The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15, 2019
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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

FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR
REV. MSGR. PAFNOTTI 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
732-634-1403  Fax: 732-602-0119

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:30 AM & 11:15 AM

Daily:  Monday—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

Liturgical of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes
before Daily Mass

First Friday of the Month
    Devotions to the Sacred Heart
    Following the 7:30 AM 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  Rosary prayed in
        Hungarian before Mass.
        Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.

Daily:  Saturday: 8:30 AM

First Friday of the Month  8:00PM
First Saturday of the Month
    Devotions to Mary following Mass

Liturgical of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes
before Daily Mass

September 15th is usually the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, except when it falls on a Sunday when the Sunday in Ordinary Time takes precedence.

The Feast of Our lady of Sorrows is always the day after
The Triumph of the Cross (September 14th) when we
celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death by His
Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection.

Today’s prayer and bulletin cover reflects the theme of Our
Lady of Sorrows.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Spiritual Mother and your Mother, Mary
was pierced with the sword of sorrows
in the hour of Your own Passion and Death.

We ask Mar’s intercession on our behalf
Now and at the hour of our death.

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!

www.saintanthonypadua.org

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

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Study Hall studyhalloffice@gmail.com or
studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, September 16th  
7:30AM Corazon Cruz  
St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian  
req. by Mercy Garcia

Tuesday, September 17th  
7:30AM Vincent Leone  
St. Robert Bellarmine  
req. by his brother Al & Rose Leone

Wednesday, September 18th  
7:30AM Salvatore Coladonato  
req. by his grandparents, Gene & Viola Mayor

Thursday, September 19th  
7:00PM Florence Scognamiglio (Birthday)  
St. Januarius  
req. by Holly Pagliuca

Friday, September 20th  
7:30AM Genevieve Lota  
St. Andrew Kim Tae-gón,  
St. Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions  
req. by Liza-Jo Quiray

Saturday, September 21st  
4:00PM Paul & Gertrude Naumyk  
St Matthew, Apostle  
req. by their loving family

Sunday, September 22nd  
8:30AM Robert Pribila  
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading (est. 1904).  
req. by his loving mother, Suzanne

11:15AM Peggy & Tom Ambrose (Living Intention)  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
req. by their loving family

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Saturday, September 21st  
8:30AM Le pl Brandon Barrett  
req. by Lita Aquilizan

Sunday, September 22nd  
25th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
9:45AM Araceli Bernabe  
req. by The Bernabe Family

Respensiorial Psalm in Hungarian for  
September 15, 2019  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Felkelek és útnak indulok,  
Atyám házába térek.

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

Mon., September 16th  
6:00pm St. Anthony of Padua

Mon., September 23rd  
5:30pm St. Anthony of Padua

Mon., September 30th  
5:30pm St. Anthony of Padua

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.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday:  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
Psalms 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32

Monday:  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Psalms 28:2, 7, 8-9  
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:  
1 Timothy 3:1-13  
Psalms 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6  
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday:  
1 Timothy 3:14-16  
Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday:  
1 Timothy 4:12-16  
Psalms 111:7-8, 9, 10  
Luke 7:36-50

Friday:  
1 Timothy 6:2-12  
Psalms 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20  
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday:  
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13  
Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

Next Sunday:  
Amos 8:4-7  
Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Offertory for:
- Sunday, September 1st: $4,347.00
- Sunday, September 8th: $4,454.00
- Peter’s Pence: $1,244.00

Next Weekend, September 21st & 22nd, there will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION to help the people of the Bahamas effected by HURRICANE DORIAN. Please be as generous as your means allows.

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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.saintanthonyypadua.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: OLGapp.com to download the on-line giving app.

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**G.I.F.T. 2019—2020**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Classes begin with a Mandatory Meeting being held at St. Anthony’s.

Communion
- Monday, September 23rd
  - Level 1 (First Reconciliation): 7:00PM Parent ONLY
  - Level 2 (First Eucharist): 8:00PM Parent ONLY

Confirmation
- Monday, September 30th
  - 7:00PM - Confirmation Level 1: Student & Parent
  - 8:00PM - Confirmation Level 2: Student & Parent

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

Monday, October 7th and Wednesday, October 9th

This year’s theme: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

St. Anthony of Padua Church

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua.

Eucharistic Adoration will resumed on Thursday, September 12th. We need to have 3 people (2 minimum) to sit before the Blessed Sacrament (see times below.) We are in particular need of adorers between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Please fill out our form (available on the desk in the entrance of both worship sites) and return it to the parish office or simply place it in a plain envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass. You may also contact the parish office at 732-634-1403.

2:00pm – 6:45pm; 7:00pm Mass /Novena
7:30pm – 9:00pm

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples that question...

“Can you not stay awake with me for even one hour?”

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**WHY WE DO ---WHAT WE DO---- AT MASS’**

Do we really understand the meaning- or origin- of what we do at Mass? Don’t you want to know?

Join us at our very first TEACHING MASS during our regular Sunday Liturgy at St. Anthony of Padua Church on Saturday, Sept. 21st @ 4pm Mass.

