# ST. VERONICA CHURCH

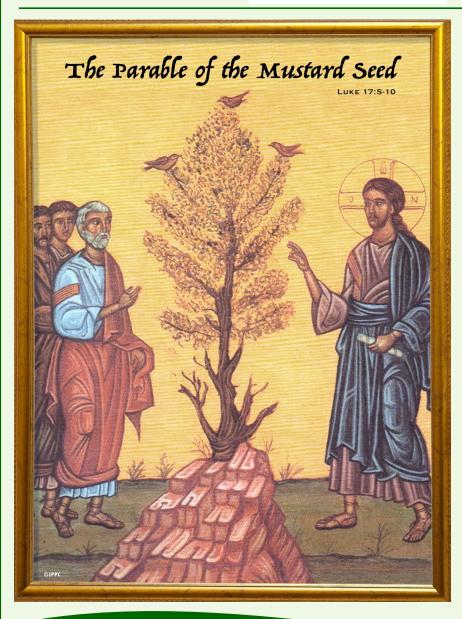
#### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Tuesday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday 1:00PM - 7:00PM
Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday Closed
Saturday 1st Sat. monthly
9:00AM -12:30PM
Next Open Saturdays:
Nov 5, 2022 and Dec 3, 2022



#### **Mass Schedule**

Daily: Monday-Friday: 7:30AM Saturday: 8:00AM & 4:00PM Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM Live Stream Masses - Sat. 4PM & Sun. 10:30AM



Pastor: Rev. Peter James Alindogan Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Chang

Deacons:

Charles R. Daye, Jr. John Franey Nick Stranieri

Business Manager: Linda Dickinson-Pancila

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Religious Education Support Staff: Sharon Krause Mira Welnowska

Director of Music: Marietta Racancoj

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**OCTOBER 2, 2022** 

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# We are called to Sanctify

#### Mass Intentions for this Week

# Weekly Mass Intentions



SUNDAY, October 2
7:30 Living & Deceased Parishioners Gerard "Rod" BusbyPuglisi Family
9:00 John WegFamily Al PeruzziMary & Steve Mertz 10:30 Nick Prioli, SrClayton Family Bill WegnerJohn & Sheila McBride
12:00 Sylvia DiBellaWittstruck Family Benjamin RodriguezMarilen
MONDAY, October 3 7:30 Int. of Maria ScottoEileen McCarthy Michelle ZanetteFletcher Family
TUESDAY, October 4 7:30 Dec. Mem. of the McCarthy & Coote Families Patrick & Eileen McCarthy
Faustina SorianoFamily
WEDNESDAY, October 5 7:30 John & Jean ZaleskiSerge Family Faustina SorianoFamily
THURSDAY, October 6 7:30 Thomas ClaytonClayton Family Faustina SorianoFamily
FRIDAY, October 7 7:30 James Thomas LenahanGlowacz Family Faustina SorianoFamily
SATURDAY, October 8 8:00 Anthony DeBlasioM/M Anthony Napolitano Faustina SorianoFamily 4:00 Int. of Anne Marie GeigerDonald Geiger Mary Sylvia DiBellaMarianne & Joe Wittreich
SUNDAY, October 9 7:30 Int. of Jeffrey & Ashley CoakleyLisa & John Franey 9:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners Karl FahringerPereira Family 10:30 Sally Ann RussoFamily (20th Anniversary of Death) John WegKaren & Julio Valencia



Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1:30PM by the field

12:00 Al Peruzzi.....Frank & Maureen Albano Bruce McQuilton.....Allen & Geraldine Ward

#### Readings for the Week

**Monday**: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday**: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday**: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday**: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;

Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday**: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday**: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2

Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

### **Church Sanctuary Candle**

Consider donating the Sanctuary Candle that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. Candles will burn in memory of/or for the intentions of the named individual for one week, Sunday through Saturday.

Suggested Donation for 2023 candles: \$20.00

### **Adoration Chapel Tabernacle Candles**

Two Candles that burn in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament are now available in the Adoration Chapel. Reserve a candle in memory of/or for the intentions of the named individual for one week,
Sunday through Saturday.
Suggested Donation: \$10.00 each

Please visit or call the parish office to reserve.

