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*12th Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time - B*

Last week I began a summer sacred study series on the four *[rarely* *used]* Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs *[EPFVN]* - which is really only one EP with four variations or themes. The body of these EP’s is identical, except for small segments unique to each; but each Introduction or Preface is quite different. We begin with the Preface for EPFVN-IV: ‘***Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good***’’ - which is most appropriate on Father’s Day weekend for reasons seen below.

***Preface for EPFVN-VI: Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good***

*It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,*

*always and everywhere to give you thanks,*

***Father of mercies and faithful God****.*

***For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,***

***as our Lord and Redeemer.***

***He always showed compassion***

***for children and for the poor,***

***for the sick and for sinners,***

***and he became a neighbor***

***to the oppressed and the afflicted.***

***By word and deed he announced to the world***

***that you are our Father and that you care***

***for all your sons and daughters.***

*And so, with all the Angels and Saints,*

*we exalt and bless your name and sing the*

*hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:*

***Preface VI: A Biblical Treasure Chest.*** Those who say Catholics don’t read or know the Bible are not attentive to the orations we pray at Mass! Even the title of this Preface echoes sacred Scripture: ***“[Jesus] went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil.”*** *[Acts 10:38a]* And the biblical source for the two titles used to address God - **“*Father of mercies and faithful God”*** - are based on Saint Paul’s Letters: ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement.“*** *[2 Corinthians 1:3]* and ***“For you have been purchased at a price” [the Redeemer’s Blood].*** *[1 Corinthians 6:20]*

With a few words this Preface presents the core of Christianity: that God the Father, out of love for fallen humanity, sent His Son to suffer, die and rise again to save us. And as this Preface continues, with the Holy Spirit’s grace, we, the Church, must continue Christ’s salvific ministry.

***Christ Modeled the Corporal Works of Mercy.*** While on earth, Jesus: fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the homeless, visited the sick, visited the imprisoned, buried the dead - or at least reached out in compassion to them! And did He not COMMAND us to do these things ***in His Name****?* No wonder the Roman Missal suggests the EPFVN-IV at Masses whose orations are taken from these options: For Refugees and Exiles; In Time of Famine or For Those Suffering Hunger; For Our Oppressors; For Those Held in Captivity; For Those in Prison; For the Sick; For the Dying; For the Grace of a Happy Death; or In Any Need.

***“He always showed compassion for…”*** Jesus exemplified the way to treat **children**: ***“Let them come to me; do not hinder them.”*** *[Mark 10:18]* - the **poor: *“what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.”*** *[Matthew 25:45]* - the **sick: *“all those with various diseases were brought to Jesus, who laid his hands on each of them and cured them.”*** *[Luke 4:40]* - **sinners**: ***“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”*** *[John 8:11]* - the **oppressed:** ***“untie him and let him go”*** *[11:44b]* - and the **afflicted** for whom Jesus was castigated for curing on a Sabbath: ***“This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath Day from this bondage?”*** *[Luke 13:16.]* And are we not called to ***“Go and do likewise?”*** *[10:37]*

***God is Our Father Who Cares for All His Children.*** In this one line I feel totally justified in praying an EP that is *not* found in most missalettes or hymnals on Father’s Day … for it portrays our Heavenly Father as our ***‘Father-par-excellence!’*** That one line: ***“[He] is our Father [who] cares for [His] sons and daughters”*** - so deeply touches me. I cannot imagine how much *more* it moved the hearts and minds of those who heard Jesus first ‘announce it’ in His days, when most feared our Heavenly Father a stern Judge and cowered before the God ***“upon whom no one could look and live.”*** *[Exodus 33:20]* - and who *dared* to even address God directly … no less … as Father! So happy Father’s Day; I am truly honored to be called *‘Father’* - by you!

