Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  Metuchen, NJ 08840

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
Bishop Emeritus

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Rev. Gerard Paderon, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Kavas, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Edmund Luciano, III, In Residence
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Deacon J.P. Saggese
Deacon Rick Fortune
Deacon Emeritus Frank J. Cammarano
Deacon Emeritus Paul G. Licameli
Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brossoni
Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY  Beginning December 20, the Cathedral will remain open daily from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for parishioners of the diocese to make pilgrimages through the Holy Door.

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil  5:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday  7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

HOLY DAY MASSES
Vigil  5:00 pm
Feast Day  7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday  7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10 pm (Rosary 11:45 am)
Thursday  7:30 pm Communion Serv. monthly
Saturday  8:00 am

MORNING PRAYER Monday-Friday 7:40 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  7:00am—11:00pm
(Monday—Friday) Lady Chapel - Parish Center

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Penance)
Saturdays  1:00-2:00 pm and 6:00-6:30 pm or by appointment.

RECTORY  32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840
Office Hours  Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Phone  732-548-0100
Emergency Phone  732-710-1416
Website  www.StFrancisCathedral.org
Live Stream  http://cvp.telvue.com/player?id=T05325

SCHOOL  528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840
Barbara Stevens, MS, Principal (548-3107)
Website  www.StFrancisCathedralSchool.org
NEW PARISHIONERS are welcome to register by completing a form available in our Parish Office as soon as possible after moving to the area.

EUCARIST 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 - 8:30 pm; Sun.: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Mon., Tues., Thurs.: noon - 6:00 pm

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, 8:00 pm, CCR - (Monthly Communion Service, 7:30 pm) 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 x235
  - 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: Juancho Ciocon (318-6845)
  - Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0326)
  - Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Jenn Cascio (603-9428) / Kathleen Gwozd (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 Scouting, 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, August 21  -  Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  -  Mary Constance Burnes r/o Theresa Mazur
9:00am  -  Tom & Marybeth Gannon r/o Lisa Valvano
10:30am -  Pablo Labao & Ernesto Almeda, Sr. r/o Nenita Almeda
Noon    -  (Liv.) Int. Paul & Marian Licameli r/o Howard & Eileen Lishinsky

MONDAY, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am  -  Fr. Harold Homan r/o Manza Family
8:00am  -  Frank Colasuonno r/o Family
12:10pm -  Mary Kissel r/o Lynn Gerhardt

TUESDAY, August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima
7:00am  -  Anne Oghia r/o Husband Hady Oghia
8:00am  -  Angelo, Paula & Ronald Clericuzio r/o Frank & Naomi Clericuzio
12:10pm -  Patricia Scasserra r/o Anne Eosso

WEDNESDAY, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew
7:00am  -  Kim Garron r/o Reilly Family
8:00am  -  Walter Byram r/o John & Paula
12:10pm -  Bishop Thomas Donato r/o Rod & Dolores Altz

THURSDAY, August 25 - Saint Louis & Saint Joseph Calasanz
7:00am  -  Mary Reilly r/o Family
8:00am  -  Betty Awn r/o Family
12:10pm -  Judith Hilton r/o Saggese Family

FRIDAY, August 26
7:00am  -  Fr. Joseph J. Connolly - Former Pastor r/o Cathedral Parish
8:00am  -  William Kenney r/o Janette Catalano
12:10pm -  Jack & Betty Cunningham r/o Family

SATURDAY, August 27 - Saint Monica
8:00am  -  Angelina Fattorusso r/o Maggie DeGeorge
5:00pm  -  Dolores Porpora r/o Millie & John Porpora
7:00pm  -  Sally & Jim Conlon r/o Conlon Family

SUNDAY, August 28 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  -  Paolo Palazzolo r/o Czochanski Family
9:00am  -  Brendan Ignatius Burke r/o Burke Family
10:30am -  Teofil & Josephine Surgos r/o Maureen Rapach
Noon    -  Mary Kreiger r/o Family

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

in honor of
Deacon Guido & Mary Brossoni
on the occasion of their 35th Wedding Anniversary
by Kara Kwiatkowski & Family
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; SFC Michael Moore and all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Cousin of Sr. Maria Lan, Sister of John Grigo, Jonathan Yuhas, Joseph DiMaggio, Robert Calvosa, Rosamma Thomas, Anna Mafalda de Bonis, Florence Patakowski, Michael Mauro, Noel Estella

...and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

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 you are interested in any one of these memorials, please phone the Rectory: 732-548-0100 x210.

Project Rachel: Have you experienced an abortion or know someone who has? The Project Rachel Program provides sensitive, private and confidential counseling which allows one to move toward reconciliation with oneself, one’s unborn child, one’s church, and one’s God (877-877-4300).

