

BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON

JANUARY 23, 2017 - The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to **The Rally for Life in Trenton**, on Monday, January 23. The bus ride is free of charge, but as space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00AM, and ends at 1:00PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center at 2:00-2:30PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 x1543 / 1629.



Due to the inauguration, the March for Life in Washington, DC will be held on Friday, January 27. For more information visit: www.marchforlife.org.

GIANNA CENTER FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH & FERTILITY

Many couples struggle with the pain and feelings of emptiness from infertility and don't know that there are alternatives to in vitro fertilization. At the National Gianna Center for Women's Health & Fertility, 222 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, we offer two options in women's health care - The Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTechnology. Both options allow our physicians to offer women natural, restorative approaches to monitoring their health and managing their fertility. Through these techniques, our physicians diagnose and treat the underlying causes of infertility to help couples conceive naturally. To learn more about the center visit www.saintpetershcs.com/giannacenter.

HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE'S BEGINNINGS



On November 19, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, **The Lighting of the Watch Fires**, it is available for purchase for \$25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

THE DIOCESE OF *Santa Rosa de Lima* GUATEMALA, CENTRAL AMERICA

is our sister diocese in a relationship initially forged by Catholic Relief Services, International nearly 10 years ago.

We pray for one another and remember at Mass Bishop Bernabe de Jesús Sagastume of Santa Rosa.

If you are interested in where we are in our relationships and missionary effort, google the

Catholic Charities Solidarity Team of the Diocese of Metuchen

BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

The Parish is looking for **Adult and Youth Altar Servers**. Our adult altar servers assist at Funeral Masses and our youth servers (4th grade or higher) assist with weekend Masses, Holy Days, and Weddings (optional). Training is provided. Altar servers are assigned based upon availability and the needs of the parish. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Nadine 908-756-0633 x118 or email: srnadine@comcast.net.



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART WELCOMES ALL NEWCOMERS

to the parish. Please contact our parish secretary, Lisa at the Parish Office at 908-756-0633 x110 for registration information.

► If you are moving, please notify Lisa at the Parish Office so we can keep our parishioner records current. *Thank you*

PARISH UPDATES: If you are now solely using a cell phone, have changed your phone number or address, please call Lisa at 908-756-0633 x110, so we can update your records. We would also like to update our parish data base with e-mail addresses. Email us at admin@churchofthesacredheart.net to have your email address included or to update an email address. Thank you!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6203 will be having a membership drive this weekend, January 14 & 15. Members will be available at the entrances of the church with more information about becoming part of this Catholic service organization. If you have any questions, please call , Harold Bolton 908-380-3363. Any males 18 years of age and are practicing Catholic's are invited to become part of an organization that is the right arm of the church and a brotherhood that will last a life time.



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? *Retrouaille* is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen. *Retrouaille* consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 10-12. All inquiries are confidential. For information, please contact the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich 732-236-0671, or Tom & Pat 732-583-4468 (evenings).

+++ My Morning Offering +++

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
offered throughout the world, in
reparation for my sins, for the
intentions of all my relatives and
friends, and also for the intentions of our
Bishop James and the Holy Father. Amen.



"Anything we do, without offering it to God, is wasted."
St. John Vianney



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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Office of the Bishop

January 15, 2017

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have embarked on a new year filled with exciting possibilities and bold, new ideas. With faith, we look ahead with hope and high expectations, and of all of our hopes and expectations, few are higher than those we have for our children and grandchildren, nieces or nephews, especially when it comes to their education.

That is because education is so important to our communities, our country and our world, and the reasons why it is so important underscore why a Catholic school education, in particular, is so valuable. Our schools teach more than civic responsibility — they teach daily what it takes to become Disciples of Christ. From our Youth Ministry programs, where high school students learn to live their faith, to the culture of service infused at all grade levels, to adding their voice to public discourse on policy matters such as abortion and physician assisted suicide, our students are actively engaged in the tenets of their faith.

Our test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. Our teachers are dedicated educators, and I can attest to the fact that our schools are a place where every child is loved and nurtured in an environment that is accepting and empowering.

Next Sunday our parishes will offer a special collection that supports the Foundation for Catholic Education's annual scholarship program, which offers need-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. These scholarships, in combination with parish and school aid, make a Catholic school education possible for many children each year. Whether you have family in Catholic school or not, it is a great way to form the next generation of our Church.

I hope each of you will give consideration to our call for support of this critically important ministry of the Catholic Church, and I thank you for your faith and commitment to the good works of your parish community and our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, J.C.D., M.B.A.
Bishop of Metuchen

PRAYER FOR THE INAUGURATION

The common good calls us together on this day. As winter's dark hours reveal a new horizon of hope, We gather to renew a shared purpose and embark on a new beginning.

We are challenged to move beyond the differences and divisions of the past year, the past decades, even the past centuries. It is time for a new beginning, a time to move into a new future. Help us all, Lord, to glimpse the grace that marks this day.

Help us to touch the hope that springs from a deep source.
We ask your blessings on our new president and the new administration.

May they work with integrity, discernment and a united purpose. You call us today to renew our vision of a hopeful future. We ask your blessings on us all, that we may summon the will to live as a nation united, with consideration for every citizen, concern for the global community and care for God's Creation.

Guide us as we move forward grounded in care for the common good like a river moving from its source to green a parched and brittle land.

We ask this of You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Catholic Community of Ithaca College

JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION OF

The Feast of El Santo Niño

JANUARY 21, 2017

**Church of the Sacred Heart, 149 South Plainfield Avenue
South Plainfield, NJ 07080**

12 Noon: Rosary and Chaplet of El Santo Niño

1:00PM: Mass / Dinner to follow in HSA Cafeteria

For Information, please call:

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THE SACRED HEART MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS



*"A Little of This &
A Little of That"*

A Choral Concert at
Sacred Heart Church

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
AT 3:00PM**

Join the vocal choirs and bell choir as we present a selection of our favorite Sacred & Secular - Broadway Music. Free Will offering at the door. For more information contact Dan Mahoney at 908-756-0633 x139.

