The Parish Family
of
St. Anthony of Padua

Advent
Preparing the Way

1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016
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

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

Liturgical Season of

Advent

Jesus,
You are our light.
When you came into our world,
You made it a brighter place.

Help us each day to make
Brighter and happier
The lives of the people we live with,
Learn with, play with, and pray with.

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
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 welcomes

Jacob Michael Griffith
Child of Joseph & Maribel (Maldonado) Griffith

&

Kayleigh Marie Botti
Child of Stephen & Shauna (Glynn) Botti

who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on

November 13, 2016

We thank their parents for choosing life.

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THE WOMEN’S GROUP
OF
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH
Invites all women of the community to our annual
“CHRISTMAS GATHERING”

1. Please bring 3 dozen cookies (homemade or store bought) to be packaged and given to our homebound; and...

2. Bring a favorite snack to share with others at the gathering (optional).

WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2016 following the Morning Prayer at 9:00AM

WHERE: Father Milos Hall, St. Anthony of Padua Church

Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
….an HOUR WITH JESUS

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua every Thursday at 2:00PM until 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!

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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

In order to meet our commitment to our beneficiary agencies, all gifts need to be wrapped and returned to St. Anthony of Padua Church no later than the 11:30AM Mass on Sunday, December 11th. In this way, the gifts may be sorted and packed to be picked up and distributed in time for Christmas.

If you took a Jesse Tree tag and for whatever reason are not able to obtain the gift designated on it, please just return the tag to the tree. Some of the recipients have only one tag, and if your tag and/or gift is not returned, we do not have a gift for that person.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Www.saintanthonyypadua.org
We’re now on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!

Office: info_StAnthony@verizon.net
Religious Education: religious_StAnthony@verizon.net
Bulletin: bulletin_StAnthony@verizon.net
Study Hall: studyhall_StAnthony@verizon.net
Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com
REST IN PEACE
Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

Enter Eternal Life
David Gavor—October 24, 2016
Michael Guden—October 25, 2016
Walter Gavor—November 8, 2016
Anna Mayorek—November 11, 2016
... Absent from the body ... Present with the Lord

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

Anniversary of Death
Anthony Poos—December 1st
Paul Arumai—December 1st
Rose Crincali—December 1st
Frank Fiorito—December 6th
Catherine Polese—December 9th
Gerard Muller—December 19th

MISSION MASS
The souls of: Requested by....
Lorraine Proscia The Huber Family
Matilda Kirkland Alfred & Pat Russo
Eugene McCarthy son, Hilary
Bridget McCarthy son, Hilary
Patrick McCarthy [Living] brother, Hilary
A Mass will be offered in private.

PURGATORYAL MASS SOCIETY
The souls of: Requested by....
Lorraine Proscia Joseph & Lorraine DeMarino
Michael Guden Colleen & Mickey Coppola
Lorraine Proscia Carmen & Peggie Margiotto
Michael Guden St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Praxcedes Rivera The Oloriz Family
Anna Mayorek Anthony & Cheryl D’Orsi
Walter Gavor Mike & Kathy Yannuzzi
Anita L. Devorak St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
David Gavor St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Walter Gavor St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Anna Mayorek St. Anthony of Padua Parish Family
Patrick J. Pacifico Millie & Garry Suphen
Anna Mayorek niece, Diane & John Lenart
Noel Gal Steve & Gladys Csermak
Helga Csermak Steve & Gladys Csermak
Ilona Csermak Steve & Gladys Csermak

They have been enrolled into the St. Anthony’s Perpetual Mass Society. They will be remembered in a special Mass during the first week of the month alternating between our two worship sites. (Odd months on the First Saturday at 8:00AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel; even months on the First Wednesday at 7:30AM at St. Anthony of Padua )and remembered daily at the Altar in the Eucharistic Prayer.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISHIONERS
If you know of any parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site that are sick, homebound, in a Nursing Home or hospitalized, please contact Kathy “Tootsie” Simeone at 732-634-9285.

