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Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brossoni
Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

Barbara Stevens, MS, Principal (732-548–3107)  
www.StFrancisCathedralSchool.org

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

EUCHARISTICADORATION 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.
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: 1:30pm 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, 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 needed for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30am - Dolores Romeo r/o Patti & Michael Sullivan
9:00am - Dolores Babernitsh r/o Jackie & Paul Murphy
10:30am - Thomas Morrisey, Jr. r/o Joan & Frank Belmont
Noon - Mary Krokosz r/o Kathy & Ken Dineen

MONDAY, April 30 - Pope Saint Pius V
7:00am - John & Janet Watson r/o Popino Family
8:00am - Kathleen Freund r/o Family
12:10pm - Dr. Vincente Lim r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario

TUESDAY, May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker
7:00am - Thomas Dunn, Sr. r/o Family
8:00am - Narcisa Capito r/o Roger & Pina Coquia
12:10pm - Genoveva T. Basco r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, May 2 - Saint Athanasius
7:00am - Betty McCauley r/o Sr. Mary Elizabeth McCauley
8:00am - John & Elizabeth Vocecowicz r/o John & Johnny
12:10pm - Giovanni Vinci r/o Rosalia Vinci

THURSDAY, May 3 - Saint Philip & Saint James
7:00am - Karen McNeil Fantini r/o Daniel McNeil
8:00am - John Pachkowski r/o Flora Cowen
12:10pm - Margaret Ruth Urso r/o Urso, Long, Natkie Family
*7:30pm - Charismatic Mass and Prayers for Healing

FRIDAY, May 4 - First Friday
7:00am - (Liv.) Int. Green-Lewis Family r/o Fr. Edmund Luciano
8:00am - Judy Phillips r/o Bob & Dee Sneddon
12:10pm - Lorenzito T. Basco r/o Family

SATURDAY, May 5
8:00am - Giuliana Velona r/o Nicole, Robert & Gabriella
5:00pm - Irena Domitrz r/o Malinowski Family
7:00pm - Noreen Robinson r/o Family

SUNDAY, May 6 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30am - Marisa Rose Tufaro r/o Brian & Mary Ellen DeMary
9:00am - Lenny Klein r/o Lombardi Family
10:30am - Alice & Thomas Morrisey r/o Joan & Frank Belmont
Noon - Bob Liparini r/o Peluso Family - *Parish May Crowning*

The Sanctuary Candles for this week have been donated in loving memory of
Andrew W. Kiwalle
by Alice Kiwalle Valeri & Mariano Valeri (in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of
Dorothy Huffman
by S.F. Rosary Altar Society (in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Bulgaria: John Paul Moore II; and for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Deacon Vincent Abrahams, Jeanine Kachersky, Mary Kelton, David Kleman, Lorna Quilingan, James Suk, Uncle of Matthew LaPine, Eleanor Brennan, Liam Stitt, Jane Parker, Diana Yashinski, Mark Annichiarico, Kathy Werner, Margaret Swarbrick, Kathy Byram, Baby Genevieve Bonk, Nadia Ruiz, Mary Anne Hale, Peter Barnes, Sr., Kathleen Carroll, Patricia Mulkern, Kathleen Cremon, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin, O’Neill/Dauer Family, Janice Grigo, Amy Olegario

DECEASED: Charles C. Tomaro, Mary Thompson, Cesar Principe-Dizon, William Cullen, Father of Jessica LaPine, Inez Bonanno, Margaret Hlavenka, Thomas Romond, Maureen Kattenhorn, Teresa Gumiran

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

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Religious Education News
Registration for 2018 - 2019 school year is currently open. Please make sure to re-register your child(ren) as soon as possible, especially if you need a certain program model. Registration forms have been sent home with the students and can also be found online at the Parish website (www.stfranciscathedral.org. - - click on the Religious Ed tab). If you have any questions, please call the Office at 732-548-0100 x226 or email us at ReligiousEd@stfranciscathedral.org.

Keep up with Bishop Checchio around the diocese by going to: http://diometuchen.org/bishop/.

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:

– **The Cathedral Pipe Organ Restoration Fund**: Memorials in the name of loved ones may be made to support the restoration of the Cathedral pipe organ. Memorial pipes of various sizes are available for $100, $ 300, $500, or $ 1,000. Major gift opportunities also are available. Please inquire at the Rectory Office at 732-548-0100 x210.

