

Hunterdon Healthcare makes Naloxone donation

Hunterdon Healthcare is once again donating money to equip law enforcement officers in Hunterdon County with Naloxone, a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of a heroin or opiate overdose.

The \$3,800 donation from Hunterdon Healthcare will be used to replace Naloxone that will soon expire. In July 2014, Hunterdon Healthcare donated \$2,500 to fund Naloxone training and the purchase of Naloxone for law enforcement in Hunterdon County.

Naloxone is an aerosol form of Narcan that is administered



The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office attends a training session with Hunterdon Healthcare presented by New Jersey State Police and START Partnership Launch with Hunterdon Healthcare.

just like a nasal spray; it blocks the effects of an opioid for a period of time and permits emergency responders to get the victim to the hospital for treatment. The effects of an opiate can last up to four hours so overdose victims who are administered Naloxone will still require medical attention.

On the Spiritual Side

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Bensalem site of St. Katharine Drexel's shrine to be sold

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have decided to sell two of their largest properties, including the historic 44-acre property in Bensalem, where its Motherhouse and St. Katharine Drexel's shrine and tomb are located.

The second property, more than 2,200 acres, is located near Richmond, Va., on the former site of two schools for black students. Colonel Edward Morrell, Drexel's brother-in-law, acquired the land in the early 1890s. It was later transferred to the Congregation.

"We know the time is right to make this decision," said Sister Donna Breslin, SBS, president of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, in a prepared statement.

Mother Katharine Drexel, who left her prominent Philadelphia family to establish a religious order in 1891, purchased the prop-

erty in Bensalem to build the Motherhouse.

The National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel on the Motherhouse campus remains open and will continue to welcome visitors through 2017.

Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. has confirmed the remains of Saint Katharine Drexel will be moved, when the time is right, to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, and placed near the altar already honoring her. She is the second American-born person ever to be canonized.

In addition, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are entrusting many of their archives to the care of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, especially because Mother Katharine Drexel and her family played such a central role in sup-



The Motherhouse and 44-acre campus in Bensalem will be offered for sale.

porting the Catholic Church in Philadelphia.

The Congregation has retained Plante Moran REIA as its exclusive real estate asset investment advisor.

"As we prepare to celebrate in July the 125th anniversary of our Catholic religious order, we rededicate our resources to our mission serving some of the most vulnerable people in the United

States, Haiti and Jamaica.

"We also will use proceeds from the sales to challenge, in new ways, all forms of racism as well as the other deeply rooted injustices in the world. A portion of the proceeds will support the care of our retired Sisters," Breslin stated.

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament have engaged the services of a firm experienced in planning and assisting women religious congregations to address their senior living needs. The firm will help find new residences for the Sisters currently living at the Motherhouse. The Congregation's administrative offices will move to another location.

To learn more about the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and the National Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel, visit katharine-drexel.org.

St. Philip's invites public to observe World Labyrinth Day

St. Philip's Episcopal Church invites the public to observe World Labyrinth Day on May 7, with a prayerful walk of its labyrinth, located on the church lawn at 10 Chapel Road, New Hope.

No specific events are planned, as labyrinth-walking is ideally a contemplative – and silent – act.

The Labyrinth Society, labyrinthology.org, an international organization headquartered in New York State, has called for people around the world to "Walk as One at 1" o'clock that day for peace and reconciliation.

"Of course, people are invited to walk our labyrinth every day," the Rev. Michael R. Ruk, rector of St. Philip's, said, noting that the church's labyrinth is "open" 24 hours a day, 365 days a week. "But on May 7th, they can do so in communion with people all

across the globe.

"Silence in community is powerful," he added.

Labyrinths are spiritual aids that have been around since antiquity. Churches have had labyrinths in their floors since medieval times. One of the most famous labyrinths, at Chartres Cathedral in France, dates from the 13th century. As early as the 8th century, Christian writers like Boethius saw in the labyrinth a symbol of life itself: a path of light and darkness, confusion and guidance. Pilgrims were encouraged to walk or crawl the path of a labyrinth as a meditative, prayerful search for direction and enlightenment.

The labyrinth at St. Philip's is a seven-circuit design modeled on the one at St. Vitale in Ravenna, Italy, which dates from the 16th century. It is made of brick pavers

with a center cross. So central has its labyrinth become to St. Philip's, the church has adopted it as its symbol.

Participation on May 7 is simple. "Simply show up – at 1 pm or another time that suits you – and open yourself to the possibilities," Ruk said.

He noted that St. Philip's has created a brochure on the use of its labyrinth, which includes the following instructions: "Stand at the outermost ring, become still and center yourself. Try to clear your mind. Begin slowly, prayerfully walking the path of the labyrinth. Notice how you get close to the center at times, then move away as you proceed. It is not a maze, but a guided route leading to a goal that is not the center, but to return to the place where you began, changed by the experience.

The church hopes to add to the ranks of those who already walk its labyrinth and are changed by the experience. To share insights with the St. Philip's community

from your walk, write to info@stphilipsnewhope.org.

For information, contact Ruk at 215-862-5782 or michael@stphilipsnewhope.org.



JAY A. KAWARSKY AND ELAYNE ROBINSON GROSSMAN

Songs of love to be sung from Jewish perspective

Sharim v'Sharot, (People of Song), a choral foundation under the leadership of Dr. Elayne Robinson Grossman, conductor and music director, will perform songs of love from a Jewish perspective at 3 p.m. May 22, at Congregation Beth El, 375 Stony Hill Road, Yardley.

The world premiere of "Unending Love" by Dr. Jay A. Kawarsky, professor of music theory and composition at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, will be given alongside songs in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Italian, and Ladino.

Songs include expressions

of liturgical, romantic, spiritual, national, filial and maternal/paternal love.

Love is a central theme in Jewish prayer. Every day before and after the Shema, the pinnacle of the morning and evening liturgy, Jews offer thanks for the gifts they have received through God's love; the daily renewal of creation, the order of the universe and the light of Torah.

"It is natural that love be expressed abundantly in Jewish song."

Tickets are \$15. For information, contact sharimvsharot@gmail.com, or call 609-222-4647.

Buckingham Meeting dedicates tree in memory of a longtime friend



A redbud tree that was planted at Buckingham Friends Meeting in memory of Margaret Richie was dedicated to her on May 1.

Family members and congregants placed yellow tulips by the tree in remembrance of her life and love of nature. Richie, who died at age 100, was a lifelong member of Buckingham Friends.

She was active in preserving the beauty of Bucks County and was a scholar who received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987 at age 73. A "remarkable woman," she gave lectures, wrote books, and taught classes at Bucks County Community College.

A significant accomplishment was securing a place for Buckingham Friends' – built in 1768 – on the National Historic Register.

Friends honor memory of Margaret Richie in Buckingham.

Ladies of Mount Carmel host Communion Breakfast



Guest speaker Deacon Jim Fowkes, during the Ladies of Mt. Carmel's recent Communion Breakfast.



Sandy dePorry, center, with her two daughters, Michele Brams, left, and Suzanne dePorry, right, during a recent Ladies of Mount Carmel Communion Breakfast in Doylestown.

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