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

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

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski, Rector
Rev. John Werner, Parochial Vicar
Rev. David J. Wejnerowski, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Christy, In Residence

Deacon J.P. Saggese
Deacon Rick Fortune
Deacon Emeritus Frank J. Cammarano
Deacon Emeritus Paul G. Licameli
Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brossoni
Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

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Website  www.StFrancisCathedral.org
Live Stream  http://cvp.telvue.com/player?id=T05325

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

EUCARISTIC 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 (celebrated on 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 - 5:05pm.; 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 (548-0100); Janet Onufer Michael- JanetMONufer@gmail.com
  - 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
  - Filipinos/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 - jnrbaker@optonline.net
  - Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
  - Mens’ Group: Tom Thomas:sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
  - MOPS Group: Sandra Spinelli: sandra@spinelli.us
  - Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sfprayeretree@msn.com
  - Rosary Altar Society: Kathy Divorkin - kdivorkin@optonline.net
  - Scripture Study: Pat Morgan - (548-0100)
  - Widows/Widowers: maunijud@hotmail.com

- SOCIAL MINISTRY - 548-0100 x 225
  - 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, September 9 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Alaina Teixeira r/o Dan & Susan Kovach
9:00am - Thomas Speckin r/o Family
10:30am - Ramon Bella r/o Norma Luna
Noon - (Liv.) Int. Maddox Gutierrez r/o Family

MONDAY, September 10
7:00am - Jane Sheftie r/o Burke Family
8:00am - Rachel Swan r/o Swan Family
12:10pm - Domenico DiBartolomeo r/o Joseph & Kathleen Cavezza

TUESDAY, September 11
7:00am - Kathleen Fisher Frank r/o Dolores & Chris
8:00am - Peter Pinizzotto r/o Family
12:10pm - Lisa Bausch r/o Dorothy Hessner

WEDNESDAY, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary
7:00am - Jeanette Franko r/o Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Brosnan
8:00am - Anthony & Margaret Tobey r/o Peggy & Chris Tierney
12:10pm - Lucille Granzalowski r/o Linda Boduck

THURSDAY, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom
7:00am - Karen Catanzaro r/o Friends
8:00am - Elda DiFabio r/o Long Family
12:10pm - Anselmo Nadres r/o Norma Luna

FRIDAY, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00am - Dionisia Plaras r/o Marisa Plaras
8:00am - Diego F. Lumauig r/o Joel & Berkis Lumauig
12:10pm - Armando Alvira r/o Lucy & John Sivertsen

SATURDAY, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00am - Jane Kaiser r/o Margaret Manza & Family
5:00pm - Ann Krokosz r/o Pat Walsh
7:00pm - Gower & Dabal Family r/o John & Marianne Dabal

SUNDAY, September 16 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - (Liv.) Int. Michael, Sherri, Joe & Susan r/o Jerry & Marlene
9:00am - John Willis r/o Willis Family
10:30am - Eva & Steve Dudeck r/o Dudeck & Prokopis Families
Noon - Esperance Pereira r/o Pereira Family

The Sanctuary Candles for this week
have been donated
in loving memory of
Richard E. Czapinski
by his Mother
(in the Cathedral)

in honor of
Maura & Michael McCunney
on the occasion of
their 25th Wedding Anniversary
(in the Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Joseph Wejnerowski, Janice Grigo, Kevin Speckin, Lorraine Calvo, Carlo Cirilli, Theo Clark, Jane Parker, Uncle of Matthew LaPine, Carmel Fitzhenry, Arthur Hamilton, Elizabeth Marquard, Rita Cuppari, David Kuchar, Betty Fister, Florence Manza, David Kleman, Albina Chismar, Pat Mulkern, Theodore Pichalski, Kaye Young, K.J. Phillips, Diana Yashinski, 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 Cremon, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin

DECEASED: Teofilo Macalintal, Joseph Piala, Patricia Wiley, Angelo Nicosia

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

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing
Thank you for your generosity on the weekend of 9/02

| Envelopes & Loose Cash | $14,878 |
| Electronic Offerings | $ 8,522 |
| **Total** | **$23,400** |

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

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.

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:

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.

