

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY/MONTH EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Monmouth County

1. **40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood, Shrewsbury, September 26- November 4** – Please consider committing to these 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. To find out how to join other pro-life prayer warriors in prayerful, public witness each day outside Planned Parenthood, 69 E. Newman Springs Rd. Shrewsbury, call (732)610-7437 or email monmouth4life@hotmail.com
2. **Life Chain – Church of St. Veronica, Howell - Respect Life Sunday, October 7, 2018:** The 28th Annual LIFE CHAIN will take place from 2:30 to 3:30 PM in front of St. Veronica’s rectory. **LIFE CHAIN** is an annual nation-wide event of peaceful and prayerful public witness against abortion and for greater respect for all human life. Pro-life witnesses will be forming a “Life Chain” along Rt. 9 in front of the St. Veronica’s rectory. Signs will be available. Please join us and stand up for life! Refreshments will be served following the witnessing. Life Chain can be used for Confirmation service time by the 8th graders. Please contact Hu and Joan Mador at 732-367-2565 or hmador@optonline.net for more information.
3. **Novena for Our Nation and the National Rosary Rally - St. Agnes/Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Atlantic Highlands, NJ – Respect Life Sunday, October 7.** Join us as we recite the Rosary in the presence of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Miraculous Pilgrim Image at the St. Agnes Grotto immediately following 10:45 am mass at St. Agnes Church 103 Center Ave, Atlantic Highlands NJ 07716. Don't miss out on this historic worldwide event by which the rosary has already been said along the coasts of Poland, Ireland, the British Isles, and now in the United States. The Rosary will be said roughly simultaneously in more than 700 locations in the United States on October 7, 2018. Visit rosarycoasttocoast.com and novenaforournation.com for more information.
4. **TruthBooth: A Window to the Womb at St. Denis, Manasquan, Respect Life Sunday, October 6,7, 2018.** The *TruthBooth* is a large display which shows state of the art photos and video of the miracle of LIFE unfolding within the womb. The display will be available for viewing in the Church gathering space before, during and after all Masses (Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 7:30-12 noon) Contact Rachel Hendricks for more information – thehendricks7@gmail.com
5. **Pure Freedom: What’s Love Got to Do with It? Friday, October 19, 2018 6:30pm St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, 19 Cherry Tree Farm Road, Middletown, NJ 07748** - A family event for parents and teens 13+. The evening includes Chastity Presentation for parents and teens. **Parenting for Purity** (presentation for parents only), Confession, and Adoration. \$10 suggested donation per student. For further information, contact Enza Cerami at livingstonesinc2018@gmail.com
6. **Champion for Life Dinner, Sunday October 28, Doolan’s Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ** – Mary’s Child Pro-Life Ministry (representing parishes in Manasquan, Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Belmar, Avon, ad Neptune) invites you to this celebration of LIFE! Our 2018 Champion for Life awardee is Rachel Hendricks and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Fr. Martin Padovani. For reservation information, please go to www.mcplm.org or contact Steve at (201)221-6497

7. **Church of St. Benedict, Holmdel** along with the Knights of Columbus and American Heritage Girls we will be collecting Diapers for Birthright-Freehold during Respect Life Month. (Deacon Richard Morris deaconrichmorris@gmail.com)
8. **Memorial Bulb Garden at the “Baby Unborn” memorial site Church of St. Gabriel, Marlboro –** The St. Gabriel Respect Life Committee will be organizing an opportunity for parishioners to help contribute to a ‘memorial bulb garden at the parish’s “Baby Unborn” Memorial site. We hope that our new bulb garden creates a beautiful place of prayer, healing and hope to all who visit this memorial site. Contact Janice Barrett for additional information HarryJanice1@optonline.net