2,000 Hail Marys
During these times of turmoil and uncertainty, Pope Francis urges us to pray more fervently and consistently to bring about God’s peace and social justice throughout the world. Since we believe that our Blessed Virgin Mary is our greatest intercessor and our Perpetual Help, we invoke her unfailing and powerful intercession during these uncertain times.

Please join us in praying 2,000 Hail Marys at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Our next prayer session will be on Saturday, December 3rd. Prayers will begin at 9:00AM after the 8:00AM Mass. Come, stay for a half-hour, a hour or more and you will be blessed. You may also send us your personal intentions or petitions or drop them in a box at the front of the altar and we will pray for them.

ALL PARISHIONERS
Are invited and encouraged to share

“COFFEE AND CONVERSATION”
On the first Sunday of the month, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th
In Father Milos Hall after the 8:00AM and 9:30AM Mass
Come meet your neighbor....
Come join in fellowship
Come—be a part of the “family”

MONDAYS WITH FR. BILL*
BIBLE Study Sessions with Fr. Bill Halbing
Sponsored by the Holy Family Prayer Community

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Jesus

Where: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (church basement)
280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35N), Woodbridge.
(Enter at the back on East Smith Street.)

When: Monday evening 7:00—8:30pm

Enjoy and have fun while mining the depth and richness of the bible!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 in December our best wishes and prayers that God may continue to bless them abundantly in the years ahead.
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
Special Blessings for Erin & Kasey D’Amato
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

Our Lord’s Blessings for Continued Good Health on your 90th Birthday, Irene Daley
req. by Al & Rose Leone

In Loving Memory of our father, Michael Camilleri
req. by daughters, Mildred, Janet & Mary Dee

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

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:

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his prayers for November, 2016....

Universal Intention: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Intention for Evangelization: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Flowers for the Blessed Mother this weekend at St. Anthony of Padua are
In Loving Memory of John Osag “Happy Birthday In Heaven”

Love, wife Ethel & family

Tuesday, December 6th
St. Anthony of Padua’s annual St. Nicholas Feast Day Raffle!!

6 VISA GIFT CARDS

1ST PRIZE $1,000  4TH PRIZE $250
2ND PRIZE $500  5TH PRIZE $250
3RD PRIZE $250  6TH PRIZE $250

Help us exceed last year’s sales!

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NEED A GIFT IDEA?
THINK SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS.

At St. Anthony’s we have an ongoing fund raiser, Shop-Rite Gift Cards. When purchasing Shop-Rite our Parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift Cards come in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the Parish Office. Please consider helping St. Anthony’s next time you shop.
CONFESSIONS
Thursday, December 1st, 8th & 15th
6:30 - 6:45pm

Saturday, December 3rd, 10th & 17th
3:15 – 3:45pm

Thursday, December 15th
6:30pm – 6:45pm & 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, December 17th
10:30 – 11:30am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Spend some quiet time with Our Lord
Thursdays 2:00-6:45pm & 7:30-9:00pm
(except December 22nd—2:00-6:00pm)

ST. NICHOLAS RAFFLE
Tuesday, December 6th
7:00pm

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Thursday, December 8th
Mass – 6:30am  12:15pm  7:00pm

SIMBANG GABI MASS
Philippine tradition in preparation for Christmas
Saturday, December 17th
6:00pm Mass

FAMILY G.I.F.T. MASS & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, December 18th
11:30am Mass followed by
BLESSING & LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS TREE

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS
December 16th - 24th after Daily Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th
3:45pm
Children's Choir Prelude & Caroling

4:00pm
Mass for Small Children & Families
Blessing of Manger

6:00pm
Christmas Eve Mass with Carols

10:00pm
Carol Service
The Blessing of the Creche &
The Solemn Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th
9:30am & 11:30am

SOLEMNITY, MARY MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, December 31st
Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, January 1st
9:30am & 5:00pm
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

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4:45 - 5:15pm

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A Prayer for the New Year
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Due to our bulletin publisher’s holiday schedule for Thanksgiving, the contributions for last weekend, November 20th will be published in next week’s bulletin.