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

– **Sanctuary Candles**: Available weekly in the Cathedral and The Lady Chapel. Donation: $20. Please enclose in an envelope with information and place in collection basket or mail or bring to the 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.

– **Nails in the Wall Gallery** is currently presenting the exhibit, “ANGELS, Wild and Winsome” which will be shown through May 15. Come to the gallery at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Metuchen for a contemporary view of winged spirits, sometimes fierce, sometimes gentle and nurturing, sometimes simply heavenly messengers. You will be delighted by what you see.

Summer Camp 2018 Has Arrived! Camp will run for eight weeks beginning on June 18 and ending on August 10. Our program is open to all children ages 4 - 13. Campers will go on weekly trips, participate in daily activities and swim at the Metuchen Pool twice a week. They will also participate in arts & crafts, Gym, Computers and outdoor play. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rizzo at 732-548-3107/ RizzoM@stfranciscathedralschool .org. All forms available at www.stfranciscathedralschool.org under the parents/students tab, then go to summer camp.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

---Congratulations--- to the children who received Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday. May God continue to bless these youngsters and may they always remain close to Jesus.

--THIS WEEKEND: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Over 40% of our dioceses in the U.S. are considered Home Mission territory because they cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Your support of this appeal funds programs, such as religious ed, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the U.S. Please be generous; Tickets will be available for this year’s Tricky Tray Car Raffle - Cost is $25; Scrip will be available.

--SUNDAY: MSYG Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, CYO.

--MONDAY: Catechist Training, 7:00pm, Joseph Room.

--TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in JPII Room; Men’s Group meets at 7:30pm in JPII Room; CYO Board Meeting, 8:30, CYO.

--WEDNESDAY: SFCS HSA Board Meeting at 7:00pm in the school; Provide-A-Meal & Social Concerns meet at 7:00 and 7:30pm respectively in the Solarium.

--THURSDAY: Rosary Altar Executive Board meets at 9:00am in the Solarium; Bible Study of St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, entitled Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance, continues in the JPII Room at 1:00pm or 7:15pm as you prefer; SFCS Spring Show at 7:00pm in the CYO; Charismatic Mass with Prayers for Healing will be celebrated at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

--FRIDAY: Legion of Mary meets at 11:00am, JPII Room; Widows&Widowers meet at 7:00pm in the Solarium; SFCS Spring Show at 7:00pm in the CYO.

--SUNDAY: Parish May Crowning takes place during noon Mass; SFCS Spring Show at 2:00pm in the CYO; HSYG Meeting from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the SJB Room.

--NEXT WEEKEND: We take up a collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign which connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, TV, radio and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to support local communications efforts; Tickets will be available for this year’s Tricky Tray Car Raffle - Cost is $25.

Banns of Marriage

I Kristina Rosamilia/Joseph DeMaio

Charismatic Mass & Prayers For Healing.... will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday, May 3 at 7:30p.m. Rev. John Campoli will be presider and homilist. Following the Liturgy, individual needs will be prayed for. This Mass is sponsored by the Body of Christ Prayer Group. All are welcome. Call or text Pam: 732-491-6042.

Quo Vadis Days
Where Are You Going?
The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Vocations invites young men ages 14 - 17 to attend Quo Vadis Days on June 25 - 27, 2018. You are invited to spend three days living, praying, and interacting with priests, seminarians, and faith-filled teens your own age at the Salesian National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Stony Point, New York. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more! Learn more and Register by visiting diometuchen.org/QuoVadis. If you have questions, please email: quovadis@diometuchen.org.

Bible Study -- Ephesians

A new Bible Study has just begun. Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith facilitate this series, Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that the Church gives to Christians. This letter tells about the nature of the Church - - as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us. This series will enrich your faith and show you how to live it. Join us Thursdays after the noon Mass or at 7:15pm in the downstairs meeting rooms of the Parish Center. Pat Morgan (732-548-9743) will lead afternoon sessions and Art Paltz (732-494-5221) will lead the evening sessions.

