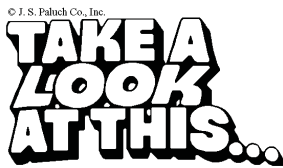


Parish Served By

Executive Assistant: Kara Kwiatkowski
Religious Education: Debra Schurko, PCL (548-0100 x226)
Business Manager: David Liantonio
Pastoral Council: Ed Williamson, Chairman
Finance Council: George Trapp, Chairman
Social Ministry: Josepha Flanigan (548-0100 x225)
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Music Ministry: Thomas DeLessio, (548-0100 x235)
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NEW PARISHIONERS are welcome to register by completing a form available in our Parish Office as soon as possible after moving to the area.

EUCHARIST FOR SICK/HOMEBOUND: Phone Rectory (548-0100) and arrangements will be made.

BAPTISM: 1:30 pm by appointment only (most Sundays)

Baptismal Seminar: Pre-registration is required. Attendance during pregnancy is preferable. 7:45 pm, Rectory Meeting Room.

MARRIAGE: Registered parishioner(s) preparing for marriage should contact the rectory one year in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 4:00 - 5:05 pm.; Tuesday evening: (8th grade) 6:30 - 7:35 pm.

MARIAN NOVENA/ROSARY: Saturdays after 8:00 am Mass.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Those wishing to learn more about/be received into the Catholic Faith - please phone 548-0100. (Sara Sharlow).

SPONSORSHIP: Active practice of the faith, together with registration, is necessary for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.

GIFT SHOP: 548-0100 x275 - Located in Parish Center 45 Library Pl. Use main entrance. **Hours of Operation:** Sat.: 4:30 - 8:30pm; Sun.: 8:30am - 1:30pm
Mon., Tue., Thurs.: noon - 6:00pm

Parish Contacts

-COORDINATORS -

-Advocates for Disabled: Jane Conlon (549-2580)/Janet Onufer Michael (672-8000)
-Lectors: Jerry LaPointe (549-3498)
-Ushers: Tom Hansen (494-3106)

- PARISH GROUPS -

-Adult Acolytes: John Grigo (548-5193)
-Adult Faith Formation: Dcn. Ken Hamilton (848-260-0136)
-Body of Christ Prayer Group: Thursdays, 8:00pm, CCR - (Monthly Communion Service, 7:30pm) Pam Gendlek 491-6042
-Cathedral Choirs: Folk - Steve Kirbos (821-7950). Adult; Youth (8-high school); Junior (grades 3-7); Kids of the Kingdom (K-2) - Thom DeLessio: 548-0100 x 235
-Central Jersey Catholic Singles (Over 40): Marisa Busacca (722-7902)
-Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D'Amico (906-6537)
-Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia (287-4739)
-Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendiola (718-801-2315); Helen Vendiola (848-219-0488)
-Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0326)
-Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Jenn Cascio (603-9428)/ Kathleen Gwozdz (662-7131)
-Knights of Columbus: KofC3272.webs.com
-Legion of Mary: Wed. 7:00 p.m.- Rod Altz (548-0151)
-Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker (494-3188)
-Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck: schleckfamily@gmail.com
-Mens' Group: Tom Thomas (205-1541)
-MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli (494-0265)
-Newsletter: StFrancisCathedral.org
-Parish Historical Guild: Carmen Collins (494-0321)
-Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes: sfprayertree@msn.com;
-Rosary Altar Society: Carmela Guarnera (549-7587)
-Scouting - Cub Scouts: Michael Quinn (662-7476)
Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies: GSCS NJ Interest Form at 800-582-7692
Boy Scouts: V.Saulys (603-9204)/K. Gough (777-0023)
-Scripture Study: P.Morgan - 548-9743
-Widows/Widowers: naunijud@hotmail.com

