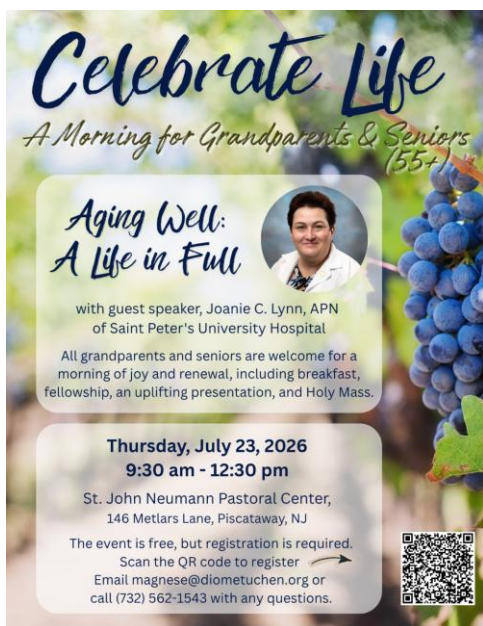


July 2026: News, Resources & Upcoming Diocesan Events

This pastoral newsletter includes news, events and resources. For recurring events, please see the individual office newsletter.

Office of Human Life & Dignity

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate Life: A Morning for Grandparents and Seniors (55+)

"Aging with Purpose: A Life in Full"

with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN of
Saint Peter's University Hospital

All grandparents and seniors are welcome for
a morning of joy and renewal. A hot breakfast
will be served.

<https://diometuchen.org/events/seniors-2026>

**Thursday, July 23, 2026
9:30 am-12:30 pm**

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

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Respect Life Poster Contest 2026

Students in Grades 1-8 across the Diocese were asked to draw a picture showing how they can love like Jesus and live as a gift to others. 16 Catholic Schools participated, as well as 9 Religious Education programs - totaling 150 submissions. View the winning artwork in the May Catholic Spirit issue, or by visiting: <https://diometuchen.org/poster-and-video-contest>

Calendars can be purchased for \$7 each. Email magnese@diometuchen.org to order.
Link

NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life



Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

**NEW JERSEY
MARCH FOR LIFE**

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will
begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex,
a short walk from the Cathedral



For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life

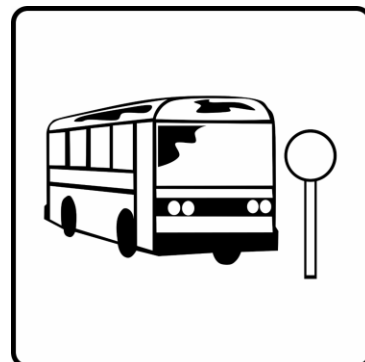
[Sign up for the Mass HERE](#)

Will your parish be sending a bus down to the NJ Rally and March in Trenton?

If so, please let us know by emailing magnese@diometuchen.org, and don't forget to register your bus with [NJ March for Life!](#)

A bus will be departing from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center at 7:15am. Space is limited! Register by visiting: <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>

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Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, October 24, 2026
9:30 AM–12:30 PM
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

Mark your calendars for the 2026 Feminine Genius Brunch! Join women from across the diocese for a morning of fellowship, reflection, and encouragement—an opportunity to gather as women and to reflect on and celebrate our unique qualities as women. Inspired by St. John Paul II's vision of the "feminine genius," this gathering invites women of all ages to more deeply discover the gifts God has entrusted to them and the unique ways they are called to enrich the world.

Last year's brunch offered a beautiful reminder of the dignity, gifts, and vocation of women in the life of the Church. To revisit highlights from last year, here is a link to some info:

<https://catholicspirit.com/news/women-reminded-they-are-feminine-genius>

You can also watch Jay Donofrio's interview with last year's speaker here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGq6KmlWt8o>

[Sign up here!](#)



My Beautiful One

Have you or someone you know received a prenatal diagnosis? If so, you are not alone. **My Beautiful One** is a ministry of pastoral accompaniment, serving parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Our service is free and focuses on meeting the pastoral needs of expectant parents as they seek to honor the life of their baby, no matter how frail or how brief. For information or support, email us at my.beautiful.one@rcan.org or visit our website www.rcan.org/my-beautiful-one. We will respond to your inquiry within 24 hours.