“For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, November 20th**

Team #6  A. & J. Pannullo

**SUNDAY, November 27th**

Team #7  J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

**BUS DRIVER**

Paid training, license and all fees related to getting CDL bus driver’s license. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record Part time hours only about 2 hours per week day (about 8AM-9AM and 2:45 to 3:45 PM)

We are also looking for College Students or adults to work the Before Care program from 7:00AM to 9:00AM. If you’re interested please contact Frank at 732-754-8401.

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**The St. Anthony Study Hall Childcare Services**

The mission of this program is to provide all children from 5 years to 13 years old with a place to do their homework with the help of certified teachers, College and High School students. Open for before care from 6:30AM to 9:00AM and aftercare from 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Breakfast is served and snack in the afternoon. We will transport your child to and from school. Rates and more information are available on parish website or in Father Milos Hall by the Study Hall entrance or call 732-634-6800.
## Liturgical Minister Schedule

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*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.*

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Homebound Ministers** 12/03/16—12/04/16
- C. Adams, G. Pronti

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### ARE YOU DOING FALL CLEANING?

If you are fall cleaning and find items related to St. Anthony of Padua Church Community, before you discard them, consider donating the item to our history collection. Items pertaining to the CYO [Catholic Youth Organization], the former school on West Ave., old bulletins, yearbooks, photographs of weddings or baptisms or the other church buildings, commemorative plates, etc. can be dropped off at the parish office. Our parish has over a 100-year history at this location and these items would add value to that rich history.

### CHRISTMAS 2016

This year marked the 25th Anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua parish family’s newly constructed worship site. To commemorate the events, functions, and happenings that have occurred at our site between 1991 and 2016, we would like to decorate our two Christmas trees (on display in the narthex) with items representing a church-related event from the parish family. If you would like to donate an ornament you might have made, a photograph you might have taken, or another item which could be displayed on these Christmas trees to capture your family’s special church-related happening, then drop the item off at the parish office on or before December 15th.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

The next youth group meeting will be Sunday, December 4th at St Andrew's in Avenel from 6:30pm until 8pm. Please bring any extra Christmas cards as we will be signing them and sending them out to multiple foundations. Also, we will be collecting for Advent to make a donation to a woman's shelter. Toiletries, scarves, gloves, etc., are acceptable items. On Saturday December 17th, we will be having our Christmas Party/Youth Celebration at St Anthony's from 10am until 2pm. All school aged children are invited to attend. The cost will be $10 per child and we will have arts and crafts, a movie, games and a Christmas Party (lunch will be provided). We are want to engage the children at an early age, to help foster their interaction and interest in our faith and youth group as they enter their teen years.

If you have any questions, please call Teresa at 732-491-6400 or email her at jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com.

### St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society

#### BUS TRIP TO CAESARS

**Sold Out!**

**REMININDER**

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

For those lucky enough to have a ticket remember the bus will depart at: **10:30AM** from the parking lot on the corner of Port Reading Ave. & Lee St., Port Reading. (by Action Pools & D’Orsi Bakery)

For information contact: Garry Sutphen at 732-841-4618
**CHRISTMAS BAKED GOODS!!!**

The Divine Mercy Parish Altar Rosary Society of Carteret will be selling Homemade, Baked, Filled Rolls for the Christmas Season. They will be selling Walnut, Lekvar, Poppyseed, Apricot & Red Raspberry Rolls. The cost is only $15.00. [Each weigh 1 1/2 lbs. and come in a Vacuum Sealed Pack!!]

All orders must be received and paid for in advance before Thursday, December 1, 2016.

To place an order, please contact: Stella at 732-969-1271 or Florence at 732-541-5045.

