

Archbishop Hebda to Attend Our Lady of Lourdes Feast

MOUNTAINSIDE — The parish community of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the 14th anniversary of the parish's Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Tuesday, February 11. The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Co-Adjutor Archbishop of Newark, will participate as celebrant and homilist.

The anniversary celebration will take place at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church, located at 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside, beginning with a 7:30 p.m. Mass. All past, present and future adorers and their families are welcome to attend. A reception will follow in Pollard Hall.

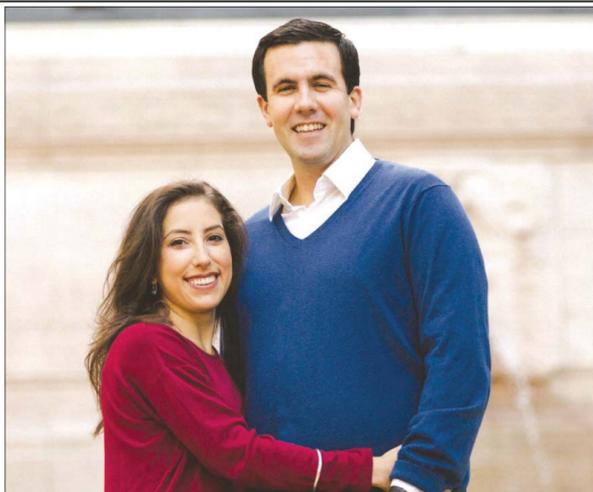
The Adoration Chapel first opened on February 11, 2000 and has remained a place where the faithful visit with the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Scheduled adorers are always present while the Holy Eucharist is exposed.

"There is no other place to find peace and devotion like one finds in the Adoration Chapel," said Irene Ciccarino, the chapel's coordinator for the past 14 years.

The small chapel adjacent to the church sanctuary is open for anyone who wishes to visit with the Holy Eucharist and spend some quiet time in prayer. It features a library of devotional literature for anyone to use while visiting.

Individuals interested in spending an hour a week in quiet prayer or meditation are invited to volunteer as a regularly scheduled adorer. Those with a partner can spend an hour every other week if each week does not work. Scheduled adorers are always needed and always welcome. For information or to volunteer, call Irene Ciccarino at (732) 574-0064.

Anyone interested in attending the anniversary celebration or needing further information may call the parish office at (908) 232-1162.



Ms. Erica Lynn Cenci and Bryan W. Cordes

Ms. Erica Lynn Cenci To Wed Bryan W. Cordes

Mr. and Mrs. Victor S. Cenci of Westfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Erica Lynn Cenci, to Bryan Wesley Cordes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stephen Cordes, also of Westfield.

A 2002 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and English in 2006 from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. After graduating she taught dance at the Paper Mill Playhouse and choreographed musicals, including several at Westfield High School. A member of Actors Equity, she currently is an

actress in New York City and has performed in the national tours of *CATS* and *A Chorus Line*.

The groom-to-be also graduated from Westfield High School in 2002. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 2006 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and his master's degree from New York University in 2012, with a focus on addictions and co-occurring disorders. He is employed as a licensed social worker at Hazelden, an alcohol and drug treatment center in New York City.

A June 2014 wedding is planned.

Fanwood Library on Brink Of Goal In Raising Funds

FANWOOD — The trustees of the Fanwood Memorial Library report that they are 89 percent of the way to reaching their fund-raising goal of \$10,000. They began the campaign in December 2013 to close the gap between increased patron demand and decreased funding. All proceeds will be used to shore up two vital areas residents identified as "not adequate" in last spring's survey: new books and other materials and technology upgrades.

"It is so gratifying to see the level of response and support we've gotten," said Dan Weiss, library director, "and it reinforces the message that the library is important to so many residents, families and library users. We will continue to make every effort to be responsive to the needs of the community, and many thanks to those who have been so generous with their donations."

Like so many libraries nationally, the Fanwood Library has become a media center, technology hot spot and community hub. As usage increases, however, funding has plummeted. Since 2009, library funding has dropped more than

\$40,000. During that same period, use of the library has risen in terms of circulation, patron visits, use of computers and program attendance.

Having come so close to their goal, the trustees have decided to extend the deadline for the campaign, which will now finish on Friday, February 14, 2014. Although the amount will not completely make up for all the money lost in the past five years, it will greatly help with purchases of new materials and computer upgrades, according to Mr. Weiss.