My Beautiful One ministry does not provide healthcare advice or treatment, does not collect any payments for services provided, and is not a covered entity engaging in covered transactions under HIPAA. Unless required by law all personal information and communication will remain confidential.

Bioethical Insights in *Magnifica Humanitas*

Joseph Meaney, PhD, KM

In his first encyclical letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV focuses on Catholic Social Teaching as applied to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Within this context, several of his points highlight bioethical challenges in the current digital revolution. The pope reaffirms that AI is a system of advanced data processing that imitates the human intellect but completely lacks a body, emotions, moral conscience, and spiritual capacity. He stresses the harmfulness of the transhumanist and posthumanist technological aspirations that undermine the dignity of the human person in multiple ways.

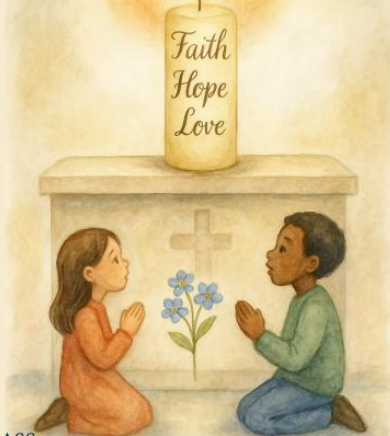


The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) provides education, guidance, and resources to the Church and society to uphold the dignity of the human person in health care and biomedical research, thereby sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly

LIGHT A CANDLE
in grateful thanks for
Our Beloved Grandparents & Elderly
26 July 2026
Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Lost Hope



DURING MASS

invite families to light a candle for all Grandparents and the Elderly—honoring their fidelity, prayers, and love. Place a dedicated candle near the altar or Marian shrine.

AT HOME

light a candle in gratitude for living Grandparents and the Elderly or in memory of those who have passed. Pray together: "Lord, bless those who taught us to hope in You."



GRANDPARENTS NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

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Office of OCIA



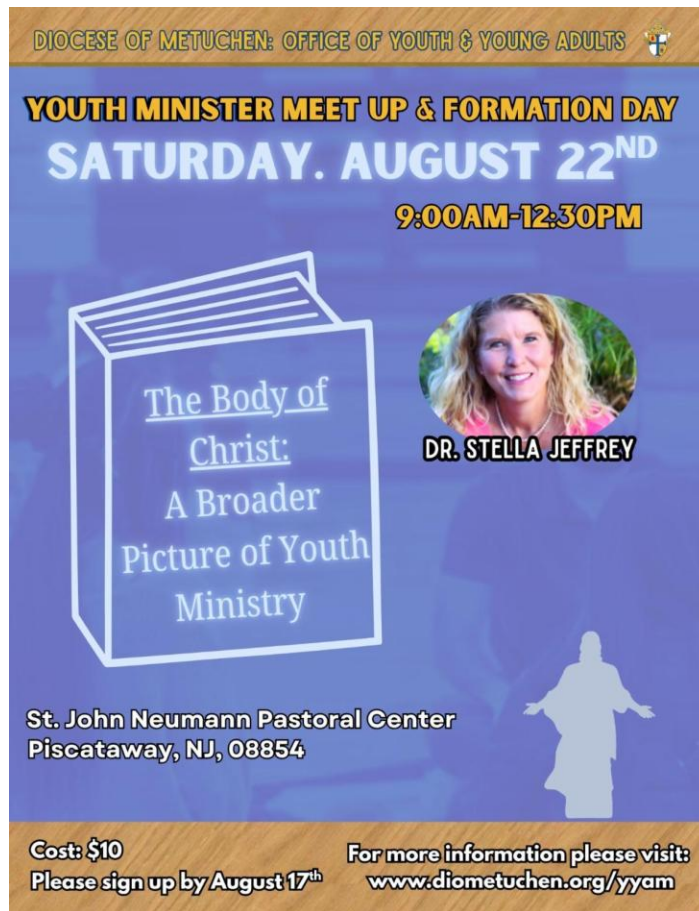
Upcoming Formation Events - Stages of the Catechumenate

The Office of OCIA is pleased to announce that it will be hosting three formation events, beginning on Saturday, September 26. These formation events, which will be held at the Pastoral Center, will provide parish OCIA Directors and Team Members with an in-depth analysis of the various stages of the Catechumenate, beginning with arguably the most important stage, the Pre-Catechumenate, which aims to foster an initial conversion and a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. The second session will be held on Saturday, November 14. The last session, focusing on the final stages of the Catechumenate, including the Period of Mystagogy, is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2027. We are also exploring the possibility of offering a Friday night option for those who are unable to attend the Saturday sessions. Dr. Bill Keimig, Director of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will lead all three sessions. We are also hoping to collaborate with the Association for Catechumenal Ministry (<https://acmocia.org/>) to provide our people with the resources they need to bring people into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Of course, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.



