Crowley

May 5 Bishop James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

**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!

**Charismatic Mass followed by Prayers for Healing**

**St. Francis Cathedral**

32 Elm Ave., & main St., Metuchen

**Thursday, May 2nd, 2019** 7:30PM

Fr. William J. Smith, K.C.H.S.
Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua
Celebrant & Homilist

For more information call Pam at 732-491-6042
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 05/04/19
4:00PM Volunteer Welcome

Sunday 05/05/19
8:30AM C. Greener, E. Roche
11:15AM G. LaMorte, S. LaMorte, V. LaMorte

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 05/04/19—05/05/19
J. Sciandra

Saturday 05/04/19
4:00PM J. Barcellona, P. Emory, R. Masters, B. McCauley

Sunday 05/05/19
8:30AM J. & M. Balanlayos, K. & M. Mitterando
11:15AM M. Amuzie, E. Bishop, J. Kisielewski

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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

THANK YOU!
Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bow wants to say THANK YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice bowl by May 4th.

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
Chapel of Divine Mercy—3:00pm
Holy Mass—7:00pm

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS
kofc.org/vianney #HeartofaPriest

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday 05/05/19
9:45AM Volunteer Welcome

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

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

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- Youth Ministry Meeting: 1:00PM St. James

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

**Friday, May 3rd**
- Holy Family Prayer First Friday Mass: 8:00PM Church Basement

**Saturday, May 4th**
- Mass: 8:30AM Church
  - Followed by 2,000 Hail Marys

**Sunday, May 5th**
- Mass / May Crowning: 9:45AM Church

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

Due to our bulletin publisher’s holiday schedule the contributions for Palm Sunday, April 14th, Holy Thursday, April 18th, Good Friday, April 19th and Easter will be published at a later date.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**
- May: Property & Liability Insurance
- May 5: Mother’s Day Novena
- May 12: Catholic Relief Service
- May 19: Collection for Development of People
- May 30: Ascension of the Lord

**Online Giving**

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

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**MONDAY, April 28th**
- Team #1: P. & R. Sierminski

**SUNDAY, May 5th**
- Team #2: C. Botwin, W. Neveil

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- Caller – T.B.A.
- Kitchen – J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, May 3rd**
- Captain: C. Volk
- Caller – M. Moricz
- Kitchen – M. Herczeg, A. Czum

**MONDAY, May 6th**
- Team #1: Captain: R. Sorbanelli
- Caller – R. Simeone
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**FRIDAY, May 10th**
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- Kitchen – M. Gesso

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“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.
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: _______________________

BUS TRIP TO RESORTS Casino-Hotel
Sponsored by St. Anthony’s Holy Name Society

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 2019
FEE $26.00 ($15 BACK IN CASINO MONEY)
Departing at 10:30AM
from the parking lot on the corner of Port Reading Ave. & Lee St., (by Action Pools & D’Orsi Bakery)
Approx. Return: TBD
For tickets or more information, please contact
Garry Sutphen  732-841-4618

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11th ANNIVERSARY Pawcasso EPISODE XI Art Auction

Saturday, May 4, 2019
Preview: 6:00pm Auction: 7:00pm
St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall
436 Port Reading Avenue
Port Reading, NJ

Admission: $15 per person - $25.00 per couple

Featuring art in all media & price ranges
Major credit cards accepted for art purchases

Door Prizes ~ Raffle ~ Wine & Cheese
Hors D’oeuvres ~ Dessert & Coffee

Special Appearance by JOHN STANISCI
Professional illustrator for Marvel and CD
Comics for over 18 years, John has worked
on characters such as Spider-Man, The Hulk, Batman, Catwoman, and Superman.

John creates original watercolors and sketches and offers custom commissioned pieces featuring your favorite characters!

For tickets or information contact Lisa Palasits:
732-713-0447 or lisapalasits@hotmail.com
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, CURTAIN, 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!

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 (20%)*
FIVE $1,000.00 (8% each = 40%)*

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

Prayer and Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at …

St. Patrick’s Church in Belvidere, NJ
May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug.7, Sept.4, Oct.2, Nov.6 & Dec.4

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation’s largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. 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 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

OPEN HOUSE

at
Holy Cross Cemetery
840 Cranbury South River Rd.
Jamesburg, NJ

Saturday, May 4th, 2019
9:00AM to 4:00PM
and
Sunday, May 5th, 2019
11:00AM to 4:00PM

Memorial Counselors will be available to answer your questions and assist you in pre-planning for your final resting place. Special weekend discounts will be offered. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call (800) 943-8400 or visit www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.

WHERE IS GOD IN YOUR FAMILY?

We will look at the importance of family spirituality and ways to integrate spirituality into everyday life with simple rituals and practices.

Tuesday, April 30th
7:00PM—9:00PM
$20-$30 As You Are Able

Presenter: Susan Delaney Choma, Theology and World Religion teacher

EXCUSE ME, DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHERE MARY IS?

Let us briefly explore Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Mystics and prayerfully listen to what they tell us of Mary. Have you found her?

Wednesday, May 8th
7:00PM—9:00PM
$20-$30 As You Are Able

Presenter: Nancy Kennedy, Retired Teacher and Spiritual Director

to Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen!

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.

Mount 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 /WoodbridgeLibrary @WoodbridgePLNJ

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

**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.

**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. 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.

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**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/](http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/) or contact us at 732-565-5490.

**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.

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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/).