Church Sanctuary Candle

Week of October 2, 2022
Intentions of the

Sadlowski Family

Requested by Carol and Casey



**Adoration Chapel Candles** 

Week of October, 2022

Both candles are for the Intentions of Kathy Stansfield

Requested by Lisa Francy



### Notes from Fr. P.J.

Dear Friends in Christ.

Peace!

Ed Monti, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, has written for us the following:

Pax et bonum (peace and good) is the Franciscan motto. This Tuesday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and it is also St. Veronica's next Parish Assembly which is a follow up to the last Parish Assembly hosted by your Pastoral Council last October which was a big success.



St. Francis is known as the patron Saint of animals, but he is also known for spreading the Gospel by example. We are called to do the same and one excellent way is to participate in our parish activities. Participation varies from person to person. It may mean just being present and listening and praying along with our parish family. It may mean volunteering in a small or big way. Allow the Lord to inspire you in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

Everyone is invited this Tuesday to participate in the second Parish Assembly which will be held in the gymnasium at 7 pm. Everyone is invited, bring family, bring friends and even invite your neighbors.

Last year, parishioners old and new to St. Veronica's came together to brainstorm ideas to improve our parish and ultimately to draw people to Christ in our faith community. The Pastoral Council gathered your ideas and formulated them into Goals and Objectives based on what you requested. Your input is essential. Your presence at this Tuesday's Parish Assembly is essential. You, each and every one of you, are valued by our Pastor and Associate Pastor and the Pastoral Council. Many of you are already involved in ministry, some on the periphery, others very involved. No matter what your level of commitment, your presence and participation is wanted and needed.

The Pastoral Council will present the Goals and Objectives that you, our brothers and sisters of St. Veronica's spoke so passionately about last year. On this great Feast of St. Francis, the Lord is calling each one of you to come and be witnesses to the Gospel through service, prayer, by silent witness, by animated involvement or by whichever way the Holy Spirit moves you. There are many gifts that God bestows on His people, and no two are really the same. We need you to share your gifts with your parish.

Last year's Parish Assembly was a lot of fun. Father PJ regaled us with Sinatra songs and small prizes. It is my understanding that he has been practicing his singing all year so we may get another Sinatra song, a Tony Bennett song or who knows maybe even a Mr. Worldwide Pit Bull song or two.

Please join us, you are all invited from the young to the young at heart.

You are loved, you are valued, you are needed, and you will have a great time with old friends and new friends.

See you all this Tuesday night, 7 pm in the school gym. Be there or be square.

We had a very productive meeting last Monday, September 27th, and I am happy to tell you that gradually, the fruits of our labor with months of praying, discernment and working together are all coming into fruition. Jeffrey Alfano also recently came on board to help us with envisioning the future activities and ministries of St. Veronica. Join me, Fr. Chang, Mark, Phil, Denise, Bob, Gail, Pat, Marietta, Chris and Jeff for a community-building evening. It will be an experience to treasure.

Keep well and regards.

With my prayers and love,

Fr. PJ



Join us at the next Parish Assembly

Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:00pm in the Gym



Deacon Preaching Weekend Oct. 15 & 16

# We are called to Sanctify



St. Veronica's Parish Family wishes to welcome those who have become members through ly Baptized the Sacrament of Baptism.

Peyton Marie, daughter of Matthew & Amanda Eitel Lana Teresa. daughter of Daniel & Kathryn Pfeiffer Ryan Joseph, son of Ronald & Samantha Glinski

Vincenzo Thomas. son of Michael & Victoria Dorillo

Olivia. daughter of Mariusz & Alissa Kocur

Thank you for the gift of life.

### **Prayer Intentions**

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer:



Mary Gavin F. Francesca N. Ellen O. George C. Karen F. Carol S. Jeff F. Debra U. Anna P. Elizabeth M. Rose P. Diane K. Bryan M.

Kristin S.

Please note: Prayers requests will be acknowledged in the bulletin for 8 weeks.

Karen T.

Contact the parish office to add someone to the list.

### Legion of Mary Our Lady Queen of Apostles



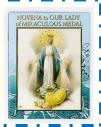
Meetings: Mondays - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. in the Narthex.