Contact: For questions pertaining to OCIA, please contact rcia@diometuchen.org

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Youth Minister Meet up and Formation!
Saturday, August 22nd

Calling all youth ministers and youth leaders!

Join us for a morning of Holy Mass, breakfast and a Franciscan Institute workshop lead by Dr. Stella Jeffrey.

This workshop will focus on how youth ministers work in relationship to their Pastor, parents of the youth, and even their Bishop. This is an excellent opportunity to show how youth ministers relate to their whole parish and Jesus Christ's Church!

The signup is only \$10 per person. Please register by August 17th.
 (all who work with the youth are welcome!)

Thank you and God Bless!

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/oPISqA>



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Ongoing Faith Formation

"Magnificent Humanity: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence"

**Thursdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10, 2026
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

This fall, Fr. Glenn Comandini will walk adult faith formation students through Pope Leo's first encyclical -- which examines how digitalization, AI and robotics challenge humanity. The Holy Father proposes a path which safeguards human dignity and the common good.



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Office of Family Life



Life-Giving Wounds Retreat July 11, 2026

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing.

Registration required. Cost \$40. The retreat price includes a light breakfast, boxed lunches, and all retreat materials.

[Additional Retreat Info HERE](#)



Why not plan a weekend getaway this summer for the two of you to enrich your marriage?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

*The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 17 – 19.***

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

*Phone **1-732-904-9636** for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).*

*Visit us at: **www.wwme.org** for more information.*

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[Additional Info HERE](#)

The Catholic Parent

Parents are invited to a new group which will meet 2 Fridays a month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning on September 26th. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be discussed! If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.





Natural Family Planning Webinar

"What You Were Never Told About Fertility Care: Scientific and Ethical Approaches"

During this year's NFP Week, the Office of Family Life invites all to join Dr. Monika Potocki from The Gianna Center for a special webinar, "What You Were Never Told About Fertility Care: Scientific and Ethical Approaches" on July 21st at 7:00 p.m. On Zoom.

Cost is \$10 and registration is required.

Contact Cristina with questions at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

This event will not be recorded.

[Sign up for Webinar HERE](#)



Trinity House Community Groups

Trinity House Community Groups help parishes foster deeper relationships among families through meaningful conversations, shared meals, prayer, and hospitality. Designed to strengthen family life and build authentic community, the program provides everything needed to launch and sustain small groups within your parish. Scholarships are available for annual parish participation, which includes access to leader resources, discussion materials, training, and ongoing support.

Read this OSV News article about a Trinity House group in Virginia! ["Finding 'Heaven in Your Home': Trinity House Groups Build Faith and Family"](#)

For more information, visit: trinityhousecommunity.org

New Marriage Catechumenate

The Office of Family Life is seeking parishes willing to pilot the new Marriage Catechumenate, as called for by the Vatican Dicastery of Laity, Family and Life. This unique form of marriage preparation involves married couples meeting with and mentoring engaged couples one-on-one. Pastors interested are encouraged to identify married couples within their parishes who could serve as mentors and contact Cristina for details at cdaverso@diometuchen.org. A training for mentors will be planned for the Fall.

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Office of Hispanic Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry

Hispanic Bible School

ESCUELA BÍBLICA HISPANA
Diócesis de Metuchen

Dirigida a los laicos de las comunidades Hispánicas
El programa completo ofrece 9 cursos, cada uno aproximadamente de 7 clases. Allí podrán leer, estudiar y profundizar en los aspectos humanos y divinos de las Sagradas Escrituras.