Through the use of a script, a narrator will:
- Explore the roots of each section of the liturgy
- Explain the meaning of the Sacrament that is central to who we are as Catholics
- Guide us through the gestures, prayers and music of the Mass

This experience will give you a deeper understanding of the Catholic Mass. It will lead you into an appreciation for the nearly 2000 years of tradition that undergirds the ONE, TRUE Church.

Don’t just settle for “going through the motions” …BE MOVED!!!

**AN INVITATION**

Sponsored by the Word Committee, Pastoral Council
VOTIVE CANDLES
Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated
at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

TABERNACLE
In Loving Memory of our Dear Parents, Maria & Carmen req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
In Loving Memory of Joseph Cunningham, celebrating his 81st Birthday in Heaven req. by loving wife, Angie and family
In Loving Memory of Carmela Gadomski req. by Garry & Millie Sutphen

GOOD SHEPHERD
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen req. by their family
In Loving Memory of Carmela Gadomski req. by John & Holly Pagliuca

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO
Special Blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne
In Loving Memory of Obioma “Obie” Amuzie req. by Alfred & Pat Russo

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: an anonymous request; Emily Alusik, Pvt. Michael John Barbato III, Edward Barcellona, Carol Ann Boland, Christopher Bryant, Desmond Buimoff, Nancy & William Bunavage, Thomas Calimano, John Carpenito, Anthony D’Ambrosio, Steven & Erick Drakoulis, Richard Emory, Kenneth Ervin, The Fenyar Family, Gregg Gasiewski, Frank Grossman, Kim Hickman, Lynn Killmurray, Veronica Kosci, Jack Krapf, Rose Kutney, Josie LaSpina, Derek Laxson, Paul Marini, Desmond Muimoff, Natalie “Dolly” Nardiello, Ethel Osag, Robert & Taylor Pavey, Peter Reuben, Aiden, Gabriella, Noah Rodriguez, George Seibert, Ina Sessa, Isaura Taccogna, Ryan Terebetsky, Rickey Van Glahn, George Vasquez, Chung-Tung Wang, Joyce York.

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 at 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 call the parish office at 732-634-1403 or email: info.anthonyv1@gmail.com.

Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for September: The Protection of the Oceans. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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GOD’S LITTLE HELPERS
St. Anthony’s Pre-school Program for 3, 4 and 5 year old children (potty trained, of course).

We meet on Sunday mornings at 11:15AM.
There is NO FEE! Stop by on check us out!
Registration forms are available on the desk in the narthex and the parish office. Have questions please call Jackie at the parish office 732-634-1403.

Save the Date
HOLIDAY Bazaar & Flea Market
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019
8:00AM—2:00PM
[Rain Date October 12th]
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA’S FATHER MILOS HALL & PARKING LOT

VENDORS WANTED:
Contracts available in the Parish Office, on the table at the entrance narthex of Both worship sites and on our website: www.saintanthonypadua.org

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.
This Week at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, September 16th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Bingo 12:00PM Fr. Milos Hall
(doors open at 10:30AM)
Prayer Time/Fr. Smith 6:00PM Chapel
Holy Name Society Meeting 7:00PM Chapel
Pastoral Council 7:15PM Fr. Milos Hall

Tuesday, September 17th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church
AA 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday, September 18th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
FOOD PANTRY 10:00AM Food Pantry
Port Reading/Sewaren Srs. 11:00AM Sycamore Center
Knights of Columbus Mtg. 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Thursday, September 19th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Service Thursdays 10:00AM Food Pantry
Eucharistic Adoration 2:00PM Chapel
Chapel / Rosary 3:00PM Chapel
Confession 6:30PM Church
AA 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, September 20th
Study Hall 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
Rosary Prayed 9:30AM Chapel
Bingo 7:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
(doors open at 6:00PM)

Saturday, September 21st
Baptism 12:00PM Church
Confessions 3:15PM Church
Teaching Mass 4:00PM Church

Sunday, September 22nd
God’s Little Helpers 11:15AM Fr. Milos Hall

This Week at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Friday, September 20th
Holy Family Prayer Group 8:00PM Church

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA MUSIC MINISTRY

Be an important part of the Eucharist Celebration!
Share your God-given talents with our congregation.

St. Anthony’s Adult Choir
Rehearsal Resume on Tuesday, September 17th
Rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm
For more information, Kathie Rusyn at 732-819-8334.

Children’s Choir
Rehearsal Resume on Tuesday, September 24th
Rehearsals Tuesdays afternoon at 4:30pm
Interested? Come to a rehearsal and check us out!

COUNTING TEAMS

SUNDAY, September 15th
Team #5  L. Palasits, R. Sorbanelli
MONDAY, September 22nd
Team #7  J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

MONDAY, September 16th  12:00Noon
Team # 3  Captain: R. Simeone
Caller – M. Oddo
Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, September 20th  7:30PM
Captain  C. Volk
Caller— M. Moricz
Kitchen— A. Rabago

MONDAY, September 23rd  12:00Noon
Team # 4  Captain: R. Sorbanelli
Caller – M. Oddo
Kitchen - J. Ballance, D. Bortner, B. Walliser

FRIDAY, September 27th  7:30PM
Captain  C. Volk
Caller— M. Moricz
Kitchen— M. Gesso

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
QUEEN FOR A DAY AUCTION!!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 2019
Tickets go on sale OCTOBER 1st
$12.00 in Advance  $15.00 at the Door

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.