--Mother’s Day Spiritual Gift Cards are available at the Rectory for all mothers — living and deceased. Masses on Mother’s Day (May 13) will be offered for their intentions.
Parish May Crowning

Next Sunday, May 6, during 12:00pm Mass, our parish will celebrate the May Crowning, coordinated by the Altar Rosary Society. Join us by attending this Mass and honor God’s Mother on this happy occasion. A special invitation is cordially extended to all First Communion recipients. They are invited to come dressed in First Communion finery consisting of white dress shirt and tie for boys and white dress for girls. First Communicants will have reserved seating and should arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass; parents should sit elsewhere in the Cathedral. Contact Rosary Altar President Carmela Guarnera:732-549-7587 or Sister Maria Lan:732-770-2506. All are invited to bring a flower for Mary.

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of 100% participation - something from every family - whatever you can comfortably give. Moreover, this is an opportunity for each of us to show our gratitude to the Lord for the blessings we have received. Mail your gift to Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop’s Annual Appeal, P.O. ox 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

Bearing Hope

Bearing Hope is a peer-led support group for women who have experienced infertility or loss of pregnancy through miscarriage or still birth. It takes place at St. Gregory the Great Church in Hamilton Square and the next meeting is on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30pm in the Bachmann Room of the Parish Center. This group is run through St. Gregory’s Elizabeth Ministry and meets the first Tuesday of every month.

Are you dealing with a serious life-changing illness? Then take “time out” for some spiritual renewal and attend a Gennesaret Retreat, which offers a respite, an oasis for your journey. Offered free of charge, this 3-day retreat is a time to focus on God’s love, His forgiveness and faithfulness. A medical team will visit prior to the retreat to assess your needs. All are welcome! Location: Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny on May 18, 19, 20. Call Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237 or Linda Capobianco at 732-608-7277. Please Note: Retreat is Free for attendees, but donations towards the event are gratefully accepted. Please call Hilare Reinhold at 732-566-7237.

HSA Car Raffle

The Saint Francis Cathedral School HSA will be selling Car Raffle Tickets at all church entrances before and after all Masses for the next three weekends. This year’s car is a 2018 Ford Escape! Tickets are $25 each. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 18th at the Annual Tricky Tray Auction event. Winner does NOT need to be present to win. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Youth Group Teen Travel Camp

Youth Group Teen Travel Camp 2018 for 6 - 8 graders. All days begin with 8:00am Mass in Cathedral in modest attire. Deposit of $50 due by April 20 to reserve a space/B’way Tickets. Return Form by May 20; after May 20, $25 late fee non-returnable. Included is transportation, lunch, drink, snacks. Bring extra $$, sun block and hat.

WEEK 1 - July 9 - July 13. Fee: $400 /week or $85/day or $325/week or $80/day with Season Passes. Return form and non-refundable $50 deposit by May 20 - after May 20, $25 late fee.

Monday - Six Flags; Tuesday - Plant vegetables/ Movie; Wed’day - Jesus Show in Lancaster; Thursday - Veterans Nursing Home/ cook Vietnamese egg rolls; Friday - Foodbank/Monster Mini Golf.

WEEK 2 - July 16 - July 19 - 4 days. Fee: $320/week or $85/day or $300/week or $80/day with Season Passes. Return form and non-refundable $50 deposit by May 20 - after May 20, $25 late fee. Monday - Hurricane Harbor; Tuesday - St. Vincent de Paul/Bowling; Wednesday - B’way Show in NYC Aladdin; Thursday - Vets Nursing Home/cook Vietnamese egg rolls.

WEEK 3 - July 23 - July 27. Fee: $400/week or $85/day or $325 /week or $80/day with Season Passes. Return form and non-returnable $50 deposit by May 20 - after May 20, $25 late fee. Monday - Hurricane Harbor; Tuesday - Plant vegetables/ Movie; Thursday - Vets Nursing Home/cook Vietnamese egg rolls; Tuesday - Six Flags.

WEEK 4 - July 30 - August 3 Fee: $400/week or $85/day or $325/week or $80/day with season passes. Return form and non-refundable $50 deposit by may 20 - after May 20, $25 late fee. Monday - Hurricane Harbor; Tuesday - Foodbank/ Monster Mini Golf; Wednesday - B’way show in NYC, Wicked; Thursday - Veterans Nursing Home/Movie; Friday - Six Flags. Call Sister Maria Lan: 732-770-2506 or 732-548-0100 x306. Please provide your email address and phone number. Thanks.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally

On Sunday, May 20 our Youth Groups will be going to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson for the NJ Catholic Youth Rally. We leave the CYO parking lot at 9:00am and return at 8:00pm. NJYR Package A includes Transportation, Admission, Wild Safari, Bounce back ticket, All-you-can-Eat Buffet for $65 before April 28/ $70 after April 28 (saves you $130). Season Pass Holder Package B includes All-you-can-Eat Buffet, Bounce back ticket for $35 before April 28/$40 after April 28. Season Pass Holder Package C is without meals for $20 before April 28/ $25 after April 28. Everyone must attend Sunday Mass with the Youth group on that day! Sr. Maria Lan:732-770-2506.
“Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.”
— 1 John 3:18

LIVING BRANCHES
The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and He in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And His commandment is this: we should believe . . and love one another" (1 John3:23)

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

BEARING FRUIT
Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God "prunes" us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly "pruned" by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials "pruned" him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.
Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School takes place from July 9 through July 13, 9:00am - noon for campers in Pre-K3 through Grade 5. This year’s theme is GAME ON! God wants the kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation and encourage one another. Register through June 1. You can find registration forms on the Cathedral website under Religious Education. Forms will go home with CCD students and with SFCSchool students. Get in the spirit with GAME ON!

Give The Gift of Faith

More and more Catholics are responding to the idea of giving a gift that perpetuates faith. Please consider remembering St. Francis Cathedral Parish in your will. By doing so, you establish a legacy of love for others by enabling our Parish to respond to the needs of our faith community through its many ministries. For information on naming St. Francis parish/Diocese of Metuchen in your will, please call the diocesan Stewardship & Development Office at 732-562-2433.

A MATTER OF RELATIONSHIPS

To be a follower of Jesus is to be in communion with the word of God, to be at peace and filled with the Spirit, and to bear fruit. This calls for nourishment, connectedness, evaluation and reflection. In seeking to understand the will of God in our lives, each of us is in relationship with the word of God, the company of believers, and the world in which we live. We are called to be church not for our own comfort and wholeness, but for the world. Isn't there someone in your world who wants to know more about being a follower of Jesus in the Catholic Church? Bring that person to an RCIA Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions are for inquiries and questions, not commitments. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Inquiry Sessions will continue through summer. RCIA:732-562-1990 x 1633.

In God’s Image

This GLBT Faith Sharing Group at Sacred Heart, So. Plainfield meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the annex. The next meeting: May 9. The group is open to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. Contact Fr. John: 908-756-0633 x125 or email sacredheartigi@gmail.com. In addition, the group may be reached by contacting 908-822-5895.

JusticeWorX

JusticeWorX is a weeklong service immersion retreat offered by the Center for FaithJustice, designed to help high school age students explore the connections between their faith, the Gospel call to service and justice, and their everyday lives. Our Trenton program is a great choice for a first time or fourth time service immersion experience! Participants must have completed 9th - 12th grade in the 2017 - 2018 school year. Our Trenton program offers both a city and suburban experience for participants. Service sites are within walking distance or a short NJ Transit bus ride from the lodging site. Lodging will be at the former convent at St. James Parish in Trenton. The cost is $580 per person and covers all expenses.

WHEN: Sunday, August 5 - Saturday, August 11, 2018
WHERE: Trenton, NJ
TIME: Leave CYO 5:00pm on Sunday, August 5.
COST: $580 until June 2; after June 2, $600 non-refundable.
Typical Schedule: After an early breakfast and Morning Prayer, depart for Service Site at 9:00am. Have lunch at noon and continue to work until 3:00pm, when you return to Host Site for showers and recreation. Dinner at 5:30pm and evening activities tying faith to action and social justice. Free time starts at 9:45pm and 10:30pm is Evening Prayer.11:00pm is Bed Time.

