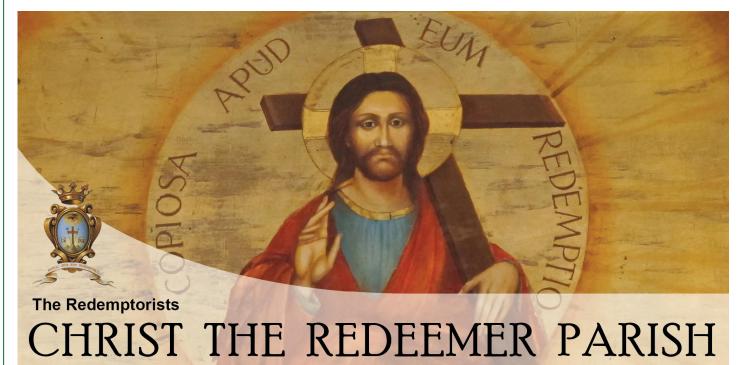
April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:00 AM (Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel) SATURDAY 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESSION

(English & Polish)
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
6:30 - 7:00 PM
SATURDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 15 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family 11:00AM †Valerie & Stanley Rusowicz r/o son, Andrew

Tuesday, April 16 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Zofia Puzio r/o Marian & Maria Puzio 11:00AM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, April 17 (Środa)

11:00AM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary 7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, April 18 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family 11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o Anna Kleszcz

Friday, April 19 (Piatek)

11:00AM †Lillian Post r/o Lois & Greg Zwerko 7:00PM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family

Saturday, April 20 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Michael & Czeslawa Gnap r/o family 11:00AM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family 5:00PM †Robert Marsicano r/o wife, daughter & granddaughter

4th Sunday of Easter, April 21 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Marian Pajak r/o Wieska Kolodziei

9:00AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society

†Carmella Motto r/o daughters

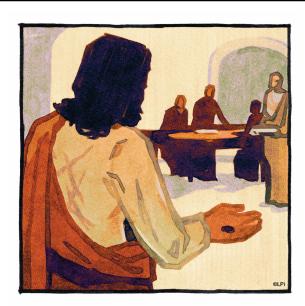
†Maryann Kristopovich r/o family

Thanksgiving r/o Antonio Cordova

†Michaline Fedorczyk r/o Sekely, Dexter & Witt **Families**

For the People of the Parish

11:30AM †Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family





He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Wordinduced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.



Monday, April 15

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

ADORATION will stop at 5:00PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM. Grades 1-4 are to report to the church for Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 20 & 21

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for youth & new evangelization. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

Poniedziałek, 15 kwiecień

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

Wtorek, 16 kwiecień

KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM. Klasy 1-4 mają obowiązek zgłosić się do kościoła na Mszę św.

NIEDZIELA, 21 KWIECIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA po komunii świętej jest przeznaczona na youth & new evangelization. Dziękujemy za ofiarność.

SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

In 2024, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

St. Paul the Apostle

Short Bio

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, was the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. Due to a miraculous experience that he had on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting early Christians to traveling all over the region preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

OUR EUCHARISTIC REVITALIZATION IS READY

Our Eucharistic Revitalization program is ready for you. It's a seven-week program that will start on Saturday, April 20th. Each week you will see an inspiring and informative video and discuss the video with parishioners. The weekly programs will last 60 minutes, beginning at 3:00 PM and concluding at 4:00 PM when our usual Eucharistic Adoration and availability of Confession begins. Commit to building your faith with these seven very special one-hour programs.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1

Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and

8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/

Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,

28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at http://www.usccb.org/nab/.



Summer Camp July 8 - 12



Summer Festival July 24 - July 27

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Lachac Family; Ralph & Christine

Trksak

Monday: Marylou Cebula

Tuesday: Jane Biago; 3rd Grade CCD Class Wednesday: Elizabeth Urookiay; Landon Calulo

Thursday: Lala Llarena Friday: Mirna Gonzalez

Saturday: Laura Christie; Leose Calulo;

Donna Puma

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Appeal video by going to https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week John Clougher will be presenting the reflections and next week Ted Petrock will be the presenters.

Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.



