

A DRUG EPIDEMIC FAMILIES IS CRISIS

Tens of thousands of people die every year from drug-related deaths. In an effort to do our part to understand this epidemic, our parish will host a special community forum on **Sunday, April 29, at 7 pm** in the church. The forum will take an inside look at the drug problem in our area.

Father Pat said, *This is an issue that affects all of us. Children are dying from drugs and we as a community must stand up, acknowledge the problem, and take action. Together we can make a difference.*

Experts in the medical and legal fields will share their insight into the drug epidemic and how it is ravaging our communities. You will also hear from local families who have lost children to drugs and are now trying to share what they have learned from their experience.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! There will be more details in next week's bulletin. In the meantime, brace yourself and check out these sites:

- ◆ <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/epidemic/index.html>
- ◆ <http://time.com/jeffrey-stockbridge-kensington-philadelphia-photographs/>
- ◆ <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/10/30/faces-of-an-epidemic>
- ◆ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/26/us/opioid-crisis-public-health-emergency.html>
- ◆ Chasing the Dragon video