

COVER SHEET

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: **COVER CHANGE (effective for the October 2 & 3 issue):
Please delete: Stephen Pinel, Director of Music
Thank you!**

CONTACT: **STEPHANIE: 732-283-2300**

WELCOME! You are invited to become a part of our parish family and an active member of parish life.

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 a character reference you should be registered for at least three months.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

Please remember to put all pagers and cell phones on **SILENT ALERT** before Mass begins. Please be sure to extinguish all cigarettes and use the ashtrays on either side of the plaza. Smoking is not permitted in the church.

THANK YOU!

MEMORIALS

The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be lighted for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** may be provided for a week at a time in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please call the parish office for more information.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord... knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment.”

Sick Relatives and Friends...

Helen Nalewajko, Anthony Buttita, Adele Schulz, Elsie Kelly, Regina Barry, Elizabeth McAllister, Willie Choy, James Kilker, Pauline Karanicola, Michael D. McMahon, Baby Joseph R. Trzepla, Mary Herrold, Jason Bastkom, Jennifer Perez, Henry Mlodgenski, Maryann Swiak, Karen Zaborny, Mary Ann Osmulski, Dorothy Glynn, Josephine Sitar, Linda Obertz, Jean Barry, and all those in hospitals, sick at home and in nursing homes; may they always be assured of our prayers.

Names may be placed on this list for a four-week period and will be removed after that time unless a call is received to request a continuation. Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the General Intercessions of the Mass.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held next Sunday, September 26th, from 8 AM to 1:30 PM in Lourdes Hall. Please consider donating, since blood supplies are extremely low.


HOUSEMATE NEEDED: Looking for housemate in Iselin. Furnished room and bath provided with access to kitchen. Call Patricia at 732-283-1241.

BABYSITTER NEEDED: Mature woman needed to care for 9-yr-old boy from 5:30-8:30 AM in his Iselin home. Please call Barbara Coleman, 732-512-7540.

MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST 2004

Total receipts	\$4,069.50
Total disbursements	3,880.24
Rent	1,718.00
Utilities	661.58
Scrip	550.00
Tuition	500.00
Office expense	161.43
Exchange	200.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Medical	39.23

Your generous support keeps us going... THANK YOU!



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE...

Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, especially *Adam Schumacher, Frank D'Alessio*, asking God through our prayers to reward them as only He can with Light, Happiness and Eternal Peace.



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 11:30 AM Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month. Benediction is at 2 PM. **Nocturnal Adoration is on First Fridays from 8 to 9 PM.**

J4F ADULT GROUP: Did you hear? We are planning our Advent Retreat. We challenge you to be ready for Advent this year. We invite you join us in preparing the way for the celebration of the coming of our Lord! Sign up to be on the team today - spots are filling up! Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 30th, at 7:30 PM in the church conference room. Contact Denise Valdes, 732-754-8876 or e-mail us at J4f_CYA@yahoogroups.com.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY will hold its first meeting of the 2004/2005 season this Sunday, September 12th. Prayers for the canonization of our Founder, Blessed John Vercelli, and for recently-deceased members will be held in the church immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass. Following the prayers, there will be a brief meeting in school Rm 101. All adults are invited to join us for the prayers and meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3639 NEWS:
PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER DANCE honoring John G. McCarthy will be held on Saturday, September 25th, at 7 PM at the Knights' Hall. \$25/person includes sit-down dinner, open bar, DJ. Reserve your seats now by calling Joe LaMagna, 908-276-6132.
50's NIGHT will be held on Saturday, October 30th. \$25/person includes hot buffet, open bar, and music. Call John Parascando, 732-283-0290, for tickets.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH FAITH-SHARING GROUP: *“Perhaps, because of our lack of faith, God hides His presence from us in our daily lives.”* For more information, please contact bzmak@comcast.net.

EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, October 9th, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center in Piscataway. The conference, open to all, addresses topics such as living with disabilities in the family, stem cell research and cloning, abortion and its aftermath, outreach services, and end-of-life issues. \$30 per person includes hot lunch - and a musical performance by Tony Award winner Melba Moore! Please call Jennifer, 732-562-1990 ext. 1629, for more information or reservations.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP AND WITNESS FOR LIFE: This event, in observance of *Respect Life Month*, will be held on Monday, October 18th, beginning with Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton at 10 AM. Following Mass, there will be a prayer procession to the State House steps for a short program of speakers, prayers, and music (concluding by 1:30 PM). Come and join priests and bishops from around the state to publicly show your commitment to bringing Gospel values and Church teaching - specifically regarding life issues - into the public arena. Call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 to register and to obtain bus information.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 20th: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

7:00 AM Gabe Tornillo req Susan
9:15 AM John Harnett req Morazan Family
*1:00 PM Harry Kaden req St. Cecelia Golden Knights

TUESDAY, September 21st: St. Matthew

7:00 AM Joseph Kurasz
req Rosemarie & Steve Gentile
9:15 AM Concetta Carchietta req Alma Cristauro

WEDNESDAY, September 22nd: Weekday

7:00 AM Intentions of Mary Mitrano req Friend
9:15 AM Joseph R. Wageman req Family

THURSDAY, September 23rd: Weekday

7:00 AM John Walz
req Catherine Perry & Frank Kennedy
9:15 AM Araceli Bernabe req Bernabe Family

FRIDAY, September 24th: St. Robert Bellarmine

7:00 AM John & Rosemarie Piegari req Family
9:15 AM Deceased Members of Koschak Family
req M/M Michael Wonski
** 2:00 PM Bartholomew Puglia req Fr. F. Vaz

SATURDAY, September 25th: Weekday

8:00 AM Sister Valerie Mangogna req Thorsen Family
4:30 PM Mary Sova Barnack req Julia Brown & Family

SUNDAY, September 26th:

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
8:30 AM Angelo Pierro req Joseph & Mary Gulvas
10:00 AM Anthony Clemintone req Wife Catherine
11:30 AM Marianna Tropeano
req Dorothy & John Solovay
5:00 PM John Paulikas req John & Ruth Bridges

*MASS CELEBRATED AT VETERANS HOME

**MASS CELEBRATED AT ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

VETERANS HOME: Monday, September 27th

1:00 PM NO MASS: Priests' Convocation

ROOSEVELT CARE CENTER: Friday, October 1st

2:00 PM Marie, Warren & Arline DeRing req Janet



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY HOFFMAN
requested by Anne Solovay



The **EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & WINE** this week is
IN MEMORY OF ROBERT LA ROUCHE
requested by Jacko & Wojtczak Families

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 -- 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Last Sunday our faithful stewards gave: \$12,650.75
Collection for the week of September 13, 2003: \$14,103.81

Second collection: \$1,329.00

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

Wedding Banns

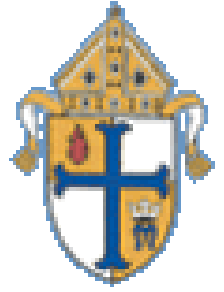
III Ferdinand Hamada - Bernadette Chichioco (9/24)

III Richard Whalen - Sherri Breslin (9/25)

III Thomas Phipps - Christina Medrano (9/26)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week marks the beginning of the 2004 Bishop's Annual Appeal, the annual fundraising campaign of the Diocese of Metuchen. Every registered household of the Diocese will be asked to support the Appeal as we work **"Together - One Family in Christ"** to help provide the funds necessary to support more than twenty-five diocesan agencies, offices and ministries that provide the pastoral, educational and charitable services to those in need. Please pray that all parishioners will live out God's virtue of charity by responding generously to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal.