Contacts: Curia president, Rosalie Angeles, rangeles14@yahoo.com.

or Carlos Diaz, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, cdiazir@optonline.net

### **Miraculous Medal Novena Prayer**

Prayed in the Church on Monday evenings 8:00PM and Monday mornings after the 7:30AM Mass.



Next Baptism class will be held on October 18th in the Church at 7:00PM



### Our Lady Queen of Angels Legion Of Mary Juniors

The Junior Legion of Mary is an organization for the spiritual development of persons under 18 years of age. The group meets on Fridays at 4:30PM.

Please begin arriving at 4:15PM so to start promptly. For additional information: please call, leave a voicemail, or text Barbara Medina 732 610 0342



"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

St. Therese of Lisieux - The Little Flower



### **Eucharistic Adoration Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

"St. Veronica Parish has been entrusted with the gift and Adoration for 25 years.

Have you opened your gift?

Jesus is waiting at the Adoration Chapel, just for you.

Adorers needed: Wednesday 6PM Friday 5PM, 6PM, 10PM; Saturday all afternoon and evening hours needed.

To become a registered adorer or for more information, please contact:

Debbie at drev514@aol.com or leave message at 732-367-7750.

Spanish speaking contact: Clari at 732 567-1409

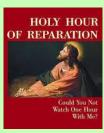
### First Saturday Hour of Reparation at St Veronica **Upcoming dates:**

1st Saturdays of the month at 5:15 pm: October 1, 2022 November 5, 2022 December 3, 2022

This Power Hour will include Eucharistic Exposition, Rosary, Divine Mercy and Benediction.

Please join us as we continue to follow the Fatima Message to bring peace to our world, country, parish and families.

Contact Chris Barnes with any questions cbmb42096@gmail.com



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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

October 8 - October 9: Twenty Eigth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	4:00PM	7:30AM	9:00AM	10:30AM	12:00PM
Extraordinary Minister- Host	Diane Dipierro Karen Puglisi	Priscilla Alimario Fred Di Maggio	Manny Chirico Maria Chirico	Bo Rieker Stephanie Simnor	Diane Maresca Alda Todd
Reader 1	Jeannie van der Voort	Brian Zanyor	Filled	Justin Alicea	Rose Kubiak
Altar Server	Eric Hubner Alva Valencia	Brenden Carfagno Justin Reiff	Kevin Madeira Therese Medina	Erin Fox Ian Fox	Christine Nguyen Julianne Nguyen Kaitlyn Nguyen
Sacristan	Mary Althaver	Joseph Dettling	Priscilla Lagdameo	Priscilla Lagdameo	Ernie Revoir





The Diocese of Trenton invites you and your family to:

# In Communion with Jesus

A Pilgrimage to Mary's House



**Bishop David M. O'Connell, CM** invites you and your families to journey with him to this holy site, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC.









Saturday



St Veronica is running a bus trip to Mary's House for this Diocesan Pilgrimage.

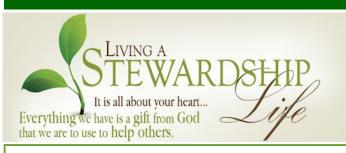
Tickets are \$50.00 pp. Seating is limited.

To purchase a ticket, please Scan the QR Code to register, or visit this link:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/

Form/021ccd36-32ab-491e-a6e9-77ed0c5c0110

# Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure



### SHARING OUR TREASURE September 25, 2022

Envelope Contributions: \$9,362.00 Electronic/Online Contributions: \$1,482.00

Loose Contributions: \$1,002.52

Mailed in: \$345.00

Total Amount: \$12,191.52

Expenses/Bills paid for the week: \$12,347.17

Always included in this Expense Reporting are utilities, payroll, building and grounds maintenance costs, and any expenses related to running parish programing.

### **Upcoming Second Collections:**

Annual Catholic Appeal - October 16 World Mission Sunday - October 23 Special Projects - October 30

#### **Religious Education Students**

Please continue to use your Mass attendance envelopes throughout the remainder of the year. Mass attendance is required for the RE Program.

For the week of September 25, 2022 contributions totaled \$96.00 7th grade brought in the most with \$48.00

Now is a great opportunity to switch from envelopes to Online Giving powered by

To set up a new online account , please Scan this barcode or Visit: <a href="https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stvhowell">https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stvhowell</a> or you can go to the <a href="https://www.stveronica.com">www.stveronica.com</a> and click on the parish soft logo which will take you directly to the parish soft online giving portal.