**In His holy Name,**

**Rev. Thomas J. Serafin**

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| **Mass or Communion Prayer Service Intentions** |
| **Saturday Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  **5:00 pm Walter Kaczorek**  ***r/o: Joe & Geri Kaczorek***  **Sunday 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  **8:00 am Rose Accettola**    **9:30 am Frank Ricigliano**  ***r/o: family***  **11:30 am Joanne Salsovic**  ***r/o: Ingenito family***  **Note special daily Mass times this week!**  **Monday**  **8:30 am Lenore Proetto**  ***r/o: Mary Ann Hauck***  **Tuesday**  **8:30 am Duke Hauck**  ***r/o: Judy Herdman***  **Wednesday The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  **9:00 am Patrenella Kawiecki**  ***r/o: Gertrude Neis***  **Thursday**  **8:30 am Anette Gaven**  ***r/o: Eylers family***  **Friday**  **8:30 am Prayer Service with Holy Communion**  **Saturday Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  **5:00 pm Diann Wieland McGuigan**  ***r/o: Ratanski family***  **Sunday 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  **8:00 am Vincent Tramontano**  **Anita & Larry Wuest**  **9:30 am Lloyd Tassey**  ***r/o: a friend***  **11:30 am Ann Sarullo**  ***r/o: Bindas family***  **+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +**  **The Bread and Wine will be offered this week**  **in memory of Diann Wieland McGuigan**  **as requested by Inge Wieland and family**  **+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +**  **The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week**  **in memory of Christian J. Nicosia**  **as requested by Judith Ann Nicosia**  **+ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +**  **The Saint Jude Lamp will burn this week**  **in memory of Michael Sicola**  **as requested by Carole Sicola Warlikowski** |



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| **Our Parish Prayers** | | |
| ***“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven…”*** | | |
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| C:\Users\JFerrari\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\3WQD4V6Y\baptism_2.jpg[1].jpeg***a time to be born…***  Abriana Reese Carlucci  Christopher Joseph Curko | | |
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| ***a time to heal…*** We pray for all the sick of our Parish and especially for: | | |
| Jack Boland  Dan Cummings  Jocelyn Eckardt  Bill Gallagher  James Hegadorn | Mary Hotaling  Kathy Ibbetson  Dave Kreutzer  Julianne Mazur  Chris Santella | |
| *Names will remain on our sick list for three months after which time they will be removed, unless we are notified to keep them on the list.* | | |
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| ***a time to die…*** Evangeline ‘Angie’ Luceri, Mary Jane Tovey, Paul ‘Chip’ Higgins | | |

**SPECIAL NOTE**

**2015 Mission Cooperation Plan**

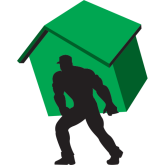
**2nd Collection - *July 11 & 12***

This year’s **Mission Cooperation Plan** envelope is in your new envelope packet for the weekend of July 4/5.

Please hold the envelope for that special collection until the following weekend, July 11 & 12, which is when we will be hosting the Visiting Missionary.

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**Strong Backs Needed!**

We have several 27” televisions and 52” plasma televisions which we need to be disposed. They are all older televisions (with tubes) and pretty heavy (especially the 52” ones). We are looking for people to help get them to the disposal location.

If you are available to help between 8:00 AM & 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, please contact the Parish Office. If you leave your name, phone number and availability, we will find a day when many hands are available to make for an easier job. If you have a pick-up truck or van to get the televisions to the disposal site, please let us know that as well. Thank you!

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| **Parish Ministry Contacts** |
| To join a ministry, please contact the ministry head. A complete list of ministries can be found in the narthex or on our website: [www.parishesonline/seasthreebridges](http://www.parishesonline/seasthreebridges).  Adult Choir/Cantors Brett Walzer ~ 782-1475 x20  Adult Faith Formation Diane Luceri ~ 782-1475 x14  Baptismal Prep Anne & Brian Moore ~ 534-2136  Cancer Support Group Andrew Casella ~ 782-1475  Employment Group Deacon Mike ~ 400-3036  EM of Holy Communion/Homebound/Hospital  Larry Dawkins ~ 284-1617  Fatima Rosary Shirley Frey ~ 806-4889  Knights of Columbus Floyd Campbell ~ 732-598-5905  Lazarus Ministry Anne Hayes ~ 751-5660  Linens Ministry Parish Office ~ 782-1475  Liturgical Environment Norma Santella ~ 782-1475  Men’s Club Deacon Paul ~ 782-1475 x13  Military Outreach Chris McPherson ~908-246-5114  Prayer Shawls Judy Herdman ~ 782-7973  Pat Rivero ~ 806-7890  Readers Ann McCrystal ~ 908-797-4070  Georgann Scibilia ~ 908-782-6625  Respect for Life Helen Schuler ~ 369-6618  R.C.I.A. Diane Luceri ~ 782-1475 x14  Sacristans Maureen & John Lybarger ~ 369-5331  Usher/Minister of Hospitality Bob Caron ~ 236-6492  Wedding Coordinator Geri Kaczorek ~ 369-3712  Women’s Spirituality Loraine Richmond ~ 725-2502 |
| **Youth Ministries** |
| Altar Servers Suzanne Wooby ~ 369-6390  Children’s Choir Coleen Cucci ~ 346-0367  Children’s Liturgy (CLOW) Kelly Robison ~ 284-2234  Religious Formation Main Line 284-2929  P.C.L. Mariam Nawab ~ 284-2929 x23  Confirmation Jenni Clark ~ 284-2929 x24  RF Secretary Gina Perez ~ 284-2929  Safe Environment Background Coordinator  Helen Schuler ~ 369-6618  Summer RF Gina Perez ~ 284-2929  Karen Baron ~ 806-4384  WINGS Teen Ministry Jenni Clark ~ 284-2929 x24 |

