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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**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

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**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

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**Memorial Day**

_This Memorial Day weekend we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and we pray for the men and women who currently stand in the gap for our protection._

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th—CLOSED**

- **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

**www.saintanthonypadua.org**

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

**EMAIL:**

- **Office:** info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
- **Religious Education:** religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com
- **Bulletin** bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
- **Study Hall** studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
- **Youth Ministry** jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, May 27th
7:30 AM Joseph Rinaldi
req. by his cousin, Antoinette Soporowski

Tuesday, May 28th
7:30 AM Evelyn Lamberti
req. by Glenn & Laura Cunningham

Wednesday, May 29th
7:30 AM James Checchio, Jr.
req. by Deacon Peter Barcellona & family

Thursday, May 30th
6:30 AM People of the Parish Family
12:15 PM William H. “Herb” Sullivan
req. by Kevin & Kathy Killmurray & family
7:00 PM Salvatore Brucato
req. by Deacon Peter Barcellona & family

Friday, May 31st VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:30 AM Lily Ramos
req. by Patti Travostino

Saturday, June 1st
4:00 PM Anne Fitzsimmons
req. by Catherine Adams

Sunday, June 2nd
8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:15 AM Ney Diaz
req. by Uncle Phil, Uncle Rich & Sardella Family

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Thursday, May 30th
12:15 PM Guadalupe Gonzalez [Living Intention: Healing]
req. by LuLu Sarroca

Saturday, June 1st
8:30 AM Purgatorial Mass Society

Sunday, June 2nd 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:45 AM People of the Parish Family

Respensorial Psalm in Hungarian for
May 26, 2019 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Magasztaljanak, Isten, a népek, minden nemzet áldjon téged

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Monday:
Acts 15:11-15
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
John 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday:
Acts 16:22-34
Psalms138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday:
Acts 17:15, 22--18:1
Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
John 16:12-15

Thursday:
Acts 18:1-8
Psalms 98:1, 2-3cd-4
John 16:16-20

Ascension:
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

Friday:
Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
John 1:39-56

Saturday:
Acts 18:23-28
Psalms 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
John 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60
Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

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.
REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

As always class size is limited, and registration is on “First Submitted / First Honored basis so get them in early. Additional forms for new families are on the desk at the entrance of both worship sites and the parish office.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

During the month of May we were able to assist over 10 families.

Thank you again for your continued generosity in donating items for the pantry.

Items most needed: Coffee, Jelly, Pancake syrup, canned meat, canned fruit, white rice and instant potatoes. Toiletries are always needed such as shampoo, tooth paste, toilet paper, body wash and paper towels.

Our monthly food drive will be held the weekend of June 1st & 2nd. 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.

The Food Pantry will be open on June 19th from 10am—12 noon.

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

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 $25,191.50 and payments totaling $20,229.75 from 208 parishioners. This represents 105.0% 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

St. Anthony of Padua Office & Study Hall will be CLOSED Memorial Day, MONDAY, May 27th

At 9:00am at the Port Reading Firehouse there will be a Memorial Day Service honoring the men and women of our community who have served our community and our country.
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 Joseph Rinaldi req. by his cousin, Antoinette Soporowski
In Loving Memory of Michael Duggan req. by Richie & Adrienne

**GOOD SHEPHERD**
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
In Loving Memory of Herb Sullivan as he celebrates his 84th Birthday in Heaven req. by Richie & Adrienne

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**
Happy Birthday in Heaven, George Arway, Jr. req. by his loving wife, Rosemarie & sons

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**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.**

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**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**
May 27 Rev. Waldemar Latkowski, CSsR
Rev. John Hillier
May 28 Rev. John O’Kane
Rev. Thomas Myladil OCD
May 29 Msgr. William Capik
Rev. Leon Aniszczyk
May 30 Rev. John Stec
Very Rev. Thomas Walsh
May 31 All Priests
June 1 Rev. John Rozembajger
Rev. James DeFillipps
June 2 Bishop James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

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**Flowers for the Blessed Mother**
at the Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site
the flowers are...
In Thanksgiving
at the request of Angela

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**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FLOWERS**
In honor of Patron Saint Anthony of Padua flowers may be placed by the statue in the Church 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.

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**IT’S GRADUATION TIME!**
Is there someone in your family graduating from Catholic or Public Middle School (8th grade), High School or College level? Share this wonderful time with your parish family.

Please call the parish office 732-634-1403 or email Jackie at bulletin.StAnthony@gmail.com with the name of the student and the school they’re graduating from, your name and relation to the “graduate” and for college graduates, his/her degree. [example: BA in Education].

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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.

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**ALL PARISHIONERS are invited and encouraged to share Coffee & Conversation**
On the first Sunday of the month, SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd in Father Milos Hall after the 8:30AM Mass
Monday, May 27th  
Parish Office & Study Hall Closed

Memorial Day Mass  
7:30AM Church
followed by Memorial Day Service at the Firehouse

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Study Hall  
6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:30PM Church
AA  
7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday, May 29th  
Study Hall  
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Adult Confirmation  
7:00PM Parish Office

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Eucharistic Adoration  
2:00PM Chapel
Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary  
3:00PM Chapel
Confessions  
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AA  
8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, May 31st  
Study Hall  
6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Mass/Pentecost Novena  
7:30AM Chapel
Bingo  
7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
(door open 6:00PM)

Saturday, June 1st  
Confessions  
3:15PM Church

Sunday, June 2nd  
FOOD DRIVE
Coffee & Conversation  
Fr. Milos Hall
after the 8:30AM Mass

This Week  
at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

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Rally For Ryan  
Saturday, June 8, 2019  
1:00PM—5:00PM
PORT READING SCHOOL #9
77 TURNER ST., PORT READING, NJ
An Afternoon of Family Fun!

