

## 100 cards for 100 years

Join us in gathering 100 birthday cards for our parishioner, Alberta Piasecki, who will be turning 100 on April 26<sup>th</sup> of this year. Even if you don't know Alberta personally—this is a great idea. Look for a specially marked box in the back of our church where we will be collecting all the cards.



*“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real*

*help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.”* – St. John Paul II. Join Christians throughout the globe by praying for an end to abortion February 22nd - April 2 during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Offer time to peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave. Washington. Please lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. More info contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692 or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/> *Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be Afraid; do not be discouraged, for The Lord Your God Will be with You Wherever You go.* - Joshua 1:9

## SPONSOR FORMS

Before you are asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or for the Sacrament of Confirmation please be sure you are indeed a registered member, in good standing, of your church. This happens a lot around this time of year where people have been coming to church on a regular basis, not using offering envelopes, and think they are members. It makes it very difficult for us to issue a sponsor certificate when you are not registered and the priest does not recognize your face. This also applies to Confirmation students wanting their older siblings to be their sponsors--make sure they are attending and shaking the priest's hand after Mass. Please contact the church office if you have questions, 637-4269.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID 2023-2024

Financial aid will be available through the Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid program for families seeking tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year in any Catholic Diocese school. The application process will open on January 1, 2023, applicants can apply online by going to <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Applications are available in Spanish and English. Applications and all required supporting documentation **must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid by March 31, 2023**. The application fee is \$40 and must be paid online at the time the family submits their application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

## 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*

The impact and success of the *Catholic Center at Rutgers* is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support. Our parish goal is \$15,000. To date we contributed \$2,012 towards our goal.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

St. Patrick Church in Belvidere is starting a new session for anyone who may be interested or needs support. The sessions will meet on Sundays at 12:15pm starting this weekend, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact the trained couple of Peter & MaryAnn Lombardi at 973-722-2611 if you are interested. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**JOIN US everyday (Monday-Saturday) after the 8:30am Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in our Chapel for the people and country of Ukraine.**

**"Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"**

**A Critical Life Issues Conference**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**St. John Neumann Pastoral Center**

**Opening Mass at 9 am - Bishop Checchio**

**Conference from 10 am to 3:30 pm**

**Cost \$35. (includes lunch and handouts)**

Visit <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>.

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**Father Michael McGivney:  
An American Blessed**

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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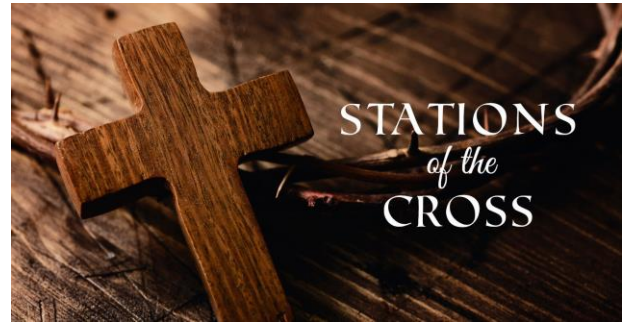
An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and gracies press

**BE NOT AFRAID**

Perhaps priesthood has crossed your mind, but fear pushes the idea away:

- My friends would laugh if they heard I was thinking about the priesthood!
- My parents would be shocked.
- My mom wants grandkids.
- I'm scared to death of speaking in public.
- I'm nowhere near holy enough.
- I don't want to give up sex.
- I'll be lonely.
- Seminary may be too hard for me.
- Being a priest seems lame.

These fears are very common, even for men who are already in seminary. But literally thousands of men have had the same concerns and then went on to become holy and effective priests. Contact Fr. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, Vocation Recruiter, (732) 562-2457, [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org)



Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent starting at 7pm in English and 8pm in Polish. Besides or instead of giving up something for Lent why not add the Stations of the Cross!

**Sanctuary Lamp / Bread & Wine / Divine Mercy Candle**

Please contact the church office, 908-637-4269, if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Divine Mercy Candle for the week in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost is only \$10 for the week. The name(s) will be placed in the bulletin and announced at all Masses for the week it is booked.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

The Hackettstown Columbus Club, 142 Liberty St., Hackettstown Presents:

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots and all the fixings!! \$20.00 per dinner. Friday March 17th  
Two Seatings:

4:00pm to 5:30pm

6:30pm to 8:00pm

TAKE OUT

AVAILABLE

Tickets Required in

Advance

For Tickets &

Information Contact:

973-945-3947 leave a message or 908-852-9758

leave a message or [columbusclub2483@gmail.com](mailto:columbusclub2483@gmail.com)



**CHURCH WEBSITE**

Remember to check out our church website for current information, holy & feast day schedules, upcoming events, and to see the bulletin on-line before the weekend. The website is [peterpaulgm.com](http://peterpaulgm.com).

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Please join us anytime on the first Friday of every month to pray before the Blessed Sacrament between the hours of 9am – noon in our chapel. This coming Friday is the first Friday of the month, March 3rd.