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| *SAWOL w Wheat* | **Last Weekend’s Collection**  June 14 $12,556.00  Thank you! |

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| **Renegotiated Mortgage Information**  New Mortgage (5/1/2015) $ 1,865,560.60  Principal Paid to Date $ 5,820.42  Interest Paid to Date $ 6,586.47  Current Balance (6/1/2015) $ 1,859,740.16  Monthly Payment $ 12,406.89 |

**Father’s Day Breakfast Today!**

The Knights of Columbus are celebrating Father's Day with a spectacular pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall until noon today. The mouth-watering breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs and bagels. Hot coffee will be plentiful. $7 per person or $25 for a family of four or more.

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| **Ministers of the Liturgy** |
| *We acknowledge with appreciation the following Liturgical Ministers who will serve at next weekend’s Masses:* ***June 27 & 28*** |
| **5:00 PM Mass**  **Sacristan:** Marion & John Bergen; **EMs:** Diane Luceri, Tom Luceri, Linda Augustine, Marion Bergen, Kathy Joyal, Melissa Hampton, Anthony Bruno, Mariann Bruno; **Readers:** Tara Marsh, John Polkowski; **Altar Servers:** Jacob Romano, Michael Cadwallader, Daniel Bindas, Kristen Bindas  **8:00 AM Mass**  **Sacristan:** Judy Ashcraft; **EMs:** Bob Clarke, Jackie Cornetta, Jeanmarie Dool, Rick Dool, Carol Altomare, Norma Santella, Gertrude Neis, Michael Boland; **Readers:** Cliff Jorgensen, Kathleen Rutar; **Altar Servers:** Alex Sias, Logan VanDine, Lukas VanDine, Lily VanDine  **9:30 AM Mass**  **Sacristan:** Barbara Hartom; **EMs:** Paul Witko, Thomas Middleton, Michael Biase, Wendy Biase, Kate Zaleski, Liz Bonsignore, Bill Weber, Lisa Weber; **Readers:** Helen Thornton, Kathy Cebulka; **Altar Servers:** Chris Vinella, Breanna Vinella, Caroline Waters, Michael Waters  **11:30 AM Mass**  **Sacristan:** Lynne Dawkins; **EMs:** Bob Kloss, Patricia Petrelli, Mike Schuler, Helen Schuler, Crhstine Walker, Terry Walten, Monica Haldeman, Cathy Kloss; **Readers:** Tom Boelter, Robert Lucchesi; **Altar Servers:** Leah Kenny, Lauren Kenny, Emma Hojnoski, Stephanie Kornspan |

**This Weekend’s Readings**

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Job 38: 1, 8-11**

Job, in his suffering, questioned the power of God. The Lord proclaims his power and indicates that even the sea is subject to his will.

**Second Reading: II Corinthians 5: 14-17**

Christ died for all of us that we may live for him. Anyone who believes in Christ enters into new and eternal life.

**Gospel: Mark 4: 35-40**

During a bad storm, Jesus ordered the wind and sea to be still, and his disciples were quite amazed at his power. Jesus reminds them to trust and have faith, even in times of danger.

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**Next Weekend’s Readings**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

**Second Reading: II Corinthians 8:7-9, 13-15**

**Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

**HAPPY SUMMER!**

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| **SUMMER RELIGIOUS FORMATION**  SRF 2015 takes place:  July 6-9 & July 13-16  8:45am-12:10pm |

**2015-2016 Fall Religious Formation**

**Attention Fall Religious Formation Parents:**

There is a session placement list for the fall program posted in the Religious Formation office.

