Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

ST. CECELIA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil -4:30 PM

Sunday—7:30, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM; 5 PM

Weekdays—7 & 9:15 AM

Saturday—8 AM

First Friday—6-7 PM Adoration; 7 PM Holy Mass

Holy Days—Please see the bulletin

CONFESSION

Saturday—11 AM & from 3:15—4:15 PM

(***Before the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass***)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday: 9 AM—4:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

GIFT SHOP—732-283-1775

Hours: Sunday — Friday 10 AM — 1 PM

Saturday 3 — 6 PM

(***Hours may vary, please call before you come)***

Fr. Thomas Naduviledathu, S.D.V. —*Pastor*

Fr. Vernon Kohlmann, S.D.V.—*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Richard Lutomski—*Permanent Deacon*

Deacon Anthony Pepe—*Permanent Deacon*

Ms. Mirabella Parota—*Music Director*

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Deacon Anthony Pepe— *Youth & Young Adult Ministry*—732-986-1839

Mrs. Maria Campos—*Social Ministry & Food Pantry*—732-283-0150 x105

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Holy Day Mass Times:
Weekday Evening before—Vigil Mass 7 PM, day of —7 AM, 9:15 AM, 12:05 PM and 7 PM.

Registration
To enable us to better serve you, all parishioners are asked to register at the Parish Office. Family members over the age of 18 should register as individuals. To receive a letter of recommendation or character reference you should be registered for at least three months.

House Blessing
If you would like to have a home visitation or blessing, please call the Parish Office.

The Sacraments
SPONSOR LETTERS: Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic Marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for all information and to make arrangements. Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class is required.

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. One party must be a parishioner. Participation in pre-marriage preparation program is required; call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: If any of your loved ones are in need of a priest because they are homebound, sick, going for surgery, etc., and need the sacraments, please call the Parish Office at any time. The priests are always on call! Regular communion calls to the sick, aged or homebound should be arranged in advance.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOME STATUE VISIT
If you are interested in having the statue visit your home, please call Carol 732-494-8697.

Education
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grammar school students are held on Mondays from 5:45 to 7:15 PM at the former St. Cecelia School Building.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS for the continuing education of adults are held periodically during the year.

R.C.I.A.: If you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or are baptized and want to receive other sacraments, please invite them to join RCIA! Call Deacon Rich at 732-680-1921.

Social Ministry Office
FOOD PANTRY is open for food pick-up **TUESDAYS from 10 AM to 2 PM ONLY**. Call 732-283-0150 x105 or email stcecelia.socialministry@gmail.com for food requests/appointments for pick-up.
OTHER SERVICES provided by the Social Ministry Office: Those in need may call 732-283-0150 x105.

Devotions
CENACLE for Marian Movement of Priests every Wednesday after 9:15 AM Mass.
NOVENAS to St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8 AM Mass on Saturday.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET—Fridays after the 9:15 AM Mass.
2,000 HAIL MARY'S every 2nd Saturday of the month, in the Chapel starting at 7:00 AM.

Altar Servers
Ann Cecilia Trinh—Coordinator; She can be reached at the parish office 732-283-2300.

Adoration Chapel
Daily starting after 7 AM Mass to 5 PM. Please arrive before 4 PM for admittance to church. When you come in the Chapel and the Tabernacle doors are closed, open them. If you are the last one in the Chapel, please close the Tabernacle doors and **shut off the light** (make sure they are completely pressed down).

Societies/Organizations
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS: Meeting 2nd Thursday; Membership call Anthony Pepe—732-603-9266.
LEGION OF MARY—Saturdays—9 AM, Conference Room
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY—The Rosary is prayed on the 1st Saturday at 4 PM, prior to the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass and the 1st Sunday at the 8:30 AM Mass; meeting 1st Monday after 1st Sunday at 7 PM in the Church Conference Room.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM in the Church Conference Room.

Music Ministry
ADULT CHOIR
Adult Choir practice Tuesday evenings from September—June at 7:30 PM in the church. Coordinator—Mirabella Parota.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
The Contemporary Choir practice on Thursday evenings 7:00 pm—8:30 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am—1:30 pm. Coordinator—Ramon Esteban 732-396-0032.

YOUTH MINISTRY
The meeting will be held on the third Sunday of every month at 6pm in the Youth Ministry Room. Coordinator—Deacon Anthony Pepe.

