

"In a time when the meaning of masculinity and fatherhood are being questioned, photos like Calmon's [right] are a humbling reminder that parenthood is a beautiful, necessary part of life. This photo not only captures a special moment between father and son, but reminds us that life is something to be treasured."

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Reflections of a New Father by Victor Calmon

"That moment when it hits you like a ton of bricks and your hands are shaking because you suddenly discover your purpose and the reason you're in this world. To God I say, 'Thank you,' to my wife I say, 'I love you,' and to my son I say, 'Welcome!"

"I saw myself at the center of a complicated situation, you know, and everything was new to me, and incredible fear came over me. Now, I wouldn't be worrying just about me anymore; I had this new life to take care of. So I got over my embarrassment and just knelt down and talked to God. I asked him to help me mature, to become a better man, a good father, a good husband, and to increase my desire to grow and work, so that my child might not lack anything."



Calmon and son

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day Celebration Cooper River Park 1 - 3 PM See Page 4 for details.

<u>June 15 -16</u>

Father's Day Weekend Time to return your baby bottles FILLED with cash, checks, & coins to support local pregnancy resource organizations.

Happy Father's Day

Reminder...

Keep filling those baby bottles.

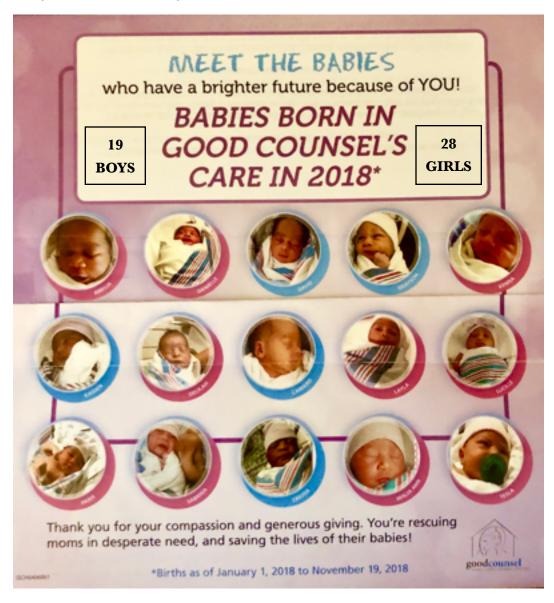
<u>Bring them back</u> on Father's Day,





Where Does the Money Go?

This year to Good Counsel Homes in Riverton, NJ a home for pregnant and parenting homeless mothers and their babies.



M.E. Pro Lífe Apostolate Purchases 20 Week Fetal Model



Imagine holding a realistic, true-to-size model of a baby in the womb, 20 weeks post conception.

Using the model in educational sessions, our Pro-Life Apostolate hopes that such up-close-and-personal contact with "Baby Eve", completing her 5th month in the womb, will engage both young and old to work for the protection of all human life, starting with a ban on late term abortions (i.e. - post 20 week gestation) in NJ.

The 20/20 Project is a statewide effort to enact such a ban - through prayer, Mass Offerings, postcard campaigns to legislators and car magnets promoting the humanity of the unborn: "Babies in the Womb Feel Pain". Please visit our 20/20 display in the St Martha Room.

Helping Parishes Get Started with a Pro-Life Group

Our Pro-Life Apostolate was on hand at St Elizabeth Ann Seton in Absecon to help them launch a pro-life group in their community. Over 30 parishioners showed up to express interest in getting involved with the church's efforts to educate and advocate for the protection of the unborn. We look forward to sharing information and resources with this newly formed, enthusiastic group!



Good Dads make a Dífference. A Special Invitation to Dads and their Children...



Reprinted from the Catholic Star Herald

Mother's Day is easier. We buy Mom flowers, take her to brunch, drive her to a casino, buy her a plant, or give her some chocolates. But what can we do with Dad on Father's Day? Or what can dads do with their kids to make it a special day?

This year, the answer is simple. Fathers & Families, a local non-profit committed to building awareness of the importance of fathers and helping dads be better dads, is holding a special event at **Cooper River Park on Father's Day, June 16 from 1:00 till 3:00.** All dads and their kids of all ages are invited to participate. Moms are welcome, too.

"It will be a fun event with games, prizes, food, and a few speakers, all to celebrate dads and honor them for the roles they play in the lives of their kids and families," said Bill McCusker, Founder & CEO of Fathers & Families.

McCusker stressed the idea of fun, perhaps the old-fashioned kind. "I am looking forward to seeing dads and their kids joust in the tug-of-war, the three-legged race, and the egg toss. No video games. Sloppy clothes are recommended, as rain or shine, it may get a bit messy."

Guests will include former Philadelphia Eagle great, G Cobb, members of the Pennsauken Police and Fire departments, a military veteran, and a Kung Fu master who will give a brief self-defense demonstration. According to McCusker, these guests will all be fathers and great role models who are looking forward to interacting with the kids and their dads. McCusker added that a fun walk is also planned, so signs in support of dads are encouraged.

The two hour event, from 1:00 to 3:00, allows dads to attend Mass and interact with their families in the morning, participate in the Fathers & Families event, and still get home to fire up the grill, watch the U.S. Open, or otherwise do whatever will make it a special day for dads and their kids.