Did You Place A Child for Adoption in NJ? New Jersey’s adoption law has changed. In the future, the names of all birth parents who placed a child for adoption in NJ will be made available to adoptees upon request unless the birth parents file a form with the State indicating that they do not want contact with the child. Birth parents who were assured anonymity previously are able to request continued privacy, but they must complete and submit a form with the State no later than December 31, 2016. As soon as more information is available and the State of NJ releases the necessary forms, Catholic dioceses statewide will post info on their websites.
Parish Notes...

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**Rectory Summer Hours**
Throughout the summer, the Rectory Office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am - 5:00pm; on Fridays from 9:00am - noon.

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**MONDAY:** Feast of the Queenship of Mary, which was inaugurated on December 19, 1982 by then-Bishop Theodore McCarrick, who placed our diocese under the patronage of Mary, our Queen. On this feast day, let us each individually place ourselves in the arms of Mary, our Queen and Mother and ask for her help and protection.

--TUESDAY: A Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the JPII Room to pray for our nation. Following prayer, Rosary Making will take place for anyone interested.

--WEDNESDAY: Legion of Mary meets at 7:00pm in the JPII Room.

--THURSDAY: Body of Christ Prayer Group will meet in the Community Room at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

--FRIDAY: The Rectory Office closes at noon; The Charismatic Core will meet at 8:00pm in the Community Room.

--Scout troop leaders must email Mrs. Kara Kwiatkowski at kkwiatkowski@stfranciscathedrals.org their requests for using Parish facilities for the upcoming school year. Troop leaders using the CYO Upper Rooms must submit their requests to: SFCYOCoordinator@gmail.com. Having met on a certain day/time last year does not guarantee the same day/time for next year.

--Registration forms for the Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group are in the pamphlet racks at Cathedral entrances. Please fill out and return to Sr. Maria Lan by bringing or mailing them to the Rectory Office.

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**Banuffs of Marriage**

I  Brittany Foreman/Joshua Lowles

II  Maureen Murphy/Joseph Monteleone

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**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.

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**Religious Education News**

The weekly Religious Education Program is in urgent need of Catechists and Aides at this time. Please consider volunteering in this important ministry! Classes are **Monday & Thursday, 4:00 - 5:05pm**. For more information please contact Debbie Schurko 732-548-0100 x226 or email at: religioused@stfranciscathedrals.org. “Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught - - it is an invitation to a way of life.”

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**School News Bulletin**

Are you looking for a quality Pre School Program for your 3 or 4 year old? Look no further than St. Francis Cathedral School! We offer a two half-day program for 3 year olds and three and five full-day programs for 4 year olds. Please call our school office at 732-548-3107 or check our website www.stfranciscathedralschool.org for more information.

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This weekend the Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of

**Celestine Onwuliri**

**Cletus & Dorothy Oparaoji**

**Cecilia Nwaokoro**

by Viola Onwuliri
**WHAT’S SO GREAT ABOUT DISCIPLINE**

Freedom is one of our most cherished channels for happiness. Our preoccupation with freedom often leads us to believe that everything we have a taste for should be ours by right, and that everything we want should come to us easily. "Effort" and its companion "discipline" are falling out of use in our culture's vocabulary. However, life can be "a bowl of cherries," but, for the most part, only for those willing to pick them. To be physically fit, for instance, we have to work at it. To have a satisfying marriage or friendship will demand commitment, tact, flexibility, and endurance. Spiritual growth, also, requires discipline. Would you, or anyone you know, like to hear more about how to achieve spiritual growth through the "discipline" of the Catholic faith? We invite you to an RCIA Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family. Inquiry sessions are opportunities 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 inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, call Sara at RCIA – 732-562-1990 x 1633.

**Office for Persons with Disabilities**

The Office for persons with disabilities, Diocese of Metuchen, has a number of donated disability aids on hand which we would be happy to make available to anyone in the parish who might have need of them. They include wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes and porta-potties, plus other items. A complete list of items is available at the Rectory Office. If you have any questions, or wish to contact the Office of Persons with Disabilities directly, please phone 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com. To request prayers for yourself or others, please call our 24-hour prayer line: 732-765-6431.

**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 908-756-0994 x 4006 oremail: lcavallo@mercymidlantic.org.

**A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions**

This resource is made available by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The document provides a clear explanation of the Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Individual copies of this guide can be downloaded or ordered online at www.ncbcenter.org.

**Urgent - Bus Drivers Needed**

As you may well know, transportation for Catholic school students is really at a critical stage. While there are certainly many components of this problem, there is one issue that keeps surfacing. We are consistently being told that a big part of the problem is that there are no bus drivers - even if there is a bus.

This is where we can help. We ask parishioners, school families and friends to be aware of the desperate situation the State of New Jersey is in with its lack of proper bus drivers. Please spread the word by phone, text, email, etc. that we are looking for bus drivers, particularly anyone with a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL). If you are such a person, please phone Immaculata High School at 908-722-0200 x 110 and they will give you directions as to what to do next.

We really need everyone to rally around the transportation issue in all of our schools. We need to be a presence at school board meetings, contact board members, contact legislators, etc. Please take this first step and do all you can to help us find bus drivers.