- SOCIAL MINISTRY - 548-0100 x225

-Support Groups (as scheduled):
Bereavement Separated/Divorced Caregivers
Prayer Shawl Ministry
-Pro Life: contact Elaine Yunker (548-8754)
-Nat Fam Planning Hotline: 800-334-0699/562-1990 x1623
-Ozanam (Provide-A-Meal) Committee
-Friendly Visitors (Visit with elderly or homebound)
-Elizabeth Min (Share sanctity of life with mothers/mothers-to-be)
-Social Concerns Committee (Serves the poor confidentially)
-Intrfth Netwk Care (Volunteers for homebound/caregivers)
-Unemployment Support Group (Networking)

Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, September 4 - *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am -Corinne Ann Hanko r/o Mejia Family
9:00am -Andrea Johnson r/o Mother, Anna Huneycutt
10:30am -Regina Boland r/o Annarumma Family
Noon -Godfrey Lumauig r/o Belle & Joe Lumauig

MONDAY, September 5 - *Saint Theresa of Calcutta - Civil Labor Day*

*9:00am -Peter Monteleone r/o Family

TUESDAY, September 6

7:00am -Phyllis Tenore r/o Carlin Family
8:00am -Alexsander Malinowski r/o Family
12:10pm -Christine Vohecowicz r/o John & Johnny

WEDNESDAY, September 7

7:00am -Margaret Bronder r/o Maire Martello
8:00am -(Liv.) Int. Stanley Malinowski r/o Wife & Son
12:10pm -Giuliana Velona r/o Family

THURSDAY, September 8 - *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am -Jeanette Rodgers r/o Mark & Josephine Czochanski
8:00am -Lucille Feretich r/o Deacon Guido & Mary
12:10pm -Charlayne Gutierrez r/o Mom & Dad

FRIDAY, September 9 - *Saint Peter Claver*

7:00am -Howard Szabo r/o Juno & Lorenzo Mozo
8:00am -Walter Byram r/o Norma Luna
12:10pm -(Liv.) Int. Maddox Gutierrez r/o Family

SATURDAY, September 10

8:00am -Anita Perrone r/o Ed Perrone
5:00pm -Betty Awn r/o Agata Dziwak & Family
7:00pm -Joseph Roberts, Sr. r/o Deacon Ken Hamilton & Family

SUNDAY, September 11 - *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am -Marie Szepanski r/o Matthew Szepanski
9:00am -Sarah & James Bransfield r/o Bernice Bransfield
10:30am -Mary Wojciechowski r/o Family
Noon -9/11 Commemoration

The Sanctuary Candle for this week
has been donated
in loving memory of
Don Sepanski
by **Henry & Mary Ann Cackowski**
(in the Cathedral)

in honor of
Jeffrey Eidson
by **Nora Kenny-Eidson**



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; SFC Michael Moore and all those serving in Covert Operations
SICK: Anonymously Recommended, Msgr. John Szymanski, Fr. Robert Poandl, Deacon Paul Licameli, Fr. Arthur Conquest, James Fisher, Margaret Finnegan, Suzanne Whelan, Daughter of Georgia & Mike Petronella, Rosalinda Co, Carol Gronroos, Brother-in-Law of Nancy Ward-Davis, 2-year-old Matthew Hooper, John Gustitus, Ryan Gutierrez, Lenny Klein, Mother of Mitzy Budiono, Nieces of Dolores Altz, Jill Flanigan, Anthony DeKarski, Margaret Cirillo, Grace Jurcsek, Son of Georgine & Ted Pichalski, Kathy Freund, Amy Olegario, Charles Schreck, Mary Pleva, John Kuntz, Julia Lorenzo, Tracy Coleman, Brother of Cathy Spera, Infant Everett Pepin, Kathleen Byram, Anna Burke, Jacquelyn Connors, Veronica Usocovich, Margaret Swarbrick, Russell & Marjorie Freeman, Elizabeth Gainey, Lillian Butler, John Gostel, Baby Trey Childers, Jerry Young, Michael Rebovich, Nathan Minucci, Louis & Jackie Ghilino, Patricia Wakeman, Eleanor Sammond, Sister of Deacon Frank Cammarano, Ted Pichalski, Christopher Griffin, John Oghia, Frederick Kimler, Henry Cackowski, 3-year-old Olivia Sawyer, Melissa Lala, Edward Fitzgerald, Cyndi Faycik, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Art Paltz, Stephen Manchery, Natalie DiLello, Ed Cadorna, Marlene Woods, Norma Luna, Migdalia Diaz, Liz Brengel, Carmen Collins, Joyce Martin, Ruth Douglas, Helen O'Malley, Peggy Anderson, Kathy Freis, William Manieri, Diane Finley, Great Grandson of Ellin & Charles Barker, Margaret Vollmuth, Palmer Family, John Mulkerin, Jr., Emily Almeida
DECEASED: Cousin of Sr. Maria Lan, Carol Trapp, Father of Chito & Juancho Ciocon, Anne Fanelli, Donato Corrente, Angela Accinno, Pablo Dizer, Jr., Patricia Burns, Jeanne Nalasco, Sister of John Grigo, Jonathan Yuhas,
...and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing

Bulletin went to press before last week's tithing amount was received. August 28 Collection amount will be published next week.



e-Giving
Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. To sign up, go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NJ704>

Opportunities For Memorials

Did you know that in addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

– **Altar Flowers:** Available weekly in The Cathedral at the High Altar for memorials, weddings and other occasions. (Please contact the Rectory for details and availability.)

– **Sanctuary Candles:** available weekly in The Cathedral and The Lady Chapel. (Donation: \$20. Enclose in envelope with information and place in collection basket or mail to Rectory.)

– **Msgr. Behl St. Francis School Endowment and The St. Francis Scholarship Fund:** Memorial gifts may be made to either of these funds which are used to enhance the academic excellence of the parish school and offer tuition assistance. Please inquire at the parish or school office for further information.

– **The Cathedral Music Ministry Fund:** Memorials in the name of loved ones may be made to support the Cathedral music ministry and choirs. Memorialize a Hymnal at a cost of \$20 per book. Please inquire at the parish office.

If interested, phone Rectory: 732-548-0100 x210.

METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Metuchen will be holding Cursillo Weekends soon. **The Men's Weekend** is scheduled for **September 22 – 25** and the **Women's Weekend** is scheduled for **November 3 – 6** at the Blue Army Shrine, Washington, NJ. Weekends start on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon.

Cursillo, (pronounced "kur-see-yo"), is a Spanish word meaning "short course," — a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an **"Encounter with Christ."** It is not a retreat, but will bring you closer to Jesus.

If you are interested in making a Cursillo Weekend, you may obtain application from website: www.metcursillo.org, or you may contact the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson, Lorri DeNoyelles at, ldenoyelles@yahoo.com or (732) 738-1796. Also, any Cursillistas that would like to help or assist for these weekends should contact Mary Ann Faillace at mfaillace@metcursillo.org or call 908-334-4729. Early registration is advisable, as space is limited. Thank you.

Cursillo Walkathon: Sat., Sept. 10, 1:00 - 4:00pm, St. Bernard Church, Bridgewater. Join us.

Parish Notes...

--This week the Rectory Office resumes its regular office hours of Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am - 5:00pm.

--**MONDAY:** The civil observance of **Labor Day** takes place. One Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9:00am and the Rectory Office will be closed.



--**TUESDAY:** **First day of SFC School** for **Pre-K & K** and a **full day** for all with the **Hot Lunch Program** beginning; **Prayer Group** meets at 1:00pm in the JP II Room. Following prayer is **Rosary Making** for anyone interested in participating; **Men's Group** resumes its meetings at 7:30pm in the JP II Room.

--**WEDNESDAY:** **Legion of Mary** meets at 7:00pm in the JP II Room; **Middle School Back to School Night** at 7:00pm in the Community Room. Parents should make every effort to attend.

