“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” - Jn 17:22-23a

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua.

*There are no Strangers at St. Anthony’s - Only Friends We Haven’t Met*

FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR
REV. MSGR. PAFNOUTI WASSEF, PAROCHIAL VICAR
MICHAEL BRUCATO, DEACON  JOEY PERLAS, DEACON  PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON

**St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site**
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ

**The Holy Eucharist**

**Saturday, Evening:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday,** 8:30 AM, & 11:15 AM  
**Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 AM  
Thursday: 7:00 PM  
**Tuesday**— Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal following 7:30 AM Mass  
**Thursday**—Novena to St. Anthony following the 7:00PM Mass  
**First Friday of the Month**  
Devotions to the Sacred Heart  
Following the 7:30 AM Mass  
**Liturgy of the Hours** - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM  
Saturday: 3:15 PM  

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**  
280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35), Woodbridge, NJ

**The Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday,** 9:45 AM Mass  
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

Many in college have graduated. Those in Parochial or Public High Schools and Middle Schools will graduate very soon. Pray for all those who graduate this year. Usually the prayer for graduates is later in the month when we list graduates from our parish. Because there are major church celebrations over the next two weeks the list of graduates from our parish will be in the bulletin later this month.

**OUR PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES**

Almighty Father,  
Bless those who graduate this year.  
May their diplomas indicate not only facts learned, but wisdom gained.  
May their commencement be not only an ending but a new beginning.  
May their celebrations be not only a time of satisfaction, but of thanksgiving.  
May their food be not only cake which feeds the stomach, but the Bread of Life which feeds the soul.  
May their friendship be not only with those beside them, but with the One within them.  
In their future, so full of possibilities and peril, may You be there to walk beside them, to lift them above their struggles, to wait for them in their wanderings, to embrace them in Your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

**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, June 3rd
7:30AM  St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
Christopher Killmurray
req. by his parents, Frank & Lynn

Tuesday, June 4th
7:30AM  Susan Sandin
req. by her sister, Catherine Adams

Wednesday, June 5th
7:30AM  Tammy Ramos Eberle
req. by Patti Travostino

Thursday, June 6th
7:00PM  Leonard Trotto
req. by his daughters, Maryann & Nora & family

Friday, June 7th
7:30AM  Carmen Pagliuca
req. by his son, John & Holly

Saturday, June 8th
4:00PM  Olga & John Kalina, Sr.
req. by their grandson, James Bamber

Sunday, June 9th  PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:30AM  Lucille DiBari
req. by her daughter, Linda & William Feige
11:15AM  People of the Parish Family

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.

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, June 8th  St. Justin
8:30AM  Fr. Jose (Joey) Opulencia
req. by Ching Mangalili

Sunday, June 9th  PENTECOST SUNDAY
9:45AM  Jolan Szalanczi
req. by Margaret Moricz

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for June 2, 2019  7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Az Úr uralkodik, magasságos Úr a világ felett.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:  Acts 7:55-60
Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Jn 17:20-26

Monday:  Acts 19:1-8
Psalms 68:2-3ab, 4-5abcd, 6-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday:  Acts 20:17-27
Psalms68:10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday:  Acts 20:28-38
Psalms 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
John 17:11b-19

Thursday:  Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
John 17:20-26

Friday:  Acts 25:13b-21
Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday:  Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Psalms 11:4, 5 and 7
John 21:20-25

Next Sunday:  Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5
Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30
Romans 8:22-27

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

Friday, June 7th  3:00PM  O. L. of Mt. Carmel
Monday, June 10th  5:00PM  O. L. of Mt. Carmel
Wednesday, June 19th  7:00PM  St. Anthony of Padua
Monday, June 24th  12:00Noon  St. Anthony of Padua

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Acts 7:55-60
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**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Due to our publisher’s Memorial Day holiday schedule, the contributions for Ascension Thursday and last weekend, May 25th / 26th, will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

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**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](http://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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**FLOWERS FOR ST. ANTHONY**

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.

[www.saintanthonypadua.org](http://www.saintanthonypadua.org)

_We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!_

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- 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

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**G.I.F.T. 2019—2020 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.

**Sacramental Formation Program**

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

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**AWAKENING NIGHT FOR CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

On December 12th Bishop Checchio inaugurated a year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe. His intention for this year is that each one of us open our heart wide to God’s grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place. In light of this you are invited to come to an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe’s apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how The Blessed Mother led nine million indigenous Mexican people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well.

**Parish Awakening Night**

Wednesday, June 12th, 2019   7:00PM
St. Anthony Church, Port Reading, NJ

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.

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**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!_
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 Patsy & Maryjane Barbato
req. by his sister, Pat & Marty Martino
In Loving Memory of Ney Diaz
req. by The Sardella Family

Good Shepherd
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen
req. by their family
In Loving Memory of Andrew & Sophie Teleposky
req. by their loving daughter, Rosemarie Arway & sons

Cross of San Domiano
In Loving Memory of Martha Alfano
req. by Richie & Adrienne
In Loving Memory of Martha Alfano
req. by Claire & Larry Milosciz

Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for June: The Mode of Life of Priests. That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.


Altar Flowers
this weekend at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site ...

In Loving Memory of Ney Diaz
requested by Uncle Phil, Uncle Rich & the Sardella Family

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.