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Registration is currently in progress. Please return the Grade Form, Fee Form and the White Time & Talent Form when you submit your registration forms.

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| **Catechetical Sunday**  **September 13, 2015**  All Parish Faith Formation Ministry Leaders (Catechists/Aides/Building Coordinators/Hall Monitors/CLOW Leaders/Baptismal Prep Leaders/VBS/SRF/Wedding Coordinators/Altar Server Leaders/Children’s Choir Leaders/Teen Ministry Leaders/Adult Faith Formation Leaders and RCIA Leaders are invited to take part in the special blessing Mass at 9:30 followed by a reception. |

**Generosity Gifts - First Aid Kits Needed**

It’s hard to believe that we are thinking about the new school year already; however, while you are out shopping, would you kindly consider donating a first aid kit for our Religious Formation programs?

We know we can always count on our generous parish family to meet our needs and thank you in advance.

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| **Religious Formation Office** |
| Please contact **Mariam Nawab,**  **Parish Catechetical** **Leader** at 908-284-2929 x23 or [mnawab@easeton.net](mailto:mnawab@easeton.net) for any RF concerns. |
| **Religious Formation News** |

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| **We are now offering Religious Formation Classes for Children entering:**  **KINDERGARTEN**  **AT NO COST!**  **Beginning in September 2015**  **Tuesday Afternoons 4:45-6:00pm** |

**Congratulations to the Recipients of the 1st Annual SEAS Scholarship Program**

Chris Culver - Godspell Scholarship

Lauren Besecker - SEAS Scholarship

Jennifer Luceri - Women’s Spirituality

Erin Vecchio - Knights of Columbus

Joseph Mania - Knights of Columbus

Jacob Mania - Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to all our recipients and to all the High School Seniors who graduated. Please see our poster in the Narthex to learn more about the Scholarship Program.

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**2015-2016 Fall Religious Formation**

**We Need Your Help for the Following:**

**Catechists Needed**

Mon Afternoon (4:45-6:00): 6th Grade

Mon Evening (7:00-8:30): 8th Grade

Kindergarten Class

**Aides Needed**

Mon Afternoon: 1st, 4th, 6th Grades

Monday Evening: 8th Grade

Tuesday Afternoon: 6th Grade

Tuesday Evening: 2nd, 4th, 6th, Grades

Weds. Afternoon: 4th, 6th Grades

**Childcare Adult**

Wednesday Afternoon: 4:45-6:00pm

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**Upcoming RF Meetings**

Aug. 16, 2015 - Grade Coord. Mtg-10:30 ACR

Aug. 23, 2015 - Bldg. Coord/Hall Mon. Mtg 10:30

Aug. 30, 2015 - Catechist/Aide Mtg 10:30-HFR

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| **Adult Faith Formation** |

All Catholics are encouraged to learn about your faith and to deepen your relationship with Christ. See below for specific ways you can do so right here at SEAS! If you have questions or would like to register for any of our AFF programs, please contact Diane Luceri:

782-1475 X 14 or [dluceri@easeton.net](mailto:dluceri@easeton.net)

***Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained***

***Summer Scripture Series***

*July 13th, 14th, 15th*

*9:30-11:00 am OR 7:00-8:30 pm*

Summer is the perfect time to take some time for yourself—to reflect on your life and your relationship with God! We offer you that opportunity right here at SEAS! Come together with your fellow parishioners to better understand the God that loves you so much that he actually seeks you out to make himself known to you!

Join us for the Symbolon sessions on Sacred Scripture this summer! Each session stands alone, and there is no cost or materials required for these sessions. These sessions are perfect for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, and count towards catechist certification!

**TOPICS:**

**Monday, July 13: Divine Revelation**

As Christians, we believe that God loves us, has a plan for our lives and wants a personal relationship with us. But how does God reveal himself to us? Come discover how in this session!

**Tuesday, July 14: The Bible**

Did you know that the Bible is God’s love letter to us? Through the Sacred Scriptures, God speaks to us in a deeply and personal way. Come to a better understanding of exactly what the Bible is and how you can know with confidence that it contains God’s revelation for our lives.

**Wednesday, July 15: The Story of Salvation**

Our lives are a part of a much larger story. Each one of us has a role to play in God’s creation and his great story of love. Come discover how understanding this story can make all the difference for how well you live your life.

**Coming this fall!**

***The Prophets Bible Study***

*Wednesdays: 9:30-11:15 am or 7:30-9:15 pm*

*September 30th - December 9th, 2015*

God Is Calling You to a Deeper Relationship with Him!