Pierogi are on sale in the parish office during regular business hours.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of April 7, 2024

Offertory	\$	5,986.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,181.00
Children's Donations	\$	27.00
On-line Giving	<u>\$</u>	2,363.00
Total	\$	9,557.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	2.280.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. Fr. Stan

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."

- Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

helped my mom load the groceries.

cleaned my room.

gave my friend a tip in bowling.

helped my sister put her plants out.

helped my dad with the groceries.

helped calm down my sister.

helped my brother unload the dishwater.

Stella

Alexander

Landon

Francis

Logan

Lucas

Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope.



SALE OF ORNAMENTAL TREES AND SHRUBS!

Saturday April 20th & 27th at 10am - 5pm in the parking lot.

We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Toni

Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Bricklev, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Jerry, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Helen, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Cheyenne Liccardi, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Lee Ravaioli, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Stephen Stadler, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Michael Zamorsky, Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

Airman Thomas Caswell SPC Christopher Elsen Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr. Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF Airman Michael Edward Kassick III Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF Captain John Limyansky USAF Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic Airman Jason Pikula USAF SR Jerry Lee Rogalski PFC Steven Ubry Technical Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



Council Meeting: Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

Recruiting: Catholic men 18⁺ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski

(chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Bible Study: All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Clothing Drive - May 11th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next Altar Rosary Society ROSARY Mass will be said on April 21st at society 9:00AM. Please join us for the PARISH ROSARY OF THE

MONTH AT 8:30AM.

The next First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **June 1st at 11:30AM**.



The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Panty depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked. Spring has arrived & our attention turns to the outdoors. However those less fortunate still are in need of your help. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra. Food items can be dropped off in the red containers in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.

The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:

Breakfast items: Toaster Pastry, Pancake syrup. Toothpaste, Body Wash, Shampoo, Bars of Soap. Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent. Juice(64 oz.), Coffee(Instant & Ground), Boxed

Milk(32 oz.)

Toilet paper & paper towels.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the "dead main character trope" fairly often. This is the famous *Sixth Sense* twist ending (I would say "spoiler alert," but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you've probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I'm always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You've come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don't like to have the rug pulled out. It's why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It's what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." — Luke 24:39

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Angels

Question:

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Office of the Chancellor

March 27, 2024

Rev. Stanislaw Slaby, CSsR, Pastor Christ the Redeemer P.O. Box 924 Manville, NJ 08835-0924

Dear Father Slaby,

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Anthony Scarpantonio has been called by the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Diaconate and will be ordained on Friday, May 3, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.

In accord with canon 1051, 2° of the Code of Canon Law, you are respectfully requested to make a public announcement of this pending ordination to your parish community as soon as possible prior to the scheduled date and to recommend to their prayers this man who has been chosen as their minister.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Anthony . Kearns III, Esq.

Chancellor

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Together as One Eucharist

DIOCESAN MULTICULTURAL

MASS & FAIR

A Celebration of Our Diocesan Family offered by the Office of Multicultural Ministry

APRIL 20, 2024 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi | 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ

Join Bishop Checchio at 10:00 a.m. for Mass followed by a festive celebration of the different ethnic groups in our diocesan family, sharing their food and dance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SR. MIRIAM PEREZ AT MPEREZ@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG

How to behave in a church?

A church is a place of worship, where people come to pray, meet Christ and build community around Him. We remind you of some rules that bind us in the house of God which respect and show reverence to these sacred places in our parish.

Please come to the liturgy punctually. Closed bridges, detours, etc. can surprise you only the first time. Future lateness is caused mostly by laziness.

Turn off your cell phone. Always! And don't answer any calls. Your family and friends can wait for you. Holy Mass is more important - twenty years ago no one could call you during the liturgy and everything was

Please do not talk before the liturgy. You disturb others. Rather think about the liturgy and try to open your heart to peace and silence. We can hear Gods voice only in silence.

If you have to leave for a short time for any reason, please, re-enter at the appropriate time and try not to disturb

Don't leave until a final hymn concludes.

As you leave after the liturgy don't talk in the church. You disturb those who stay for prayer and adoration.

Please, do not chew any gum in the church. An appropriate place for dental hygiene is at your home. And please don't stick chewed gum under pews!