"We have a terrific, engaged board and board president, a great staff and an amazing Friends group, and the response to the Close the Gap campaign makes it clear that the library is an integral part of what makes Fanwood such a great community," said Mayor Colleen Mahr.

A secure, online tax-deductible gift to help close the gap can be made via PayPal at fanwoodlibrary.org/donate. Donations also may be mailed or delivered to the library at 5 Forest Road, Fanwood, N.J. 07023. Contributions may be made in honor of or in memory of someone.

Kids' Valentine Workshop Is Saturday at Reeve Center

WESTFIELD — In the tradition of Valentine's Day, the 4-H Living History Club of Union County will hold a make-your-own Victorian Valentines-themed workshop for children between the ages of 6 and 12 this Saturday, February 8, at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center, located at 314 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. The center serves as the headquarters of the Westfield Historical Society.

The children's workshop, taking place from 10 a.m. to noon, will give youngsters the opportunity to create 1850's-era valentines using stylized written verse, vintage images, lace and ribbons. The workshop also will feature the history of valentines and participants may tour the Victorian Valentine display currently running at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center. The fee for workshop supplies is \$3 per child. An adult must accompany each child.

The Union County 4-H Living History Club is for boys and girls in grades 6 to 8 and is run by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension and supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Registration is limited, so interested persons are asked to reserve a spot as soon as possible. To register, call the Historical Society office at (908) 654-1794 or send an e-mail to info@westfieldhistoricalsociety.org.

The Westfield Historical Society is a non-profit organization, the mission of which is to preserve and en-

courage interest in history, Westfield and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach.

Talley's Folly to Aid Paul Jackson Fund

WESTFIELD — A staged reading of *Talley's Folly* by Lanford Wilson will take place this Saturday, February 8, at 8 p.m. in Westminster Hall at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue, to benefit The Paul Jackson Fund.

Presented by Fred Dennehy and Lisa Black, *Talley's Folly* will be directed by Kate Daly and presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Services.

Talley's Folly is the story of two unlikely sweethearts set in 1944 in Lebanon, Mo. The romantic comedy follows Matt Friedman and Sally Talley as they reluctantly share their pasts and hope for a future with each other. The play is 97 minutes long with no intermission. Mr. Wilson received the 1980 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for the work.

Tickets are \$12 and will be available at the door or prior to the event at The Paul Jackson Fund office, located at 223 Elmer Street in Westfield. For more information, call (908) 233-6110. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit The Paul Jackson Fund, which provides financial support to families in crisis because of catastrophic illness or disability. Further information about The Paul Jackson Fund is available at pauljacksonfund.org.

Miller-Cory Will Showcase 'Vintage Valentines' Sunday

WESTFIELD — Love will be in the air this Sunday, February 9, as the Miller-Cory House Museum presents "Vintage Valentines" from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

The writing of romantic notes and letters for St. Valentine's Day was very popular in colonial America. By the mid-1800s, the first mass-produced Valentine's Day cards were sold, and an industry was born.

The museum program will feature a display of vintage valentines, many with unique details such as pop-ups, cutouts and trinkets. A Valentine's Day craft and storytelling will be included. Light refreshments will be served. Admission will be \$3 for adults and children age 13 and older; \$2 for children ages 3 to 12 and free for those under age 3.

Upcoming Sunday programs at the museum include "Quilts and the Underground Railroad" on February 23; "Maple Sugar Sunday" on March 9, and "Jews in 18th Century America" on March 23. Demonstrations of open-heart cooking also will resume in March.

The Miller-Cory House Museum, built in 1740, is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail. The museum is available for school,

Scout or other group tours on weekdays during the morning or after school. Other programs include a showcase of 18th-century skills during which volunteers demonstrate colonial-era crafts and discuss 18th-century life in New Jersey for interested groups, including on-site at local schools.

For more information, call (908) 232-1776 or e-mail millercoreymuseum@gmail.com. Details on all programs also are posted on the museum's Facebook page. The museum's website is millercoreyhouse.org.

Holy Trinity Seniors To Gather Monday

WESTFIELD — The Holy Trinity Senior Social Club will meet on Monday, February 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Parish Center on Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will be the guest speaker and will discuss her newly published book. Ms. Rajoppi will have copies available for purchase and also will sign them. Friends are welcome.

Father Matt Looney is accepting reservations for the club's April trip to the Paper Mill Playhouse to see *South Pacific*. Club members also are asked to bring donations for the Westfield Food Pantry.

