Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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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

EUCARISTICADORATION 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.
Parish Schools 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)
Coordinated Ministries: Cheryl Saggese (632-9564)
Music Ministry: Thomas DeLessio, (548-0100 x235)
Youth Ministry: Sr. Maria Lan Nguyen
CYO Coordinator: SFCYOCoordinator@gmail.com

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.

Parish Contacts
-COORDINATORS -
-Advocates for Disabled: Jane Conlon & Janet Onufer Michael (548-0100)
-Lectors: Jerry LaPointe - pandj57@aol.com
-Ushers: Tom Hansen (548-0100)

- PARISH GROUPS -
-Adult Acolytes: John Grigo (548-0100)
-Body of Christ Prayer Group: PamGendlek-pzgendlek@comcast.net
-Cathedral Choirs: Thom DeLessio: tdelessio@diometuchen.org, 548-0100 x 235 Folk - Steve Kirbos - steve@kirbos.net;
-Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D’Amico - dghmad@aol.com
-Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia-rquaglia19@gmail.com
-Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendola & Helen Vendola (548-0100)
-Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
-Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
-Knights of Columbus: KoC3272.web.com
-Legion of Mary: Fri. 11:00am - Rod Altz (548-0100)
-Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnrbaker@optonline.net
-Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
-Moms’ Group: Tom Thomas: sfcmensgroup@gmail.com
-MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli:sandra@spinelli.us
-Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
-Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sfprayertree@msn.com
-Rosary Altar Society: Carmela Guarnera (548-0100)
-Scripture Study: Pat Morgan - (548-0100)
-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 - elbo1974@yahoo.com
-Nat Fam Planning Hotline- 800-334-0699/562-1990 x1623
-Ozanam (Provide-A-Meal) Committee
-Friendly Visitors (Visit with elderly or homebound)
-Elizabeth Ministry (Share sanctity of life with mothers/mothers-to-be)
-Social Concerns Committee (Serves the poor confidentially)
-Intrafaith Network of Care: Volunteers for homebound
-Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

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 Morrissey r/o Joan & Frank Belmont
Noon - Bob Liparini r/o Peluso Family - *Parish May Crowning*

MONDAY, May 7

7:00am - Tu Van Nguyen & Ne Thi Nguyen r/o SF Sisters of Christian Charity
8:00am - Flora Delliaca r/o Erin Soto & Family
12:10pm - Gerard Smith r/o Jackie & Paul

TUESDAY, May 8

7:00am - Florence Morrison r/o Nancy Cameron
8:00am - Emil DePasquale r/o Wife & Family
12:10pm - Eric Malinowski r/o Mother & Family

WEDNESDAY, May 9

7:00am - Luciana Santilli r/o Annette & John Santilli
8:00am - Bruno Biancamano r/o Philip & Nancy Chidichimo
12:10pm - Anna & Frederick Primich r/o Doris & Frederic Primich

Ascension of The Lord

Wed. Vigil - 5:00pm - Anne Oghia r/o Husband, Dr. Hady Oghia

THURSDAY, May 10

7:00am - Jane Kaiser r/o Sister Dorothy & Family
8:00am - Cecil Dominic r/o Shirley Fernandez
9:30am - School Liturgy
12:10pm - Timothy Horan r/o Kevin & Theresa Walsh
7:00pm - Lenny Klein r/o Manza Family

FRIDAY, May 11

7:00am - David Foley, Jr. r/o Mary & Fred Carpene
8:00am - Mary Rapach r/o Maureen Rapach
12:10pm - Maria Gutierrez r/o May Castaneda

SATURDAY, May 12 - Saint Nereus, Saint Achilleus, Saint Pancras

8:00am - Effie Desa r/o Loydon & Evita Desa
5:00pm - Dorothy Radlmann r/o Flanigan Family
7:00pm - Maureen Murphy-Handerhan r/o Sister & Brothers

SUNDAY, May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Civil Mother’s Day

7:30am - For Mothers (Living & Deceased)
9:00am - For Mothers (Living & Deceased)
10:30am - For Mothers (Living & Deceased)
Noon - For Mothers (Living & Deceased)

The Sanctuary Candles for this week have been donated in loving memory of

Michael & Mary Rapach by Maureen Rapach (in the Cathedral)

Living Special Intention

Frances Villani (in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Bulgaria: John Paul Moore II; and for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Joseph Wejnerowski, Deacon Vincent Abrahams, Michael McCauley, Arthur Hamilton, Rudy Maldonado, John Mac, Nathan Minucci, Jeanine Kachersky, Mary Kelton, David Kleman, Lorna Quilingan, James Suk, Uncle of Matthew LaPine, Kathy Werner, Joyce Martin, Margaret Swarbrick, Baby Genevieve Bonk, Nadia Ruiz, Mary Anne Hale, Peter Barnes, Sr., Kathleen Carroll, Patricia Mulkerin, Kathleen Cremone, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin, Janice Grigo

DECEASED: Sister of Deacon Paul Licameli, Charles C. Tomaro, Florence Abrv, Mary Thompson, Father of Jessica LaPine, William Cullen, Cesár Principe-Dizon, Margaret Hlavenka, Thomas Romond

