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

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ
732-634-1403   Fax: 732-602-0119

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Daily: Tuesday & Wednesday: 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

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes
before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday Evening: 6:30 PM
Saturday: 3:15 PM

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

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

Thursday, August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Father,
You have given us the mother of your Son
to be our queen and mother.

With the support of her prayers
may we come to share the
glory of your children
in the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through our Lord,
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.

Amen

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

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 5:30 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM Rosary prayed in
         Hungarian before Mass.
         Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.
Daily:   Monday, Friday &
         Saturday: 8:00 AM

First Friday of the Month
         Devotions to the Sacred Heart
         Following the 8:00 AM Mass

First Saturday of the Month
         Devotions to Mary following Mass

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes
before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:45 PM
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 St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**Monday, August 19th**  
7:30AM William H. Sullivan  
req. by Mary Coleman

**Tuesday, August 20th**  
7:30AM Rev. Gerald Celentano

**Wednesday, August 21st**  
7:30AM Carmela Gadomski  
req. by Julius Weber

**Thursday, August 22nd**  
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin  
7:00PM Respect for Life In All It’s Stages

**Friday, August 23rd**  
7:30AM Paul & Gertrude Naumyky  
req. by their loving family

**Saturday, August 24th**  
4:00PM Donald & Doris Miller  
req. by their loving family

**Sunday, August 25th**  
8:30AM Mary & Joseph Bodnar  
req. by their loving family  
11:15AM Patricia Bell  
req. by her cousin, Michael & Darlene Barbato

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

**Saturday, August 24th**  
8:30AM Robert Resetar  
req. by Maria Xuong

**Sunday, August 25th**  
9:45AM Donna Davidson  
req. by Marge Valenzano

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for August 18th, 2019  20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Uram, irgalma dban ments meg engem,  
Uram, siess segítségemre.

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

All are Welcome.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

**Sunday:**  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53

**Monday:**  
Judges 2:11-19  
Psalms 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44  
Matthew 19:16-22

**Tuesday:**  
Judges 6:11-24a  
Psalms 85:9, 11-12, 13-14  
Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday:**  
Judges 9:6-15  
Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Matthew 20:1-16

**Thursday:**  
Judges 11:29-39a  
Psalms 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday:**  
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Psalms 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday:**  
Revelation 21:9b-14  
Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18  
John 1:45-51

**Next Sunday:**  
Isaiah 66:18-21  
Psalms 117:1, 2, 16:  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for August: Families, Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “Schools of true human growth.”

**TABERNACLE**
In Loving Memory of our Dear Parents, Maria & Carmen
  req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
In Loving memory of Carl Ellis
  req. by Millie & Garry Sutphen
In Loving memory of Carl Ellis
  req. by Linda Szatkowski

**GOOD SHEPHERD**
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen
  req. by their family
In Loving Memory of Carmela Gadomski
  req. by Claire & Larry Milosca

**CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**
Special Blessings for Erin Jessica & Kasey Victoria D’Amato
  req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne
In Loving Memory of Carl Ellis
  req. by Ethel Osag & Karen Brenner

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**
Aug. 19  Rev. Vincent Cornejo
  Rev. Stanley Walega
Aug. 20  Rev. Kent McCord
  Msgr. Charles Cicerele
Aug. 21  Rev. Edmund Shallow
  Rev. John Morley
Aug. 22  Rev. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez
  Rev. Marco Caceres
Aug. 23  Rev. Maurice Carlton
  Rev. Frank Fellrath
Aug. 24  Rev. J. Philip Vadakkekara
  Rev. Sabinus Iwuchukwu SDV
Aug. 25  Rev. Kevin Kelly CO
  Rev. John Grimes

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**SUMMER SERVICE THURSDAY PROJECTS**
One of our SUMMER SERVICE THURSDAY PROJECTS will be to decorate and fill backpacks with school supplies to help families in need get their children ready to begin school. (Check Church announcements for Thursday Decorate a Backpack Project) The backpacks will be distributed to families of our own Food Pantry and the St. Vincent DePaul Society for their annual backpack collection!