In addition, the Knights of Columbus continue their seven-week tutorial on School Choice to educate us about this important effort. The sixth installment is shown below, and below that is the wording of the actual petition for your review. The Knights will have the petitions themselves available in the atrium on Saturday and Sunday, October 9th and 10th, and again on Sunday, October 17th, for us all to sign and demonstrate our support.

There is so much going on in our parish, our community, and our diocese! Yes, some of these projects and programs ask us for financial support - but so many more of them require only a few minutes of our time, a prayer, or a signature. Please keep reading the bulletin, and keep up with our diocesan website, www.diometuchen.org. Remember: a good steward is always learning more about our Church and its place in the world!

VI. SCHOOL CHOICE: WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC THINK?

Sixth in a series highlighting the position of the New Jersey School Choice Alliance on school choice

School Choice makes sense – so says 65% of registered voters in New Jersey in a study done by the Eagleton Institute's Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University last year. As expected, majority support comes from more than 7 in 10 residents who live in the so-called "Abbott" school districts. This demographic group supported school choice by 72%, up from 66% two years earlier. Interestingly enough, majority support for school choice did not differ significantly by political affiliation or income level of the respondent. The survey was conducted in April 2003 with a sample of 802 New Jersey residents 18 years of age and older.

With the recent effort to create a school choice program for students in Washington, D.C. came the unexpected support of school choice from individuals who were previously deemed most unlikely to do so. High profile supporters of school choice now include the Democratic Mayor of Washington, D.C., Anthony Williams; California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein; former Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman; the President of Columbia Teachers College, Arthur Levine; and the former 11-term Democratic Congressman from New York City, Floyd Flake.

However, the most important supporters of school choice remain the parents, on both sides of the political spectrum, whose children will benefit from an opportunity to blossom into productive, well educated citizens as a result of school choice options.

NJ SCHOOL CHOICE PETITION



We, the undersigned, are taxpayers and residents of New Jersey. We believe that all children are entitled to a government-funded education through grade 12, regardless of race, creed, color, disability, economic status, or address.

We believe that it is parents who are best suited to determine the most effective option for educating their children, and that funding for education should follow children to the school of their parents' choice.

We believe that it is the quality of instruction, not just the quantity of money spent, that guarantees a thorough and efficient education for every child.

Therefore, we request that you, our legislative representatives adopt a parental school choice program that offers viable options for students to attend traditional public schools, charter schools, nonpublic schools, or home schools, according to their needs.





ANNOUNCING OPENING DAYS:
 Grades 5 - 8: Monday, September 20th
 Grades 1 - 4: Monday, September 27th
CLASS TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 Grades 1-4: 3 to 4:30 PM;
 Grades 5, 6 & 7: 5:45 to 7:15 PM
 Grade 8: 7:25 to 8:55 PM

All children will assemble in the church *except for GRADE ONE, who will go directly to their classrooms.* Welcome back!

GRADE EIGHT: A workshop on **SERVICE AWARENESS** for Grade Eight (Phase II) of the Confirmation Journey will be held on September 30th from 8 to 9:30 PM in Lourdes and Fatima Halls. The candidates should be accompanied by the sponsor or parent. A day of **SPIRITUAL SHARING** for candidates and sponsors, which includes the Sunday liturgy (Mass) will be held at the Consolata Mission Center from 12 to 4 PM according to the following schedule:
 September 26th: CCD Classes 8-1 & 8-2

St. Cecelia's students, last names A-L

October 3rd: CCD Classes 8-3 & 8-4

St. Cecelia's students, last names M-V

GRADE TWO: On Wednesday, October 6th, a brief meeting for parents of Grade 2 students in the Religious Education Program will be held from 7 to 7:30 PM in your child's classroom. *This meeting is not optional; at least one parent is expected to be present.*

GRADE SEVEN: On Thursday, October 7th, a meeting for all candidates in Phase I of the Confirmation program will be held from 8 to 9:30 PM in Lourdes Hall. At least one parent or guardian should accompany the candidate.