Giving

### To create an account:

- 1) Click on link to online portal (above)
- 2) Click on SIGN IN at top of page 3) click create an account.
- 4) Complete steps as prompted
- 5) Set up and process each donation separately

Online Givers - please set up donations for your second collection giving. Log into your account and select Second Collections under Funds drop down. *Thank you!* 

### Mass Attendance and Sharing Treasure: September 24 & 25, 2022 Total Attendance = 907

Mass Time	Attendance	Collection
4:00PM	215	\$2,240.00
7:30AM	148	\$2,385.00
9:00AM	136	\$1,733.00
10:30AM	225	\$2,533.52
12:00PM	183	\$1,473.00

Individual Mass collection totals include loose and envelope donations collected during Masses held on Saturday and Sunday. Online giving is not included in these calculations.



Thank you for the sacrificial stewardship and continued support of St Veronica Parish.

May God bless you for the sacrifices that you make.

**Been away this summer?** Please remember to send in your missed weekly contributions via a check, offertory envelopes or online giving.

Thank You for your continued stewardship!

### Special Project Collection

Special Projects Collected to date: \$11,495

July \$4,142, August \$3,775, September \$3,578

### Project #1: Parking Lot Drainage



**GOAL REACHED=** \$8,500 - Phase 2: clean and remove all debris from 10 catch basin; clean and remove all debris down to the original install elevation of 8 dry wells. Repair sink hole in rear parking lot near drainage basin.

\$481.32 applied to this project from FY 21-22 \$8,018.68 applied to this project FY 22-23

#### Project #2: Campus Signage

Goal = \$8.300

"Saint Veronica Church" Sign for the façade of the Narthex extension; Painting and lettering on the four brown directional campus signs

\$3,476.32 applied to this project \$4,823.68 Remaining in this project

**THANK YOU** for your continued stewardship to Special Projects Collection which enables us to complete much needed projects and repairs!!

# We are Called to Develop & Serve

#### **CHURCH LIGHTING CAMPAIGN & SPONSORSHIP**



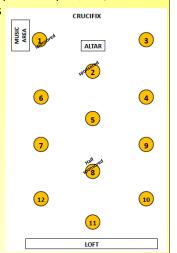
### LED by the Light

Sponsorships are now available for the twelve (12) "lamps" or chandeliers in St. Veronica Church, Full Lamp Sponsorship is \$1200 per chandelier. Half Sponsorship is \$600, and a

quarter sponsorship is \$300. This sponsorship opportunity will upgrade chandeliers to LED lighting with bright white bulbs. Not only will this bring more light to illuminate our worship space and "amplify our presence" but it will also reduce our energy costs.

Please see the map for lamp Locations. If you are interested in the LED by the Light sponsorship please contact the Linda the business manager 732-363-4200 x 245 or email

businessmanager@stveronica.com



LED by the Light Sponsorship

By Eleanor & David Watker

In Loving Remembrance of the Watker and Zeitler Families



### LED by the Light **Project Update**

The lighting upgrades to the chandeliers and spots lights in the church began the week of September 26-30. Much was accomplished including rewir-

ing of all the chandeliers, running wiring for the stations of the cross lighting and reangling and replacing all spots bulbs with

LEDs. Sponsorships are also available for the Stations of the Cross and the Spotlight upgrades.







We are only \$8,634 from reaching our goal!!

Parish goal: \$90,000 Pledged: **\$81,366.00** 

Donors: 241 Avg gift: \$336.69 Percent to Goal: 90%

Thank you to all donors who have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Online: Scan the OR code or visit website to make a gift https:// dioceseoftrenton.org/ catholicappeal

Mail: Annual Catholic Appeal Diocese of Trenton, PO Box 70170, Newark, NJ 07101

When making an ACA donation online, please note St Veronica, Howell

### **Food Pantry Needs MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

Coffee Canned chicken Cereal Shelf stable milk Tuna Paper Towels Spam Toilet paper Juice

Laundry detergent Canned fruit Dish detergent Mayonnaise Shampoo

Soap

No expired food. please!