--**THURSDAY:** **Rosary Altar Executive Board** will meet at 9:00am in the Solarium; **Body of Christ Prayer Group** will meet at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

--**FRIDAY:** **Widows & Widowers Group** meets at 7:00pm in the Solarium.

--**SATURDAY:** **Protecting God's Children** session is offered at 9:00 - 11:30am in the Solarium.

--**NEXT SUNDAY:** **Rosary-Altar Society** members will attend 10:30am Mass and then meet in the Solarium; The **Filipino-American Community** will gather in the Community Room at 1:00pm.

--**NEXT WEEKEND:** **Annual Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken to provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world; please support the **Middle School Bake Sale** which takes place in the breezeway after Masses.



--Youth Group Registration forms are in the pamphlet racks. Please return to Sr. Maria Lan by bringing or mailing them to the Rectory Office.

Banns of Marriage

III Brittany Foreman/Joshua Lowles



Golden/Silver Wedding Anniversaries

Couples observing **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries** are warmly invited to celebrate with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows at a special **Evening Prayer Service** celebrated by Bishop James Checchio here in the Cathedral on **Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** Application forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by the Parish Office. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 17, 2016. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed. For additional information, please call the Family Life Office (732-562-1990 x4573) or [email: amatos@diometuchen.org](mailto:amatos@diometuchen.org). Application forms may also be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org; click **EVENTS** tab (top of page)

Today, in Rome, our Holy Father, Pope Francis is canonizing Blessed Mother Teresa, who will now be known as **St. Teresa of Calcutta**. St. Teresa has left us many sayings and a favorite of many is the following:

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

When you spend years creating what others could destroy overnight, create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

—*Mother Teresa*

Save The Date: November 19, 2016

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

Bishop Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November, 19, 2016. This event will conclude the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and will celebrate the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Metuchen by St. John Paul II. More details about the pilgrimage, including how to register, will appear in the bulletin in coming weeks.

2016 Critical Life Issues Conference

On **Saturday, October 29** the Diocese of Metuchen will sponsor the **Annual Critical Life Issues Conference**. Expert speakers will address pertinent issues. Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education at National Catholic Bioethics Center, will present *Grace and Mercy at the End of Life's Journey*; Renee Bondi, Singer and Author, will present *Disability: God's Mercy in Disguise*; Theresa Flores, LSW, MS, Human Trafficking Survivor will present *The Hidden Epidemic: Human Trafficking*; David Hajduk, Ph. D. will present *The Contraception-Abortion Connection*. Speakers will give thought-provoking testimony of real-life experiences. Conference will be held at Saint John Neumann Center, Piscataway. Opening Mass at 8:30am will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio. There will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, which ends at 3:30pm. Cost: \$25 includes lunch and handouts. Registration: Call 732-562-1990 x1629 or X1543, or email amarshall@diometuchen.org. Seating is limited.

Bible Studies for Maturing Adults - 55+

Bring your bible and please join us as we study the Book of Isaiah, whose prophetic message is very relevant to our times. The program will be facilitated by **Winnie Klimek, M.A.**, a long-time presenter of Bible Study in our diocese. There will be 8 Wednesday sessions and they will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. The **beginning date is September 21, 2016** and the fee is \$5 per session. This program is sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen. To register, call 732-562-1990 x1705 or go to <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/family-life/> to print out form.

Prepare To Lead: This Catholic Bible Study Training Course is sponsored by the Evangelization Office. The course offers a basic introduction to the Sacred Scriptures for people who desire to understand the Bible better and/or may wish to facilitate Bible Studies. The classes lay a foundation in the Catholic approach to reading and interpreting the Word of God. Anybody who is interested in growing in knowledge and love of the Scriptures is invited to participate. The course will be offered on Saturdays at St. Mary, Alpha and Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville. Classes begin in September and run through May, 2017. Contact the Office of Evangelization at 732-562-1990 x1634 or evangelization@diometuchen.org.

Would You Like To Be An Ambassador?

