

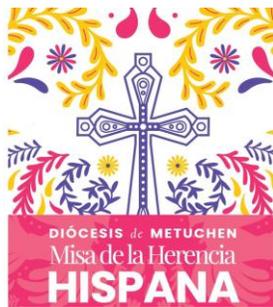
One Church Together.

PASTORAL NEWSLETTER



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

Upcoming Diocesan Wide Events



Hispanic Heritage Mass

Friday, October 15 2021

7:00 pm

Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assis, Metuchen NJ

[More information](#)

Say the Word New Jersey Diocesan Live Sessions

The New Jersey Virtual Catechist Conference is coming up on October 21-24. We are partnering with all the Dioceses in New Jersey to offer you access to nearly 90 presentations in English and Spanish. Join catechists and ministry teams from across New Jersey at this powerful virtual gathering equipping you to be a strong evangelist and witness of your Catholic faith.

Registration is FREE.

If you registered for early access in August, you are automatically registered for this conferences.

[Click here for a snapshot](#) of the prerecorded workshops that will be available.

Please reach out to our office at discipleship.formation@diometuchen.org if you have any questions.





Diocesan Youth Day

Diocesan Youth Day will be held on October 23rd from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at St. Josephs Parish in Hillsborough. The day will cost \$20 includes time for fun, food, community, prayer, speakers, and a visit from Bishop Checchio! The deadline to register is October 17th -

there are 200 tickets available for this event.

Please spread to youth ministers and families with teenagers and begin registering the teens of your parishes today!

[For more info & to Register](#)

Office of RCIA

RCIA WORKSHOPS

- Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 - [RCIA as a Liturgical Rite](#)

An overview of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults through the lens of the liturgical nature of the Rite. The major rites of the RCIA process are the gateways through which the catechumens and candidates pass on their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation. How can we best facilitate that journey? This workshop will be facilitated by Tony Varas, Diocesan Director of the Office of Worship.

[Register for Liturgical Rite](#)

- Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 - [Precatechumenate Period](#)

The Precatechumenate period is a period of evangelization. How can we best help the seekers, during this period, so that they may cooperate with God's grace and be drawn into His merciful and generous love? Facilitated by Sara Sharlow, Diocesan Director of the RCIA.

[Register for Precatechumenate](#)

- Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 - [Catechumenate Period](#)

The Catechumenate period is an apprenticeship in discipleship. How can we best form and guide the catechumens and candidates through the following: catechesis, community, prayer and apostolic works? Facilitated by Sara Sharlow

[Register for Catechumenate](#)

Click below to view the full list of workshop dates and descriptions:

[View Workshops](#)

Attached below is the most recent weekly newsletter and our sign-up if you would like to receive these emails.

[View Our Newsletter](#)

[Click Here to sign-up!](#)

Office of Human Life & Dignity



New Educational Resource:
Living the Joy of the Gospel

The Joy of the Gospel

This [two-page summary](#) of Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) is available for FREE download. This brief article explores our Christian call to evangelization and missionary discipleship, highlighting care for those who are vulnerable, like mothers and children on the peripheries. This resource can be used as a bulletin insert or included in emails and newsletters. It can also be used to facilitate discussion as part of a core team meeting or for private prayer and reflection.

[View and Download](#)



Respect Life Month
October 2021 issue of Word of Life

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

Includes Respect Life Month Action Guide.

Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 3755)

Learn more about this radical bill that was recently passed by the House of Representatives and may be voted on in the Senate soon. This bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute and would eliminate pro-life laws at every level of government. Here is a fact sheet explaining the radical nature of this bill:

Fact Sheet



Life Chain - Sunday

Peaceful, prayerful public witness to the sanctity of all human life.

Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 2:00 – 3:30 PM (Rain or shine) For locations, contact:

amarshall@diometuchen.org or jruggiero@diometuchen.org

Office for Discipleship Formation for Children

NEW PCL FORMATION

Completion of Diocesan PCL Certification Includes THREE Components: Foundations, Theology, and Spiritual Development.

These three components were developed to provide PCLs training in pastoral skills, formation, and education necessary to be a catechetical leader. The sessions are facilitated by clergy, and diocesan, and seasoned professional parish leaders who share their experience and knowledge of the realities of forming children, youth, and adults in their faith. FOUNDATIONS I has begun and all-new PCLs are encouraged to attend.