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 for an hour each week? **Keep Jesus Company** and help assure that Eucharistic Adoration remains ongoing at Saint Francis Cathedral parish.

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Emboldened Hours are the most critically in need of Adorers. **Contact Marie D’Amico:** dghmad@aol.com / 732-906-6537.

FYI: JFK Hospital in Edison is in need of volunteers. If you can give some of your spare time, please contact Margaret Wagner at 732-321-7000 x68342.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

--THIS WEEKEND: Vocationist Fathers will be selling Raffle Tickets, proceeds from which will support the education of their seminarians. Please take as chance and support their ministry; Annual Peter’s Pence Collection will be taken to provide the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

--SUNDAY: After attending 10:30am Mass, Rosary Altar Society members gather in the Solarium for their monthly meeting. New members are most welcome; Filipino-American Community meets at 1:00pm in Solarium; SFC School 90th Anniversary Gala takes place at The Pines Manor from 12:30-4:30pm for tickets holders.

--MONDAY: SFC School Volunteer Meeting at 8:00am in the Community Room.

--TUESDAY: Today we commemorate the Seventeenth Anniversary of the 9-11-'01 tragedy. Please remember prayerfully the victims and the bereaved on this day; our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room; Journey Though Grief Step II at 7:00pm in the Solarium.

--WEDNESDAY: MOMS’ Group invites all Mothers to its meeting at 9:30am, Mary Room/SFR; SFC School HSA Meeting and K - 5 Back to School Night at 7:00pm in the Community Room. Parents should make every effort to attend.

--THURSDAY: Bible Study continues The Story of Salvation at 1:00pm in Joseph Room and 7:15pm in JP II Room; Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 8:00pm in Community Room.

--FRIDAY: Members of the Legion of Mary gather at 11:00am in the JP II Room.

--NEXT SUNDAY: Catechetical Sunday, when we honor and thank our Religious Education Catechists who give so much of their time and talent to children and adults to bring them closer to God and our faith; Family-Centered Religious Education at 9:00am - noon in the Community Room.

--NEXT WEEKEND: Please support our Middle School Bake Sale after Masses in the breezeway.

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.

Protecting God’s Children

Our parish offers an opportunity to attend the “Protecting God’s Children” workshop which is designed for anyone who has significant contact with children. Therefore, new faculty, CCD Teachers, Coaches, Scout Leaders and all other new volunteers must register for one Protecting God’s Children session. Participants are asked to register online at www.virtus.org, then follow the directions to register. You may also phone 732-767-0415 with questions about registering.

Upcoming Cathedral Session in the Solarium
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8:00 - 10:30am.
Saturday, Sept. 22, 9:00 - 11:30am
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00 - 9:30pm

Calling New Altar Servers

Calling 5th Graders and up!!!
Serving at the Altar during Mass is a great way to develop boys’ and girls’ faith and service to the Church. If this is for you, please fill out the attached form and send it to the Rectory, give it to your homeroom teacher (for SFCS students) or email information to Deacon JP at jpsaggese@verizon.net Mark the email NEW ALTAR SERVER.

Name________________________________
Address________________________________
Tel#__________________________Grade_____
School________________________________
Parents’ email_________________________

Training dates & time will be determined after sign-ups
If you have any questions, please contact Deacon JP at jpsaggese@verizon.net.
Holy Hour for Priests, today, 3:00pm, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Info: diometuchen.org/evangelization, click on Intercessors for Shepherds

2018 Critical Life Issues Conference
Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
The goal of the conference this year is to discuss the message of Pope Paul VI’s famous encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which is rooted in the way men and women are made by God, who is love. It is a message of humanity, totality, faithfulness and fecundity. The conference will explore whether or not the teaching in *Humanae Vitae* is relevant in today’s changing culture. It will encourage reaching out to the vulnerable, including the unborn, the terminally ill, the frail elderly and those living with disabilities, because doing so helps to build a better world where human life is always loved and respected. It will take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway from 8:30am-3:30pm on Saturday, October 20. This day is presented by the Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Newark.