**Year of Spiritual Renewal and Awakening of Faith**
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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 call the parish office at 732-634-1403 or email: info.stanthony1@gmail.com.

**Here is how you can help!!**
We would like to extend an opportunity to the parish family to help us Adopt a Backpack so we can fill it with supplies.
In order to get the items needed for each backpack we are asking if you can purchase one of the suggested items listed on the flyer now available on the desk at the entrance of both worship sites this way we will have a variety of items to fill the backpacks. Monetary donations also accepted for the purchase of the backpacks.
There is a box located in the narthex to place your donation of school supplies through next Sunday, August 25th.

**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
- Food Pantry: foodpantry.stanthony@gmail.com
- Study Hall: studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
- Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

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“There is a苗 I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, 信 you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

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**OnLine Donations for the month of July 2019**

- **Regular Weekly Contribution**: $620.00
- **Debt Reduction**: $70.00
- **Maintenance**: $40.00
- **Property & Liability**: $90.00

**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: GLGapp.com to download the on-line giving app.

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**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.

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**G.L.T. 2019—2020 REGISTRATION WERE DUE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8th!**

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

**Wherever you travel this summer, remember to get a bulletin (signed by the celebrant or deacon) each weekend.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday’s Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It’s a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn’t end with his preaching and miracles! “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized.” Jesus isn’t talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ’s spiritual fire turned the “fathers” - the Jewish people and Pharisees- against the “sons” - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that’s no excuse not to live it.

While planning your vacation, remember it’s easy to locate a Catholic Church for Mass while you’re away.

- Just log on to www.catholicmasstim.com;
- www.thecatholicdirectory.com; or
- catholic-mass-times.com

You’ll be able to locate the Church closest to where you’ll be throughout the United States.
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
QUEEN FOR A DAY AUCTION!!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 2019

DONATIONS...
If you have any new items that you would like to donate, or do you sew, crochet, craft, woodwork?? If you would like to donate a Gift Card for a store, restaurant, etc. for our raffle table that would be most welcome.

BASKETS....

Do you have any baskets just sitting around your house taking up much need space? Baskets of various sizes, esp. medium and large, are needed for our auction. Please consider donating them. We also need cellophane wrap for our beautiful baskets.

All donations are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at our Parish Office ONLY or call to arrange a pickup 732-634-1403 or 732-429-4850.

COUNTING TEAMS

MONDAY, August 19th
Team #1 P. & R. Sierminska

SUNDAY, August 25th
Team #2 C. Botwin,. W. Nevei

MONDAY, August 19th
Team #1 Captain: R. Simeone
Caller — M. Oddo
Kitchen — J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, August 23rd
Captain C. Volk
Caller — M. Moricz
Kitchen — M. Gesso

MONDAY, August 26th
Team #4 Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller — M. Oddo
Kitchen — J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, August 30th
Captain R. Sorbanelli
Caller — S. Pribila
Kitchen — T.B.A.

Year of Spiritual Renewal and Awakening of Faith
As part of our preparation year for the Consecration of our Diocese to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe, you may host the “Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon” in your home. The Traveling Bag of Our Lady of Guadalupe contains everything necessary for you to devote time each day in prayer, praise and adoration to God, Jesus and our Virgin Mother of Guadalupe with confidence that they will guide us and strengthen us in our mission to evangelize all people to our Lord Jesus Christ and that the consecration of our Diocese will bear abundant fruit.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us!

THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
was honored last Thursday, August 8th —
Tuesday, August 13th
at the home of Beverly Cuozzo

Holy Rosary Seniors is sponsoring a bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino
Thursday, September 12, 2019
Cost: $30 ($25 back in play and $5 food voucher.
Bus departs Good Shepherd Parish, Florida Grove Rd., Hopewell at 10:00AM Sharp
For more details please contact Ronnie 732-442-5252.
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site**

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**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STUDY HALL PROGRAM**

- **It's BBQ and Picnic Season... Think Shop-Rite Gift Cards**

  Please consider helping St. Anthony’s the next time you shop. For each gift card purchased, our Parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift Cards are available in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the Parish Office.