Food

Please drop off all food donations in the wagons in the Church Narthex. For more information on food available and pick up information please contact pantry@stveronica.com

> Pantry Hours: Tuesday 10:00AM-12:00PM NO Wed. hours until OCT



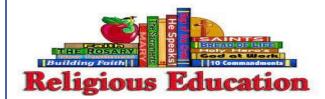
All are invited to come sing with the choir! Singing is praying twice!

Adult and teen choirs are meeting in our new practice location in the Music Ministry Room on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center. For details or questions, please email Marietta or talk with her after Mass. Music@stveronica.com

Thank You



### We are Called to Educate





Coordinator of Religious Education Religioused@stveronica.com 732-364-4137

Stacey Schear, Parish Catechetical Leader

Office Hours: 10:00AM-4:00PM RE Office Support Staff: Sharon Krause &

Mira Welnowska

The following Catechists are needed to teach catechist weekly classes from October to May.

Monday 4:30 to 6:00PM: Grades 6 & 7 Tuesday 4:30 to 6:00PM: Grades 4, 5, & 6 Wednesday 4:30 to 6:00PM: Grade 4

To volunteer becoming a catechist, please Stacey Schear.

### RE Classes begin this Week, October 3-6, 2022

Classes meet 4:30-6:00PM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday & 6:30-8:00PM on Monday.



All Youth in High School are invited to join the St Veronica youth group. Please email Mrs. Schear religioused@stveronica.com

Youth of all ages and grades are invited to participate in the many community service opportunities that will take place at St Veronica Parish over the course of the year. More information to follow. EX: Parish Clean-up on November 19, Parish Youth and Teen Choir, Hospitality Sunday, Food Drives



Ketrouvaille

... a lifeline for Marriages

### All are invited to Fr PJ's Presentation!

When: Wed., October 12 Time: 1:30PM Where: Parish Center Room: Center for Learning Topic: The Apostles Creed, an Article of Faith



# **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN** YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille

(pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Blessed Wother Celine of the Gisters of the Resurrection Scholarship Fund

Gifts to date: August: \$89.00 September: \$523.61

This scholarship fund was created to help Religious Education families who need financial help with paying their Religious Education Tuition Expenses.

To make a donation:

- Place your donation in the collection basket in a white envelope marked Blessed Sister Celine Scholarship Fund.
- Make a one time donation through Parish Soft Online Giving Portal with Blessed Sister Celine Scholarship Fund in the comment box.
- Place donation in the Poor Box designated for the Blessed Celine Scholarship Fund.

"Let The Children Come to Me." Matthew 19:14

# 60th Anniversary Jubilee and other upcoming events & activities

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

## **Adult Night Out & Dinner**

CONVERSATION - MUSIC - FOOD - DANCING - FUN Wednesday, Nov 16

Beginning at 6PM in the Gym with DJ Macky Food, water and iced teas provided, BYOB Bring a dessert to share with others



### Tickets: \$15.00 per person

Reserve a table of 8 or 10 for family and/or friends.

Link to purchase tickets is on the parish website or scan the QR Code with your phone's camera.



### FALL PARISH CLEAN UP SATURDAY NOV 19 from 9AM-1PM

All are invited to participate!

Adult & Youth parishioners of all ages, Youth group, Boy & Girl Scout troops and other groups are welcome.

National Honor Society Leadership Hours & Community Service opportunity.

- ⇒ pick up leaves, branches and debris on
- ⇒ parish grounds
- ⇒ cut back weeds, plants and vines
- ⇒ cut back bushes from buildings
- ⇒ bring rakes, gloves and other gardening tools
- ⇒ Need pick-up trucks to help transport debris
- ⇒ Need Adults to operate chain saws & hedge trimmers
- ⇒ Need Team captains to oversee a group of volunteers
- ⇒ Need volunteers to help at the check in table

Sign up: Businessmanager@stveronica.com or call the parish office 732-363-4200

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 11, 2023
ST VERONICA 60th ANNIVERSARY GALA
12:00-4:00PM
BATTLE GROUND COUNTRY CLUB

**Event Sponsorships are now available** 

### World Mission Sunday at St. Veronica

Join us for a special Mass on **Saturday, October 22** at 4:00PM celebrating Missions around the World. There will be a special guest, visiting concelebrants, choirs, missionaries, flags & artifacts from around the world. Refreshments will follow in the parish Hall.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot founded the first of four Pontifical Mission Societies, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 200 years ago,

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2022 <a href="https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/">https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20220106-giornat</a>

documents/20220106-giornatamissionaria.html



The three key phrases that synthesize the three foundations of the life and mission of every disciple: "You shall be my witnesses", "to the ends of the earth" and "you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit".