CURSO INTRODUCCIÓN A LAS SAGRADAS ESCRITURAS

Del 20 de Agosto al
1 de Octubre de 2026
Los jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm,
Costo: \$35 por persona
Centro Pastoral St John Neumann
146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway

Para registrarte
Escanea el Código QR
o visita
diometuchen.org/Hispanicevangelization

INFORMACIÓN:
Oficina de Evangelización Hispana
lescobar@diometuchen.org
o al 732 243 4973

Hispanic Bible School

The Diocese of Metuchen will launch a new cycle of the Hispanic Bible School. **On August 20, 2026**, we will begin the Introduction of Sacred Scriptures course. 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).

For more information and registration visit <https://diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion>

Biblical Catechesis

Before the new Bible School group begins, the office is offering a free session on biblical catechesis in parishes. For information regarding dates, location, and times, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/taller-de-biblia-introduccion>

If you would like a free session at your parish between July and August, please contact us at hispanic.ministry@diometuchen.org to schedule it.

Hispanic Heritage Mass

On Friday, **September 18, 2026**, the Office of Hispanic Evangelization will host the annual Hispanic Heritage Mass at 7 pm, at the Cathedral.

Our planning meeting will take place on July 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Delegates from parishes with a Hispanic community are welcome.



Catholic Relief Service is present in Venezuela!

CRS is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care and other critical relief to those affected.

Your gift today will help get urgently needed supplies to families and communities in the difficult days ahead.

[Visit www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

Stay in Touch With Us!!

Click the button to sign-up to receive monthly, information regarding the Hispanic Diocesan events and other resources for our community.

[Hispanic Office Newsletter](#)

Office of Multi-Cultural Ministries



**DIOCESE OF
METUCHEN**

Office of Multicultural Ministry
National Black Catholic History Month



“NO THROWAWAY PEOPLE”

FAITH, RACE AND THE CALL TO JUSTICE”

Join six Zoom sessions to discuss Sacred Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching around the issues of immigration, policing and racial equity.

Sundays
(Virtual)

**Oct. 11-
Nov. 15**

7-8pm

Session 1:	Oct. 11	Neither Jew nor Greek
Session 2:	Oct. 18	What is race Anyhow?
Session 3:	Oct. 25	The Legacy of America's Original Sin
Session 4:	Nov. 1	Is Immigration a Race Issue?
Session 5:	Nov. 8	Truth and Reconciliation
Session 6:	Nov. 15	Forward Together

FRIENDSGIVING GATHERING *In-Person*

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026 10am- 2pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ

*Questions? Email magnese@diometuchen.org
or call 732-562-1545*

Scan QR to Register.



[**More Info Here!**](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

Multicultural Mass & Fair

“Though Many, We are One in Christ”

Nov. 7, 2026
11am-2pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ



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Office of Divine Worship

One-Volume Extracts of the *Liturgy of the Hours*

In addition to the new four-volume edition of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, there will be a one-volume edition containing Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer. They will be published by Catholic Book Publishing, Liturgical Press, Magnificat, and Midwest Theological Forum. This edition will not be published until after the four-volume edition is. And so, the one-volume is expected to be available sometime between 2027 and 2028.

Guidelines During the Period of Sede Vacante

During the period of Sede Vacante you can find liturgical guidance at the following page: <https://diometuchen.org/sede-vacante>.



St. Francis Indulgence

On January 10, 2026, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This jubilee calls every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to “become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace”. The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, granted a plenary indulgence on this occasion during the period of January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027.

The indulgence can be obtained under the ordinary conditions and by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or a Place of Worship dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi (e.g., our Cathedral)

or connected to him and then participate in a liturgical celebrations or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God.

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Office of Liturgical Music



Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi
Choir Camp 2026
August 10 - 14 & August 16

Our 4th Annual Summer Choir Camp is for all high school & rising 3rd - 8th grade students. Students from any parish within or outside of the Diocese are welcome to attend!

Students will participate in music theory classes, work on composer projects and sing for the Cathedrals daily 12:10 p.m. Mass.

There will be fun outdoor activities, games & snacks.

Times: Mon-Thurs 9am - 2:30pm; Friday 9am - 1:30pm
Tuition: \$250 per chorister
Food: All chorister are required to bring a bag lunch (including drink) Monday through Thursday.



Use the QR code to register or go to our website for more information.