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

### GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

**Tithing**

Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 4/29:

- Envelopes & Loose Cash: $15,889
- Electronic Offerings: $8,211
- Total: $24,100
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal: $3,546

**e-Giving:** Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at: [http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect/](http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect/)

### 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.

### Run For A Nun!

The Sisters of Christian Charity will have their 5th Annual Run For A Nun on June 2. Come out and jog, walk, or run along with the Sisters! Remember what St. Paul says: “We must run so as to win!” If you can’t make it, would you like to sponsor a Sister? Donations to help the young Sisters would be greatly appreciated. All proceed go directly towards offsetting the costs of Education for those Sisters still in formation (postulants, novices, and temporary professed). Sister Bridget, Sister Mathilde and Sister Maria Lan will all be running, so please support them and watch the bulletins for further details.

### HSA Car Raffle

The Saint Francis Cathedral School Home School Association will be selling Car Raffle Tickets at all church entrances before and after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. 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.

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Connections Program

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is looking for volunteers, men and women, to participate in one-to-one activities and become a mentor to a youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township. **Do you:**

1. Have a minimum of 3 hours a week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
4. Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email at jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.
Parish Notes...

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

--THIS WEEKEND: We take up a collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds remain in our diocese to support local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc; Tickets will be available for this year’s Tricky Tray Car Raffle - Cost is $25.

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

--TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the JPII Room; Journey Through Grief II at 7:00pm in Solarium.

--WEDNESDAY: MOMS’ Group members meet at 9:15am in the Mary Room/St. Francis Room; a Vigil Mass of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated at 5:00pm.

--THURSDAY: Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Masses at 7:00, 8:00, 9:30am (School Liturgy), 12:10, 7:00pm; 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; Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

--FRIDAY: Legion of Mary meets at 11:00am, JPII Room; SFC School May Crowning takes place at 1:30pm in Cathedral.

--NEXT WEEKEND: Boy Scout Troop 17 will hold its annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale in the breezeway after Masses. Remember Mother with a living gift while supporting our Scouts; Scrip is available; Tricky Tray Car Raffle Tickets available at a cost of $25 each.

--SUNDAY: Deacon Frank Cammarano will celebrate his 40th Diaconate Anniversary. Ad Multos Animos, Deacon Frank! Filipino-American Community meets at 1:00pm in the Solarium. 

Banns of Marriage

II Kristina Rosamilia/Joseph DeMaio

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Metuchen are directly or indirectly served through diocesan agencies and programs funded through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Some of these include: forming our seminarians to serve as our future priests; providing the catechists, youth ministers and lay leadership in our parish with the proper training; formation opportunities for our music ministers, readers and others with key roles in our parish liturgies; providing counseling services and basic material needs for the less fortunate; and much more.

As an extra incentive, our parish will receive a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over our parish goal to be used for local needs. Thank you to all who have already given to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift, it’s not too late to participate.

Parish May Crowning

On 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.

“There is Always More...”

Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through a course in Christian Maturity. There is Always More... is being offered by The Body of Christ Prayer Group in the Cathedral Community Room. Sessions will be held on Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:30pm. More Love: May 17, 24, 31; More Power: June 14, 21, 28. Join and experience More Love of God and More Power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Contact Tom: 732-549-4740 mockofam@optonline.net.

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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.

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DEFINING LOVE

Love is one of those words that is used so often, it is taken for granted and even misused. A Greek word found in scripture, agape, expresses a concept of love that means service. This kind of love was the hallmark of the early Christian church: "See how these Christians love one another." Agape love is rooted in God and His love for us, a love which had no conditions. Our task then is to acknowledge this gift of God and, in our small way, to return it both by loving God and loving one another. Isn't there someone in your life who has been asking you about our loving God or about the Catholic faith community that celebrates God's love? Bring that person to an RCIA Inquiry Session. At an Inquiry Session we do not ask for a commitment to the Church. We ask only for the inquirer's questions and then we try to answer them. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but has never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist is invited. Inquiry Sessions will continue through the summer. For more information call Sara Sharlow at 732-562-1990 x 1633.

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.

R-E-G-I-S-T-E-R: New parishioners - - and those who have not already registered - - are asked to come in or phone the Rectory. Without such registration, sponsorship certificates, etc., may not be issued.

Diaconate Ordinations

On Saturday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral, Bishop Checchio will ordain three men to the Transitional Diaconate. Joseph Illes, Matthew Marinelli and Michael Tabernero will be ordained to the priesthood next year, God willing! There will be light refreshments served after Mass downstairs in the Community Room. All are welcome.

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.

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!