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide
The Diocesan Family Life Office is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting NEW ministry to men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. “The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide” is a 12 week program featuring a thirty-minute DVD session each week that covers topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single and much more. This program is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Pre-registration is required and Space is limited to 12 participants. Begins on Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 - 8:30pm and continues Oct. 10, 17, 24; Nov. 7,14, 28; Dec. 5,12,19; Jan. 9,16. Register at 732-243-4573. Info: Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or 908-470-0678.

Hispanic Heritage Mass
All are invited to attend the Hispanic Heritage Mass on Friday, September 28 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral. As we come together to celebrate Hispanic heritage in the Diocese of Metuchen, we continue to be inspired by the words of Pope Francis which he wrote in a letter to the U.S. Bishops about *V Encuentro*: “We need to become ever more fully a community of missionary disciples, filled with love of the Lord Jesus and enthusiasm for the spread of the Gospel.” For more information, please contact the Diocese of Metuchen’s Hispanic Ministry at 732-243-4573.

Mid-Atlantic Community Sisters of Mercy
Almost 900 Sisters of Mercy, founded by Catherine McAuley in 1831, live in, NY, NJ and PA, committing their lives to God and their resources to serving others. They work in schools, hospitals and other ministries, helping thousands of people in need. You can share in this mission by becoming a Sister, associate, companion, social justice advocate or by making a donation to their life-changing works of mercy. To learn more, go to www.sistersofmercy.org.mid-atlantic/

Take a Walk, Save a Life!
Make a difference in the LIFE of an unborn child. Walk for Life on Saturday, October 13, 9:00am - 12:00pm at Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine). Donations will benefit the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. There will be a DJ, refreshments, games - - all kinds of family fun. No distance or time restrictions! Confirmation Service Hours will be provided for attending. Register or Donate today at www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. $200 raised provides 1 FREE ultrasound! Call 732-516-0811/TEXT to 848-229-7634.

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!

Bible Study: Scripture Study, The Story of Salvation has recently begun. Its primary purpose is to provide a simple Catholic approach to Scripture that invites people into a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ. The program is catechetical and evangelistic in nature. It fosters a reading/listening to Scripture with meditation and doing God’s word. This program will take place in the Joseph Room at the Parish Center on Thursdays at 1:00pm in Joseph Rm. and at 7:30 pm in JPII Rm. If you are interested call Art (908-208-5170)/Pat (548-9743).

In God’s Image: GLBT Faith Sharing Group at Sacred Heart, So.Plainfield meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the annex. The next meeting: Sept. 12. The group is open to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender adults, 18 and over, and their families for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. Contact Fr. John: 908-756-0633 x125 or the group at 908–822-5895.
“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?”

–James 2:5

THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word mogilalos appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word, Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and other Jewish prophets of old. The word ephphatha, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word ephphatha, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

FEAR NOT: In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp. To this our loving God says, "Be strong, fear not!" We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone.
REDEEM YOUR GIFT

Jesus tells us, over and over, that the gift of faith, the greatest "wealth" one can possess, is offered to all of God's children. We Christians believe that every aspect of human frailty and suffering is a sign of our need for salvation from God. Our God loves us and wants us to come to God, and allow God's love to heal us of our physical, emotional or spiritual poverty. Jesus was the greatest sign of that compassion and love. If you, or someone you know would like to know more about our loving God, or the compassion of Jesus, or the Catholic faith, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith Family. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith Family. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, call RCIA at (732-562-1990 x 1633).

There will be an Open House at Mother Seton Regional High School on Sunday, September 23 at 1:00pm for girls in Grades 5 - 8. Call 732-382-1952 or see www.motherseton.org.

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.stfranciscathedrall.org/musicministry

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.

FYI: If you are suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available. Experience God’s merciful love. Begin the healing journey: Project Rachel -877-877-4300.

Youth Group News

--Sept.12: Babysitting for Back-to-School Night, 6:30 - 8:00pm, $10 per child, per hour. Proceeds to Steubenville trip.
--Sept. 16: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO. Pizza Night. Community Service and Prayer for 9/11. New Parents are invited to a 5 minute meeting. Please RSVP so we can order the right amount of pizza. Thank you for your loving support.
--Sept. 18: Gleaning Apples - Family Activity. Leave at 2:30pm. Glean from 3:30 - 5:30pm at Riamede Farm, 122 Oakdale Road, Chester. Service Hours for this activity. Bring money for dinner.
Contact Sr. Maria Lan for all events: 732-770-2506.