Ocean County

1. **"Rosary for Life" - Parish of St. Isidore the Farmer** , Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7 PM in Assumption Church Chapel. The Chapel is located on Evergreen Rd. New Egypt, NJ.
2. **LIFE CHAIN - The Community of the Roman Catholic Churches of Toms River, Respect life Sunday, October 7, 2018** Let us donate one hour (2:30 to 3:30pm) to LIFE, by our participation in a Life Chain on the grass (right of way) in front of the Ocean County Mall. To park: Use the main entrance on Hooper Avenue. Please park near but not next to Bahama Breeze. A life chain is a respectful peaceful witness for life in which we will stand or sit (bring a chair) holding a sign, which will be provided, and pray. Pope John Paul II told us to be a witness of life!
3. **Sacred Heart Church in Bay Head** will be observing Respect Life Month throughout the month of October. A **Monument to the Unborn** will be placed at the entrance to the church on Sunday October 7 and **Red Lapel Roses** will be available at the doors of the church after each mass. Pro-life banners will be hung at the entrance of the Church for the month of October. The Parish Community of Sacred Heart, Bayhead is PRO LIFE!
4. **Spiritual Adoption Program - St. Pio Parish, Lavallette** is observing Respect Life month by starting a Spiritual Adoption program during the second weekend of October. Parishioners will be asked to commit to daily prayer for a baby in danger of abortion over a period of nine months (October –July). This will end with a baby shower in July which will benefit Birthright of Ocean County in Toms River. We will also be selling NJRTL raffle tickets sometime in October (date to be announced) Contact the parish office for more information.
5. **101st Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima on October 13, Come join us at Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church.** The parishes of Toms River, St. Joseph, St. Justin's, St. Luke's and St. Maximilian Kolbe will be honoring the 101st anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady in Fatima on October 13. This year's theme: ***As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His holy Mother, asking His urgent help.*** Mass will be at 8:30 am followed by the Rosary at 9:30. Coffee and light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.
6. **Respect Life Communion Breakfast, Saturday October 13, after the 8:00 am Mass – St. Mary's Church, Barnegat.** Our annual Communion Breakfast will feature Fr. Jim O'Neill, Ocean County Respect Life Chaplain and Pastor of St. John's Church, Lakehurst. \$7/adult, \$5/child. Visit the St. Mary Church, Barnegat rectory for tickets, or purchase at the door.

7. **Two Night Parish “Mission for LIFE”, St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin October 21,22.** This mission is in honor of the 50th anniversary of “Humanae Vitae”, Pope Paul VI’s prophetic encyclical on the transmission of Human Life. Pope Paul VI will be canonized this October 2018.
 - **Sunday, October 21 at 7pm in the Parish Center**– Come to see a new documentary film entitled “Sexual Revolution – 50 years since Humanae Vitae”. The film is 1 ½ hours with a 14 minute break. Msgr. Ken will end the night with a brief talk and prayer. FREE EVENT
 - **Monday October 22 at 7 pm in the Church**– Fr. Jim O’Neill, Ocean County Respect Life Chaplain and Pastor of St. John’s Church, Lakehurst will be our guest speaker. FREE EVENT

8. ***Power of the Powerless*, with Author Christopher de Vinck - St. Peter Church, Point Pleasant Wednesday October 24, at 9:30am OR 7:00pm in the Church/Kolbe Hall.** In this presentation, you will hear how a blind, disabled boy with no intellect influenced such prominent people as Henri Nouwen, the President of the United States, the Pope in Rome, Eunice Kennedy-Shriver, and Mister Rogers. You will be reminded of the power of love, the power of compassion and you will learn about the spiritual power locked inside the broken body of a truly extraordinary citizen: Oliver de Vinck. All are welcome to attend! To RSVP and for information, contact Carol at cpisani@saintpeteronline.org

Mercer County

1. **The Respect Life Committee of St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish, Hamilton, NJ is hosting its 6th Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Good Counsel Homes - South Jersey in Riverside.** A representative will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of October 13 and 14. Good Counsel Homes help homeless pregnant women and their babies. Baby bottles will be available to take home, fill it with spare change, dollars, or whatever your means allow, and return it at one of the Masses the weekend of October 20 and 21 or October 27 and 28. For information about Good Counsel homes or to make a donation online visit www.GoodCounselHomes.org. The Good Counsel national toll-free crisis pregnancy help line is 800-723-8331.
2. ***Mass of Healing for Infant and Pregnancy Loss* , Church of St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton, NJ, Thursday October 18 at 7pm.** All are welcome to this liturgy to help those women and families who have lost babies during pregnancy or in their infancy. This would include women and couples who had miscarriages or stillbirths, regretted abortion, those who lost infants due to premature births and those who journeyed with their infants through a fatal illness. All are invited to attend to support those women and families who have experienced such a loss, as are members of parish Elizabeth Ministries and Bereavement teams. Reception to follow. For more information call (732)691-6001 or moscarellocarol@yahoo.com

Burlington County

1. ***40 Days for Life* at Cherry Hill Women’s Center, 502 N. Kings Hwy, Cherry Hill, NJ September 26- November 4, 7am-7pm daily.** Please consider committing to these 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. To find out how to join other pro-life prayer warriors in prayerful, public witness each day outside the Cherry Hill Women’s Center, contact Claire at (856)313-9861 or email Claire@helpersnj.org

