St. Michael the Archangel
Pregnancy Help Center Newsletter

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Between the Barbershop and the Center: God Sent an Angel



The search for our new pregnancy center home had been ongoing. One option after another seemed unworkable. As the move out date of October 31st loomed large on the horizon, it was unclear what God had in store for us.

Then someone mentioned the Barnegat barbershop down the street from St. Mary's. It was for rent. "It's too small" was the consensus. On a whim the barbershop owner was called.

How many square feet do you have to rent? About 400 was the answer. (We needed at least 2,000 square feet.) Another lead gone nowhere; another dead end. With two and a half months to departure, we still had nowhere to go!

But then the barbershop owner called back! He had a friend, he said. And that friend had a building. Once the building was explained, we recognized the property. Hope quickly vanished in thin air like a popped balloon since we knew we couldn't afford it.

"Call him" the barbershop owner encouraged. "How many square feet?" "I don't know. Call him." he urged us. "But it is for sale and we can only rent." "Call him," came the refrain. Before calling him, the barbershop owner encouraged us to look inside the building. We looked. We were speechless.

There was room for everything we would ever need as a pregnancy center: a welcome room, ultrasound, baby boutique room, counseling room, office, kitchen, training, inventory and Boardroom, storage room and even room for a small chapel so we can pray for the moms who come most especially while ultrasounds are being done.

We were driving to the center when we called the owner, Deacon Frank. He said he would meet us at the pregnancy center in about an hour. Like an angel on a mission he walked in with his son and the two sat down at our table. He wanted to talk "business." He knew about our center and could rent the property to us at a discounted price. "I know Msgr. Ken," he assured us "I did hospital visits and funerals for St. Mary's." He extended his hand to us to shake on a "deal." We cautioned that we needed Board review and approval. Then he waved his hand as if to say "Don't worry about it. It will all work out." And so it has.

Deacon Frank offered us furniture, an early move in date, delayed rent payment, help moving and blessings too many to count. Please pray with us in thanksgiving to God for this generous man and his family. He has been for St. Michael's an angel on earth. And pray in thanksgiving to God for the barbershop owner as well. Without the barbershop owner, we may never have found our angel on earth.

And thanks to all of you who held steadfast in prayer for the center over many months. God has heard and answered our prayers far beyond *all that we could ask or imagine*. (Eph. 3:20) Many prayers were sent to heaven for the center, but here is one:

O' Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You.



Our new home! (Above)



Jesus, we trust in You! +

CATHOLIC GIRL SCOUTS PAY US A VISIT!



Pictured left are Girl Scouts: Elizabeth Roth (front right), Athena Ploumitsakos (front left) and Emma Ploumitsakos (rear right).

On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, a group of Catholic Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, located within the Diocese of Trenton, visited St. Michael the Archangel Pregnancy Center bringing with them donations of diapers for our moms. The girls visited the center with their mothers and program leader Melissa Street. Melissa is the Girl Scout Chair for the Diocese of Trenton.

The visit will help the girls meet requirements for the programs in which they are enrolled. Athena is fulfilling the "I live my faith" program and Elizabeth and Emma are fulfilling the "Mary, the Disciple" program.

At St. Michael's we are happy to provide tours for our youth and to do all that we can to encourage young people to understand and embrace a culture of life.

THANK YOU ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Thank you to St. Maximillian Kolbe Knights of Columbus Council #10899 in Tom's River! In August we were delighted to receive a visit by Grand Knight, Joe Accardi, and Secretary to the Knights Robert Zaratin. And we were equally delighted to give them a tour and explain to them the workings of the center. We are so grateful for their very generous donation of $2,000 to St. Michael's. Thank you St. Maximillian Kolbe Knights of Columbus. May God forever bless you for your goodness!

And a special thank you to all of our supporters, prayer warriors and donors. It is only by God's grace working through your charitable hearts that this mission for moms in need will continue to expand and grow. This truly is a team effort! Thank you all!

St. Michael Help Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. We are an affiliate of Heartbeat International, and a member of NIFLA (National Institute of Family and Life Advocates). We are a Catholic-aligned pregnancy help center which supports women with unplanned pregnancies and their families by offering (or facilitating access to) a wide range of supplies and services, to brighten their future and enable them live a life of dignity. We hope to expand this vital mission toward our goals of hiring an executive director, providing ultrasound and one day having a small chapel for life.

HOW TO GIVE:

Online: Visit our website at stmichaelhelp.org; or simply scan the QR code (below right). (We are especially in need of recurring monthly donations — any amount would be a big help.)

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