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as “spiritual marriage counselors.” They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

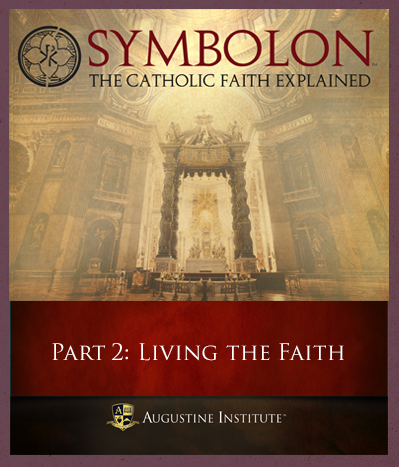
Materials required: Study binder ($35), *New American Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

***Beloved: Program for Married Couples***

*Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM*

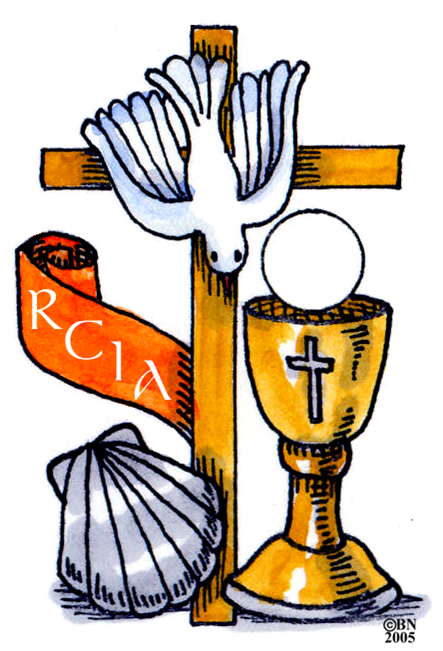
*Sept. 15, 29, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17*

So you may be married a few years or many years. Have you ever thought that your marriage may be more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage? What if your marriage is designed to be a vital part of God’s work in the world? Join with other couples in the parish for fellowship and for a chance to explore the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage. There is no cost or materials required for this program. Please register by contacting Diane Luceri.

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Symbolon Sessions will be offered throughout the year, the same time as RF classes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as on Tuesday morning, beginning the week of October 12th. Schedule and more details to follow.

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

It’s something you’ve been thinking about for a while …..perhaps now may be just the time for you to make that move, to take that next step in the journey to become Catholic!

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* is the way in which adults become fully active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA is intended for:

* adults who are not baptized,
* adults who have been baptized into a non-Catholic denomination,
* Catholics who have been baptized but have never received Eucharist or Confirmation.

We extend an invitation now to “Come and see” –-see how Jesus may be calling you, see what the RCIA process entails and how it can make a difference in your life! Note that now is the time to ask questions, to listen and to be open to the Spirit of God. Commitment to the process may follow in the weeks and months ahead. For more information, please contact Diane Luceri at 782-1475 X 14 or [dluceri@easeton.net](mailto:dluceri@easeton.net). Adult Catholics needing Confirmation should also contact Diane.

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| **SEAS Ministry News** |

**Respect Life Ministry**

**2015 Fortnight for Freedom June 21st - July 4th**

**“Freedom to Bear Witness”**

All parishioners are encouraged to bring awareness and unified prayer for the preservation of Religious Liberty in the USA:

* For a full list of activities please access the USCCB website at [www.Fortnight4Freedom.org](http://www.Fortnight4Freedom.org)

**SEAS will hold a special one hour Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, June 24 starting directly after morning Mass. Please join us!**

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**Seton Men’s Club - Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting sponsored by the Men’s Club will be on **Thursday, July 9** at 7:30 PM in the Holy Family Room.

**Women’s Spirituality Group**

Many thanks to Father Tom for hosting 20+ WSG members for dinner on Monday, June 8. Even with a summer shower [downpour!], it was a very enjoyable evening.

The WSG Core Team will be meeting over the summer to discuss plans for our upcoming meetings scheduled the first Thursday of each month starting on October 1. All women of the parish are invited. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the group, please email them to [seaswsg@gmail.com](mailto:seaswsg@gmail.com).

**Have a great summer! See you in the fall!**

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**Music Recital - NEXT Saturday, June 27 - 2:00 PM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

MC900295701[1]Our Music Director Brett Walzer and his piano/keyboard students will be performing at an upcoming music recital at the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Brett and his students will be performing selections from a wide array of musical genres, including Sacred, Classical, Pop, Baroque, Jazz, and Contemporary, as well as original compositions.