CONFIRMATION 2004: Our Parish Family will celebrate Confirmation on Saturday, October 16th, at 4:30 PM. All those who have completed Phase I and Phase II of the Confirmation Program are expected to gather on October 5th at 6:30 PM. Details were mailed in August.

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9-12): I would like to thank all of you for taking the risk of attending our picnic. I hope all of you had fun, made new friends, and learned about youth ministry. Congratulations to the winners of the water balloon toss - that was great! I look forward to seeing all of you at the *Hand-in-Hand* service project at *The Club* in Woodbridge at 11:45 AM. Remember to block your calendars for the fall retreat from October 15th to 17th - you will not regret this experience.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-35): *Breaking Bread Bonding Lives* will take place on Sunday, October 10th. We will gather for the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Cecelia's. After Mass, we will head over to the Galaxy Diner for brunch and discussion on the readings and how they fit into our lives.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS: "We're here for the Kids"

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL: 35-game season; full uniforms and tournaments. Child must be a registered parishioner or attend St. Cecelia's School. **TRYOUTS** are on Thursday, September 23rd, in the school gym, according to the following schedule: 7th & 8th Grade boys - 5:30 until 7 PM; 5th & 6th Grade boys - 7 until 8:15 PM; 6th, 7th & 8th Grade girls - 8:15 until 9:30 PM. For more information, call Nick Shine at 732-548-6518.

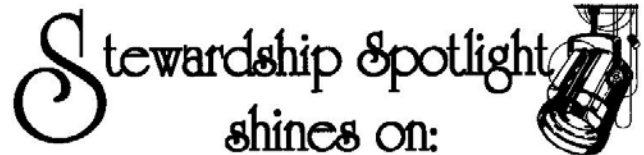
"QUEEN FOR A DAY" AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

St. Anthony's Church, 436 Port Reading Avenue in Port Reading, will hold its annual "Queen For A Day" auction on Friday, October 15th, in Milos Hall. Doors open at 5:30 PM; the auction begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$7. For more information or tickets, please call 732-634-1403.



This week's readings introduce us to two colorful characters! Amos is often described as a hothead who ranted and raved at injustice. Today we would say he 'tells it like it is.' What a great champion of poor and marginalized persons he was! The Gospel presents a shrewd and, in many ways, unsavory character who knew how to 'look out for #1.' What

we don't expect is that he would be praised for his behavior – until we look at it from God's point of view. If one can act cleverly and prudently for oneself, how much better to use these gifts on God's behalf! Perhaps our best modern examples are those selfless disciples who work for systemic change, those who risk imprisonment and even their lives so that liberty and justice can be a reality for all.



AHR STAR

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER

The Ahr Star Club of Bishop Ahr High School is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, October 7th, at the school cafeteria at One Tingley Lane, Edison. Serving begins at 4:30 PM and continues until 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$7/students, \$4/children under 12. Contact Sister Cynthia (732-549-1108 ext. 648) for more information about the Ahr Stars or to order tickets for the dinner...

The proceeds of this dinner will benefit Salvatore Mainiero, the 2-year-old son of a Newark fireman, who was born with a neuroblastoma on the left side of his chest and a hole in his aortic valve. Sal's life has been one of hospitals, treatments, and *more* treatments. His whole family (Dad, Mom, and brothers Louis, Vinnie, and Dominic) believe that God has a special plan for Sal and will take care of him, and we can help to ease some of their financial burden. Give Sister Cynthia and the Ahr Star Club a call!

If you'd like to share your time and talent with this or *any* of our parish's many opportunities for stewardship - or there's an idea that you'd like to present - please fill out and return this coupon to the Parish Office or call the office and leave your name and number.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

e-mail/ALT. PHONE: _____

Please contact me about: _____

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

...events taking place on our Parish campus - the school, the church, or the hall.