A church isn't a beach or a gym. Please dress appropriately to the solemnity of the place. Teach children to do the

If your child cries for a very long time and you can't stop him or her, you can always use our cry room.

Jak zachowywać się w kościele?

Kościoł jest miesjcem kultu, gdzie ludzie przychodzą, by modlić się, spotkać Chrystusa i budować wspólnotę wokół Niego. Przypominamy kilka reguł, które obowiązują w domu Bożym, aby został zachowany szacunek do tych świętych miejsc w naszej parafii.

Prosimy, przyjdź punktualnie na nabożeństwo. Zamknięte mosty, objazdy, itd. Moga zaskoczyć tylko za pierwszym razem. Następne spóźnienia są spowodowane najczęściej przez lenistwo.

Wyłącz telefon komórkowy. Zawsze! I nie odbieraj jakichkolwiek rozmów. Twoja rodzina i przyjaciele mogą zaczekać na Ciebie, Msza św. jest ważniejsza – 20 lat temu nikt nie mógł się dodzwonić do Ciebie w czasie liturgii i wszystko było dobrze.

Nie rozmawiaj przed Mszą św. Przeszkadzasz innym. Pomyśl raczej o liturgii i spróbuj otworzyć swe serce na pokój i ciszę. Boga można usłyszeć jedynie w ciszy.

Jeśli musisz na krótko wyjść, to wracając uczyń to odpowiednim czasie i nie przeszkadzaj pozostałym.

Nie wychodź zanim nie skończy się pieśń na zakończenie. Opuszczając kościół nie rozmawiaj. Przeszkadzasz tym, którzy zostają na modlitwę dziękczynienia i adoracji.

PILGRIMAGES

MOTHER MARY & SAINTS PILGRIMAGE to ENGLAND, IRE-LAND, SCOTLAND. Sept 16-27, 2024. 12 Days \$4990. Includes RT Airfare from Newark, Daily Breakfasts & Dinners, Excellent Hotel accommodations, professionally guided tours in deluxe motor coach & more. Fr Abraham Orapangkal, Tour Chaplain. For more information call or Email: JULIET HOBSON 732-439-2835; Email: yeticb@icloud.com

Join us on our journey to Africa!

Visit Cape Town, Table Mountain, Robben Island, Winelands, Cape of Good Hope, Boulder's Beach, [private wine tour at Stellenbosch, Kalahari, Sossusvlei (Deadvlei/Dune 45, Big Daddy Dune), Namib Desert, Swakopmund, and the Savannah Bush and see all the Etosha wildlife. Guided Safari with in open air jeep. 12 Breakfasts, 7 meals, 2 lunches included), Daily Mass.

Contact: Fr. David Kosmoski, St. Andrew Church 244 Avenel Street, Avenel NJ 07001 Limited space available, Call 732 634-4355 October 27- November 11, 2024, Tour price, \$6,000 includes also found-trip air from Newark Liberty and superior hotels and lodges in the desert.

Pilgrimage to Spain with Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona, September 23 to October 3, 2024 hosted by Fr. Edmund Luciano, III. \$3.899 from Newark. For more information. please contact Fr. Luciano @ 908-756-0633 or info@churchofthesacredheart.neet

Bereavement Ministry Training Course

The Archdiocese of Newark's Office for Family Life Ministry is offering a virtual Bereavement Ministry Support Training Course. The six online sessions will begin Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Zoom starting April 17th – May 22nd, 2024. This program is designed for those who wish to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or those who wish to begin a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. The program can also benefit those who minister to the bereaved in parishes in other ways as well. For more information or to register please archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-

transition. If you have any questions, please call 973-497-4327 or email familylife@rcan.org.

3 Ways Catholics Can Care For the Earth



1 Get educated on how the Church expects us to care for creation. How? Start by reading the Laudato Si' encyclical by Pope Francis.



- Commit to creating less "convenient" waste. For example:
- Use refillable water bottles or coffee tumblers instead of one-time use items.
- Try out reusable beeswax wrap to preserve food instead of plastic wrap.



- Donate some time to a local creation-care organization. Consider volunteering for a:
- local park/beach cleanup
- neighborhood recycling event
- local community garden