Bible Study -- Ephesians

A new Bible Study has recently 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.
It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

-- John 15:16

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

A HYMN TO LOVE

Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple--God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in Him, this week tells us to remain in His love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another."
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

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 right now to reserve a space/B’way Tickets. Deadline Approaching: Return Form by May 20; after 5/20, $25 late fee non-returnable. Includes 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 $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 - 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-refundable $50 deposit by May 20 - after May 20, $25 late fee. Monday - Foodbank/I Play American; Tuesday - Trip to Metropolitan Museum, NYC; Wednesday - SVDP/Movie; Thurs – Hurricane Harbor; Friday - Elijah Promise/Duke Farm Biking.

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/JMonster Mini Golf; Wednesday - B’way show in NYC, Wicked; Thursday - Veteran’s Nursing Home/Movie; Friday-Six Flags, SML 732-770-2506 or 732-548-0100 x306. Please provide your email address and phone number.

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 $70 after April 28 (saves you $130). Season Pass Holder Package B includes All-you-can-Eat Buffet, Bounce back ticket for $40 after April 28. Season Pass Holder Package C is without meals for $25 after April 28. Everyone must attend Sunday Mass with the Youth group at Six Flags on that day! Sr. Maria Lan:732-770-2506.

Cursillo Movement
Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course” -- a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an “Encounter with Christ.” The Cursillo 9th Annual Encounter With Christ will be held at Mary, Mother of God Parish, Hillsborough on Saturday, June 9, 8:00am - 3:00pm. Distinguished speakers will be Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, OFS of the Secular Franciscan Order. The theme of the day is “Seek Me With All Your Heart” (Jeremiah 29:13). Morning coffee and donuts, as well as a light lunch will be served. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Reconciliation, as well as Mass. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be accepted. All Are Welcome! To register, go to http://metecursillo.org for more details.

Open Your Heart & Home To A Foster Child
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or been through multiple placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program. The goal is for the children to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families or adoption. Applicants must have adequate space for a child and must complete a Home Study. Licensed families will receive specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, and monthly reimbursement for the child’s expenses, and support from experienced families. For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom or Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-4663.
Social Concerns

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

–Food Pantry: This week is Food Donation Weekend. We are experiencing a real shortage of food for those in need. Please be as generous as your means allow. Bring items to Cathedral entrances. Thank you for continuing to donate to our Food Pantry. 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!


 McCauley Hall Health Care Center

McCauley Hall is a 5-Star skilled nursing facility conveniently located off Highway 22 West in New Jersey’s picturesque Watchung Mountains. It is on the same grounds as Mount Saint Mary High School. It is a 74 bed facility with all private rooms and ample closet space. Skilled nursing, physical, occupational, speech and restorative therapies are available with Genesis Rehab Services on site. Individual counseling services are offered to anyone who wishes to partake of them. There is a varied activities schedule so that those residents who wish to keep busy can do so. McCauley is a faith-centered facility offering Catholic Mass six days per week; all denominations are welcome. McCauley Hall Health Care Center accepts Commercial and Private Pay as well as Medicare and Medicaid Programs. A tour of the facility is available to anyone who is interested. Please call Admissions Department at 908-754-3663 x313.

“Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.” –St. Therese of Lisieux


This Weekend: - Car Raffle Tickets
Catholic Communications Campaign

SUN: -Parish May Crowning, noon Mass
- SFCS Spring Show, 2:00pm, CYO
- HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB

MON: -Catechist Training, 7:00pm, JR

TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JPII
- Journey Through Grief II, 7:00pm, SOL

WED: -MOMS’ Group, 9:15am, MR/SFR
- Vigil Mass of The Ascension, 5:00pm

THU: -Feast of The Ascension - Holy Day of Obligation
- Bible Study, 1:00&7:15pm, JPII
- Body of Christ Prayer Group, 7:30pm, CCR

FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
- SFCS School May Crowning, 1:30pm, Cathedral

SUN: -Mother’s Day - all Masses for Moms
- Filipino American Community, 1:00pm, SOL

Next Weekend: Mother’s Day Plant Sale
Car Raffle Tickets - Scrip

Eucharistic Ministers: May 12/13

5:00pm: K.Konick, E. Dick, E. Yunker, L. Dalton, N. Davis, C. Tomaro, K. Garner, P. John
7:00pm: M. Brossoni, R &K Aiello, D. Reilly, D. Zensky F./M. Firmansjah
7:30am: A.Pecht, S&D Kovach, E.Lishinsky, A. McCadden, D. Monek
9:00am: M.A. & R. Lawyer, R. Altz, A. Major, K.Kwiatkowski, J. Morrison, K. Schreck
10:30am:R/M.Fuchs, R. Bonk, J. &J. Grigo, J. Bundoc, F. Belmont, R. Baran, F. Corrente, M. Garmi
12:00pm:A. Bautista, D. Rossi, J.&R. Baker, C&C Evangelista, L. Moriarty

Lectors: May 12/13

5:00pm: Miriam DePasquale 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am: Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am:Marty & Mary E. Malague 12:00pm:Catherine M. Barron

Altar Servers - May 12/13

5:00pm Team 13 7:00pm Team 14
7:30am Team 15 9:00am Team 16
10:30am Team 17 12:00pm Team 18

Ascension Vigil: May 9, 5pm - Team 11
Ascension Day: May 10, 7pm - Team 12