We Christians are followers of Christ. We have been baptized into a discipleship of Jesus. We, too, are His ambassadors. There are people who will be part of our lives this week, who may only come to know Jesus and His love for them because of the way we touch their lives. Be an ambassador for Christ. Invite them to join us at an Inquiry Session, which DOES NOT assume a commitment, but is an opportunity to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to search for ways to grow in relationship with God. Information: Sara at RCIA – 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Dear St. Francis Parish Family,

Thank you all for the enormous outpouring of prayers, cards, visits and good wishes during my recent injury and subsequent surgery. Your support and friendship brought us much needed comfort and strength during a difficult time. We very much appreciate and are humbled by such an outpouring of love and friendship by our St. Francis faith family. As rest and recovery continue, we expect to be back in full service to our Lord and hope to see you all soon. May God bless you and your families and keep you in His care.

With our heartfelt thank you,

Deacon Bob and Elaine Yunker

Ministry to Couples in Troubled Marriages Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage.

Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Have you just stopped talking? **Retroville** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. A French word meaning "rediscovery," *Retroville* helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that brought them together in the first place. It affords the couple the opportunity to strengthen their relationship in a non-threatening faith environment. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - - then the *Retroville* program may help you. It consists of a weekend experience, Friday night to Sunday afternoon, for couples (no group discussions) and six follow-up sessions. During the weekend, presentations are made by three married couples and a priest. Techniques of communication that enable a couple to examine their relationship are presented. Phone the Diocesan Family Life Office (562-1990 x1624) or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Call the McTagues (evenings - 732-583-4468) or the Colasuonnos (days - 732-236-0671). **Next Session: September 16 - 18, 2016.**

Men's Group News

The first meeting of the Men's Group after the summer will take place on **Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30pm** in the JP II Room. Come together with parish men of all ages to discuss topics pertinent to our Catholic faith. Info: Tom Thomas(732-692-4819)/Facebook at SFC.MensGroup.

*“Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.”*

—Psalm 90:14

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EMBRACING YOUR CROSS

We often speak of the “crosses” we must carry in life. These can range from loss of a job to a serious or terminal illness to unhealthy relationships, and so on. The cross has become the wide-ranging metaphor for the trials, ills, and discomforts that are part and parcel of every human life. While we all understand this use of the word “cross,” it does a disservice to what the Jesus of the Gospels means by it. For Him, a “cross” is not something that fate, bad luck, or unfortunate circumstances foists upon one. It is, instead, something one chooses, something one embraces.

For Jesus, carrying the cross in discipleship was the rejection of earthly possessions or status, it was the sundering of bonds of kinship or friendship. It was, above all, the necessary kind of self-sacrificing, self-surrendering choice one had to make in order to be a true disciple. When life hands us a “cross,” we pray to the Lord to give us strength to bear it. If we are to be true disciples, we must also pray for the strength to reach out and willingly accept a cross as well. To bear up, with God’s grace, under the burdens that are not of our own choosing does take a strong faith. But to walk willingly under the weight of the cost of discipleship shows an even stronger desire to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

INVITED

The Good News is that we have all been invited—invited to the Kingdom, invited to be disciples. It’s a life-changing invitation, and like so many other such invitations, it requires a great deal of deliberation and discernment. Whether we choose marriage, ordination, single life, or community life, we know the serious planning and consideration that accompany these profound decisions. Like the tower-builder in the Gospel, we have weighed both the monetary and emotional cost. We have pondered and planned our lives in the direction to which we believe God has called us. And while we pray for guidance and acceptance of God’s will, we often fail to understand so much. Like Solomon, we turn to God for wisdom and counsel in our life-changing decisions.