#### PARISH DIRECTORY

If you wish to participate, please I contact the parish office to be I placed on the call list.



Appointments are being scheduled.

Sit for a professional directory photo and receive: A free 8x10, a parish directory, and the option to purchase additional photos.

Photography dates Nov 10, 11, 12, Dec 26, 27, 28

\*Volunteers are needed to welcome families being photographed on the above dates. To volunteer please email businessmanager@stveronica.com



### 60th Anniversary Recipe book \$20.

Link to purchase is on the parish website or scan the QR Code with your phone's camera.



Recipe books will be

available for purchase & pick up in the Narthex and at the parish office during the Holidays.

# We are Called to Develop & Serve

### ROSARY FOR RESPECT LIFE - OCT 2 at 2:30PM

As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, please join us for a special Rosary for Respect Life at the Memorial for the Unborn right outside the Church.

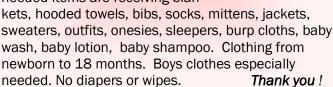
Let us pray for greater respect for all human life, from conception to natural death, and for an end to abortion, suicide, and euthanasia.

# RESPECT LIFE COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER

### October 2 following 7:30AM & 9:00AM Masses.

All are cordially invited to a free hot buffet breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 6201 in St. Veronica's Parish Hall.

Please bring an unwrapped item to support Birthright of Freehold as they celebrate Anniversary. Most needed items are receiving blan-



### **ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN - OCT 8 & 9**

The Knights of Columbus offer pro-life lapel roses after all Masses. Please wear them to show support for the sanctity of all human life. Donations accepted to help fund pro-life activities and to support pregnancy help centers.



The 40 Days for Life, Sept 28 to Nov 6, is a campaign of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion here in America. Since its inception in 2007, 22,013 babies have been saved, 242 abortion workers have quit, and 120 abortion centers have closed.

40 Days for Life also involves prayerful, peaceful witnessing in front of an abortion clinic. People say the Rosary or other prayers for one hour while walking along the sidewalk. Monmouth's site is Planned Parenthood, 69 E. Newman Springs Rd, Shrewsbury.

We staff each Wednesday: Sept 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, & Nov 2 from 8AM to 6PM. Please consider joining this life saving effort for just one hour on one or more Wednesdays. Contact Hu or Joan Mador to sign up 732-367-2565, <a href="mailto:hmador@optonline.net">hmador@optonline.net</a> Please visit the 40 Days for Life web site for more info: <a href="http://40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury">http://40daysforlife.com/Shrewsbury</a> Thank you.

# HHS needs to hear your opinion by October 3rd! Visit www.usccb.org/do-no-harm to learn more.

The recent rule proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would prevent Catholic hospitals, clinics, assisted living facilities, and health care workers from carrying out their work. Act Now! Tell the Federal Government to Do No. Harm to Catholic Health Care Ministries. The HHS rule implements the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act, Section 1557. It protects people from discrimination on the basis of their sex in health care. But HHS interprets Section 1557 to impose new mandates about gender identity. According to the new rule, it would be considered discrimination for a health care worker or Catholic hospital to object outright to performing gender transition procedures, regardless of whether that objection is a matter of religious belief or clinical judgment. The proposed rule also suggests that the government may refuse to honor the right of health care workers and providers not to perform or participate in abortions. The proposed HHS Section 1557 rule could function as both an abortion mandate and a gender transition procedure mandate.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is vigorously opposing the provisions in the rule that do harm to life and religious liberty. All Catholics and people of good will can help. Visit <a href="www.usccb.org/do-no-harm">www.usccb.org/do-no-harm</a> to learn more about this and other harmful regulations, and find out how you can take action to let the government know you oppose them.

