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# **CATHOLIC SCOUTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

exciting program opportunities for today's youth, while still building on its core values of duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to one's self. Among the twelve points of the Scout Law is the commitment that a Scout is reverent.

Catholic Scouts and Scout leaders from throughout northern New Jersey gathered on Sunday, March 13 to offer prayer and show support for the people of the Ukraine. Almost 40 members of the Cub Scout, Scouts BSA and Venturing programs, and many family members, celebrated the Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy at the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside. The Scouts shared prayer and hope for the end of hostilities in war-torn Ukraine.

Boy Scout Troop 23, sponsored by St. Genevieve's at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.

The Boy Scouts of America offers many varied and Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth, participated in the Mass. Scoutmaster Dan Bernier noted that "in addition to showing solidarity and offering prayer, the Scouts had a great opportunity to experience the similarities and the differences between the Ukrainian Catholic and Roman Catholic Masses. Both churches are in Communion with Pope Francis in Rome."

> The Scouting program instills character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth through outdoor activities such as campouts and hikes, involvement in community activities, and just plain fun! Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 provide activities and training for boys of all faiths, from St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area, from Kindergarten through high school graduation.

For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster,



(above) Catholic Scouts and leaders, including some from Boy Scout Troop 23 of St. Genevieve's Church, Elizabeth, gathered at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside to offer prayer and hope for the people of Ukraine.



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# **30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEALTHY KIDS DAY®**

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The Gateway Family YMCA is hosting Healthy Kids Day® on April 30th, 2022, encouraging kids, families and adults to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this annual event. The Gateway Family YMCA will be hosting an Open House throughout the day at 4 locations in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union, as well as a Summer Day Camp Parent Information Session from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. on April 30th. For details visit tgfymca.org/events.

"The past two years have been difficult for everyone, and children especially are feeling the effects of social isolation. Through Healthy Kids Day, our Y is hoping to connect families in our community to activities, events and programs available to assist all," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. day event promoting the health and well-being of kids and families. Healthy Kids Day gives Ys an opportunity to connect members and families in their community with important resources on healthy eating, physical activity and academic enrichment. Healthy Kids Day is also the unofficial kickoff for Y Summer Programming and Summer Camp.

"We believe in the potential of all children, and we strive to help kids find that potential within themselves. When a child is healthy, happy and supported, they can make great things happen," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP, Chief Operating Officer.

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Healthy Kids Day is the Y's largest single- strengthening community by connecting all people to their potential, purpose and each other. Working locally, the Y focus on empowering young people, improving health and well-being, and inspiring action in and across communities. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y ensure that all have access to the opportunities, relationships and resources necessary to learn, grow and thrive.

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Sponsor, register to play or support now! "As a nonprofit we rely on fundraisers and donations to bring the services to the women. The golf outing is our second largest fundraiser. It is a great event with fun had by all," said Gail Driscoll, Josephine's Place's executive director, adding "Last year we had a sold-out event. That's my hope for this year too!" There are many ways to participate: be an event sponsor, play golf, take a chance on 50/50 tickets and raffles, donate or join us for lunch and/or dinner.

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Since our creation, women have found a safe haven at Josephine's Place - a welcoming and peaceful environment where they can connect with one another and develop the skills they need to succeed for themselves, their families and their communities.

"Our drop-in center on Elizabeth Avenue has grown over the years. We are so very fortunate to have the space to offer classes and programs to meet the needs of the women. Our services are free," said Driscoll. While women continue to discover Josephine's Place, the ever-present need for volunteers is increasing. Said Driscoll, "We especially need volunteers to teach English and computer skills."

The topics span a wide variety of subjects such as computer literacy, quilting, English, arts & crafts and exercise. The center also hosts support groups for victims of domestic violence and parents of autistic children, among others. One aspect of Josephine's Place is its focus on health and wellness, in particular physical fitness.

In its 19 years in existence, Josephine's Places has made its mark on the community and has been recognized as an asset by government officials and fellow nonprofit organizations. Established by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Josephine's Place has grown into its own independent 501c3 nonprofit organization.

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# **EARTH DAY RAHWAY RIVER CLEAN-UP - APRIL 23**

All volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2022 with Boy Scout Troop 330, Cub Scout Pack 30 and members of the Rahway River Watershed Association in a clean-up of the Rahway River on Saturday, April 23rd (with a rain date of Sunday, April 24th). The clean-up will focus on areas upstream and downstream of the dam at Winfield Park, New Jersey throughout Rahway River Park. Please plan to stop by the parking area adjacent to the waterfall of the Rahway River by the dam at Winfield Park at 8:45 a.m. to register, pick up bags, gloves, bottled water and snacks, and receive safety information.