Church Etiquette
Please participate in the singing and responses. **Come to Mass early enough not to disrupt and leave late enough not to insult.** The Mass does not end until the final song has been completed. Worship reverently enough not to distract. This includes silence in the church and vestibule before Mass. Be mindful to turn off your electronic devices and quietly put the kneelers up and down during the Mass. Dress modestly and appropriately as you would for a special occasion.

Thank You For Your Generosity

February 17, 2019:

In-pew	$ 8,387.50
Faith Direct	$ 1,622.75
Total	$10,010.25

February 18, 2018:

In-pew	$ 9,710.14
Faith Direct	$ 1,306.00
Total	$11,016.14

Catholic Spirit 2019:

In-pew	$ 1,421.00
Faith Direct	$ 100.00
Total	$ 1,521.00

Catholic Spirit 2018:

In-pew	$ 1,104.00
Faith Direct	$ 0.00
Total	$ 1,104.00

Weekly Envelopes
Our parish expenses and obligations (*for example our **2018 Property & Liability insurance is $109,834.00 and Assessment is $127,900***) do not take a vacation when you do. So it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here due to vacation.

Home Visits
We would like to continue home visits.
If you would like to have us visit your home, please call the parish office.
Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions

February 23 through March 3

VIGIL MASS—2/23

4:30 PM Rayomond & Ruth Deck req, Family

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—2/24

7:30 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish
9:00 AM *The Shafer & McGeehan Family req, Betty McGeehan
*Carolee L. Benedetto req, the Handville Family
11:00 AM Carmel McGovern req, Rickerhauser Family
5:00 PM Ramil Romarate req, Susan Navarro

MONDAY—WEEKDAY—2/25

7:00 AM Leticia Atienza req, Carol LaRouche
9:15 AM Ray McSorley req, Wife and Children
1:15 PM Veterans Home—Emmanuel Kibuuka req, Kayiwa Family

TUESDAY—WEEKDAY—2/26

7:00 AM Jose Chan req, Chin Family
9:15 AM Patrick & Nanette McLean req, Noel Family

WEDNESDAY—WEEKDAY—2/27

7:00 AM Martha Drust req, John & Olivia Drust
9:15 AM Marie McGlenn req, Tony & Jackie Roglieri

THURSDAY—WEEKDAY—2/28

7:00 AM Angelo D'Angelo req, D'Angelo Family
9:15 AM Robert Viola req, Lucille Lasky-Nuzzi

FIRST FRIDAY—WEEKDAY—3/1

7:00 AM Catherine Donahue req, Ann Cecilia Trinh
9:15 AM Roselyn C. Mallo req, John & Olivia Drust
7:00 PM Joseph Pignatore req, Carl & Joanne Minue

FIRST SATURDAY——3/2

8:00 AM Stanley Sprofera req, Jill & Charles Cerria

VIGIL MASS—3/2

4:30 PM Ralph Caliendo & Jo-Anna Sica req, Judith Caliendo

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—3/3

7:30 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish
9:00 AM *Carol Kristofcak req, Carol LaRouche
*John Misa req, Steve & Annette Aneson
11:00 AM Charles F. O'Connor Sr. req, Werner/ O'Connor Children & Grandchildren
5:00 PM Carlton & Sylvia Rogers req, Noel Family

In Loving Remembrance

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, ***especially Marian Seaman and Guadalupe Calilap*** asking God to reward them with joy and eternal peace.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Madison Mangal, Tony Pierro, Albert DeLeone, Lena Zimbardo, Al Ockoa, Joselino Negron, Jr., Sandra Lynn Place, Gloria Sprague, David Hopkins, Hilda Lamberti, Margaret Burda, Anthony Pierro, Michael Clifford, Jr., Francine C., Jim Broderick, Madeline Caravella, Thomas Porcelli, Toni Yost, Lauren Gallagher, Eddie Franz, Tommy Mouser, Mary & Robert Maurer, Elaine O'Sullivan, Billy Costenbader, Joseph George, Jr., Jamie Nestor, Kristen Clifford, Joseph Spadafora, Mary Ellsey, Audrey Corio, Ray Estok, Craig Soper, Amanda Porcelli, Gail Rezmerski, Mary Beckert, Connor McMahon, Karen Chaplan, Vincente Calero, Mary Alfano, Lynn Russo, Margie Skeels, Rita Fletcher, Paul Kitlan, Patricia DeBiasio, Doug Guth, MaryAnn Rickerhauser, Ann Curcio, Joe Scheratti, Jonathan Burton, Mary Herold, Sandy Petrillo, Sr. Joan Marie Maliszewski, George Noll, Cecilia Menzenbach, Ray Binelti, Catherine Kenney, Joan Tricarico, Jay Boyle, Chula De Silva, Marjorie Carroll, Oana Enache, Franklin Pfeifer III, Rose & Samuel M., George Whitehead, Regina & George Stubblebine, George Madden, Alberto Batista, Eric Scherman, Bob/Nikki Honkisz, Joan Tricorico, Dave Nissenbaum, Ms. Gloria, Matthew Ulrich, Deacon Tony Hancock, Ida Matejus, Martin Petrucci, Antonella Gich, Ruth Joseph, Louie Leggi, Geri Fennell, Louis Nagupal, Louis Randall, James Banks, Edna Moreira, Anthony & Marie Sabbia, Joseph Herold, Karen Mercer, Blanche Chubbuck, Veronica Enright, Declan Mahoney, Henry Aulenbach, Mary Frances Rosier, James Burton, Brian Emmanuel Gardner

