



Welcome to

Good Shepherd Parish

Hopelawn,
New Jersey 08861

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called by Jesus as a community of faith to love God and love one another by our acts of worship, fellowship and stewardship.

January 14, 2024 • The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Krystian Burdzy
Deacon Sam Costantino
Deacon Albert Coppola
Maria C. Arcelay
Anna Krasowska
Margaret Russo
Wayne Behr

Pastor
R.C.I.A.
Parish Secretary/Cemetery Coordinator/Website Admin. & Notary
Bookkeeper/Business Manager
Director of Religious Education (PCL)
Director of Liturgical Music

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:30PM
Sunday Masses:	8:30AM & 11:00AM
Adoration: (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)	Monday at 6:00pm only (except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am) Thursday from 8:30am to 10:00am
Confessions:	Saturday afternoon 3:30 - 4:15PM
Daily Mass	Monday at 7:00PM (except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am) Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM
Holy Days	as announced

THE PARISH CENTER

Parish and Cemetery Offices
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, New Jersey
Phone: 732-826-4859 • Fax: 732-826-6078
Office open for phone calls only
Monday-Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Fridays at 12Noon (only during the Summer)

Website: www.goodshepherdpanj.org
E-mail: goodshepherd20@verizon.net

BLESSED SACRAMENT (CHAPEL)

Located in the Parish Center
Open for private prayer during office hours by appointment only.

(To easily access to all Good Shepherd Social Media links, visit our homepage of our website with the QR Code).



Parish Information

We welcome you to the Good Shepherd Parish Community!

Please register at the Parish Office as soon as you are able to do so, and the staff will be happy to inform you about our parish and the opportunities we offer. Parish registration is required for religious education, celebration of all Sacraments and certification as a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. Regular Sunday worship with us indicates a practicing Catholic, not just parish registration. Attendance is necessary at weekend worship for the all sacraments and certification of sponsorship. Please notify the parish office of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses or when leaving the parish.

Baptism: All Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at **12noon**. The preparation process should begin at least three months before the planned date of the Baptism. A Baptism Preparation Class is required for parents (godparents may attend if they wish). This class is offered on the fourth Sunday of each month at **9:45 AM**. Please call the parish office to register. The date of the baptism is scheduled after attending the class. Parish membership and active worship is required for two months prior to preparation.

Religious Education: We provide faith filled instructions for Levels 1st through 8th. There are times, due to Covid-19 we must implement virtual instruction, otherwise our program is offered in person. Special instructions are given for sacramental preparations.

Initiation of Adults and Older Children: This is an extended formation process for unbaptized or uncatechized adults or baptized Christians of other faith traditions who wish to become members of the Catholic Church, as well as for unbaptized or uncatechized school-aged children. Please contact the parish office for more information. Initiation is celebrated at the Easter Vigil after a formation period of one or two years.

Adult Confirmation: This is a program for persons over the age of 18 who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but who never completed their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program is a 10-12 week program, with Confirmation being celebrated on the Solemnity of Pentecost. Please call the parish office for more details.

Matrimony: Couples wishing to marry in Good Shepherd Parish must be registered members of our parish. They are required to make initial arrangements at least one year in advance. Four sessions with the priest or deacon, as well as Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter take place during this year. Active worship for at least two months are required before a date may be scheduled.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or unable to come to church for a length of time should contact the parish office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners every Sunday, and our priest will visit on the First Friday of each month. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. The Diocese of Metuchen provides Catholic priests to serve at all local hospitals.

Holy Orders: If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990, ext. 1700 or by email at vocations@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/vocations.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH FINANCIAL CORNER

12/31/2023	TBA
E-Offering	TBA
1/7/2024	TBA
E-Offering	TBA

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE AUGUST 2023

Collection Income	\$ 21,906.00
Other Income	\$ 6,688.00
Total Income	\$ 28,594.00
Expenses	\$ 37,394.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (8,800.00)
Year-to-date (July '23 – August '23)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (12,219.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment	\$ 31,850.00
Debt as of August 31st	

Donations to Good Shepherd Parish

We thank our parishioners who support our parish with their weekly/monthly offerings, and are especially grateful to those parishioners and friends who are supporting our capital campaign.

Please remember all checks must be made payable to Good Shepherd Parish.

Contributions to the parish can be made in one of the following ways:

- Drop envelopes in the baskets at the church doors when you come to Mass.
- Mail your contributions to the parish office.
- Drop off your contributions in the locked mailbox or the door slot of the parish office.
- Contribute using our online giving service. You must have an email address to register for an account and you can start the process using our website's "Online Giving" button found on the top of the web-page.