*Bouncers * Petting Zoo* Fire Safety Trailer * Kids Games
*Dunk A Fireman * Speed Pitch * High Striker * Food *
Drinks * Popcorn * Cotton Candy * DJ * Tricky Tray * and
much more!

$10 Wristband (Kids 14 & under) includes a Meal Ticket
for one food item & a drink as well as UNLIMITED access
to the bouncers, petting zoo, Fire Safety Trailer and kids
games. All proceeds will go to the family of Ryan
Terebetsky who is fighting leukemia.

COUNTING TEAMS
SUNDAY, May 26th  
Team #5  
L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli

SUNDAY, June 2nd  
Team #6  
A. & J. Pannullo

MONDAY, May 27th  
NO BINGO

FRIDAY, May 31st  
7:30PM
Captain  
R. Sorbanelli
Caller—  
S. Pribila
Kitchen—  
T.B.A.

MONDAY, June 3rd  
12:00Noon
Team # 1 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller—  
R. Simeone
Kitchen -  
J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, June 7th  
7:30PM
Captain  
C. Volk
Caller—  
M. Moricz
Kitchen—  
M. Herczeg. A. Czum

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!
384 tickets already sold!

GRAND PRIZE $5,000 (40%) *
2ND PRIZE $2,500 (20%) *

$1,000 PRIZES (8% each = 40%) *

You have to be in it to WIN IT!
NJ LIC. #: RL-2019-17  FED. ID 22-3075617
*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.

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

Festa di San Antonio
Saturday, June 15th  
12:00—7:00PM
Good Shepherd Parish at
[Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church]
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, NJ
Msgr. Gambino Hall [Elevator Service Available]
Italian Food & Desserts available for purchase
Please bring a non-perishable food item for the parish food pantry.
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 06/01/19
4:00PM Volunteer Welcome

Sunday 06/02/19
8:30AM C. Greener, E. Roche
11:15AM G. LaMorte, S. LaMorte, V. LaMorte

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 06/01/19—06/02/19
A. Anderson

READERS
Saturday 06/01/19
4:00PM C. Adams, L. Casey, C. Marney, D. Scharff

Sunday 06/02/19
8:30AM A. & D. Anderson, B. Lasek, C. Miloscia
11:15AM M. Amuzie, B. Cuozzo, M. Lerro, M. Rucando

READERS
Saturday 06/01/19
4:00PM T. Casey

Sunday 06/02/19
8:30AM L. Miloscia
11:15AM C. Amuzie

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION …an HOUR WITH JESUS
We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua every Thursday through June 27th, 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!

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS
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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

Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks Included!
1:6 Staff/Child Ratio
All Staff CPR / First Aid Certified
Community Childcare Solutions Accepted
Cash / Check, Visa, Mastercard & Discover cards Accepted.

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

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

PLEASE HELP SAVE LIVES
YOUR TYPE IS NEEDED
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 9:00AM—2:30PM
Woodbridge Community Center Rooms 214 & 215
600 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ

This event is to help replenish the blood bank at RWJ University Hospital where Ryan Terebetsky will continue to receive transfusions to save his life.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday 06/02/19
9:45AM Volunteer Welcome

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sunday 06/02/19
9:45AM C. Gumapac, L. Kadasch

READERS
Sunday 06/02/19
9:45AM M. Poos

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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Memorial Day Masses
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, will celebrate an outdoor Memorial Day Mass at 10:00AM, Tuesday, May 28th rain or shine, on the grounds of Resurrection Cemetery, Hoes Lane and Park Ave., Piscataway. At the same time, Rev. Msgr. John Fell will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, 840 Cranbury South River Road, Jamesburg. A wreath laying ceremony will also be held. All are welcome.

For more information, contact the Cemeteries Office at 800-943-8400 or cemeteries@diometuchen.org or visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/cemeteries.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS
A Holy Hour for Priests will be held on Sunday, June 9th at 3:00PM in the chapel at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway.
All are welcome.

For information, visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization and click on "Intercessors for the Shepherds" or call (732)762-2469.

COME BE RENEWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!
All are invited to attend an “All Night Pentecost Vigil” from Saturday, June 8th through Sunday, June 9th, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main St., Metuchen.

The Vigil will begin with Mass at 7:00PM on June 8th and end with Benediction at 6:30AM on June 9th. Adoration will be available throughout the night. The Vigil will include speakers, music, prayer and opportunities for Confession. There is no obligation to stay for the entire Vigil, so come at any time and stay as long as you wish. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

For more information, visit diometuchen.org/Pentecost or email youth.ministry@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Father’s Day Gift
With Father’s Day fast approaching, why not give your husband the special gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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 please visit: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

AWAKENING YEAR
PERSONAL CONSECRATION OPPORTUNITY
Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? Set aside just 15 minutes a day for nine days during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit in your schedule! Just pick the nine days to do this individually or get a small group together!

Personal Consecration Booklets are available for $3 each plus shipping. To order a book call (732)529-7932.

To find out more about this personal consecration and to access the resource, go to www.lightingheartsonfire.org, click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

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 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

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

ARE YOU LIVING TODAY WELL?
Today’s fast-paced and competitive culture does not allow for the time or space to live in a self-reflective way. Now more than ever we need to reflect on our humanity and our relationship with our Creator and all those with whom we come in contact everyday. We need a "spirituality of the heart," which is all-embracing and down-to-earth.

Tuesday, June 11th 7:00-9:00PM $20-$30 as you are able
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-saintthomas.org for information.

24 HOUR HOT LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayers for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

EnCOURAGE….Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCOURAGE is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCOURAGE. Also visit the national website at Courage.org. All contacts are confidential.

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults are available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ST. PETER’S GIANNA CENTER

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

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.