**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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RECTORY  32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
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SCHOOL  528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Ann Major, 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

**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.
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: Pam Gendlek-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
  - Filippino/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: KoFC.org/joinus
  - 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
  - Mens’ 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-sfprayer@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 12 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  - Dr. Rudolfo Nilooban r/o Lago/Cuisson/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

MONDAY, August 13 - Pope Saint Pontian & Saint Hippolytus
7:00am  - Patricia Pelose r/o Cecilia Florentino
8:00am  - Jerry Young r/o Michael White
12:10pm - Margaret Cammarano r/o Family

TUESDAY, August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe
7:00am  - Hank Decato r/o Lou Nagy
8:00am  - Marlie Dean Long r/o Long & Bridgeman Family
12:10pm - Diego Lumauig r/o Joel & Berkis Lumauig

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, 5:00pm - Kathryn Fallon r/o Louise Ray

WEDNESDAY, August 15
7:00am  - Bob Luczak r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am  - Thomas Dunn, Sr. r/o John & Pam Szurko
12:10pm - (Liv.) Special Intention r/o Frances Villani
7:00pm  - Living & Deceased SFC Parishioners

THURSDAY, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary
7:00am  - Teresa Nguyen r/o Family
8:00am  - Betty Razal r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Michele Rijos r/o Mother, Anna Tizio

FRIDAY, August 17
7:00am  - Msgr. Michael J. Alliegro, Former Rector r/o Cathedral
8:00am  - Donna Smith r/o Marguerite Graff
12:10pm - Roselaine Fernino r/o Urso, Long, Natkie & Bridgeman Families

SATURDAY, August 18
8:00am  - Emil DePasquale r/o Wife & Family
5:00pm  - Michael & Jennie Donofrio r/o Rosemarie Schwarzman
7:00pm  - Irene Wilson r/o Irene Chester

SUNDAY, August 19 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  - Margaret Tobey r/o Peg Cash
9:00am  - Cezar Jazmin, Sr. r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario
10:30am - Deacon Neil Smoyak r/o Shirley Smoyak
Noon   - Irene Wilson r/o Mr. & Mrs. A. Moglia

The Sanctuary Candles for this week have been donated in loving memory of
Paul DuBois
by The SFCS Community (in the Cathedral)
in loving memory of
Edwin Williamson
by Jack & Susan Swartz (in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Joseph Wejnerowski, Janice Grigo, Raymond Forziati, Robert Ciolek, Genevieve West, Charles Gubicza, Andrew Aquilini, John Co, David Kleman, Michael Schramm, Albina Chisman, John Stevens, John O’Connor, Jack Moriarty, Kathryn Rich, Pat Mulkerin, Christine Lacaskey, Donald Alena, Grace Jurcsek, Daniel Campbell, Theodore Pichalski, Kaye Young, K.J. Phillips, Diana Yashinski, Becky Lapoint, Ellie Markano, Rose Pollifrone, Mark Annichiarico, Michael McCauley, Nathan Minucci, Kathy Werner, Joyce Martin, Kathy Byram, Baby Genevieve Bonk, Nadia Ruiz, Mary Anne Hale, Peter Barnes, Sr., Kathleen Carroll, Kathleen Cremone, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin

DECEASED: Sister Patricia Meihof, Joseph Coreschi, Jeanine Kachersky, Brother of Susan Mejia, Elizabeth Murray, Rose Abatemarco, Daughter of Rosemary Sardone

...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:

– 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 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.

Advance Directive for Health Care
The Catholic Perspective

Documents which provide guidance when a person is no longer able to make health care decisions are called “advance directives.” It is recommended that those completing an advance directive also appoint a health care representative who is someone who is trusted and authorized to evaluate what the patient would want and to make those health care decisions. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides clear guidance on end of life issues. The N J Catholic Conference (NJCC) of Bishops has Advance Directives for Health Care form which reflects the Catholic perspective. Copies are available from Angela Marshall at Respect Life Office at 732-562-1543 or be downloaded at www.diometuchen.org/deptsmnistr/ respect-for-life/catholic-advance-directives-living-wills/ or NJCC website:www.njcathconf.com. Forms are also available in Spanish. A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions provides a clear explanation of Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide.

Go to www.ncbcenter.org for copies.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

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.

–SUNDAY: Scrip is available for purchase. 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.

–TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in Joseph Room; Vigil Mass of the Assumption at 5:00pm.

–WEDNESDAY: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses on the feast day will be celebrated at 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10, 7:00pm. The Rectory Office will be closed.

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

–FRIDAY: Members of the Legion of Mary meet at 11:00am in the JPII Room; Rectory Office closes at noon.

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

–Advance Notice: Parish Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 21 from 3:00 - 9:00pm in the Community Room. Put the date on your calendar and plan on giving the Gift of Life! Thank you.

FYI: Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung is offering Who Cares About the Saints? on Wed., Aug. 15, 7:00 - 9:00pm and Hildegard of Bingen: One Woman’s Story on Wed., Aug. 22 7:00 - 9:00pm. Call 908-753-2091 to register or to obtain information.

A Warm Welcome Back

This is a historical year for Saint Francis of Assisi School. We are blessed to welcome a new principal who is already known to us. Mrs. Ann Major is assuming the position at our Blue Ribbon School. Ann and her husband Craig are parishioners of Saint Francis Parish for more than a few years. They have two grown sons, Brian and Kevin. Ann is a faithful Eucharistic Minister, and comes to us from her former position which was the principal of a catholic school on Staten Island in the Archdiocese of New York.

Ann is pleased to join the school in her parish where she taught in earlier years and was the vice principal. Gratefully she knows many people of our parish as well as our present school faculty. Ann also was the principal of Our Lady of Mount Virgin School in Middlesex.