Teams will be encouraged to travel to any part of the river within the park where they would like to perform cleanup activities but we specifically will ask folks to always work in small groups for safety purposes with folks socially distanced.

Cleaning up a river and park area is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and if you haven't participated in an event like this before, you will find it invigorating, and you will feel good about what you have accomplished. It is also fun and educational, especially for scouts and young adults as they always find something interesting. Over the 20+ years this cleanup has occurred thousands of folks have participated, including girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, fishermen, local activists and citizens, and we pulled some amazing things from the river.

The clean-up will generally be between 9a.m. till noon, but any amount of time or effort that folks can volunteer is appreciated. There is always a large volume of floatable debris to pick up, and this year there remains substantial debris in the floodplain from Hurricane Ida last fall. The team working registration will provide suggestions on areas with large volumes of floatable debris.

All participants should wear jeans, longsleeved shirts, gloves and boots, waders are welcome for folks who like to get a little wet. Each participant should bring a standard 5-gallon carry bucket with a handle (put your name on the bottom), this makes for easy carrying of "stuff" for transfer to the large garbage bags. A mulching rake is also a great asset to have to enable reaching out and pulling debris into shore from the river bank. When we complete the event we do a basic inventory of the "big stuff" that we removed, and within approximately 24 hours Union County Parks removes and disposes of all the trash. There is no RSVP required but if you need more information or think you will attend please let us know by e-mail at rivercleanup@comcast.net.



(above) Some interesting things have been pulled out of the river during the annual Earth Day River Clean-up events.

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# **ELIZABETH LIBRARY ELMORA BRANCH TO GET A NEW GARDEN**



(above) HEART Grant recipient Daphnie Manzione is Growing a Better World. The Peace Garden will be replanted this April in the Elizabeth Library Garden, Elmora Branch.



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Elizabeth resident and Union County College (UCC) Alum Daphnie Manzione never forgot her time at the college, or in its historic Cranford Campus Peace Garden. The Garden, which was removed in 2014 to make way for a new student center, will now have a new home this Spring thanks to a Union County HEART Grant.

The Peace Garden was established in 1981 by students who were shocked and saddened by the crimes against humanity when reading the Holocaust Novel, The Painted Bird, authored by Jerzy Kosiński in a Union County College Banned Books Class taught by Professor Vicki Reback. They were inspired to do something, they sought to GROW A BETTER WORLD.

Professor Reback taught her students that in order to grow a better world they would need to connect with and become Caretakers of Earth. Professor Reback, along with students Monica, Alan and Winfred started a Garden on the Union County College Cranford Campus. From that grew the Garden Club, a community of Socially, Environmentally Conscious Students. In1984 The Garden became a designated Peace Site, the first of its kind in the state of New Jersey, a part of The Global Peace Pole Project.

The Peace Pole Project was founded by Masahisa Goi from Tokyo, Japan born 1916. After World War II and the dropping of the atomic bomb, his life took on new meaning and he began to share his philosophy for a better world in his small town and created the peace pole as standing prayer for peace with the words

"May Peace Prevail on Earth." His philosophy became popular and grew in Japan. When he died in 1983, his adopted daughter took the initiative internationally, and it became The Global Peace Pole Project.

Since being designated in 1984 the first NJ peace site in The Peace Pole Project — The Peace Garden Club held annual fairs for the celebration of Peace week and Earth Day for nearly three decades. The Peace Garden was visited by Tibetan Monks, Native American leaders, Roy Crazyhorse of the Powhatan Nation, Poet Allen Ginsberg, Peace Keepers and famous folk singer Holly Near. The Peace Garden was both a sanctuary to students and visitors and functioned as an outdoor classroom until it was demolished by the college.

Thanks to Manzione, the Peace Garden will be replanted this April 2022 in the Elizabeth New Jersey Library Garden, Elmora Branch. Along with a new Peace Pole with the standing prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 8 languages, including Ukrainian for the people who have had their Peace, Liberty and Justice stolen from them this year.