Protecting God's Children

Our parish offers opportunities to attend the "Protecting God's Children" workshop which is designed for anyone who has significant contact with children. Therefore, new faculty, CCD Teachers, Coaches, Scout Leaders and all other new volunteers must register for one *Protecting God's Children* session. Participants are asked to register online at www.virtus.org, then follow the directions to register. You may also phone 732-767-0415 with questions about registering. **Upcoming Cathedral Sessions**, all of which will be in the **Solarium**:

- Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9:00 - 11:30am
- Tuesday, Sept. 20 from 7:00 - 9:30pm
- Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9:00 - 11:30am

Prayer For Police Officers

Almighty God,

whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, watch over all policemen and policewomen and law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them your almighty protection, unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Amen.

Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic

The 22nd annual Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic will take place on **Tuesday, October 18**, at the beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club. "Fore" all the details on this event, which benefits our retired Sisters, please call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994x4006 or email: lcavallo@mercymidlantic.org.



Attention: People With Special Needs

Are you or a family member a part of our St. Francis Community and have special needs? We are reaching out to identify and include you, regardless of age, in parish activities. Please email: sfcspecialneeds@gmail.com or call your parish advocate with your contact information so that we might help you participate more fully in our parish. Thank you!

"Optimism: A cheerful state of mind which enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its neck."

—Anonymous

St. Francis Cathedral School

Tentative Calendar 2016 - 2017

Please Note **School Hours: 7:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

29,30, 31 AUGUST - In Service - **No School**

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 **School Opens** for 1st - 8th grades. Noon dismissal Before & After Care begins
- 5 Labor Day - **No School**
- 6 1st day Pre-K & K; **Full Day** Pre-K - 8th grades
- 6 Hot Lunch Program begins
- 7 Middle School Back-to-School Night - 7pm
- 14 K - 5 Back to School Night - 7pm

OCTOBER

- 7 Noon dismissal
- 10 Columbus Day - **No School**

NOVEMBER

- 22 Noon dismissal-P/T Conf
- 23 Noon dismissal
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday **No School**

DECEMBER

- 8 Immaculate Conception - **No School**
- 23 Noon dismissal
- 24-31 Christmas Holiday - **No School**

JANUARY

- 2 **No School**
- 3 School Re-opens
- 6 Noon dismissal
- 16 M.L. King, Jr. - **No School**

FEBRUARY

- 3 Noon dismissal
- 20 President's Day - **No School**

MARCH

- 3 Noon dismissal
- 24 Teacher Spirituality Day - **No School**

APRIL

- 12 Student Spirituality Day - Noon dismissal
- 13-21 Easter Holiday - **No School**

MAY

- 5 Noon dismissal
- 26 Professional Day - **No School**
- 29 Memorial Day - **No School**

JUNE

- 8 8th Grade Graduation
- 9 K Graduation; Pre-K 4 Yr. Formal Promotion
- 12 New K & Pre-K Orientation
- 13 DARE Graduation
- 14-15 Noon dismissal
- 16 **Last Day** - 10:30am dismissal

Please Note: Some Noon dismissals are on **Fridays**

Social Concerns

45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225

--**Food Collection This Weekend:** Donations may be left at Church entrances. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to those in need. Students seeking service projects often conduct Food Drives; we welcome all.

“Journey Through Grief”: A program for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one is being formed at the Cathedral. The Support Group will meet 8 Wednesdays.

DATE: **Oct. 5 - Nov. 16 & Nov.30** TIME: **7:00pm**

PLACE: Parish Center - Joseph Room/Solarium

CONTACT: **Jo Flanigan (732-548-0100 x225)**

Jessie Flynn (732-895-2563)

There is no fee -- Pre-registration is required.

--**Thank you** to the students and parents of **this year’s REAP Program.** Their very generous donation of school supplies will help children get a good start to the new school year.

--**Put A Candle On The Cake** to wish Interfaith Network of Care a **Happy 20th Anniversary.** In honor of its Twentieth Anniversary, Interfaith Network of Care warmly invites individuals, businesses and organizations to purchase a special candle to benefit **INC** and honor those volunteers who have brought light and love to thousands! What a great way to honor or memorialize a special person in your life. There are two giving opportunity levels. Donations are \$200 for a candle on the top tier, while donations of \$20 place a candle on the remaining tiers. Set the world aglow with a gift for the elderly and people with disabilities. Names of donors will be placed in a newsletter following Oktoberfest (Sept. 16). Please send Donor Name, Address, Honoree Name to INC, 62 South Main Street, Milltown, NJ 08850 by August 31, 2016.