Please Note:

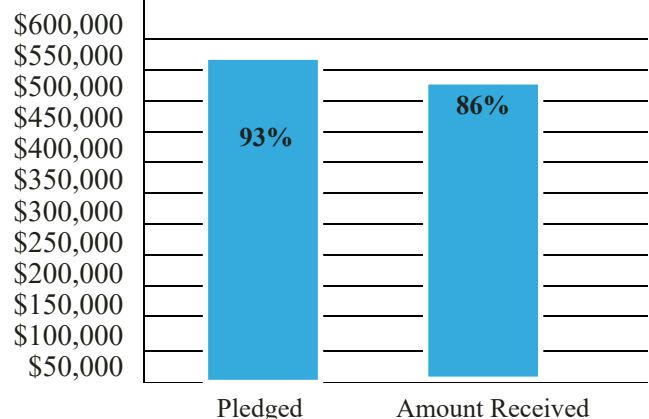
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof Project".**

**Thank you for your continued support and understanding.
Stay well and God bless!**

Capital Campaign Update As of December 5, 2023

Goal: \$600,000

"Continuing Our Mission"



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy

Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Jn 1:41, 17b

Alleluia, Alleluia

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

For the month of January pray for nursing home personnel, Military personnel, our sick, and homebound, and those suffering from the atrocities in Ukraine, especially those of our sister parish:

Carlos Bendrell, Bob Bunten, Biagio Buffolino, Ron Chabala, Carmen Collura, Ann Cyrana, Andrea Costantino, Knoah Dahlberg, Chuck F., Bill & Phyllis Edwards, Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, Marty Gaffney, Bob Gawroniak, Carol George, Johnny Gondek, Richard Hijzer, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones, Mike Karvalis, Arleen Kopin, Darrel Lacy, Rose Langan, Louis Loso, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega, Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Nancy Milochik, Modesty Miranda, Fr. John Morley, Raymond Magyar, Maryanne Mateuszczyk, Etelvina & Edite Monteiro, Lynn Munoz, Mary Murray, Teresa P., Catherine Paone, Christopher Paone, Danny Parker, Dianne Petro-Duncan, Ann Poznick, Caroline Pry, Miriam Sandoval, Stephen Pry, Greg Rohrbacher, Marie Ross, Rhianna Scott, Joseph & Joyce Signorile, Virginia Sokolowski, Jack Stacey, Jean Stacey, Maryann Suhay, Telofski family, Melissa Telofski, Dave Utter, Elsie Vega & Barbara White.

With respect to personal privacy only requests made by immediate family members will be taken. If you would like to add or continue to keep a name on our list: call the parish office at 732-826-4859 or email goodshepherd20@verizon.net. **Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.**

MINISTER SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14H

8:30AM Margaret Russo

11:00AM Loni Rodriguez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ron
& Michele Schendorf

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:30AM G. Conrady, Rudy & Mildred Morales

11:00AM Deacon Mickey Coppola, Claudia
& Jose De Jesus

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Malave, A. Starrick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

8:30AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers Needed*

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

NEXT WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

4:30PM Lynda Vanoni

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

8:30AM Phyllis Gianfrancesco

11:00AM Joann Jimenez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, S. Gulyas, M. Joyce

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

8:30AM D. Cherubini, L. Quintana &

Deacon Mickey Coppola

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, J. De Jesus

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8:30AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers Needed*

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*



Holy Water Bottles

We currently have holy water bottles available for a small donation. Please contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859.

"Please respect the Sacred Silence"

CHRISTMAS

DE-Decorating Committee

Thursday, January 18th, at 10AM

(to DE-decorate church)

If you're interested in helping please call Linda for more information 732-826-4068. 7th & 8th level Religious Ed students are invited to volunteer.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 15 :

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

9:00AM Steve & Frances Hudak

Req Bev & Bob

TUESDAY, January 16 : Weekday

8:00AM Genevieve Cyrana

Req Ann Cyrana

WEDNESDAY, January 17 :

St. Anthony, Abbott

8:00AM Meredith Colon

Req Nancy Brown

THURSDAY, January 18 : Weekday

8:00AM Earl Cooper

Req Betty Boccippio

FRIDAY, January 19 : Weekday

8:00AM Living & Deceased members of the Good Shepherd

SATURDAY, January 20 :

The Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Grace Resti

Req Resti family

SUNDAY, January 21 :

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Joan Pucci-Benus

Req Phyllis Muska

11:00AM William Ramos

Req Amelia Sanchez

For the Week of January 13-19th



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of

Michael Kelleher

Req loving wife, Karen



BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Michael Pluckter

Req Ange & Lynn Bonarrigo

You are cordially invited to join us to recite the Rosary before the **Saturday, 4:30pm & Sunday, 8:30am Mass**. Our Rosary Altar members, parishioners and friends will begin reciting the Rosary 20min prior to Mass.