Library Invites Visitors To Pick Up 'Blind Date'

GARWOOD — From Monday, February 10, through Friday, February 28, visitors to the Garwood Public Library are invited to participate in the library's fourth annual "blind date" program.

The "dates" are actually a specially selected group of books, both fiction and non-fiction, contemporary and classic, and attractively wrapped. The rules are simple: Participants check out one of the "blind dates" and take it home before unwrapping it. They must promise to read at least 50 pages of the book. If they do not like it, they may bring it back and try another, or if they do like it, continue enjoying it. They may do this as many times as they like before February 28.

There will be a brief review form included with the book, asking the reader if he or she liked or did not like the book and why. Participants are asked to return the completed review form to the library on or before Friday, March 14, and they will be entered into a random drawing for a prize.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Walnut Street and Third Avenue, behind the Lincoln School complex. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays,

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To contact the library, call (908) 789-1670 or e-mail garwoodlibrary@gmail.com. The library website is yousemore.com/garwood.

Best Friend to Hold Valentine's Day Sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will have a 60-percent-off Valentine's Day Sale at its thrift store Wednesday through Saturday, February 12 through 15. Located at 1750 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, the store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The Best Friend Rescue group is a not-for-profit organization run solely by volunteers. The thrift store, which supports the care of homeless animals, features many one-of-a-kind items, small furniture, jewelry, collectibles, books and knickknacks. Some winter coats, new scarves, hats and gloves are still available.

The shop is accepting donations of new items, and volunteers are always needed. For more information, call (908) 322-2502 or visit bestfriend.petfinder.com. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Westfield Library to Offer Clutter-Control Program

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library will present "How to Control Your Clutter" on Monday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street. Presenter Karen Camden will help audience members organize their lives by defining their habits, eliminating time wasters and setting goals and priorities. Each student will be asked to fill out a clutter-control worksheet.

Ms. Camden is president of Camden Associates, a consulting firm that provides services in communications and people skills, organizational assessments and clutter control. She has taught many popular computer and gardening classes at the library. On Saturday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m., she will present a program at the library on the basics of gardening.

The clutter-control program will be free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. Interested persons should call the Westfield Memorial Library at (908) 789-4090 to learn if their library participates. To register for the program, visit the library's website, wmlnj.org, and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension 0.

For more information on library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop by the library for a copy of its award-winning, quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

SP-F Service League Lists Thrift Shop Sale Dates

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League's thrift shop, located at 1741 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, will have a special solid red half-price sale from Tuesday, February 11, to Saturday, February 15.

Solid red items, except those in the case and windows, will be half-price. The League also will raffle off two items on February 15 at 12:30 p.m. Entries can be deposited from February 11 through 15. A customer does not have to be present to win.

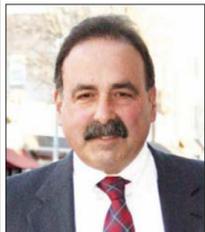
The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that has served the local communities since 1974. Since

its founding, the League has donated \$1.1 million to local causes. For more information about the League or membership, call (908) 322-5420, visit scotchplains-thriftshop.weebly.com or speak to a shop volunteer. Individuals also are invited to check out the League's new Facebook page, "Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League," and give a "Like."

Shop hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are always welcome during business hours. Free parking is available on the street and in the rear of the building. Visitors may enter the parking lot via Willow Avenue.

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HOW TO STOP DOGS FROM DIGGING

No matter the season, dogs and digging seem to go together like summer and ice cream cones. But not all pet owners are thrilled to find ankle-breaking holes riddling the back yard. What to do? First figure out the reason why. Dogs dig holes for a variety of reasons, one being entertainment. A bored or lonely dog's digging can be alleviated by providing plenty of entertainment. Wear a dog out with playtime or a long walk. Dogs also dig to hunt small prey, so use humane ways to keep little animals out of the dog run. If the dog is digging in search of comfort or protection from hot or cold temperatures, be sure to provide shelter. As discussed in today's column, dogs dig for a number of reasons

and it's important to keep in mind that your dog is not digging to spite you. If you don't clearly communicate to your dog that digging is unacceptable behavior, he won't even realize that he is doing anything "wrong". We are committed to promoting responsible pet ownership and preventative health care. We consider ourselves true animal lovers. Call us today for more information or to schedule an appointment. Our doctors' house calls last an average of 45 minutes. VETdispatch Mobile Veterinarians, we are "The Less Stress Vets". P.S. For dogs that just like to dig, consider making an area of the yard a "dig zone."



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