The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, “Follow me.” - Jn 21:19b


3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2019
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

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| 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 |                                        |

This month children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. On Saturday, May 11th the children of St. Anthony of Padua will be receiving their First Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers, especially those of our parish family.

First Holy Communion
Dear Jesus
You are the Bread of Life,  
You feed us, as a Shepherd feeds His Sheep.

The night before You died,  
You took bread and wine, blessed them  
and gave them to your disciples.
You said, “This is My Body,  
this is My Blood, given for you.”

Thank you, dear Jesus, for always loving me. I very much want to receive You in Holy Communion.

May this Communion fill me with joy and peace as You come into my heart.

Amen

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| 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  8:30AM—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
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**Monday, May 6**
7:30 AM Frank M. Sutphen (*Birthday*)
Love, Mom & Dad

**Tuesday, May 7**
7:30 AM Robert Rosenkranz
req. by Fr. William Smith

**Wednesday, May 8**
7:30 AM In Thanksgiving
req. by Charlie & Jean Cheddar

**Thursday, May 9**
7:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, May 10**  *St. Damien de Veuster*
7:30 AM Rev. Joseph Szoke
May 11, 2005

**Saturday, May 11**
4:00 PM Mother’s Day Novena

**Sunday, May 12**  *4th SUNDAY OF EASTER*
8:30 AM Mother’s Day Novena
11:15 AM Mother’s Day Novena

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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.

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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.

Mass Intentions

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

**Saturday, May 11**
8:30 AM Imre (Jim) Herczeg
req. by the Herczeg Family

**Sunday, May 12**  *4th SUNDAY OF EASTER*
9:45 AM Mother’s Day Novena

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for
May 5, 2019  *3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER*

Magasztallak, Uram, mivel megmentettél engem.

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

**Friday, May 10**
7:30 AM O. L. of Mt. Carmel
4:00 PM O. L. of Mt. Carmel
6:00 PM St. Anthony of Padua
Ascension Thursday, May 30

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This Week’s Scripture Readings

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

**Monday:**
Acts 6:8-15
Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
John 6:22-29

**Tuesday:**
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Psalms 31:3cd, 4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17 and 21ab
John 6:30-35

**Wednesday:**
Acts 8:1b-8
Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
John 6:35-40

**Thursday:**
Acts 8:26-40
Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
John 6:44-51

**Friday:**
Acts 9:1-20
Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]
John 6:52-59

**Saturday:**
Acts 9:31-42
Psalms 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17
John 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30
The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes

Zoey Ninelle Armenti
Child of Matthew & Christina (Nikithser) Armenti

who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on April 28, 2019.
We thank their parents for choosing life.

Mother’s Day May 12, 2019
Mother’s Day Spiritual Novena Cards will be available in the entrance of both worship sites.

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?

If you would like to honor the pilgrim statue in your home, please pick up a form from the desk at either worship site, fill it out and return it to the parish office or just drop it in the collection basket. You will be notified as to when you will host the Statue.

EUCHARISTICADORATION
....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!

As a Parish Family we rejoice and celebrate the gifts of life and love that God has given to us all. We offer to all those celebrating their birthdays this month our best wishes and prayers that God may continue to bless them abundantly in the years ahead.

www.saintanthonypadua.org
We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!

EMAIL:
Office: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Religious Education: religoused.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Bulletin bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
Study Hall studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
VOTIVE CANDLES
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 our sister, Michaele Camilleri 68th Anniversary in Heaven
Love sisters, Mildred, Janet & Mary Dee
In Loving Memory of Florence Scognamiglio req. by Garry & Millie Suphen

GOOD SHEPHERD
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
Special Blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO
In Loving Memory of Nora & Giaconio Merlo (May 9th)
“Happy Anniversary in Heaven”
Love, Carmella & Nick Iannitto

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
The Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe
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 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.

Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for May: the Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity. That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

In Loving Memory

May 6
Msgr. Joseph Celano
Rev. Albert Roca

May 7
Rev. Roberto DaSilva SDV
Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta

May 8
Very Rev. Peter Cebulka CO
Rev. Pervaz Indrias

May 9
Rev. Kenneth Murphy
Rev. James McGuffey

May 10
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I

May 11
Rev. Wladyslaw Wiktorek
Rev. Stanislaw Slaby CSSR

May 12
Bishop Paul G. Bootsoski, DD
Bishop Emeritus of Diocese of Metuchen


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Year of Spiritual Renewal and Awakening of Faith
If you would like to host the 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.
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 05/11/19
4:00PM N. Alvarez, K. Tobar

Sunday 05/12/19
8:30AM C. Greener, E. Roche
11:15AM A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 05/11/19—05/12/19
V. Mudrak

READERS
Saturday 05/11/19
4:00PM D. Caffarelli, A. Fowler, C. Marney, V. Mudrak

Sunday 05/12/19
8:30AM M. Balint, B. Lasek, C. Miloscia, J. Pannullo
11:15AM J. Bamber, P. Emory, V. Reuben, M. Rucando

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday 05/12/19
9:45AM Volunteer Welcome

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sunday 05/12/19
9:45AM E. Bonus, V. Rabago

READERS
Sunday 05/12/19
9:45AM A. Rabago

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 05/11/19—05/12/19
V. Mudrak

Saturday 05/11/19
4:00PM N. Alvarez, K. Tobar

Sunday 05/12/19
8:30AM C. Greener, E. Roche
11:15AM A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

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

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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*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. Flyers with complete details & Ticket Applications are available on the desk in the outer narthex and the parish office.