The remaining sessions are:

- October 7, 6:30PM to 8:30PM - Administration facilitated by Karen Dill
- October 14, 6:30PM to 8:30PM - Protecting Gods Children facilitated by Doranne Rossiter & Nevin Mathew
- October 28, 6:30PM to 7:30PM - Let's Talk Remote Learning facilitated by John Kobiernicki
- TBA - Legal Issues

Register Here

For questions or more information please contact Carol Mascola at:

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Office of Hispanic Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry



Talk on Marian Apparitions in Latin America Saturday, October 9 2021.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Allan Caballero
Location: Sacred Heart Chapel,
45 Bernards Ave. Bernardsville NJ 0792

[More information](#)

Virtual Course. Theological Reflection: Connecting Faith and Life

Every Wednesday from November 3 to
December 1, 2021

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Fr. Juan Carlos Gaviria
\$ 15 (Book Included)

[Register Here](#)



Curso Virtual
Reflexión Teológica:
Conectando Fe y Vida



The Joy of Love & Family Conference

Continuing with the conference series in October, join **Dr. Islandia García** with the talk: Depresión y Suicidio - Depression and Suicide, and **Liliana Soto-Cabrera** with the talk: Superando un Divorcio o Separación - Getting Over a Divorce or Separation.

These are available as a resource and tool for discussion on family life in your Parish.

Full schedule and details on Spanish track are available at:

[Lighting Hearts on Fire](#)

Twice a month we send out information regarding the Hispanic Diocesan events and other resources for our community. If you do not receive our emails, but would like to do so, please click below and complete the form:

[Click Here to sign-up!](#)

Office of Youth & Young Adult Evangelization

World Youth Day Packets

International celebrations of World Youth Day are generally held every three years with the participation of the Holy Father. The ordinary celebration of WYD, takes place every year in the particular Churches, i.e. our local church here in Metuchen. The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will partner with the Office of Communications to send out a packet to you in the coming weeks with information and prayers to celebrate a mass dedicated youth of your parish on that Sunday, November 21st (or Vigil on Saturday). Stay tuned for a packet in the coming weeks!

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Office of Communications and Public Relations



THE Catholic Spirit
NEWSPAPER OF THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY

The Catholic Spirit

The most recent edition of *The Catholic Spirit*, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, is now available. This edition features a special “Back to School” section. You can read the full edition online by clicking the link below, where you can browse through stories individually or view the full paper as it appears in print.

Have a news tip? Please email news@catholicspirit.com to share your news with The Catholic Spirit and the Office of Communications.

<https://catholicspirit.com>

Office of Family Life

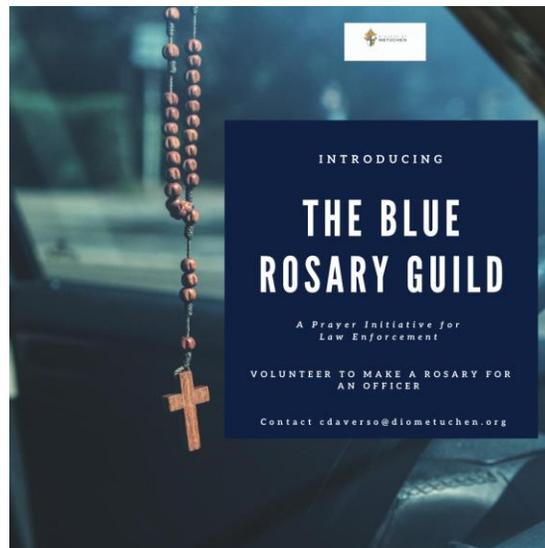
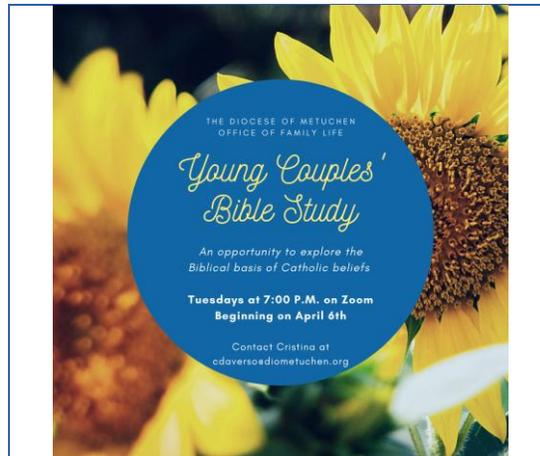
The Joy of Love & Family Conference

In honor of the Year of the Family, talks will premiere over 6 months touching on topics for every stage of family life.

This event is sponsored by the 5 Roman Catholic Diocese of New Jersey.

For more info

View Speakers



Office for Religious

Events in October 2021

We are in need of your prayers for and your participation in the following events as applicable:

- October 10 -- Candlelight Procession at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Piscataway, at 7 PM. **All are invited.** RSVP to the parish is required. Please see Fr. Paul Da Silva's [invitation](#).
- October 12 -- New Jersey Bishops Meeting with Major Superiors, a private event.
- October 28 -- Synod Listening Sessions for Persons in Consecrated Life
 - 9:30 to noon, St. John Newmann Pastoral Center
 - 7 to 9 PM, St. John Newmann Pastoral Center
 - **RSVP by October 22, 2021** to anguyen@diometuchen.org

Vocation Team:

The Office for Religious is in the process of forming a vocation team that works intentionally on vocation to religious orders. If you are interested, kindly contact Sister Anna Nguyen, SCC at anguyen@diometuchen.org. Thank you!



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Office of Worship

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