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 7:00 am—11:00 pm
(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.

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

- 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 x235; Folk - Steve Kirbos - steve@kirbos.net;
    - Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D’Amico - dghmad@aol.com
    - Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia-rquaglia19@gmail.com
    - Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendiola & Helen Vendiola (548-0100)
    - Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
    - Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
    - Knights of Columbus: KofC.org/joinus
    - Legion of Mary: Fri. 11:00am - Rod Altz (548-0100)
    - Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnrdrainer@optonline.net
    - Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
    - Moms’ Group: Tom Thomas: sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
    - Moms Group: Sandra Spinelli: sandra@spinelli.us
    - Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
    - Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sprayertree@msn.com
    - Rosary Altar Society: Kathy Divorkin-kdivorkin@optonline.net
    - 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)
    - Intrfaith Network of Care: Volunteers for homebound
    - Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, August 5 - *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30am  - Angeline & James Monek r/o Donna Monek
9:00am  - Giuliana Velona r/o Family
10:30am - Kazimiera & Stanislaw Malinowski r/o Malinowski family
Noon   - Amelia Ciccone r/o Nina Schwarzman

MONDAY, August 6 - *Transfiguration of the Lord*
7:00am  - Amelia Vietri r/o Ana & Jacqueline Rocci
8:00am  - Trinidad Chan r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario
12:10pm - Durney/Heavey Families r/o Family

TUESDAY, August 7 - *Pope Saint Sixtus II & Saint Cajetan*
7:00am  - Patricia Pelose r/o Cristina Urmaza
8:00am  - Richard Wilkens r/o Johanna D’Albenzio
12:10pm - Madeline Brandli r/o Paul & Charlotte Brandenburg

WEDNESDAY, August 8 - *Saint Dominic*
7:00am  - Carole Hennessey r/o Jim Renner
8:00am  - Msgr. Dominic A. Turtora r/o Sam & Elaine Convery
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Deacon Paul & Marian Licameli r/o Cenacle Group

THURSDAY, August 9 - *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*
7:00am  - Santilli Family r/o Annette & John
8:00am  - Viola Skeba r/o Cox Family
12:10pm - Robert Lembeck r/o Nancy Beck

FRIDAY, August 10 - *Saint Lawrence*
7:00am  - Angelo, Paula & Ronald Clericuzio r/o Frank & Naomi Clericuzio
8:00am  - Edwin John Rodriguez r/o Wife & Daughters
12:10pm - Kenneth Burke r/o Wife & Family

SATURDAY, August 11 - *Saint Clare*
8:00am  - Lenny Klein r/o Jane & Art Paltz
5:00pm  - Hannigan Family r/o Rosemarie Schwarzman
7:00pm  - Gerard Petronella r/o Middlesex County Board of Elections

SUNDAY, August 12 - *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30am  - Dr. Rudolfo Nilooban r/o Lago/Cuson/Maryland Family
9:00am  - Brendan Ignatius Burke r/o Burke Family
10:30am - Lewis Strand r/o Joan & Frank Belmont
Noon   - Magdalena Hernandez r/o Genoveva Hernandez

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

*Mary Stanowitz*
by *Mary Ann Cackowski*
(in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of

*Nada Stipic*
by her Sister *Elizabeth*
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Joseph Wojnerowski, Janice Grigo, John O’Connor, Joseph Coreschi, Jack Moriarty, Kathryn Rich, Pat Mulkerin, Christine Lacaskey, Donald Alena, Albina Chismar, Grace Jurcsek, Daniel Campbell, Theodore Pichalski, Francesco Cimmino, Kaye Young K.J. Phillips, Diana Yashinski, Becky Lapoint, Ellie Markano, Rose Pollifrone, Mark Annichiarico, Michael McCauley, Nathan Minucci, David Kleman, Kathy Werner, Joyce Martin, Kathy Byram, Baby Genevieve Bonk, Nadia Ruiz, Mary Anne Hale, Peter Barnes, Sr., Kathleen Carroll, Patricia Mulkerin, Kathleen Cremone, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin,

DECEASED: Jeanine Kachersky, Brother of Susan Mejia, Elizabeth Murray, Rose Abatemarco, Daughter of Rosemary Sardone, John Campo, Rudy Maldonado, Angelo Lindon, Joseph Collins

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

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing

Because of vacation schedules, this bulletin was printed before tithing amounts for last weekend were received. The tithing amounts for the weekend of July 28/29 will be published next week.

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

Online Catholic Gift Store

Ready, Set, SHOP! We have our very own Online Catholic Gift Store! With over 20,000 products, you can shop for everything Catholic from the #1 Catholic store on the Internet, The Catholic Company. Best yet, we receive a percentage of the purchase you make. So just go to our parish homepage on the web and click the SHOP NOW button to start your Catholic shopping experience.

“As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children.”

–St. John Climacus

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:

– Cathedral Vestments Fund: St. Francis Cathedral Parish is in need of Mass and other liturgical vestments: each vestment will be memorialized by embroidery either In Memory of, In Honor of, In Thanksgiving for, etc.. Each vestment begins at $1,000. Vestments needed are:
   1 Principal Celebrant Chasuble
   4 Priest Concelebration Chasubles
   4 Dalmatics (for Deacons)
   1 or more Ceremonial Cope(s) and Humeral Veil(s)

Please contact our Cathedral Parish Executive Assistant, Kara Kwiatkowski, for more information or to make a gift (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 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.

