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

A Father’s Day ~ Blessing ~
Loving God and Father,
on this day when we honor our fathers,
our first and best models and our
earliest spiritual guides, we ask
Your choicest blessings upon them.

Thank you for all the times they have
nurtured and supported us in our
growing up.

Thank you for all the times they stood
by us and loved us when we felt
rejected and alone.

May St. Joseph, loving father of Jesus,
be their model and guide their
hardships and their hopes for
the future.

May they find Your beloved Son, Jesus
always beside them, leading them to
holiness and happiness and watching
over them faithfully as they have
watched over us.

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 17th
7:30AM George Sabol
req. by his children

Tuesday, June 18th
7:30AM William “Herb” Sullivan
req. by Ed & Vera Lagomarsino

Wednesday, June 19th
7:30AM Maria Wolff
req. by Magda Mikos

Thursday, June 20th
7:00PM Salvatore Brucato
req. by John & Holly Pagliuca

Friday, June 21st
7:30AM Respect Life In All Its Stages

Saturday, June 22nd
4:00PM Andrew Kurucz, Sr.
req. by his family

Sunday, June 23rd
8:30AM Henry & Theresa Pawlikowski [Wed. Anniversary]
req. by their daughter, Deborah
11:15AM Pasqua Iacovone
req. by her 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.

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Saturday, June 22nd
8:30AM Chloe Sarroca [Living Intention]
req. by her family

Sunday, June 23rd
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
9:45AM People of the Parish Family

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for
June 16, 2019

Uram, mi Urunk,
mily csodálatos a te neved az egész világon.

Prayer Time with Father Smith

for the people of the parish and the needs
of the parish. All are Welcome.

Wednesday, June 19th
7:00PM St. Anthony of Padua

Monday, June 24th
12:00 Noon St. Anthony of Padua

Friday, July 5th
3:00PM O. L. of Mt. Carmel

Monday, July 8th
3:00PM O. L. of Mt. Carmel

Friday, July 12th
3:00PM O. L. of Mt. Carmel

Monday, July 22nd
3:00PM O. L. of Mt. Carmel

Monday, July 29th
3:00PM O. L. of Mt. Carmel

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:
Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Monday:
2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Psalms 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday:
2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Psalms 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday:
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Matthew 5:43-48

Thursday:
2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday:
2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday:
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Psalms 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 6:24-34

Next Sunday:
Genesis 14:18-20
Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Offertory for:

**Sunday, June 9th**

$4,469.00

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” (John 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

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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; via email at info.stanthony1@gmail.com; or you can call OSV Donor Support Center at 1-800-348-2886 option 2. or visit: OLGap.com to download the on-line giving app.

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**Upcoming Special Collections**

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**FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

**Thursday, June 13th**

**PILGRIM STATUE**

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 this summer?

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.

If you would like to honor this pilgrim statue in your home, please fill out the form available at both worship sites and return to the parish office.

**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.

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**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.

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

...an hour with JESUS

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua June 20th, from 2:00PM to 9:00PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM. All are welcome!

As we have done in the past years, we will not have Adoration during July and August. Adoration will resume on Thursday, September 10th. Many thanks to all for your devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. May you and your families be blessed with a Happy, Safe & Restful Summer!
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**

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.

**TABERNACLE**

In Loving Memory of our Dear Parents, Maria & Carmen
req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio

For My Husband, James DeFilippo on our 62nd Wedding Anniversary. You’re in my prayers everyday!
Love, wife, Barbara

In Loving Memory of my parents, Rose & Frank Miloscia requested by their son, Lawrence Miloscia

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

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

In Loving Memory on Father’s Day—Paul Hickman, Michael Camilleri and George Hickman
req. with love, Janet & Kim

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**

In Loving Memory of John Trotto
“Happy Father’s Day in Heaven” Love You Dad!
Love, your daughters, Theresa & Claudine

In Loving Memory of Carmen Pagliuca
req. by your loving family

**RECTORY CHAPEL**

In Loving Memory of Frank Matchko
req. by his wife & daughters

**IN LOVING MEMORY**


**ALTAR FLOWERS**

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 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.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

June 17 Rev. Sebastian Kaithackal CMI
Rev. Roberto Coruna

June 18 Very Rev. Ronald Jandernoa
Rev. Daniel Sloan

June 19 Rev. David Skoblow
Rev. Alfonso Condorson

June 20 Msgr. Sylvester Cronin
Rev. John Siceloff

June 21 Rev. Roy Quesea
Rev. Raymond Leonard

June 22 Very Rev. Jonathan Tobarowsky
Rev. Thomas Ganley

June 23 Msgr. John Gordon
Rev. Marcin Zubik CSsR

**Pray for our brave soldiers & their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially:**


**In Loving Memory of**

**Joseph Cunningham**
Happy Father’s Day requested by his Loving children, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren

**In Loving Memory of**

**Leonard “Sal” Romano**
requested by his wife, Mary & family

**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.

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe flowers may be placed by the icon in the Church narthex each weekend in memory of a loved one or for your special intention.