The BREAD & WINE is offered in memory of
Ray McSorley
req, Wife & Children

The SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn in memory of
Charles F. O'Connor, Sr.
req, Werner/O'Connor Children/Grandchildren

Responsorial Psalm – 2/24/19

The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Questions of the Week

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to treat others as we would want others to treat us. How do you treat others as you want to be treated?

Question for Youth: How do you follow Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you?

Question for Adults: Jesus says, "Give, and gifts will be given to you." When have you experienced your generosity coming back to you?

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From the Desk of Our Pastor…

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ…,

Jesus gives us today the Golden Rules. It is based on love. We asked to live a life with the *power of Christian love*, which is a little different from everyone else. The readings also instruct us about our *right and wrong choices.* The right choices lead us to God, and the wrong ones break our relationship with Him and with one another. It is Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the *Golden Rule*, "*Do to others as you would have them do to you."* This *Golden Rule* is amplified by a string of particular commands: "*Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you."* For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another's good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God has done for us. *"Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate."* He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.

Love your enemies: This command proposes a course of action that is contrary to human nature. Jesus invites those who follow him to repudiate their natural inclinations and instead follow his example and the example of the heavenly Father. He recommends, not merely a warm affection *(philia),* such as one might have for one's family, or a passionate devotion *(eros),* such as one might expect between spouses, but a gracious, active interest *(agape),* in the welfare of precisely those persons who are antagonistic to us. *Agape* is the love that cares deeply for others simply because they are created in God's image, and wishes them well because that is what God wishes. Jesus not only commanded us to love our enemies, he also gave us the most vivid and awesome example of this type of love in action. While hanging on the cross, he prayed, "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

Offer your other cheek to the one who strikes you. This cuts through the old principle of retaliation "an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth". Jesus is not saying that we should permit the destruction of the innocent and defenseless or allow *ourselves* to be abused or killed! What are the challenges Jesus gives us in this command to "turn the other cheek"? First, he challenges us to forgive others totally and completely, which means letting go of any and every grudge. He also challenges us not to seek vengeance. In addition, he wants us to be patient with the shortcomings of others and to love everyone, even our enemies. So the bottom line is this: It's morally *wrong* not to defend the innocent, when we have a responsibility to do so; it's morally *legitimate* to defend ourselves from an unjust aggressor; but it can be *virtuous* to endure unjust sufferings and even martyrdom for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Gospel.

Forgive and you will be forgiven. Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. This message might have sounded very strange to the Jews, who were familiar with a God who was merciful to his own people and vengeful to their enemies. But Jesus repeats his teaching on forgiveness, both in the prayer he taught his disciples *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,"* and in his final commandment to his apostles, "*Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another".* Jesus does not advise his followers to overlook evils, wars, economic disparity, and exploitation of the vulnerable. Instead, we are called to forgive, to be merciful and not to retaliate. But we cannot achieve this level of love and forgiveness by ourselves. We need the power of God working through us by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Golden Rule*: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."* Christian ethics consists not in merely refraining from evil, but in actively doing good, not only to those who are friends, but to those who hate us or do evil against us. In other words, Jesus expects us to rise above our human instincts and imitate the goodness and generosity of God. The observance of the golden rule makes us like God whose love and mercy embrace saints and sinners alike. At the same time the Golden Rule does not require that we allow others to take advantage of us.

What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as *grace,* i.e., God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve, but with love, kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as to the just. Hence, our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. His love conquers our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment, and give us the courage to return good for evil. At every Mass we pray the "Our Father", asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate family members, co-workers, neighbors etc. who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. We must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and tolerating the irritating behavior of a neighbor.