Pray for Our Priests
June 3
Very Rev. Brian Nolan
Rev. Mhonchan Ezung
June 4
Rev. Krzysztof Kaczynski
Rev. Michael Bihuniak
June 5
Rev. Timothy Gatiu, IMC
Rev. Thomas Aenekatt VC
June 6
Rev. Sean Broderick CSSp
Rev. Bede Kim
June 7
Msgr. Seamus Brennan
Rev. Lauro Sedlmayer
June 8
All Priests
June 9
Bishop Paul G. Bookoski, DD
Bishop Emeritus of Diocese of Metuchen

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.

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].

Are you being called to the diaconate?
The Diocese of Metuchen is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons.
A new diaconate formation class will begin in spring 2020. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, you are invited to attend a General Information Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway.
Applications for the 2020 class will be accepted near the end of this summer. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732) 562-2423.
**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, June 3rd**
Team # 1  A. & J. Pannullo

**SUNDAY, June 9th**
Team # 7  J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

**MONDAY, June 3rd**
Team # 1
Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – R. Simeone
Kitchen – J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, June 7th**
Captain: C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen – M. Herczeg, A. Czum

**MONDAY, June 10th**
Team # 2
Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – R. Simeone
Kitchen – J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, June 14th**
Captain: C. Volk
Caller – M. Moricz
Kitchen – M. Gesso

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**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!
393 tickets already sold!

**Grand Prize** $5,000 (40%) *

**2nd Prize** $2,500 (20%) *

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

**DRAWING IS ONLY 11 DAYS AWAY!**

Don’t miss out.

Remember... You have to be in it to WIN IT!

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

**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.*
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

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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

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS...our ongoing fund raiser.**

Shop-Rite Gift Cards. 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.

**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.

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**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.

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Heart burning within you

Tuesday, June 25th—Wednesday June 27th, 2019
Young men ages 14-17!

You’re invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more.

For more information, please email quovadis@diometuchen.org
REST IN PEACE
Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

Entered Eternal Life
Martha Alfano—April 26, 2019
William H. “Herb” Sullivan—May 11, 2019

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:
During the month of June, please remember those parishioners who died a year ago:

Anniversary of Death
Neil Zullo—June 2nd
Mary Larkin—June 11th
Margaret “Midge” Pannone—June 14th
Kevin Peter Drake—June 24th
James Russell Martino—June 26th
Joseph Mikos—June 27th

MISSION MASS
The souls of: Requested by....
Martha Alfano Ed & Vera Logomarsino
Dell Elizabeth Simeone Mr. & Mrs. Martin E. Martino
Dell Elizabeth Simeone Mr. & Mrs. Vincent R. Martino
William H. Sullivan Mr. & Mrs. Martin E. Martino
William H. Sullivan Mr. & Mrs. Vincent R. Martino
William H. Sullivan Bill Neveil & family
William H. Sullivan Elizabeth & Sharon Aleszczyk &
Brian Darrer Judy Mulvaney
A Mass will be offered in private.

PURGATORIAL MASS SOCIETY
The souls of: Requested by....
George E. Paulin Pat & Skip Emory
Martha Alfano St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Dell Elizabeth Simeone Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D’Orsi
William H. Sullivan Joseph & Lorraine DeMarino & family
William H. Sullivan Frank & Grace Dispoto
William H. Sullivan Frank & Lynn Killmurray
William H. “Herb” Sullivan St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
William H. Sullivan Connie Botwin
William H. Sullivan Carmen & Peggy Margiottto
Teresa McWeeny Elizabeth Aleszczyk
Attilio DiMaio The DeAngelis Family

PILGRIM STATUE OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
In Honor of our Patron Saint’s Feast Day, June 13th why not consider hosting the pilgrim statue of St. Anthony of Padua in your home.

The Pilgrim Statue can be honored to promote devotion to our Patron Saint. When hosting the Statue you may wish to invite relatives, neighbors or just have it for yourself for private devotion. The Pilgrim Statue can be picked up on Thursday and dropped off on Tuesday at the Parish Office during office hours.

If you would like to honor this pilgrim statue in your home, please pick up a registration form from the desk at the entrance of both worship sites and return it to the Parish Office.

All Are Welcome to celebrate
The Feast Day of our Patron Saint

St. Anthony of Padua

Thursday, June 13, 2019
7:00pm Mass

Traditional Blessing & Distribution of St. Anthony Bread

Following Mass enjoy Fellowship & Dessert in Father Milos Hall &

The Drawing of St. Anthony Feast Day Raffle (Tickets still available)

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If you can share a dessert or are available to help set-up Thursday afternoon, June 13th or help that evening please call the parish office.

Desserts may be dropped off in Father Milos Hall any time Wednesday or Thursday.

Thank you!
In Our Neighborhood & Diocese

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.

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 faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus

To find out more about this personal consecration and to access shipping. To order a book call (732)529-7932.

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.aweekendforyourmarriage.org, click on prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

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.

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

I, TOO, DISLIKE IT"
So begins Marianne Moore’s delightful commentary on the nature of poetry. In this lively, interactive program, we’ll look at the works of Billy Collins, James Wright, Natasha Trethewey, Kay Ryan, and Robert Frost to illustrate what makes this art form so likable. We’ll celebrate the joy of language used with such passion and intensity that it may inspire your own writing. Lunch is included.

Saturday, June 29th 9:30AM—3:00PM $45-$55 as you are able)
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 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.

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.

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 evangelization@diometuchen.org.

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/ 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.