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Homeschool Ministry

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Office for Discipleship Formation for Children

In-person small groups

FRANCISCAN AT HOME
Training them up for life

PCL Summer Workshops

Tuesday, June 9 - Confirmation Preparation
St. Mary, Star of the Sea - South Amboy

Wednesday, July 15 - Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
St. Ambrose - Old Bridge

Wednesday, August 12 - The Family as the Context of Catechesis
Church of the Annunciation - Bloomsbury

Sign-ups with more details will be emailed to all PCLs a week before each workshop.

Upcoming Events 2026/2027

September 10 - PCL Formation Day

featuring Dr. Bill Keimig

October 8 - PCL Formation Day

featuring Dr. Marylynn Wesson

March 6 - Catechist Formation Day

featuring Dr. Joseph White

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Office of Vocations

Diocesan Discernment Groups:

Middle School [Every 3rd Friday @ 6pm] - Blue Army Shrine, Asbury (Holy House)
(Parents welcome)

High School / Quo Vadis [Every 2nd Saturday @ 2pm, **starts after Quo Vadis**] -
Discernment House, Highland Park (Parents welcome)

Young Adult / Melchizedek Project [6 consecutive Saturdays per phase during the
Rutgers semester @ 7:30am, starts Jan. 24] - St. Peter Church Hall, New Brunswick
(4 Phases in total of 6 weeks each)

Adoration for Vocations

Please contact the Vocations office if your parish is available once during 2026 to host the
Diocesan monthly "Adoration for Vocations" Holy Hour.

QUO VADIS Retreat 2026

Dear Priests,
Please keep in mind that the first week of November is Vocations Awareness Week. You might consider preaching on this topic. It is not too early to encourage High School boys younger than 18 to attend Quo Vadis. July 7-9, 2026 at Camp Shiloh in Hewitt NJ. More details are included in the flyer below. The camp is free as always.



Click on image for printable flyer

Office of Vocations weblink:

<https://diometuchen.org/vocations>

Rev. Gilbert Starcher
Director, Office of Vocations
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Office of Evangelization

We Hold These Truths - A USCCB Initiative to Celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial!



As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the USCCB joins this celebration by lifting up the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country. In a historic moment, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, and invite all parishes to join in this consecration. For more information about this initiative, including resources for dioceses and parishes related to the consecration, please visit <https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>.

We would also encourage parishes to participate in the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each day reflects on the wisdom of saints and pontiffs on the Sacred Heart and offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You). Please join the U.S. Church from June 3-11 in praying this Novena to the Sacred Heart, which will conclude with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Additional resources include the America 250 Video Series, which features special episodes on the contributions of Catholics to the United States, Catholic Activities, where parishes and individuals can participate in the America 250 commemoration by contributing to 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy, and an Articles Series, which explores Catholic contributions over 250 years of American history. For more information about this important initiative, please contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage - One Nation Under God!

During the Eucharistic Revival, we sought to lift up our Lord, to place Jesus Christ at the center of the Church's life once again. As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, we seek to do the same on a national scale: to lift our Lord high, so that we might truly become one nation under God. The 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage) is an invitation to intercede for unity, healing, and renewal in our country through our Eucharistic faith. The resources below offer practical ways to participate in this ministry, whether in person or from afar.

While this year's pilgrimage (May 24-July 5) will not pass through our diocese (it will pass through the Diocese of Camden, June 12-14 and the Diocese of Patterson, June 14-15), there are other ways for our people to participate. As part of this pilgrimage, we are calling Catholics across the country to participate in a shared act of faith and hope for our nation. Together, we are working toward the offering of 250,000 Holy Hours, each and every prayer a beacon of hope, offered for the renewal and blessing of America.

To learn more about the pilgrimage, or to access the free One Nation Under God lecture series, designed to engage your heart and mind in this pivotal moment for our nation, please visit <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/one-nation-under-god>. If you are able, we would also encourage you participate in the conclusion of the pilgrimage this July 2-5 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All events are free! Of course, if anyone is interested in participating in this year's pilgrimage, please contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.



Blue²⁰²⁶ Mass

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

**Wednesday, October 21, 2026
at 10:30 a.m.**

* Law enforcement officials are asked to be seated in the Cathedral by 10:15 a.m. sharp

Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky will celebrate the 24th Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.