Join us!

for our Annual International Night Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, February 10th,

following 4:30pm Mass

Bring a dish to share with our Parish!

You may bring a 1/2 tray of any ethnic dish. Please call the Parish office and let us know what you are bringing and that you're coming. Not able to cook? No problem, monetary donations are welcome or we will happily accept water or paper goods.





Religious Education

Our Next Class will be held on
Saturday January 20th at 8:45am

If your child has not received any Sacraments and is between grade levels 1-9th, or your family is new to our Parish and you would like information on how to continue your child's Religious Education for **September 2024-25**, please call the **Parish Office 732-826-4859**, or email **Mrs. Margaret Russo at: gspreligiously@gmail.com**.

Our location has been changed to the former Holy Spirit Church on 584 Hazel Ave. Please enter through the side door on Brace Ave. The basement has been recently renovated into classrooms.



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Registration for our 2023 - 2024 RCIA class is now **CLOSED**. For those who are registered our next meeting will be held on: **Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

Session 6:

"Living the Christian Life"- Sacraments of Vocation (Matrimony & Holy Orders)

Location: Downstairs in our Church Hall

INTERCESSION

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. All Christians are called to be Intercessory. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and, just as Christ intercedes for us in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27), we are to intercede for one another. Nothing is too small to request from our Lord, Jesus. Nothing is insignificant to him.

At the Good Shepherd Parish our Children have embarked on a mission of Intercessory Prayer by praying nightly at 9:00 pm. We have been conducting classes on Intercessory prayers so that our youth are prepared to be Intercessors. Weekly they are presented with the prayer requests from parishioners. We pray and then they go forth with their mission work.

Some of the benefits of the Intercessory Prayers:

- It increases God's Protection.
- It strengthens us to do what God is calling us to do.
- It removes feelings of aloneness.
- It builds our relationship with God and increases our faith.

If you wish to join or be added to the prayer list, please contact Mrs. Mildred Padilla-Morales at 732-738-3909.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 15th 2024,
We will resume our normal business practices on
Tuesday January 16th at 9am. Daily Mass will be held
at 9am and there will be no Adoration.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

GOING ON VACATION,

And you don't want to miss Mass, Log on to **www.masstimes.org**, for a local Catholic Church in the area you are visiting.



St. Andrew Church
244 Avenel Street, Avenel
Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Food, drinks, homemade
cakes and cookies. Meet new
friends!!!

Call 732 634-4355 for info.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024			
SUNDAY 1/28 Celebrate Parish Agreements Attend mass dressed to impress representing PACS in your uniforms. Challenge: Take a picture with your priest, classmates and with the new PACS banner. (email pictures to your teachers to share on social media)	MONDAY 1/29 Celebrate: Community/Nation Wear red, white, & blue. Raising of the flag ceremony Student Council Induction Donuts & Coffee for community helpers.	TUESDAY 1/30 Celebrate: Students Wear your favorite college, university, or high school apparel. Movie & Popcorn No homework	WEDNESDAY 1/31 Celebrate: Vocations 8:00am Mass- Whole school Zoom Call with guest Religious, Priest & Seminarian. Dress up as your future career choice. (Grades Pre-K5 - 4th Only)
THURSDAY 2/1 Celebrate: School Spirit Pep Rally Students may wear school colors/ Go Lions! Faculty Vs. 8th Graders Volleyball Game	FRIDAY 2/2 Celebrate: Faculty Casual Day for Faculty & Breakfast 8th Grade Ring Ceremony Mass (families & siblings welcome) 18pm Studentest for all students Winter Ball 7th & 8th Grades ONLY 4:00-6pm	SATURDAY 2/3 OPEN HOUSE Come & See Open House Saturday, February 3rd 12pm-2pm 300 State Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 Visit us! Meet our class ambassadors, faculty and board members.	



FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

Monday, January 15, 2024

We could use your help: with a monetary donation, or even a simple meal. Please call Mildred at (732) 910-1277.