There is no cost of admission, and refreshments will be served following each recital.

With less school-related distractions filling up the calendar, summer can be the perfect time for beginners to have their first lessons. For those interested in becoming new students beginning this summer, please contact Brett at 609-647-0965 for further information and details regarding available openings. All ages and levels are welcome.

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**Gardening Ministry**

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**Holy Water**

Small containers are available in the drawer of the cabinet in the narthex where the bread and wine are set prior to the start of Mass. Please feel free to take some holy water home.

**Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen**

**Help Needed!**

SEAS is scheduled to prepare and serve the evening dinner meal at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen on ***Tuesday, June 30.***

Help is needed with:

**SHOPPING** for food items and dropping off groceries at SEAS - ***Friday, June 26;***

***MEAL PREPARATION*** - ***Saturday, June 27*** in the morning at SEAS kitchen; preparing rice ***Tuesday, June 30*** in the morning at SEAS kitchen

**TRANSPORTING FOOD** (in your car) from SEAS to the Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick - ***Tuesday, June 30*** in the afternoon; food must arrive at Soup Kitchen between 4:00-4:30 pm;

**SERVING** at Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick - ***Tuesday, July 29*** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm;

If you can help with any of these activities, please contact Cathi Hynoski at 908-208-8680.

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Thursday, July 9, 10 AM-12 Noon and also 7-8:30 PM. ALL are welcome! Come whenever it fits your schedule!

If you know someone who could use one of our shawls, or for more information, please call Judy Herdman at 908-782-7973.

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**Current News from a Catholic Point of View**

For current news from a *Catholic* point of view, always check out the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ‘USCCB’ website [<http://usccb.org>] and the Vatican Website [<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>]. Mark them both among your favorites and check often - if not daily!

The USCCB also has many opportunities to pray for various items daily. You can even get reminders sent to you by email! Stay informed from a Catholic point of view - it is your duty.

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**Cleaning your home?**

When you're doing your Spring - or Summer - Cleaning please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating Clothing, Shoes, and Household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

If you have large pick up, need a receipt, or have a question, please call the toll free number 877-343-3651.

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| **Around the Diocese** |

**Special Needs Awareness Mass**

**Sunday Mass June 21 at 6:00 PM**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ**

A Special Needs Awareness Mass is an opportunity to celebrate the gifts that people with special needs bring to the Parish. Our friends and family who have special needs minister at the Masses as they are lectors, musicians, assisting with the offertory and contributing to the worship in our Church. It is an opportunity for the Parish to welcome people with special needs to participate fully in the life of the church. For more information please contact Regina Teggler 908-963-8473 or Jeanine Cavanagh at 908-725-1112 x1126.

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**Night of Recollection:**

**"A Year of Encounter with Pope Francis"**

Wednesday, June 24

6:00 -9:00 p.m.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

146 Metlars Lane,

Piscataway

In preparation for the pastoral visit of Pope Francis to the United States, we will reflectively enter into the spirit of his blueprint teaching, "Joy of the Gospel." We will introduce a program of faith formation and action that parishes can use before and after the papal visit.

"A Year of Encounter" is sponsored by the Catholic Charities Solidarity Team and the Diocesan Office of Multi-Cultural Ministry.

To RSVP, please contact Maria Fonseca at the diocesan center: 732-562-1990 ext. 1705 or mfonseca@diometuchen.org.

**Learn More About Pope Francis**

In September 2015, Pope Francis will make his first visit to the United States!

To learn more about our Holy Father, consider attending one or all of the following presentations:

**June 22 - Pope Francis and Families**

**June 29 - Pope Francis’ Message of Mercy**

The talks will be presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig from 7:00-8:30 pm at the

St. John Neumann Center

146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

There is no fee, however, registration is required by calling 732-562-1990 ext. 1543.

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**'Faith In Action' Newsletter**

The latest edition of the diocese’s 'Faith In Action' newsletter has been posted online and is available to view or download at www.diometuchen.org/public-policy-newsletter.

The Catholic Social Teaching highlighted in this edition is ‘Call to Family, Community and Participation.’

Here’s a peek inside this issue, with a focus on family:

\* As Catholics prepare for the World Meeting of Families, which will be held in Philadelphia in September, we examine ways participation in family life and society go hand-in-hand.