Travel Opportunities

–Poland’s Best with Fr. Joseph Kubiak, August 9 - 18, 2018, $2,950 from Newark includes airfare, surcharges, taxes, hotels, meals, entrance fees. St.John VianneyChurch at 732-574-0150.
–Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 6 - 16, 2018
–Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan, January 14 - 25, 2019. Led by Fr. Gerry Paderon of St. Thomas the Apostle, Old Bridge. 12-day trip will visit Tel Aviv, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Getsemane, Jericho, Dead Sea, Amman, Petra. Trip includes R/T from Old Bridge, airfare, hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, daily Mass, Protection Plan, Tips at $3,400 per person. Direct email: gbpaderon@gmail.com

Sight & Sound Theater

The Parish of the Visitation in New Brunswick has some seats available for a trip to Lancaster, PA to see “Jesus - Love That Rescues!” The show covers a major portion of His life. Afterwards, the group will dine at Good “N Plenty restaurant. All this takes place on Tuesday, June 26. Ticket Cost: $120/adult; $78/child. Please reserve by May 26. Parish Office: 732-545-5090 for information.
Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
548-0100 x225

Food Pantry: Next week is Food Donation Weekend. Please bring items to Cathedral entrances. Thank you for keeping our Food Pantry well stocked for those in need. May God bless you for your generosity to His poor.

There is an Emergency Shortage of blood right now! Our next Parish Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, May 15 from 3:00pm - 8:30pm in the Cathedral Community Room. 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 criteria and give physician’s letter each year.

Walk-Ins Welcome. Give the Gift of Life!

Steubenville Retreat
A weekend getaway for high school teens (8 - 12 grade), highly recommended, inspirational, grace-filled gathering of 5,000 youth from all over U.S.. Ours will be held at St. John’s University (8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens NY 11439) on July 20-22, 2018. Cost for the weekend prior to May 15 is $375; after May 15 it is $400. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, coach bus, tips, conferences. Leave CYO parking lot at noon on Friday, 7/20 and return 2:30pm on Sunday, 7/22. Parents, please encourage your child to join us to build his or her relationship with Jesus! Steubenville helps to ensure that all teens have an encounter with the God who loves them through Gospel message, prayer and fellowship. Provide email/phone # to Sister Maria Lan for permission slip. View inspirational website of conferences: https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth

Rent-A-Team-Of-Teens: A volunteer program to help with 4-season indoor/outdoor clean-ups. It can be used for spring cleaning or whatever chores you need accomplished. No cost to you but donations gladly accepted. Contact Sr. Maria Lan: 732-770-2506.

W-E-E-K-AT-A-GLANCE
This Weekend: Scrip - Car Raffle Tickets
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal
SUN: -MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO
MON: -Catechist Training, 7:00pm, JR
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JPII
- Men’s Group, 7:30pm, JPII
- CYO Board Meeting, 8:30pm, CYO
WED: - SFCS HSA Board Meeting, 7pm, CCR
- Provide-A-Meal, 7:00pm, Soc.Con., 7:30pm, Sol
THU: - Rosary Altar Executive Board, 9:00am, SOL
- Bible Study, 1:00p&7:15pm, JPII
- SFCS Spring Show, 7:00pm, CYO
- Charismatic Mass/Prayers for Healing, 7:30pm
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- Widows & Widowers, 7:00pm, SOL
- SFCS Spring Show, 7:00pm, CYO
SUN: - Parish May Crowning, during noon Mass
- SFCS Spring Show, 2:00pm, CYO
- HSYG Meeting, 6:30m - 8:00pm, SJB
Next Weekend: Catholic Communications Campaign
Car Raffle Tickets

Eucharistic Ministers: May 5/6
5:00pm - C. Coleman, M. Perullo, L. Dalton, S. Francis, D. Reilly, C. Saggese, S. Tamasco, J. Franklin
7:00pm - J. Pasquale, J.G-Campbell, M.&W. Manza, N. Davis, J. Bundoc
7:30am - S. Riolo, J./K. Burke, C. Kozak, D. Monek, J. Carey, R. Dowdy,
9:00am - P. Zensky, R. Altz, R. Quaglia, P. John, D. Reilly, A. Cirelli, T. N. Rossi
10:30am - P. Stead, F. Belmont, D. Pappalardo, M. Garni, A. Bianchini, R&R Coquia
12:00pm - E. Swan, S. Fernandez, J. & M. Hernandez, R. Cron, M. Kolomatis, D. Rossi

Lectors: May 5/6
5:00pm: Al & Judy Kendziora/7:00pm: Jerry LaPointe
7:30am: Kathleen Burke/9:00am: Russell Lawyer
10:30am: Michael McCunney/12:00pm: Joachim Licameli

Altar Servers - May 5/6
5:00pm - Team 5/6
7:30am - Team 7/8
10:30am - Team 9/10
Ascension Vigil: May 9, 5pm - Team 11
Ascension Day: May 10, 7pm - Team 12