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Our Diocesan office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a “Christmas party” for children and young adults with special needs on **Saturday, December 17, 2016 (1:30pm—3:30pm)** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway**. Please indicate your interest in attending as well as the total number of people in your party by emailing them at the following: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

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**24 HOUR HOT LINE**

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer 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

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**MOUNT SAINT MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER**

1651 U.S. Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069
908-753-2091  *  msmhope/msmhope.org
Registration Required

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**CHRISTMAS BENEFIT COCKTAIL PARTY**

**Sunday, December 4, 2016**

4:00pm—6:30pm

Mount Saint Mary Parlor

Christmas Celebration in a beautiful setting.
Cocktails, butlered hors d’oeuvres, music and caroling.

| **Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer** |
| **Celestial Angelic Club** |
| **Standard Ticket**—$50 |
| **Seraphim Choir**—Ticket price $75 |
| **Cherubim Choir**—Ticket Price $100 |
| **Archangels**—Ticket Price greater than $100 |

Donors are like angels; you can’t see them, but they play an important role in spiritual formation and miracles. Please consider making an additional donation (above the standard ticket price) and join MSMHop’s Celestial Angelic Club.

All Donations benefit the Ministry of Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer. Call 908-753-2091 for information and tickets.

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**St. Andrew’s Annual Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, December 10, 2016

10:00AM—3:00PM

St. Andrew Church Hall
244 Avenel Street, Avenel

Enjoy prizes, raffles, crafts, “white elephant” table and delicious food and homemade cakes for sale.

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Diocese of Metuchen Youth & Young Adult Office Invites Young Adults from Age 18 to 39 For a Young Adult Holy Hour (followed by fellowship*)

The **December 11, 2016** Holy Hour will be held at: **St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish** 105 Mine St., Flemington, NJ

The Second Sunday of every Month – 6:00 – 7:00 PM (except April 9 & May 14, 2017). The hour will include praise and worship, faith sharing and guest speakers. Reconciliation will also be available.

For more information, contact Mary Ann Giannone mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

*Please note individuals will be responsible for their own meal.
New Jersey Senate bill S2474, the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, may be voted on in the next few weeks. An identical bill, A2451, passed the General Assembly on October 20th. If passed, this bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill patients who have been diagnosed with six months or less to live.

Doctor–assisted suicide is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost containment and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost.

The facts are clear - in California, Vermont and Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. One such example is Stephanie Packer, a young mother of four from California. Stephanie was recently denied insurance coverage for her new chemotherapy treatment but suicide drugs were approved by her insurance with a nominal co-pay of $1.20.

Other reasons to oppose assisted suicide legislation include:

• A six-month prognosis for a terminal illness is not always accurate. Often, with treatment, patients survive well beyond their prognosis.

• S2474 would allow the death certificate to list the cause of death as the underlying terminal disease - not assisted suicide. The cause of death should be listed as self-administered drugs that ended life. Why not tell the truth?

• Legalized assisted suicide would send the wrong message to vulnerable groups such as our troubled youth and to our veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Studies have shown that in states where assisted suicide has been legalized, overall suicide rates increase.

• There is no requirement for a physician to be present when the patient takes the lethal prescription. In fact there is no supervision of the drugs once they leave the pharmacy.

Our society should embrace what Pope John Paul II called “the way of love and true mercy”—a readiness to surround patients with love, support, and companionship, providing the assistance needed to ease their physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. Our duty is to assist those who are dying - not kill them.

Please contact your state Senators today and urge them to oppose S2474 by visiting: http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action. Also, contact Governor Christie (609-292-6000) and ask him to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

NEW JERSEY ADOPTION LAW

New Jersey’s Adoption Law has changed. Beginning January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives will be able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted.

Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a Redaction Request Form to the New Jersey Department of Health no later than December 31, 2016. The Redaction Request Form can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726, ext. 582 or by downloading it at their website: http://nj.gov/health/forms/reg-36c.pdf.

The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through their Catholic Charities agencies.

If you know individuals that could be affected by the changes to New Jersey Adoption law, please help alert them. Anyone needing assistance can call a HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

Marriage Encounter

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending 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 January 13th—January 15th, 2017. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

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