\* The Deferred Action for Parental Accountability, or DAPA, was announced by President Obama in late-November that would benefit many immigrant families by keeping children together with their immigrant parents. As we wait in joyful hope of DAPA’s eventual implementation, we look at what it would mean for immigrants who qualify.

\* Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen strives to keep families who are experiencing difficulties and hardships safe and intact through the provision of its programs and social services designed to strengthen families. CCDOM Behavioral Health and Leadership team members share how the organization offers a unique approach to family services, blending faith with best practices in social work.

There’s much more! We invite you to read the entire newsletter at www.diometuchen.org/public-policy-newsletter.

**A Unique Week-long Summer Family Retreat**

*(Note: Special Week for Single-Parent families)*

**Marianist Family Retreat Center**

Cape May Point, NJ

Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 29 through end of August.

*Special Week for Single-parent families July 20-25*

**Cost for the week:** $210pp ages 8+; $135 ages 2-7; under 2 free. *Financial Aid is available*.

Join together with several other families to form a Christ- centered community for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities.

Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours DAILY), with **ocean swimming** *(beach is only 1/2 block from our house)* is a part of all family retreats.

To sign up or for more information visit [**www.capemaymarianists.org**](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

or call 609-884-3829.

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**Why Pre-Plan for Your Final Resting Place**

The Diocese of Metuchen Catholic Cemeteries cordially invite you to an informational gathering on why you should pre-plan for your final resting place.

Where: Mausoleum Chapel at

Resurrection Cemetery

Hoes Lane & Park Avenue

Piscataway, NJ 08854

When: Saturday, June 27, 2015

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Kindly respond by June 24, 2015 to 732-463-1424. Refreshments will be served.

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**Marriage Encounter**

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 July 17-19.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

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**Take Action Today to**

**Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide**

S382, a bill authorizing assisted suicide was released by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

on December 15, 2014 and could be voted on by the full Senate at any time.

An identical bill, A2270 was passed by the General Assembly on Thursday, November 13, 2014 by a vote of 41 to 31.

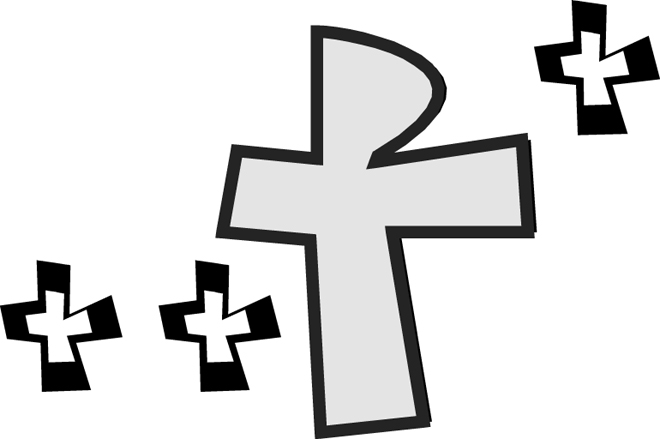
Please contact your Senator and ask them to vote "No" on S382 - the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act.

As faithful citizens, we must continue to educate our legislators about the dangers of Physician- Assisted Suicide

and try to STOP its passage in the State of New Jersey.

To send an email go to: https://votervoice.net/NJCC/Campaigns/37618/Respond

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**Community House**

**St. Thomas, Old Bridge, NJ**

Community House at St. Thomas, in Old Bridge NJ, 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 go to www.commmunityhouse-saintthomas.org for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**Still More Random Stewardship Ideas**

**for the Month of June**

1. Take your family to a farmers’ market.
2. Stop for a moment during your busy day and enjoy an ice cream cone or other favorite treat.
3. If you hear a great homily, tell the homilist.
4. Splurge on some produce and buy enough to share with someone in need.
5. On occasion, try turning your prayer before meals into a spontaneous prayer of thanks.

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**Father’s Day**

**A Stewardship Reflection**

Father’s Day reminds us that fathers are a tremendous source of love, strength and protection for a child. Notwithstanding the faithful and heroic efforts of single moms bringing up children in today’s society, children still need to be around Christian men who are positive role models; men who are actively involved in their life of faith, possess spiritual passion, and are faithful fathers and husbands.

On Father’s Day, let us give thanks for all the men in our lives who are positive role models and ask Our Lord to bless all fathers, especially our own.

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