If interested please contact the parish office at 732-634-1403 or email: info.stanthony1@gmail.com.
This Week  at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Monday, June 17th
Study Hall 6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Bingo 12:00PM  Fr. Milos Hall
(door open 10:30AM)
Holy Name Society Mtg. 7:00PM  Fr. Milos Hall

Tuesday, June 18th
Study Hall 6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
AA 7:30PM  Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday, June 19th
Study Hall 6:30AM  Fr. Milos Hall
Food Pantry 10:00AM Rectory Basement
Port Reading / Sewaren Srs. 11:00AM Sycamore Center
Prayer Time / Fr. Smith 7:00PM Chapel
Knights of Columbus Mtg. 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Thursday, June 20th
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, June 21st
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Cursillo Meeting 7:00PM Chapel
Bingo 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
(door open 6:00PM)

Saturday, June 22nd
Study Hall CPR Training 9:00AM Fr. Milos Hall
Confessions 3:15PM Church

COUNTING TEAMS
SUNDAY, June 17th
Team #8  N. Cinelli., F. Rombardo

MONDAY, June 24th
Team #1  P. & R. Siermnski

BINGO
MONDAY, June 17th  12:00 Noon
Team #1  Captain: R. Simeone
Caller — M. Oddo
Kitchen — J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, June 21st  7:30PM
Captain — C. Volk
Caller — M. Moricz
Kitchen — A. Rabago

MONDAY, June 24th  NO BINGO

FRIDAY, June 28th  7:30PM
Captain — C. Volk
Caller — M. Moricz
Kitchen — M. Gesso

St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day RAFFLE WINNERS!
Due the submission date for our weekly bulletin, Winners in our St. Anthony Feast Day Raffle will be published in next week’s bulletin.

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
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

Coffee & Conversation
It’s Summer Time and the “heat” is on. Time to relax and enjoy some fun in the sun. As in the past, we’re giving our hard working volunteers some time off too.

We look forward spending time with you at our next Coffee & Conversation on Sunday, October 6th
in Father Milos Hall after the 8:30AM Mass

This Week  at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Friday, June 21st
Holy Family Prayer Meeting 8:00PM Church Basement

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you to join them at their Prayer meeting each Friday at 8:00PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. (Rosary recited 7:30PM.) All Are Welcome!

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].

The list of our wonderful graduates will be published in our June 30th bulletin.
## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

#### Altar Servers
- **Saturday, 06/22/19**:
  - 4:00PM: N. Alvarez, K. Tobar
- **Sunday, 06/23/19**:  
  - 8:30AM: K. Martino  
  - 11:15AM: A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos

#### Eucharistic Ministers
- **Homebound Ministers**: 06/22/19—06/23/19
  - L. Casey
- **Sunday, 06/23/19**:  
  - 8:30AM: D. & M. Martino, O. & R. Sandoval  
  - 11:15AM: B. Cuozzo, J. Kondrk, B. McCauley, L. Palasits

#### Readers
- **Saturday, 06/22/19**:  
  - 4:00PM: C. Barcellona
- **Sunday, 06/23/19**:  
  - 8:30AM: S. Martino  
  - 11:15AM: M. Oddo

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

#### Altar Servers
- **Sunday, 06/23/19**: C. Torres

#### Eucharistic Ministers
- **Sunday, 06/23/19**: J. Dizon, M. Torres

#### Readers
- **Sunday, 06/23/19**: C. Dizon

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### Important Notice

**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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### St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society

**St. Anthony Trip to Caesars**  
Atlantic City  
**Sunday, June 23, 2019**  
$30.00  
(Upon arrival receive $30 in casino money)  

**Bus will depart at: 10:30AM**  
from the parking lot on the corner of Port Reading Ave. & Lee St., (by Action Pools & D’Orsi Bakery)

For information contact: Garry Sutphen at 732-841-4618

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### Heart burning within you

**Tuesday, June 25th—Thursday, 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

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### Employment Opportunity: Bus Driver

Hours are approximately an hour in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. We will train and pay for license. We need someone as a substitute or “as needed” basis.

* If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Frank Cacace at 732-754-8401.

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### Additional Information

- **Office:** info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
- **Religious Education:** religious.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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**www.stanthonypadua.org**  
We’re on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!

**EMAIL:**

**RECENT NEWS**

**St. Anthony Summer Break 2019**

**Open from June 24 - August 30, 2019**

**Field trips and many activities are planned. See our website for details as well as rates and registration forms.**

- **St. Anthony Study Hall**  
  436 Port Reading Avenue  
  Port Reading, NJ 07064  
  Phone: 732-634-6800  
  Email: studyhalldirector@gmail.com

**St. Anthony Study Hall**

**436 Port Reading Avenue**

**Port Reading, NJ 07064**

**Phone:** 732-634-6800

**Email:** studyhalldirector@gmail.com

**Part time K-12 Certified teacher for aftercare program. Hours 3:00PM—5:00PM daily flexible scheduling. Only when schools are open.**

**Starting 9/4/2019. Summer work may be available. Please Call Frank at 732 754 8401 for more information.**
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 prayers, select Personal Consecration and begin today!

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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer
1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

Registration is required: www.msmhope.org or 908-753-2091

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

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@ccdom.org.

New Jersey Independent Victim Compensation Program to open June 15

The state-wide IVCP will be independently administered by Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros, noted victims’ compensation experts who have nationwide experience in administering varying compensation programs such as the Penn State sexual abuse claims, the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, and the Boston Marathon bombing compensation fund.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and will operate independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP will have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

The implementation of the IVCP is an important step in aiding victims in seeking justice and healing, and as we journey together as a Church toward a new day.

Transparency, justice and truth, remain a top priority for Bishop Checchio, who in a February letter to the Church of Metuchen, said, “As sad as this day is for the Church, I remember daily that God has called me to this diocese, to be here with you and to walk down this road back to Him with transparency, justice and truth to promote healing, confidence and renewal. The challenges the Church faces now may seem daunting, but we must not fear the days ahead; Christ walks with us. Together, we will journey toward a new day. Even though our Church today inherited these problems from the past, we are to be part of the solution to ensure these horrific crimes are never repeated in the future.”

Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by a priest of the Diocese is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.

Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: August 23rd—25th, 2019

For more information call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1543

TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org
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.