September 20, 2004

	CCD Opening Day, Grades 5 - 8	
7:00 pm	Party Planning Committee	Conference room
7-8:30 PM	J4F	Rm 103
7:15-8:15 PM	Families of Nazareth (faith-sharing)	Chapel

September 21, 2004

10:00 am	Legion of Mary	Conference room
11:00 am	Bingo	Lourdes Hall
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria

September 22, 2004

4:30-6 PM	Youth Choir rehearsal	Church
5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
7-9 PM	AA, Al-Anon, STEP	Rms 103, 105, Fatima Hall

September 23, 2004

5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
6-9 PM	Boy Scouts	Rms 101 & 105
7:30-9 PM	Faith Sharing Through Scripture (Bible Study)	Rm 103

September 24, 2004

5-10 PM	Golden Knights	Gym, cafeteria
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September 25, 2004

after 8AM Mass	Novena	Church
9 AM-8 PM	Golden Knights	Gym

September 26, 2004

8:30 AM-1 PM	Blood Drive	Lourdes Hall
2:00 pm	Benediction	Church
4:15 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Church

Please note that meetings may be subject to change or cancellation.

BULLETIN E-MAIL ADDRESS: stceceliabulletin@yahoo.com.

Deadline for information is Monday evenings by 9 PM; thank you for your cooperation.

THE SACRAMENTS

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 a Pre-Marriage Preparation Program is required; call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Urgent sick calls at any time; contact the Parish Office. Regular communion calls to the sick, aged or homebound should be arranged in advance through the Social Concerns Office.

EDUCATION

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL

Phone: 732-283-2824

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITED



Served by the Religious Teachers Filippini, the mission of St. Cecelia School is to form the heart, mind and spirit of its students according to Gospel values, ever aware of the unique, God-given gifts within each child.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Phone: 732-283-2816

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 8:30 AM-8:30 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

CLASSES for grammar school students are held on **Mondays at 3:00, 5:45 & 7:25 PM.**

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

R.C.I.A.: For information about becoming a Roman Catholic, contact the Parish Office.

DEVOTIONS

NOVENA to St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8 AM Mass on Saturday

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY Sunday 4:15 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 4th Sunday after 11:30 AM Mass; **Benediction** at 2PM.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION every First Friday from 8 to 9 PM.

SOCIETIES/ORGANIZATIONS

BIBLE STUDY (Faith Sharing Through Scripture):

Thursdays 7:30 PM, Faculty Room

CELEBRATE LIFE COMMITTEE:

New members always welcome.

FAMILIES OF NAZARETH MOVEMENT:

Mondays, 7:15-8:15 PM in the Conference room.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY:

2nd Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass, Room 101

J4F - Just 4 Fun:

1st and 3rd Mondays ; ages 21-35

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS:

2ND & 4TH Thursdays; Membership: call Dan Neroda

732-283-0290

LEGION OF MARY:

Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Church Conf. Rm.

ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY:

1st Monday after the 1st Sunday after

7 PM Mass

SENIOR CITIZENS:

2nd and 4th Monday of the month,

12:30 PM in Lourdes Hall

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Phone 732-283-1775

Tues/Weds/Thurs 10 AM to 2 PM

Saturday 2 PM to 6 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Monday and Friday CLOSED



ELEVENTH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

LIFE CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER

Are you collecting pledges for the Eleventh annual "Walk for Life" on Saturday, September 25, 2004? How are your walking shoes? Can't walk? Sponsor someone who is walking or call Life Choices Resource Center at 732-499-8676 and see how else you might help. You can get your pledge sheet through the Social Ministry Office, Life Choices, or parish contact Denise Valdes at 732-754-8876.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:

BOBBY BYRNE NIGHT AT ST. CECELIA'S: Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 20th and watch the bulletin for more details.

ST. CECELIA'S SCHOOL ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY will be held on Friday, November 5th. If you have any NEW, UNUSED items or a handmade craft that you would like to donate, please contact Kathy (732) 636-4862 or Gloria (732) 512-9140 or drop them off in the school office.