

# PRO-LIFE NEWS

## Looking for a Christmas Gift for a New Little One?

***Special Pro-Life Baby Blanket Raffle set for December 13-14***

From time to time, our Pro-Life Apostolate here at Mater Ecclesiae is asked to help pregnant women in need. Sometimes it's for prayers in a difficult pregnancy. Sometimes it's to link the mom to medical or social services.

Sometimes particular items, such as baby clothes or a stroller, are needed. Our parishioners have always responded generously, but in order to "fill the gap" when certain items are not available through donations, we are sponsoring a raffle in which proceeds will be used for special purchases of needed baby items.

***And what would make for a more beautiful baby gift at Christmas than one of parishioner Barbara Kohler's handmade needlepoint baby blankets?!*** (Pictured above.)

The raffle will be held on ONE WEEKEND ONLY, December 13 and 14. Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20.



*He  
came  
as a  
baby.*



### Upcoming Events

#### **Friday, December 12**

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Patroness of the Unborn  
Candlelight Vigil outside  
Cherry Hill Abortion Clinic  
Kings Hwy 7 PM

#### **Thursday, January 22**

Annual March for Life  
Washington D.C.  
**Save the date!!**

# Will New Jersey Be the Next “Assisted Suicide State”?

**NOT IF WE CAN STOP IT!**

On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a committee of the New Jersey Senate will once again start working on an assisted suicide bill: A2270/S382.

**Please don't delay -- ACT TODAY!** Call or email your state senator and voice your objection to this bill. Even if you called or emailed before, do it again.

- Tell them how the poor, the elderly and disabled will be the first to feel pressure to end their lives.
- Tell them about Oregon, where assisted suicide is legal, how insurance companies are denying treatment but offering to pay for a suicide pill.
- Tell them to support hospice and palliative care.

If the bill is not acted upon by December 31, it dies a “natural death” and must be re-introduced in the new year.



*Claire Howson, local “40 Days for Life” coordinator, leads a group of prayer volunteers, including Mater Ecclesiae parishioners, at the conclusion of this year’s Fall campaign outside the Cherry Hill Women’s (Abortion) Center.*

*Prayer vigils continue Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10 AM to noon. Come, even if you can only spend 15 or 20 minutes!*



*Mater Ecclesiae parishioners and Apostolate members enjoy a wonderful dinner together at the annual fundraising banquet for Good Counsel Homes/South Jersey.*

*From left: Monica Lenthe, Barbara Harkins, Tracye McArdle, Bill McCusker*



*(Left) Monica Lenthe and Tracye McArdle pose with Niketa Burke and her daughter. Niketa is a former resident of Good Counsel Homes who has since found a job as a pharmacy technician. She now pays for her own apartment and is supporting herself and her child. Niketa told banquet attendees, “I am eternally grateful to Good Counsel Homes...Every day I look at my daughter and thank the Lord I did not have an abortion. Because of her I strive to be the best I can.”*