McAuley Hall Health Care Center

McAuley 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. McAuley is a faith-centered facility offering Catholic Mass six days per week; all denominations are welcome. McAuley 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: 908-754-3663 x313.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...
This year’s Vacation Bible School adventure was GAME ON! and it was a rousing success. The children combined fun and learning for a wonderful week and through their generosity and that of their parents, $435 was donated to the Missionary Childhood Association. We congratulate and thank all connected with VBS!

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.

–TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in Joseph Room.

–THURSDAY: Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 8:00pm in the Cathedral Community Room.

–FRIDAY: Members of the Legion of Mary meet at 11:00am in the JPll Room; Rectory Office closes at noon; Summer Camp ends for this summer.

–NEXT SUNDAY: Scrip will be available for sale. Please support this fundraiser which benefits SFCSchool without any additional cost to the purchaser; the Filipino-American Community will gather in the Solarium at 1:00pm for their monthly meeting.

Registration Forms for Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group are in the pamphlet racks at the Cathedral entrances. Registration will be accepted through the end of October. No Registrations will be accepted after October 31, 2018. Thank you, parents, for all your support! —Sister Maria Lan

Please Note: Due to the re-installation of our Cathedral Pipe Organ, all daily Masses (7:00am, 8:00am, 12:10pm) including Rosaries, will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel from Monday, September 10 through Wednesday, October 31.

Banns of Marriage
I Gina Criscitello/Ryan Amberger

St. Francis Cathedral School 90th Anniversary Gala
Please join us for this joyous event on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 from 12:30 - 4:30pm at The Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 in Edison. Ticket Price: $75 per person includes appetizer platters, beef, fish, chicken, pasta, salad and assorted pastries for dessert. Send check made payable to SFCS and email your address to us by August 26, 2018 to: SFCYOCOordinator@gmail.com. If you are unable to join us, please consider a donation to the Msgr. Richard A. Behl Endowment Fund. Thanks so much.

Give Our Catholic Schools A Try
Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Metuchen link living our faith with academic excellence. It’s a proven formula that leads to success in the classroom and in life. If you are new to this area or desire a faith-filled school experience for your child, we invite you to learn more about the Catholic school advantage. In the Diocese of Metuchen, we are proud to offer 23 Catholic elementary schools and four Catholic high schools located throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Enrollment is available for students in Pre-k through Grade 12. Learn more and find a complete list at: http://diometuchen.org/schools
If you are 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.

“There’s no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.”
—French Proverb
Golden/Silver Wedding Anniversaries
Couples observing 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries are cordially 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 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Application forms may be secured by contacting your parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org/silver and gold. The system will automatically send a confirmation message for your records. Applications will be ONLINE ONLY. People without access to a computer must call their parish secretary or Family Life Office to register. Applications will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration, Wednesday, October 3rd. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed. Although there is no fee, many Jubilarian couples wish to give a donation of gratitude to the Church on this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or by calling 732-243-4582, Monday through Friday during business hours. For additional information, please call Aida Matos at 732-243-4573 or amatos@diometuchen.org

Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millenium
Join Fr. Gregory Uhrig for an exploration of the enduring power of Vatican II’s teachings in our day. The course will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center on four consecutive Wednesdays, August 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10:00 - 11:00am. Based on a video series entitled “Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millenium” with Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, Ph.D., this course will offer an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges facing the Catholic Church today. There is no charge to attend. The following four sessions are Part I of a two-part series. The second part will take place in November.

Part One Sessions:
Aug. 8: The Church before the Council
Aug.15: Preparation for the Council
Aug. 22: The priesthood of the faithful
Aug. 29: A pilgrim church
If you would like to register, contact Fr. Uhrig at 732-529-7933 or email guhrig@diometuchen.org.

Stress in Your Marriage!
Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrovaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program 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. All inquiries are confidential. Next Session: August 24 - 26, 2018. Phone the Diocesan Family Life Office (732-243-4573) for more information or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (732-236-0671)/email 3024@retrovaille.org

Diocesan Offerings
--Saint Peter’s Gianna Center is located in New Brunswick. The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women’s healthcare including infertility services, general gynecological care and more. All services are provided in accordance with United States Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Visit //www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/732-565-5490.
--Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, offers Counseling & Wellness Services. Children and adults can receive individual and family therapy. If you, or someone you know, is in need of counseling, or has been impacted by addiction, we can help. Call 800-655-9491.