**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 x 4573) or email: 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)

**You Have Been Called**

A Prayer Group has begun meeting to offer hope for the healing of our nation, that she may draw closer to Almighty God. We will meet every Tuesday after 12:10 pm Mass (approximately 1:00pm) in the JPII Room. When we gather we will pray one Rosary and one Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Please Note: This is NOT a forum for the discussion of politics. An optional Rosary Making for the Missions will follow from 1:30 - 2:30pm. Facilitator: Eileen Lishinsky 1mayfield@optimum.net.
“Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.”

Hebrews 12:12 - 13

REFLECTIONS ON THE REIGN OF GOD

A threefold message is developed in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Often, suffering may be part of the formation process. We learn to accept it as Jesus once accepted His cross. Third, some people who are treated with contempt and disdain by the self-righteous actually do have a place in God's kingdom.

We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement upon hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once struck your fancy taken deeper root in your life?

Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings?

Finally, are there some people you imagine as not invited into God's kingdom? Why do you feel this way about them? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How can this be possible?

Always try your best to enter by the narrow gate, gladly proclaiming God's glory.

DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to His cross. It is that same desire He encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.
Retrovaille - - Ministry to Couples in Troubled Marriages

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Are you bored? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrovaille is sponsored by the Family Life Office/ Diocese of Metuchen to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. A French word meaning “rediscovery,” Retrovaille helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that brought them together in the first place. It affords the couple the opportunity to examine and strengthen their relationship in a non-threatening faith environment. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown 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 Retrovaille 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 Colasuonno’s (days -732-236-0671).

Next Session: September 16 - 18, 2016.

2016 Critical Life Issues Conference

On Saturday, Oct. 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.

Hispanic Heritage Mass

The Diocese of Metuchen invites all to the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Mass on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral. This event is sponsored by the Office of Hispanic Ministry. Theme: We celebrate our Faith! Sisters and Brothers Together! Sent forth to Evangelize! Call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 732-243-4573.

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 - 8thgrades
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
13 Middle School Vacation - No School
14 Middle School Back to School Night - 7pm
21 Labor Day - No School
23 Noon dismissal
24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

NOVEMBER
7 Noon dismissal
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
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

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
There is an Emergency Shortage of blood right now! What Does It Take To Be A Blood Donor? Blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. Sixteen-year-olds must present signed parental consent form, go to www.nybloodcenter.org to obtain the form. People aged 76 and older can donate blood if they meet all criteria and present a physician’s letter each year. Our next Parish Blood Drive will be on this Tuesday, August 23 from 3:00pm - 9:00pm in the Cathedral Community Room. Blood Donors will receive a $10 gift certificate from Houlihan’s.

School Backpacks are requested for our annual distribution to children and families in need. Backpacks may be filled with some of the following: binders, filler paper, folders, notebooks, day planners, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers. Please drop off at Social Concerns in the Parish Center (548-0100 x225). Your generosity to this effort every year is very much appreciated.

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 to place 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. St. Cecelia Church, Iselin seeks full time Maintenance Mechanic for assorted activities, Salary+Benefits, send resume to: ssatar@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.


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Eucharistic Ministers - August 27/228

5:00pm: L. Zelesnick, N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro
E. Munoz, S. Sweeney, J. Franklin, P. Bershak
7:00pm: C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, E. Swam, J. Onufer
7:30am: D. Ulbrich, C. & J. Donahue, S. Riolo, J.O’Mara,
9:00am G. Monteuleone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski, M. D’Amico,
R. Quaglia, L. Moriarty
10:30am: C. Grant, B. Coakes, R. Baran, F. Corrente, J. & J
Grigo, D. Papalardo, J. Bundoc
12:00pm M. Licemeli, M. & J. Hernandez, J. & R. Baker,
K. Manchery, P. Morgan

Lectors - August 27/28

5:00am: Maria Tomaro
7:00pm: Kieran Esposito
7:30am: Mary Brossoni
9:00am: Marnie Jeney
10:30am: June & Steve Mellinger
12:00pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - August 27/28

5:00pm Team 14 7:00pm Team 15
7:30am Team 16 9:00am Team 17
10:30am Team 18 12:00pm Team 19

August Gift Shop Hours

Saturdays 4:30 - 7:30pm
Sundays 8:30am - 1:30pm
Mondays 12 noon - 6:00pm

Need a gift that cannot wait until the weekend? Need to know if a special item is available? Email StFrancisGifts@aol.com. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta books, DVDs and other items are available. She is to be canonized on September 4, 2016. Supplies are limited.

Traveling? If you are heading out for a weekend trip or going away on an extended vacation, you can retrieve information nationwide about times of Masses, Church location, telephone/fax numbers and handicapped accessibility by going to a great website: Masstimes.org You can also find out this information by looking in the Yellow Pages under “Churches - - - Roman Catholic.”