God Bless You,
Fr. Tom

Religious Education

Religious Education Office phone number is 732-283-2816; CELL phone number is 732-343-1132 and is located in the brick building to the left of the school. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES are held on Mondays from 5:45 to 7:15 PM at Oak Tree School #29 Building.

February 25, 2019—Religious Education Classes—Grades 1—8 from 5:45—7:15 pm

February 26, 2019—First Penance—Grade 2 at 6:30 pm

March 6, 2019 – ASH WEDNESDAY – beginning of Lenten Season

March 7, 2019 – **Journey of Faith** – Grade – 8, 7 – 9 pm, Lourdes Hall

March 10, 2019 – 9:00 am Grade – 8 Mass and presentation of Service Hours

March 11, 2019 – Religious Education Classes – 1 – 8 – 5:45 – 7:15 pm

March 16 – 17, 2019 – **Vacation Bible School Bake Sale** after all Masses. If anyone would be interested in helping to bake, please give the Religious Education Office the "thumbs up!"

March 17, 2019 – ST PATRICK'S DAY

March 18, 2019 – Religious Education Classes – Grades 1 – 8 – 5:45 – 7:15 pm

March 19, 2019 – FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

March 25, 2019 – Religious Education Classes – Grades 1 – 8 – 5:45 – 7:15 pm

February 2019 Wedding Anniversaries

Robinson & Angelina Rathod, 5 years
Andrew & Madeline Brinkofski, 10 years
Remy & Jovy Cualizares, 15 years
Donald & Nadica Javier, 15 years
Renelito & Nenita Bonsol, 30 years
Cyril & Indumatiben Dabhi, 35 years
Arthur & Ellen Wageman, 55 years
William & Eileen Donovan, 56 years

TRAVELING IMAGE

The home visitation of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin the first week of March. Please call Carol LaRouche at 732-494-8697 to schedule your visitation time.

Rosary Altar Society

The next Rosary Altar Society meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, at 7:00 pm, in the church conference room. Refreshments will be served. All women of the parish (18 years or older) are welcome to attend.

A Spring Clothing Drive will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 9 am to 1 pm, in front of the church. We accept clean gently worn clothing, along with shoes, purses, bed and kitchen linens, and toys (all kinds). Each category of donations should be placed in separate black plastic bags. Now is the time to Spring clean those closets! Any questions, please call Carol at 732-494-8697.

If you would like to make a donation towards the Palm Branches or new Paschal Candlestick, please contact the Parish Office.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society wants to thank you for your generosity. They collected $954 at their free will collection the weekend of February 9 & 10.

It is through the generosity of the parish that St. Vincent de Paul was recently able to help a homeless, disabled single mother and her 4 year old daughter with a security deposit.

St. Cecelia's Food Pantry...

The Food Pantry is looking for a male volunteer who is able to give 1 hour (7:50 am—8:50 am) on the 2nd Tuesday of every month to help with food delivery to the Pantry.

If you are interested, please call Maria at 732-283-0150.

An Invitation to March in the St Patrick's Day Parade in South Amboy

Dear Friends of Life,

Please join us as we march in support of life in the South Amboy St Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 16th. We gather at 1-1:30PM on South Pine near Portia. The Life Choices Resource Center Mobile Ultrasound Unit will be with us again this year with its message of hope and telephone number to call for help. For more information visit https://www.southamboyparade.com/ or email me at treasurelife33@gmail.com. Please come. It's a wonderful thing to do.

Blessings and peace,
Ted Tyszkiewicz
Our Lady of Victories Respect Life Group

THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN: A LENTEN JOURNEY

Join us for this six-week women's program based on the book **Walk In Her Sandals** by Kelly Wahlquist as a prayerful and creative way to enter into Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

Wed, 9:30 - 11 a.m.; final session Sat,* 9:30-12 p.m.

Mar 13 - Gift of Receptivity
Mar 20 - Gift of Generosity
Mar 27 - Gift of Sensitivity
Apr 3 - Gift of Prayer
Apr 10 - Gift of Maternity
May 11* - Gift of the Holy Spirit

($120-$180 as you are able)

Facilitators: Palma Anton, Meg Chouinard, Nancy Kennedy, Donna McCabe, Eileen Smith, RSM

Book available for purchase prior to the first session

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TO BEAR THE BEAMS OF LOVE
Lenten Day of Recollection

As we embark on our Lenten Journey, what better way for each of us to begin this graced season than to allow God to speak to us, and come to know ourselves as Beloved!

Lunch is included.

Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

($45-$55 as you are able)

Presenter: Honora Nicholson, RSM

Sister Honora has served in parish ministry and Community leadership and has extensive experience in leading retreats and small faith sharing groups.

Registration is required-call or register online

www.msmhope.org—908-753-2091

Mount Saint Mary House Of Prayer is a center dedicated to nourishing adult spiritual growth in an atmosphere of hospitality and prayer. Sponsored by The Mid-Atlantic Community Of The Sisters of Mercy of The Americas. The center welcomes persons of all faiths to retreats, spiritual direction and a variety of programs and opportunities for holistic growth.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

Saint Matthew School
100 Seymour Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817
Pre-K3 - 8th grade

OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019
10:30 am – 1:30 pm

*Spanish taught K - 8th/ *STEM/STREAM / *Advance ED Accredited

Extracurricular: Robotics, Drama, Band, Garden Club & More…

Join us for Open House and see all that Saint Matthew School has to offer!

For more information or to schedule a private tour, call 732-985-6633

From the Diocese...

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Information Meetings

In preparation for the Consecration of The Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop James F. Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to Mexico to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, October 20-24, 2019. Information meetings will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. An additional meeting will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish, Somerville on Thursday, Feb. 28,7 p.m. in the parish center. Come and learn all the details. All are welcome.

Doctor-Assisted Suicide – Fatally Flawed!

The New Jersey "Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill" Act (A1504/ S1702) would give a patient diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a prognosis of less than six months to live, the ability to request a lethal prescription to end his/her life. If passed doctor-assisted suicide would be legal under New Jersey law.

Contact Your Legislators to Oppose Assisted Suicide

The Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (S1702) was voted out of the Senate Health Committee on Thursday, February 7th. A vote is also expected in the full Assembly within the next few weeks. The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live. The facts are clear - in California, in Vermont and in Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as a financial liability for the insurance company, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by reducing costs. Please contact your state legislators today and tell them that you oppose A1504/S1702.
WE DO NOT WANT ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NEW JERSEY!

Visit: https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action For more information visit: www.diometuchen.org/physician-assisted-suicide

St. Peter's Gianna Center

We are very pleased to introduce you to the Saint Peter's Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ.

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.

Please visit http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/ or contact us at 732-565-5490 for more information.

10TH ANNUAL ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST
"THE AWAKENING"

Sponsored by the METUCHEN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Star of the New Evangelization

"Join us for this multi-parish event as the Cursillo Movement kicks off a year of preparation that will culminate in December when the entire Diocese of Metuchen is consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will truly be an inspiring day of prayer, song and encouragement as we seek to encounter Christ in our daily lives through the invocation of the Blessed Mother."
Fr. John Rozembajgier - Pastor, Mary, Mother of God Church

Saturday, April 6, 2019 8am – 3pm
Mary, Mother of God Parish
157 South Triangle Rd, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

SPEAKERS:
Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR (Saint Joseph Friary, New York, NY)
Dcn. Sal Bonfiglio, OFS (Mary, Mother of God, Hillsborough, NJ)

MUSIC:
Kathy Wasilewski

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement is pleased to sponsor The Awakening, an inspirational day of Talks, Music, Prayer, Lunch, Adoration, Confession, and concluding with celebration of the Mass.
NOTE: There will be a free will offering throughout the day.

ALL ARE WELCOME.
To register, please RSVP by 3/15
Online at http://metcursillo.org/events-encounter.htm

The Little Ones Jim Burrows

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Lk 6:27-28

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February 2019/March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						23 •9 am Legion of Mary—Conf. Room •11:00 am—1:30 pm Contemporary Choir •2nd Collection—Parish Improvement Fund
24 •2nd Collection—Parish Improvement Fund	25 •Rel. Ed. Classes—5:45—7:15 pm Gr. 1-8 •7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul—Conf. Room	26 •6:30 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation—gr. 2 •7:30—8:30 pm Bible Study—Conf. Room •7:30 pm Classical Choir •7:00 pm—Young Adult Adoration—Chapel	27 •Marian Movement for Priests after the 9:15 am Mass •6:30 pm Adult Confirmation •7:00 pm RCIA—YM Room	28 •7:00-8:30 pm Contemporary Choir—Church •Group Spiritual Direction—Fr. Greg—Conf. Room 7—9 pm	1 **MARCH FIRST FRIDAY** •6 pm Adoration — 7 pm Mass	2 •9 am Legion of Mary—Conf. Room •11:00 am—1:30 pm Contemporary Choir
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