Travel Opportunities
--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: gpbaderon@gmail.com
--Best of Greece & the Greek Islands, March 19 - 29, 2019. Fr. David Kosmoski, St. Andrew Church, walks the footsteps of St. Paul by visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, and a 3-day Greek Isles Cruise. Please call 732-634-4355.
“Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.”
—John 6:27a

Whoever believes in me will never thirst

THE BREAD OF LIFE
Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp His miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in Him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. John would have us understand that faith is the work of God in the believer. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing Himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

GOD'S WORK
We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?
We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the One He sent" (John 6:29).
FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Jesus tells us “I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in Me shall thirst again.” That's the Good News! Is there someone in your life who is aware that Jesus is calling him/her to come closer to Jesus? Does he/she have a hunger or a thirst for a relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church? Invite your relative or your friend to an RCIA Inquiry Session. Inquiry Sessions do not ask for commitments. Inquiry sessions are a place to ask questions about God/Jesus or about the Catholic Faith. Inquiry Sessions are opened to anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian Denomination or baptized Catholic but has not received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions will continue throughout the summer. Call the RCIA Office at 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Pipe Organ Restoration Photos
Numerous captioned photos of the inner workings of our pipe organ before disassembly and during the restoration process are now available on Facebook. Search for “St. Francis Cathedral Concerts,” like the page, and share with your contacts. A few representative photos will be available at https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/musicministry

The Catholic Center
The Catholic Center at Rutgers strives to help students feel welcome and supported in an environment which is diverse, questioning and sometimes challenging to their faith. It is a home away from home where students can relax and enjoy friends, discuss issues, study and pray. During the summer months the Center (84 Somerset Street, New Brunswick) will be open Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm; and be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Mass Monday - Friday at 7:30am at St. Peter’s Church; Mass Monday - Thursday at 12:15pm in the CC Chapel. During the summer, weekend Mass at St. Peter’s Church will be 5:00pm Saturday vigil and 8:00, 11:00am and 6:00pm on Sundays. Feast of the Assumption, August 15, Masses at 7:30am, 12:15pm, 7:30pm at St. Peter’s. Confession on Saturdays at 11:00am - 12 noon in Church. Summer Events will be posted on www.rutgerscatholic.org and on Facebook.

Counseling Services Available: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, offers Counseling & Wellness Services. Children and adults can receive individual and family therapy. If you, or someone you know, is in need of counseling, or has been impacted by addiction, we can help. 800-655-9491 for appointment.

St. Francis Cathedral School
Tentative Calendar 2018 - 2019

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

AUGUST
30 School Opens for 1st - 8th grades. Noon dismissal
Before & After Care begins
31 Grades 1 - 8: Noon Dismissal

SEPTEMBER
3 Labor Day - No School
4 School Opens for Pre-K & K; Pre-K - 8th grades Full Day
Hot Lunch Program begins
5 Middle School Back-to-School Night - 7pm
12 K - 5 Back to School Night - 7pm

OCTOBER
5 Noon dismissal
8 Columbus Day - No School
20 P/T Conferences 5-8pm
21 Noon dismissal
22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

NOVEMBER
19 P/T Conferences 5-8pm
20 P/T Conferences 5-8pm
21 Noon dismissal
22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

DECEMBER
21 Noon dismissal
24-31 Christmas Holiday - No School

JANUARY
1 No School
2 Noon dismissal
18 President’s Day - No School

FEBRUARY
1 Noon dismissal
18 President’s Day - No School

MARCH
1 Noon dismissal
15 Teacher Spirituality Day - School Closed

APRIL
17 Student Spirituality Day - Noon dismissal
18-26 Easter Holiday - No School

MAY
3 Noon dismissal
24 Professional Day - No School
27 Memorial Day - No School

JUNE
6 8th Grade Graduation
7 K Graduation; Pre-K 4 Yr. Formal Promotion
10 New K & Pre-K Orientation
11 DARE Graduation
12-13 Noon dismissal
14 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

–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.

–Our Food Pantry is in need of supplies. Please bring donations of food to the Cathedral entrances. Hunger does not go away just because it is summertime. We are very grateful for generosity.

–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 Tuesday, August 21, 3:00pm - 9:00pm in the Community Room.

–Help Support Catholic Charities: Please support our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, bedding, shoes, small household items. A Drop Box is located in our CYO parking lot and at Edison Family Service Center, 26 Safran Avenue, Edison. Contact 1-877-343-3651.

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 to a child?
4. Enjoy being a positive role model? Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email jcullen@ccdom.org for more info.

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.”

TUE: Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
THU: -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR
FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
-Rectory Closes at noon
-Last Day of Summer Camp
SUN: -Scrip
-Filipino American Community, 1:00pm, SOL

Advance Notice: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary August 15 - Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass, 8/14 at 5:00pm;
Feast Day Mass, 8/15 at 7, 8am; 12:10, 7pm
Rectory Closed

Eucharistic Ministers - August 11/12
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. Garni
12:00pm: A. Bautista, D. Rossi,J.&R. Baker, C&C Evangelista L.Moriarty

Lectors - August 11/12
5:00pm:Miriam DePasquale  7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am:Ralph Quaglia  9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am:Marty & MaryE. Malague12:00pm:CatherineBarron

Altar Servers - August 11/12
5:00pm Team 15      7:00pm Team 16
7:30am Team 17  9:00am Team 18
10:30am Team 19  12:00pm Team 20
Assumption Vigil, 5:00pm - Team 21
Assumption Feast, 7:00pm - Team 22

Religious Education Registration
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 were 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.