

A woman was the gateway through which God found entrance to humankind.

St. Edith Stein

Happy Mother's Day

PRO-LIFE NEWS

A Special Reflection on

Motherhood

I can understand how [motherhood] might exhaust the mind, but I cannot imagine how it could narrow it.

How can it be a large career to tell other people's children about arithmetic, and a small career to tell one's own children about the universe?

How can it be broad to be the same thing to everyone, but narrow to be everything to someone?

No, a woman's function is laborious because it is gigantic, not because it is minute.

I will pity Mrs. Jones for the hugeness of her task, I will never pity her for its smallness.

G.K.Chesterton



Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day
Knights of Columbus
Baby Bottle Campaign
Kick-Off
Pick up bottles
after all Masses.

Saturday, May 12

Humanae Vitae 50 Conference Sts Simon & Jude 8 AM - 1 PM West Chester, PA Details in St. Martha Room

Saturday, June 16

Special Event for Fathers & Sons Mater Ecclesiae See Page 4 for details

A Shot in the Arm We Can All Live With

New Shingles Vaccine More Effective and Ethically Produced

If you ever had chicken pox as a child, you probably know that you are at risk of developing shingles, a very painful, sometimes dangerous, blistering rash affecting up to 1 in 3 older adults.

There is no cure for shingles and, up until now, there was only one vaccine to prevent it -- Zostavax, which was originally produced from the cell lines of aborted fetuses.

In October 2017, FDA approved a new vaccine -- **SHINGRIX**, which is ethically produced and more than 90% effective in preventing shingles. The old vaccine was only 51% effective.

Shingrix is also longer lasting in those over 70 years old.



Many doctor's offices and drug store clinics are starting to carry the vaccine, and insurance companies covering its cost.

If you had the old Zostavax vaccine, you can still get the new vaccine.

The CDC recommends Shingrix for healthy adults over 50 years old. You should get the vaccine even if you already had shingles, and you should get the vaccine even if you're not sure you ever had chickenpox as a child.

BIG 50/50 Raffle to support Good Counsel Homes

1st Prize: \$15,000 or 30% 2nd Prize: \$7,500 or 15% 3rd Prize: \$2,500 or 5%

\$50/ticket
Drawing: June 12
Must get tickets by June 1
Contact Tracye: 856-770-8488



Ticket Price: Only \$20; Student Price: \$10

Annual Kof C Baby Bottle Campaign Kicks Off on Mother's Day Weekend

Want to know where the money goes? Here's the story of one family who is rebuilding their lives with assistance from one of the organizations supported by our baby bottle fundraiser...

Meet Tom and Amy, a formerly homeless married couple. With assistance from Helpers of God's Precious Infants: they were linked to a program which found them a one bedroom apartment; Amy completed a drug rehabilitation program; Tom attended fatherhood classes; together they completed a parenting program; furniture and household goods were obtained for them. The couple continues to work to improve their situation.

Because of the Helpers' efforts, the couple was in a good place when they finally welcomed Ariana, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. in early November 2017.



Amy, Tom & Baby Ariana

Amy celebrated 10 months clean on April 12th and their plan is to have Ariana baptized soon.

Please pray for God's continued blessings on this beautiful family! It is because of your donations that we are able to help this homeless couple build a stronger, better life together.



If you missed picking up your free copy of "Imposed Death", addressing the issue of assisted suicide and measures you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones, there are some additional copies in the St. Martha Room. One copy per family please.

Attention Fathers & Sons

Fathers & Sons...a casual, fun, special evening

F A T H A E P S Y D A Y



Food 5 Beverage?

Of course! Pízza, beer, soda, snacks

Cost:

Over 18: \$5 under 18: free

Program

- Presentations (short & not boring)
- Videos
- Table discussions
- Sharing ideas, suggestions
 & camaraderie





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For Reservations & More Info:

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Where & When

Mater Ecclesíae Roman Catholíc Church 261 Cross Keys Road Berlín, NJ

Saturday, June 16 Right after the 5 PM Mass

Why

To celebrate fatherhood and help prepare boys § young men for the most important role they will ever have.

Who

Fathers, Grandfathers, Sons (teens, young adults, on up)