We really are most grateful to our Lord for directing Ann to us where she will continue the excellence Saint Francis Cathedral School has demonstrated. May God bless her, Craig and her sons as she generously assumes the responsibility of assisting our parents to raise their children in the Catholic Faith through Catholic School education.

–Msgr. Bob Zamorski

Banns of Marriage
II Gina Criscitello/Ryan Amberger

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.

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? Do you think about making 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 and six follow-up sessions. 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) or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (732-236-0671) or email 3024@retrovaille.org.
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. Please send check made payable to SFCS, email and home address information to 90th Anniversary Gala Committee, 528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840 by August 26, 2018. If you are unable to join us, please consider a donation to the Msgr. Richard A. Behl Endowment Fund. Thanks so much.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ENRICHMENT**

Referring to the Eucharist, Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote: "...here Christ Himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift." If we really believed that wouldn't we want all those we care about to join us at the Eucharistic Table? Is there someone in your life who seems interested in getting closer to Jesus through the Catholic faith? 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 your faith? 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 open to anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian Denomination or baptized Catholic but has not received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Call Sara at the RCIA Office for more information...732-562-1990 x 1633.

The U. S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide **Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life** through September 28. Participants will receive weekly reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray!

**Eucharistic Adoration in The Lady Chapel**

If you like to pop into the Chapel whenever the Spirit moves you, would you prayerfully consider signing up an hour each week? **Keep Jesus Company** and help assure that Eucharistic Adoration remains ongoing at Saint Francis Cathedral parish.

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Marie D’Amico: dghmad@aol.com./732-906-6537.

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 at https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/musicministry

**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. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or by calling 732-243-4582, Monday through Friday during business hours. Please call Aida Matos at 732-243-4573 or amatos@diometuchen.org.

**One Universal Church**

Asian Subcontinent Catholics of New Jersey are invited to honor **Our Lady of Good Health** and celebrate the Independence Day of India and Pakistan. This event will take place on Saturday, August 18 at the Parish Community of Our Lady of Peace in North Brunswick. There will be a Procession and Call to Prayer at 4:30pm and Rosary at 5:00pm. At 5:30pm, Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend James F. Checchio, and the Bishop will be accompanied by priests from the Asian Subcontinent. Participating Communities are: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Dinner Reservation is $10 and can be arranged at: https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3449451?cookie_header=1.

FYI: If you are able to donate some time to be a **Eucharist Minister at JFK Hospital**, Edison, please contact Fr. Pauly Thekkkan at 732-762-6963. Weekdays or weekends needed.
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

–John 6:51

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the "Bread of Life" discourse from John's Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews' ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells His listeners that He is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after His promise of eternal life - - a marvelous promise, but this "reward" is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread – too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers Himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives His flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.
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.

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 the next three Wednesdays, August 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 sessions are Part I of a two-part series. The second part will take place in November.

Part One Sessions:
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.

Mother Seton H.S. Gala

Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark is pleased to announce the 2018 Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition. Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend. Festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d’oeuvres, a pasta station and carving station. A Silent Auction is also planned. It will take place on Friday, October 5, 6:30 - 10:30pm at The Westwood in Garwood. To purchase tickets/info, contact school at 732-382-1952 x175 or email Gala@motherseton.org

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
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
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

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
Celebration of Marriage Retreat
The weekend of September 28 - 30 is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It takes place at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of “couple time” for walks on nearby beaches. Cost: $270 per couple, includes all meals, room and program. Sign-up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Prior to setting the Reception date, contact Margaret Manza (732-548-0100 x212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.

Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center 732-548-0100 x 225

–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 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.

[SUNDAY]
- Scrip
- Filipino American Community, 1:00pm, SOL
[TUESDAY]
- Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
- Vigil Mass, 5:00pm
[WEDNESDAY]
- Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day Obligation
  Rectory Closed - Mass at 7, 8am; 12:10, 7pm
[THURSDAY]
- Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR
- Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JP II
- Rectory Closes at noon

Eucharistic Ministers - August 18/19
5:00pm: N. Davis, M. DePasquale, M. & A. Quizon, E. & J. Lyons, J. Bundoc, K. Garner
7:00pm: E. Gutierrez, J. Pasquale, N. Cadorna, E. Swan, C. Roberts, C. Evangelista
7:30am: C. Kozak, D. Monek, B&R. Cushing, T & J Sharlow
9:00am: M. Kushnerick, D. Heyden, J. Morrison, A. Major, M. D’Amico, E. Fortune, G. Monte Leone, S/MSantangelo
10:30am: L. Taylor, P. Bixel, E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S. Francis, B & E. Williamson, A. Bianchini
12:00pm: L. Moriaty, K. Manchery, T. N. Rossi, A. McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

Lectors - August 18/19
5:00pm: Larry McHugh 7:00pm: Maria Walsh
7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky 9:00am: Elizabeth Rooney
10:30am: Boris Moczula & Maureen Varley
12:00pm: Catherine Murphy-Barron

Altar Servers - August 18/19
5:00pm Team 23 7:00pm Team 24
7:30am Team 25 9:00am Team 1
10:30am Team 2 12:00pm Team 3
Assumption Vigil, 5:00pm - Team 21
Assumption Feast, 7:00pm - Team 22

Grief Recovery: Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer in Watchung is offering a Learning Process to Deal with Grief on Sunday, August 19, 1:00 - 5:30pm. It is a gentle 4-step experiential process to resolve the grief caused by loss. Registration is required. Cost: $45 - $55 as you are able. Call 908-753-2091 or email msmhope@msmhope.org.