WONDER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?
Pick up a copy of the flyer on the desk located at the entrances of both worship sites or see our website: www.siantanthonypadua.org (click on the Parish Life tab; select Bulletin from the drop down menu; then View the bulletin of your choice.)
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 09/21/19
4:00PM K. Tobar

Sunday 09/22/19
8:30AM Volunteer Welcome
11:15AM C. Greener, E. Roche

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 09/21/19—09/22/19
J. Bamber

Saturday 09/21/19
4:00PM J. Barcellona, B. Barsi, M. Barsi, J. Mulvaney

Sunday 09/22/19
8:30AM J. Bamber, B. Lasek, C. Miloscia, V. Reuben
11:15AM P. Emory, J. Kisielewski, B. McCauley

READERS
Saturday 09/21/19
4:00PM R. McNamara

Sunday 09/22/19
8:30AM L. Miloscia
11:15AM M. Oddo

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday 09/22/19
9:45AM Volunteer Welcome

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Sunday 09/22/19
9:45AM G. Golden, M. Torres

READERS
Sunday 09/22/19
9:45AM V. Clarke

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
STUDY HALL PROGRAM

Where can I be safe, have a snack, get help with my homework and have some fun with friends?

Do you need before and after services for your child?
St Anthony Study Hall meets and exceeds your childcare needs for children in grades kindergarten to 8th grade. We accept Community Childcare Solutions and Childcare Aware of America subsidy payments. Please see the flyer inserted in today’s bulletin or see the parish website under childcare services for all forms and prices.

THE GIFT of the HOLY SPIRIT is yours!

Come unwrap the Gift

Find: a closer relationship with Jesus, His love and His peace.
Where: at a life in the Spirit Seminar
How: Through prayer, music, teaching & sharing

7 Thursday Evenings
September 12th to October 24th, 2019 at 8:00pm
St. Francis Cathedral
Main Street, Metuchen
Cathedral Community Room (downstairs)
Presented by: Body of Christ Prayer Group
Contact: Pam Gendlek 732-491-6042
or pzgendlek@comcast.net

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
8:00AM—11:00PM
Bosco's annual community fundraiser for local non-profits. A day to enjoy great shopping, super savings, refreshments, door prizes and much more!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH
will participate in this event!
For a $5 donation receive a 25% Off Shopping Pass, and 100% of all profits will benefit ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA!
Please call 732-634-1403 or stop by the Parish office for tickets or more information.

SCHOOL’S OPEN...TIME TO PACK THOSE LUNCH BOXES!!!!...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.
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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
MOTHER’ SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
One Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066
732-382-1952  www.motherseton.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2019  1:00PM
“The Future is Her’s”

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th  7:00PM
“Early Bird Tours” will begin at 6:15PM
Be Prepared for Tomorrow by Being UC Future Ready Today!

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

Newark  Camden  Metuchen  Paterson  Trenton

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

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00PM

WELCOMING THE STRANGER: NEXT STEPS
Joseph Cardinal Tobin’s presentation in April set the tone of how Christ invites all of us who are his disciples to open our hearts to those in need of refuge. This program will be an evening dedicated to discovering concrete ways of responding to the needs of our recent immigrants. A panel of four organizational leaders will describe how they are helping and how you can assist them in their efforts during this humanitarian crisis.

Wednesday, September 25th  7:00-9:00PM  $20-$30
As You Are able
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY
Hosted by: Father David Kosmoski
St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Avenel
NOVEMBER 2nd –13th, 2020 $3,479
Fee includes: air/land tour prices $1,999 plus govt’ taxes/airline surcharge from both gateways)
Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, including Sicily (Palermo, Agrigento, Siracusa, Mt. Etna, Taormina, Massina) and Rome with a papal audience. Includes: superior hotels, most meals, professional guides and tour escort and daily Mass.
Call St. Andrew Church office au 732-634-4355 for full color brochure.

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 Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

Donate-A-Car to Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen!
Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need throughout our Diocese.
◊ Donations are tax deductible.
◊ Free pick-up is available.
◊ Vehicles do not need to be running.
Visit www.cedom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322.

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 jecullen@cedom.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.cedom.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.

Did you know that Woodbridge Township has a Domestic Violence Response Team?
They are a group of well-trained volunteers who work hand-in-hand with the Woodbridge Police Department. The volunteers are there 24/7 to act as an advocate for victims. They listen, answer questions and provide helpful information. Stated simply, they are there to let victims know they are not alone.
If you would like a speaker to come to a meeting of your organization, let us know and arrangements can be made. We need your name, how you can be reached and the name of your organization. If you would like to know more, contact us at 732-634-7700, Ext. 2802. Check out our website: www.WoodbridgeDVRT.org or our Facebook page: Woodbridge Domestic Violence Response Team.