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

Women in New Evangelization Conference

Anchor of Hope

Ignite your Spirit! Join women from around the Diocese of Metuchen and throughout the country for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship and fun. Dynamic Catholic speakers will inspire you to live your faith with renewed confidence, conviction and hope. The day will include Adoration, Confession, Mass, Prayer Teams, Lunch, Shopping, Prizes and more. It will take place on Sat., September 22, 8:00am - 3:30pm at Immaculate Conception, Somerville. Cost: $55 until Sept. 1; $65 after Sept. 1. Call 908-725-1112 x1124 or register online at newjerseywine2018.eventbrite.com.
Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225

–Last week was **Food Donation Weekend. Thank you** for your generous donations. Needy Families with children going back to school are very much in need of your food donations. Let’s give the children a good start to the school year by generously donating food and grooming supplies. We are very grateful for generosity, as are the people who receive your gifts.

–**Help Support Catholic Charities:** Please support our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, bedding, shoes, small household items and small appliances. 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.

**“Journey Through Grief”:** A non-denominational program for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one is being formed at the Cathedral. The Support Group will meet 8 Wednesdays.

DATE: September 26  TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Parish Center - Joseph Room/Solarium
CONTACT:  Jessie Flynn (732-895-2563)
Mary Beth Connolly (732-512-8901)
*There is no fee - - Pre-registration is required.*

--**Journey Though Grief Step II:** A program that addresses the second phase of grieving a loss. It is a *once-a-month program* that helps people redefine their lives after loss. **First Meeting of the New Season:**

**Tuesday, September 11** at 7:00pm in the Solarium. Call Jessie Flynn(732-895-2563) if you have questions

**Felician Sisters Memorial Service**
The Felician Sisters of Lodi will celebrate the lives of the Sisters who have completed their journey on this earth with a memorial service on **Sunday, November 14** at 1:30pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at the Convent (260 South Main Street, Lodi). Weather permitting, the conclusion of the prayer service will be a procession to the convent cemetery. In a special way, we recall the lives of the Sisters and Felician Associates who died since last year’s memorial service. Following the memorial ceremony, Sisters and guests will return to the convent for light refreshments.

**Homebound:** If you know anyone who is unable to attend Mass because of age or infirmity, but who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the Rectory Office (732-548-0100).

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**W-E-E-K-AT-A-GLANCE**

This Weekend: Vocationist Fathers Raffle Tickets
Peter’s Pence Collection

SUN:  -Rosary Altar Society attend 10:30 Mass; Meeting follows, SOL
   -Filipino American Community, 1:00pm, SOL
   -SFCSchool 90th Anniversary Gala, 12:30-4:30
   Pines Manor, Edison

MON:  -SFCSchool Volunteer Meeting, 8:00am, CCR

TUE:  -Commemoration of 9-11-2001 Tragedy
   -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
   -Journey Through Grief II, 7:00pm, SOL

WED:  -MOMS’ Group, 9:30am, MR/SFR
   -K - 5 Back-to-School Night, 7pm, CCR

THU:  -Bible Study, 1pm, JR/7:15pm, JPII Room
   -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR

FRI:  -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII

SUN:  -Catechetical Sunday
   -Family Centered Rel. Ed., 9am - noon, CCR

Next Weekend: SFCMiddle School Bake Sale

**Eucharistic Ministers - September 15/16**
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. Monteleone,
SMSantangelo
10:30am: L. Taylor, P. Bixel, E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S.
Francis, B&E Williamson, A. Bianchini
12:00pm: L. Moriarty, K. Manchery, T./N. Rossi, A.
McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

**Lectors - September 15/16**
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 - September 15/16**
5:00pm    Team 22  7:00pm  Team 23
7:30am    Team 24  9:00am  Team 25
10:30am   Team 1  12:00pm Team 2

Anyone wishing to bring up the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass, especially if the Mass is for a loved one, should see one of the Ushers before the Mass.