- **One-Day, 9-miles Walking Pilgrimage**

  “The Way of St. Juan Diego”

  **Saturday, September 21, 2019  10:00AM—8:00PM**

  In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all youth, families and people of faith are invited to participate in this pilgrimage. The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Parish, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio. The cost is $20 by August 30th or $25 thereafter. The walk will take place rain or shine. Registration is required. Deadline: Sept. 13th.

  For details or to register, visit: www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage.

- **Lost & Found**

  There is a box on the shelf in the hallway by the restrooms with items that have been forgotten here at St. Anthony’s. They will be held for 30 days, after which they will be donated to a local charity. Jewelry, cell phones, etc. are kept in the parish office.

**Bus Trip To**

sponsored by St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

$30.00

(Among arrival receive $30.00 in casino “Slot” 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
St. Anthony Study Hall
436 Port Reading Avenue
Port Reading, New Jersey 07064
(732) 634-6800 • studyhalldirector@gmail.com
www.saintanthonypadua.org/66

We are a month-to-month program. You can register for the program that fits your needs for the days that you need.
We offer the following services:
• Before care - $9 per day
• Aftercare - $12 per day
• Half day and delayed opening
• Spring break, summer break and fall break.
• Breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks are included.
• additional child discounts available

• Our aftercare services provide homework help until the work is completed or the child is picked up
• Children get a snack in aftercare and breakfast in before care.
• Outside play time-weather permitting.
• We accept community childcare solution services subsidy
• Open 6:30am and close 6:30 pm

• Hassle free Childcare Services ages 5-13
• No deposits or registration fees
• All staff CPR/First Aid trained
**In Our Neighborhood & Diocese**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (formerly Bishop George Ahr)
HIGH SCHOOL

50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, September 28, 2019

Family Open House 10:00AM—2:00PM
Cost is $5/person

Mass with Bishop Checcio 4:00PM
Ticketed Event—No Cost

50th Anniversary Gala & Awards Ceremony 5:30PM
Tickets are $100/person

For more information and to purchase tickets—please visit
www.bgahs.org/50th

Only 300 tickets will be sold - please order by August 15th.

Any questions - please email Anniversary Chairperson
Mr. John Roche (‘06) at jroche@bgahs.org

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St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. / Ahr

**STAR SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**
for

Elijah Patino
Born with a rare autoimmune disease

and

Andrew Yarus
Born with a rare chromosome deletion

OCTOBER 3, 2019 4:30PM—7:00PM
(serving begins at 4:30pm and continues until 6:30pm)
STA/Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria
One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820
Adults $10.00
Students $7.00 Children (under 12) $4.00

For tickets or info, please call 732-549-1108 x 648

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**Discover the Joy of being a Hospice Volunteer**

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties through New Jersey.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or phone call from their office.

Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive Mondays: September 9th, 16th and 23rd from 10:00am until 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1, Holmdel, NJ. (Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions)

Advanced registration is required, please call Pauline DePalma, BSW at 732-224-6933.

For more information about VNAHG Volunteer Services visit
www.vnahg.org.

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ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, A SURVIVOR OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE BY A PRIEST OR DEACON IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY?

If so, please contact the Independent Victim Compensation Program, Created to offer financial settlements to abuse survivors.

The IVCP will remain open through December 31, 2019

Apply directly online at:
www.njdiocesesivcp.com

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Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checcio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.

**Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00PM**

Registration is required. Please register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or on-line at:
amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 11, 2019. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or calling 732-562-1543.

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

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

MY EYES ADORE YOU—The Four Seasons’ song of that title is a perfect description for *Visio Divina*. Come for an evening of sacred gazing. We’ll look at praying with the gift of sight and noticing how God reveals beauty and wonder in works of art and nature—and everything which we see if we look through God’s eyes. Weather permitting, some of the program will take place outside.

Wednesday, A’ 21st 7:00—9:00PM  $20-30 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.....EnCOURAGE is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCOURAGE is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCOURAGE. Also visit the national website at CourageC.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 the following: evangelization@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.saintpetershces.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.