"May the planting of this Peace Pole bring the return of Peace in our world," said Manzione. "We hope that you will join us for our Programming in April 2022, as we seek to grow a Better World and learn to become Caretakers of Earth together, and keepers of Peace."

For more information visit: ThePeaceGardenNJ.com

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On June 8th, 2021, I hired a tree expert to help

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### Lil' Bookworms

Wednesday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m. Kids will share the love of reading, learn to talk about the books they're reading, and motivate

kids to read.

### Creative Garden

Thrusday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. Join Ms. Jackie from Groundwork Elizabeth and learn how to start gardening. She will teach you tips and tricks for having a green thumb. You get to take home a tiny plant.

### Peace Pole Ceremony

Friday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. Join us for the Peace Pole Ceremony. The Peace Pole is a standing prayer "May Peace Prevail on Earth", written in 8 language

### Picnic & Planning

Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. You will be joining a group of environmentally conscious peaceful people who care about the Planet as much as you do

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Saturday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. Located on 640 3rd Ave, Elizabeth, NJ Come by hang out listen to some cool stories

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### Coloring for Adults

Tuesday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m. Drop-in for some relaxing coloring fun! Come discover the calming effects as well as meeting some good company! Supplies and cookies

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### Matinee Movie: Luca

Saturday April 30 at 1:00 p.m. The original animated feature is a coming-ofage story about one young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer filled with gelato, pasta, and endless scooter rides. Luca shares these adventures with his newfound best friend, but all the fun is threatened by a deeply held secret: he is a sea monster from another world just

below the water's surface. Easter Scavenger Hunt

April 1 - 30 (All Day) Beginning Friday, April 1st, stop by the Elmora Branch to pick up your scavenger hunt list. Once you have found all the Easter pictures on

the list, bring the list to the front desk to receive a raffle to win one of our two Easter baskets full of goody treats and a book. *Guess how many jelly beans are in the jar* 

to earn an extra ticket to double your chances of winning!

# PALM CROSSES AREN'T JUST FOR CEMETERIES

Though traditionally used to decorate graves in the Easter season, palm crosses are now also being used to proclaim the joy of Easter inside and outside of homes as well. Put one on your lawn, hang it on your front door, or place it on your mantel.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 23 will be selling Palm Crosses and Easter flowers outside of St. Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road, Elizabeth, on the two weekends before Easter. Sales will occur on Saturdays, April 2 & 9, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Sundays, April 3 & 10, from 7:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Palm crosses can be blessed during any Mass on Palm Sunday weekend.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for almost 60 years. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or webfoottroop@gmail.com.



(above) Palm crosses which were traditionally placed on graves are now also being used to decorate lawns and homes at Easter. Boy Scout Troop 23 will sell palm crosses and Easter flowers at St. Genevieve's Church from April 2 - 10.



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# SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ GRAND REOPENING Elmora Hills Monthly · Page 15 · April 2022

### Salem Roadhouse Café

After a two-year COVID absence, the Salem Roadhouse Café announces its grand reopening Gala on Saturday, April 9.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome. We ask that patrons wear masks while inside during the show. The doors open at 7:20 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert.

Carrie Jackson-a frequent and beloved performer at the Roadhouse Café for the past 15 seasons-headlines the reopening along with her Jazzin' All-Stars Band. The Roadhouse suspended performances early in 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic.

Carrie Jackson is a top jazz artist performing in the New Jersey/New York area. She pours her heart into classical jazz favorites from soulful sultry pop to poignant mellow gospel. Carrie nurtured her talent in Newark, the Jazz Mecca of New Jersey. Carrie attributes her vocal style to her mentors, the Great Ladies of Jazz: Sarah "Sassy" Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, Nancy Wilson, and Carmen McRae. The Jazzin' All-Star Band backs her up, buoys her up, and carries the audience away. One never knows who Carrie may bring along with her either.

### **ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ**

It's not church music—it's music music. Salem Roadhouse Café is a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local

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and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message-just music. To leave a message and get a return call, dial: 908-687-1028. Or email salemroadhouse@gmail.com. Website: townleychurch.org.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey-that's why we're located where we are. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully-chosen local charities. That's its social mission. But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here-they love to play the Roadhouse.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully-chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community FoodBank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

Joe Renna at 908-447-1295



(above) Enjoy the music of Carrie Jackson and the Jazzin' All-Star Band at the Reopening Gala of the Salem Roadhouse Café on Saturday, April 9 at 7:20 p.m.

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