**New Jersey
Department of
Corrections**
2026 Host Agency



Scan for more Information
and to Reserve Attendance
732-243-4581 or visit
www.diometuchen.org/bluemass



At 10:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21st, Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky Administrator, Diocese of Metuchen, will celebrate the 24th Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen. All are welcome to attend. A special row will be reserved for officers and their children.

Scan for more Information and to Reserve Attendance 732-243-4581 or visit
www.diometuchen.org/bluemass
Text Link

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The Catholic Spirit



The Catholic Spirit is honored to have been awarded first place as Best Diocesan Non-Weekly Newspaper in the U.S./Canada by the Catholic Media Association. We learned of the award, and 17 others at the awards banquet in Atlantic City June 19. Please click on the link for some background and a full list of awards:

<https://catholicspirit.com/news/eighteen-awards-one-mission-sharing-the-faith-through-catholic-media>

Also, our July issue, now in progress, will include coverage of the recent Ordination and will feature our 13 priest jubilarians.

There is still time to reserve space for a congratulatory ad. Deadline is June 29. Contact mgregory@diometuchen.org.

Just a reminder - Sherlock is still waiting patiently to be found in the June issue. A tip - he LOVES to have a good time!



The e-edition of The Catholic Spirit may be viewed at <https://catholicspirit.com/e-edition>, while archived issues from 2019 until the present may be viewed at: <https://issuu.com/diocesefmetuchen>

The Catholic Spirit Social Media Accounts

Take us with you when you go!

Please visit The Catholic Spirit on Facebook (The Catholic Spirit - NJ), Instagram (@CathSpiritNJ) and X (@CathSpiritNJ). We will keep you updated on news from the Diocese of Metuchen.



Office of Communications and Public Relations



"No Half Saints"

A New Youth and Young Adults Podcast!

The Diocese of Metuchen is pleased to announce that it has launched a new podcast entitled "No Half Saints," hosted by Jay Donofrio, diocesan director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The name, "No Half Saints," comes

from a St. Thérèse of Lisieux quote: "You cannot be a half saint. You must be a whole saint or no saint at all."

The main goal of the podcast is to bring people into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ by highlighting the youth and young adult ministry leaders throughout the diocese. It is our hope that “No Half Saints” will inspire faith-filled young adults to get more involved in their parishes. Guests will include youth and young adult ministers, priests, religious, music ministers, speakers, and more.

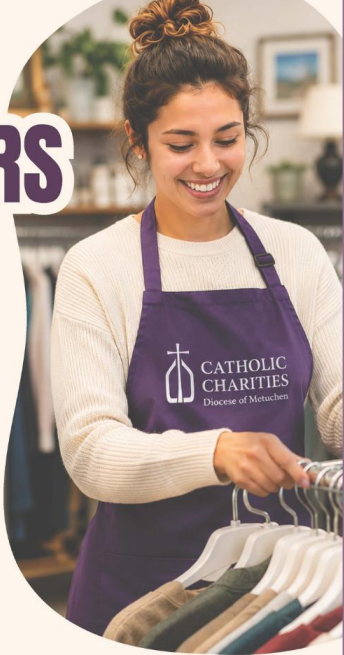
New episodes will be released every other week on the “No Half Saints” YouTube channel, which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@NoHalfSaints>. Episodes will also be released on the Diocesan YouTube page, which can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofMetuchen>.

For more information about the “No Half Saints” podcast, which is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, please check out the full-length article in the August issue of The Catholic Spirit. Of course, if anyone has any questions about the podcast, or would like to suggest future guests, please contact Jay Donofrio at jdonofrio@diometuchen.org.

Making the Good News Known

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your news with us by emailing communications@diometuchen.org and, as always, news@catholicspirit.com.

Catholic Charities



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Metuchen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Make a difference.
Change lives. ♡*

FRIDAYS
11:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

THRIFT STORE
383 SOUTH MAIN ST.
PHILLIPSBURG, NJ

HELP WITH:

- Organizing donations
- Assisting customers
- Sale of items

No experience needed

CALL OR EMAIL MARIA HUNTER
(732)387-1315 mhunter@ccdom.org

Looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Thrift Store in Phillipsburg is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team!

Whether you love organizing, enjoy helping people, or want to gain some retail experience, we have a place for you.

- **When: Fridays from 11:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**
- **Where: 383 South Main St, Phillipsburg, NJ**
- **Help With: Organizing donations, assisting customers, and the sale of items.**

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