JOB BANK: Legal Secretary, Metuchen Office, 732-549-7674. **Licensed Real Estate Agents** needed, Realty World, Edison, part-time or full-time, no experience necessary, automobile - desktime stipend available, contact 800-541-1999 or [email:rwamerica@aol.com](mailto:rwamerica@aol.com). St. Cecelia Church, Iselin seeks full time **Maintenance Mechanic** for assorted activities, Salary+Benefits, send resume to: ssetar@stcecelia.com. **Pearl Street Parking Garage** seeks **Attendants and Customer Service Reps** at \$9.50 per hour for all shifts and **Maintenance Employee** for 11:00pm - 7:00am shift, call Hector at 732-906-1661. **Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Cemeteries** seeks **Cemetery Office Manager**, email resume to HR@diometuchen.org. **MISCELLANEOUS: Available at NO CHARGE:** A twin size Oak Captain’s Bed, call Soc.Con. at 732-548-0100 x225. **Battery Unit/Hand Control Bath Lift** available for free, call Soc.Con.732-548-0100 x225.

W-E-E-K-A-T-A-G-L-A-N-C-E

This Weekend: Gift Shop

MON: -Labor Day Holiday, one Mass at 9:00am,
Rectory Office Closed

TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JP II
-Men’s Group, 7:30pm, JP II

WED: -YG Babysitting, 6:30pm, SJB
-Mid. Sch. Back-to-School Night, 7:00pm,CCR
-Legion of Mary, 7:00pm, JP II
-Provide-A-Meal, 7:00pm, SOL
-Social Concerns, 7:30pm, SOL

THU: -Rosary Altar Executive Board, 9:00am
-Body of Christ Prayer Group, 7:30pm

FRI: -Widows & Widowers, 7:00pm, SOL
-Filipino-Amer. Choir, 7:00pm, Server Sacristy

SAT: -Protecting God’s Children, 9:00-11:30am, SOL

SUN: -Rosary/Altar 10:30Mass; Meeting, SOL
- 9/11 Commemoration, noon Mass
-Filipino-American Community, 1:00pm, SOL
-HSYG, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB

Next Weekend: Gift Shop - Middle School Bake Sale

Eucharistic Ministers -September 10/11

5:00pm: E. Yunker, S. Sweeney, L. Dalton, N. Davis, C.Tomaro, L.Zelesnick, K. Garner, P. John
7:00pm: M. Brosconi, R &K.Aiello, D. Reilly, D.Zensky
7:30am: A. McCadden, Monek, A. Ferrara, S&D Kovach
9:00am: M.A. & R. Lawyer, R. Altz, K Kwiatkowski, A.Major, J. Morrison, K. Schreck
10:30am: R./M.Fuchs, R. Bonk, J.&J. Grigo, J. Onufer, F.Belmont, F. Corrente, R. Baran, M. Garni
noon: P. Morgan, A. Bautista, D. Rossi, T./N. Rossi, J.&R. Baker, C. & C. Evangelista

Lectors: September 10/11

5:00pm:John Porpora 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am:Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am:Marty & Mary Ellen Malague
noon: Catherine Murphy-Barron

Altar Servers - September 10/11

5:00pm	Team	26	7:00pm	Team	27
7:30am	Team	1	9:00am	Team	2
10:30am	Team	3	12:00pm	Team	4

Youth Group News

--Sept. 11: HSYG Meeting, 6:30pm, SJB
--Sept. 18: MSYG Meeting, 6:30pm, CYO
--Sept. 25: HSYG Meeting, 6:30pm, SJB
--Oct. 2 : MSYG Meeting, 6:30pm, CYO
Advance Notice: YG Car Wash: Oct. 22