If you're in need of a hot meal, or know someone...please join St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St. from 5pm to 6pm, every Monday. Prepared take-out (dinners only) are available to anyone who comes.

Thank you in advance.



"Windcreek Casino"

Bethlehem PA

**Bus Leaves 10am on
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

Cost \$40.00, receive \$25.00

in play, seating is limited. Please call either Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929. All bus trips begin in our parking lot behind our parish.



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group of St. Ambrose Parish

Come join us in prayer as we celebrate Mass together in honor of St. Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated on

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM followed by veneration of a first class relic of St Padre Pio. St Ambrose Parish 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge NJ 08857 or please feel free to call (732)679-5666.



Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards

Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass on Sunday, **January 21, 2024 at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.**

All are welcome!



One of our parishioners is in need of handyman who's able to fix sheet-rock, replace tiles and other house hold repairs.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859

SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ **January 18, 2024** - De-Decorating the Church (10am)
- ♦ **January 28, 2024** - 11am Family Mass
- ♦ **February 4, 2024** - Hospitality Sunday
- ♦ **February 10, 2024** - International Dinner

Please check back for more details regarding any of the above events in future bulletins. If you would like to volunteer or head (be responsible for the planning) of one of the Events please contact the parish or attend any committee meeting.

► 2023 Statement of Donations ◀

You can request a statement of your 2023 donations by completing a Tax Contribution form available in the belltower. Remember we cannot prepare them before January 31st.

You may:

- Mail your form to Good Shepherd Parish. You can help by providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. This will save time and money.
- Call the Parish office at **732-826-4859**.
- Email the office at goodshepherd20@verizon.net.
- Submit your request on our homepage at goodshepherd-panj.org.
- Fax your request **732-826-6078**.

The Good Shepherd Parish 2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

- Due to our Parish size and limited Masses, all registered Parish families are normally allowed 2 weekend and 2 daily Masses. Beginning January 1, 2024 we are permitting 2 additional Mass request.

Donations are as follows:

Masses \$10.00

Blessed Mother Flowers \$20.00

Altar Flowers \$40.00 each

Bread & Wine \$20.00

Sanctuary Candle \$15.00

Purgatorial Mass Society

If you would like to enroll a loved one for 2024, please call Maria at the Parish Office. The donation is \$25.00 per enrollment. This includes a large attractive card for you to give to the family when a loved one passes away. New enrollments will be listed in the bulletin once a month. At every First Friday Morning Mass the names of those enrolled for that month will be placed on the Altar and will remain there for one year. *Please note the names will not be read during Mass.*

Rosary for Life January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



Spreading the Word

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"
- John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



The Diocese of Metuchen

will launch a new cycle of the Hispanic Bible School. The School offers 9 basic courses (Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures, Pentateuch, Historical Books, Prophets, Sapiential Literature, Gospels, Pauline Letters, Catholic Letters, Revelation) each one of 7 sessions.

Classes will be held in person on Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St John Neuman Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ). **On January 25, 2024 we will begin the Introduction of Sacred Scriptures course. Each course costs \$35 per person.**

For more information and registration visit www.diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion

or contact us at Lescobar@diometuchen.org or 732 243 4573

Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar January 25, 2024

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact cdaver-so@diometuchen.org

Choices Matter A Critical Life Issues Conference Saturday, March 16, 2024

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "Choices Matter – A Critical Life Issues Conference" which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 16, 2024. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9:00 AM and the conference will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year's topics/expert speakers are:

Jim Towey – Author and advisor and personal friend of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Kevin Dunn – An award-winning filmmaker and pro-life speaker

Evie West – Ex-gang member, Teen Mom & Author "Revolving Choices: Playing Roulette with Life"

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email amarshall@diometuchen.org. Seating is limited.

Catechist Formation Day **February 3rd, 2024 (Saturday)** **9:30 am - 12:30 pm** **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center**

"Catechesis on the Eucharist: Teaching children and adolescents about the Source and Summit of the Faith"

Join fellow catechists as we explore best practices on how to teach children about the Eucharist. Sr. Lorraine Doirin and Father James De Fillipps will speak on this topic from their years of personal experience and passion for leading others to Christ.

Register on our website:

<https://diometuchen.org/discipleship-formation-for-children>

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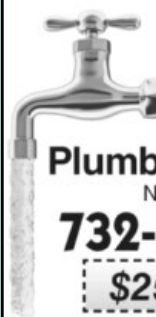
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