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.

St. Anthony of Padua
Feast Day Raffle
Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 8:00PM
$25 PER TICKET 7 CHANCES TO WIN

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!
214 tickets already sold!

Grand Prize $5,000 (40%) *
2nd Prize $2,500 (20%) *
FIVE $1,000 PRIZES (8% each = 40%) *

You have to be in it to WIN IT!!

If you haven’t received your tickets or need more, Please call the parish office.

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

St. Anthony Study Hall
Email: studyhalldirector@gmail.com
732-634-6800
**The Week Ahead at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

**Monday, May 6th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo: 12:00PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open 10:30AM)
- First Communion Rehearsal: 6:00PM Church
- Confessions: 7:30PM Church

**Tuesday, May 7th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Children’s Choir Rehearsal: 4:30PM Church
- First Communion Rehearsal: 6:00PM Church
- AA: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall!

**Wednesday, May 8th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Adult Confirmation: T.B.A. Chapel

**Thursday, May 9th**
- 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, May 10th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Rosary Prayed: 9:00AM VBS Garden
- Bingo: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
  (doors open 6:00PM)

**Saturday, May 11th**
- First Holy Communion: 10:00AM Church
- Confessions: 3:15PM Church

**Sunday, May 12th**
- Mass / May Crowning: 11:15AM Church
- Baptism: 12:30PM Church

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

**Friday, May 10th**
- Prayer Time / Fr. Smith: 3:00PM Church
- Holy Family Prayer Group: 8:00PM Church Basement

**Clothing Drive Continues**

We’re collecting wearable & useable clothing; shoes (must be in a separate bag); belts, handbags; linens; stuffed animals, small toys, (2ft or less); car seats, and bikes.

PLEASE PLACE ALL ITEMS IN TIGHTLY TIED PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS and drop them off at the Parish Office (during Office Hours) or in our narthex on the weekends after Mass through MONDAY, MAY 13TH, 2019.

All bags will be picked up from St. Anthony’s Church at 9:30AM, Tuesday, May 14th.

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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.

Next weekend, May 11th & 12th our second collection will be for the Catholic Relief Service. Please be as generous as your means allows.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- **May 5** Mother’s Day Novena
- **May 12** Catholic Relief Service
- **May 19** Collection for Development of People
- **May 30** Ascension of the Lord

**COUNTING TEAMS**

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

**SUNDAY, May 12th**
- Team #3: N. Ackerman, C. Ellis, R. Kierstead

**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 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

**MONDAY, May 6th**
- Team #1: Captain: R. Sorbanelli
- Caller —: R. Simeone
- Kitchen -: J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, May 10th**
- Captain: C. Volk
- Caller —: M. Moricz
- Kitchen —: M. Gesso

**MONDAY, May 13th**
- Team #2: Captain: R. Sorbanelli
- Caller —: R. Simeone.
- Kitchen -: J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, May 17th**
- Captain: C. Volk
- Caller —: M. Moricz
- Kitchen —: A. Rabago
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
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.

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.

Keep up with Bishop Checchio around the Diocese
Bishop’s schedule, correspondence and more can be found on our diocesan website: http://diometuchen.org/bishop/


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Follow us @dioceseemetuchen on twitter

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.

Are you suffering after an Abortion?  Help is available!
If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God’s merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel
local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org; call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075; or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Open Your Heart and Home to a Foster Child
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey’s Department of Children and Families. The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care.

For information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdcom.org.

Are you a Survivor?
American Cancer Society(ACS) in the process of mailing out invites to Relay For Life(RFL) of Woodbridge Twp's 2019 Survivor Dinner Celebration. Please sign up and register as a survivor at www RelayForLife.org/WoodbridgeNJ to receive an invite.

If you haven't received your invite, yet signed up as a survivor to RFL of Woodbridge Twp, then contact Maryalice Jacko prior to May 15, ed91753@aol.com or 732-925-4670. When leaving a message, provide your name and contact information.
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 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-sainthomas.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 Courage.org. All contacts are confidential.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
Is looking for volunteers, both men and women to participate in one-to-one activities and become mentors to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township.

Do you:
♦ Have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child?
♦ Like having fun?
♦ Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
♦ Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email her at jcullen@ccdom.org, for more information.

POVERTY RELIEF SERVICE
Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete list of drop-off locations visit:
http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes

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

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/ or contact us at 732-565-5490.

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