

CENTRAL JERSEY DAILY RUNDOWN

Catholic pilgrims make long walk on Sept. 21

Following the cross and led by the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, more than 700 pilgrims journeyed through the streets and roads in Hunterdon County on Saturday, Sept. 21. Planned as part of the Diocese of Metuchen's yearlong intentional preparation leading to the Dec. 12 consecration of the diocese to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe, the pilgrimage drew many participants to a call of reawakening and to a life of discipleship as they made the nine-mile trek that began and concluded at Immaculate Conception Parish in the Annandale section of Clinton Township. An outdoor Eucharistic Holy Hour was stationed in a park at the six-mile mark, where priests gave reflections, witnesses gave testimony to their faith and participants had the opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and join in praise and worship. Visit diometuchen.org.

Local actress brings solo show to NY Sunday

Colonia resident Renée Marino is bringing her solo show, "I Am Me, Because Of Three" to Green Room 42

at 9:30 p.m. Sept. 29. This will be Marino's New York solo show debut after performing to sold out crowds in Los Angeles. "I Am Me, Because Of Three" introduces audiences to the three powerful figures in Marino's life who guided her to become the woman she is and gives insight into her heart and soul through various personal stories



Marino

and an array of songs ranging from classics like, "Under My Skin" and "Smile" to more current pop hits like Sara Bareilles' "Brave." Marino can be seen as Mary Delgado - the wife of Frankie Valli - in the film "Jersey Boys" directed by Clint Eastwood and most recently, Marino was a member of the original Broadway cast of "Pretty Woman." For tickets to her solo show, go to www.TheGreenRoom42.com or call 646-707-2990.

Ramkissoon appointed

Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center has announced the addition of Winston Ramkissoon as director of the Emergency Department in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, effective Monday, Oct. 7. Prior to joining Raritan Bay, Ramkissoon served 24 years at Hackensack Meridian Health Hackensack University Medical Center. For more information about the Raritan Bay Medical Center Emergency Department, visit www.rbmc.org/emergency-medical-services/.

Fitzgerald recognized

Brian Fitzgerald, president and CEO of Easterseals

NJ, has been named a winner in the 2019 NJBIZ Icon Honors awards program. Fitzgerald has been with Easterseals for 40 plus years, starting as an intern in 1974. The NJBIZ Icon Honors awards recognizes New Jersey business leaders over the age of 60 for their notable success and demonstration of strong leadership both within and outside of their chosen field. For more information about the 2019 Icon Honors Awards Program, visit www.njbiz.com/events.

County clerk's office going to Bedminster

Somerset County Clerk Steve Peter and members of his staff will be at Bedminster's Town Hall, 1 Miller Lane, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. Residents will be able to apply for a U.S. passport, get sworn in as a Notary, apply for a Veteran's ID, Peddler's License or a Goldstar Parent I.D., and more. Regular business hours for the County Clerk's Office, located in the county Administration Building at 20 Grove St. in Somerville, are from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extended hours are held Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. and on the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, contact the Somerset County Clerk's Office at 908-231-7013 or email CountyClerk@co.somerset.nj.us.

Cancer Support Community awarded \$300k

The Far Hills Race Meeting Association and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset's Community Health Partnership recently awarded \$300,000 to Cancer Support Community Central New Jersey (CSCCNJ) in Bedminster, a nonprofit organization providing psychosocial support and education, at no charge, to address the social and emotional impact of cancer on patients, caregivers, loved ones, and children. With these funds, CSCCNJ is embarking on Multicultural Cancer Outreach in Somerset County to increase access to cancer support, programs, and services. The Far Hills Race Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19. For more information about attending the event, visit www.farhillsrace.org.

Vote-by-Mail ballots available Oct. 1

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has announced Vote-by-Mail ballots will be available in the Union County Clerk's Offices in Elizabeth and Westfield starting on Tuesday, Oct. 1 to registered voters who wish to cast their Vote-by-Mail ballot for the 2019 General Election. Election Day 2019 is on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The deadline to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot through the mail is Tuesday, Oct. 29 and the application must be received by the County Clerk's Office before or on this date. The deadline to apply in person at the County Clerk's office is Monday, Nov. 4 by 3 p.m. The vote-by-mail process begins when the voter applies for a ballot. There are several ways to obtain an application form: Download an application form



through the County Clerk's elections website at unioncountyvotes.com; request a form by mail or email by using the free Union County Votes mobile app, calling the County Clerk's elections division at 908-527-4996, or emailing the County Clerk at ucvote@ucnj.org; or pick up a form at a local municipal building, or at the County Clerk's offices in Elizabeth and Westfield. The Main Office of the County Clerk is in Room 113 at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., in Elizabeth. The County Clerk's Westfield Annex is in the Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. For details about all County Clerk programs and services including passports and deed recording, visit ucnj.org/county-clerk or call 908-527-4787.

2019 Annual Appeal

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is asking area residents to support the services it provides for the Summit community in its 2019 annual fundraising appeal. Requests for tax-deductible donations to directly fund its operations were mailed to homeowners and businesses in Summit during the week of Sunday, Sept. 22. The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is not a city agency and receives no funding from the municipality; it relies solely on private donations to fund the purchase of medical supplies, equipment, and for professional training of its members. The First Aid Squad has no paid staff. To donate online, learn about how to volunteer, or view a video on the squad, visit the new Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad website at <https://summitems.org> or call 908-277-9479.

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Father Timothy A. Christy, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Metuchen, leads the Eucharistic Procession for the last three miles of the walking pilgrimage, following the Eucharistic Holy Hour that was stationed in a park at the six-mile mark. COURTESY OF TARA SMITH