Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  *  Metuchen, NJ  08840

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Bishop of Metuchen

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Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

RECTORY  32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ  08840  
Office Hours  Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Phone  732-548-0100  
Emergency Phone  732-710-1416  
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

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: 1:30 pm 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 - 5:05 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 (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-pzg@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. 11:00 am - Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jrnbaker@optonline.net
  - Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
  - Mens’ 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-sfprayermtree@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 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, 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

MONDAY, September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine
7:00am  -Craig Laskey r/o Phil & Margaret Moebus
8:00am  -(Liv.) Int. Mary Ann & Bill Simms r/o Pat Morgan
12:10pm -Lee Jazmin r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario

TUESDAY, September 18
7:00am  -Frank McGuire r/o Stavropoulos Family
8:00am  -(Liv.) Int. Mary Ann & Bill Simms r/o Pat Morgan
12:10pm -Lee Jazmin r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario

WEDNESDAY, September 19 - Saint Januarius
7:00am  -John McCauley r/o Sr. Mary Elizabeth McCauley
8:00am  -Mariusz Malinowski r/o Family
12:10pm -Robert Lembeck r/o Jack Mullan & Maureen O’Keefe

THURSDAY, September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
7:00am  -Eileen Dunne r/o Skudlarek Family
8:00am  -Margaret Burke r/o Burke Family
12:10pm -(Liv.) Int. Brian & Maria Rayack - 10th Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY, September 21 - Saint Matthew
7:00am  -Rosalia Fiamingo r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
8:00am  -Howard Harvier r/o George Trapp
12:10pm -Paul DuBois r/o Jervis & Mary Lynch

SATURDAY, September 22
8:00am  -Peter Monteleone r/o Family
5:00pm  -Henry Cackowski r/o St. Michael’s Senior Citizens
7:00pm  -Al Kattenhorn r/o Wife Maureen

SUNDAY, September 23 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  -Jim DeMary r/o Jamie & Otto Guevara
9:00am  -Shuk Lan Koh r/o Barbara & Stephen Reilly
10:30am -Victoria & John Jaje r/o Daughter Nancy Conroy & Family
Noon   -Daniel Langan r/o Sister

The Sanctuary Candles for this week
have been donated
in loving memory of
Angelo Colasuonno
by The Roubo Family
(in the Cathedral)
in honor of
Susan & Enzo Ragucci
on the occasion of
their 50th Wedding Anniversary
by Pat Walsh
(in the Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Peter Barnes, Jr., Mark Annichiarico, Teofil Macalintal, Joseph Piala, Patricia Wiley

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.

Girl Scout Gathering
Attention Girl Scouts in Grades 4 and Above
Please join us on September 29 from 9:30 - 3:00pm at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Workshops to help in completing several activities for Catholic Girl Scout Awards and they are as follows: I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple and Spirit Alive. Come and learn more about your faith while having fun and enjoying the companionship of other Scouts. The cost is $15, which includes breakfast and lunch. For information or registration forms, contact DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com.

FYI: St. Peter’s University Hospital, New Brunswick, is in need of female Eucharistic Ministers/ Volunteers to help out with distributing Holy Communion. If you can help, please call Judith George-Roopnarine at 732-745-8600 x8565 or jroopnarine@saintpetersuh.com.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
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Thank you for your generosity on the weekend of 9/09

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

–SUNDAY: Catechetical Sunday, when we honor and thank our Religious Education Catechists who give so much of their time and talent. This year’s theme: *Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.* Msgr. Bob will commission catechists at noon Mass. Those serving in SFC Rel. Ed Program are encouraged to attend; **Family-Centered Religious Education** at 9:00am - noon in the Community Room; **MSYG Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO.

–THIS WEEKEND: Please support our **Middle School Bake Sale** after Masses.

–MONDAY: Mass will be celebrated at the **Senior Residence** at 1:30pm; **Traditional CCD classes** at 4pm.

–TUESDAY: **Prayer Group** meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room; **Protecting God’s Children** is offered from 8:00 - 10:30pm in the Solarium.

–WEDNESDAY: **Charismatic Pastoral Team** meets at 7:30pm in the JPII Room.

–THURSDAY: **Bible Study** continues *The Story of Salvation* at 1:00pm in Joseph Room and 7:15pm in JPII Room; **Traditional CCD Classes** at 4:00pm; **Life in the Spirit** meets at 8:00pm in the Community Room.

–FRIDAY: **Legion of Mary** at 11:00am in the JPII Room.

–SATURDAY: **Protecting God’s Children Session** from 9:00 - 11:30am in the Solarium.

–NEXT SUNDAY: **HSYG Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB

–NEXT WEEKEND: The state of Kerala, India, which has the largest Christian population in the nation, has recently been devastated by the most extreme flash flooding and landslides in nearly a century. According to reports from Catholic Relief Services, “hundreds of people are dead.” and about 1,000,000 people have been displaced by the catastrophic flooding and are in desperate need of food, clothing, potable water, medicine and shelter. Next weekend, we will participate in a **Diocesan Second Collection** to assist in this relief effort. We encourage your generosity to this call. Go to www.diometuchen.org and follow link for Kerala Flood Relief. Thank you for your assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

*Scrip* and **Boy Scouts Popcorn Sale** after Masses.

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.

**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 and the Archdiocese of Newark.

**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.

**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

**Eucharistic Adoration 15th Anniversary**

All are invited to come on **October 7** and celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. Fr. David Wennerowski will celebrate the 12:00 noon Mass, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic procession, ending at the Lady Chapel - Parish Center. Adorers are always needed. Please prayerfully consider committing to one hour weekly. Adoration Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:00am - 11:00pm. Experience the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist!
Walk for Life
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.

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.” Please contact the Diocese of Metuchen’s Hispanic Ministry at 732-243-4573.

A QUESTION OF IDENTITY
In today’s gospel, Jesus asks His disciples: “Who do people say that I am”. If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about who Jesus is, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session, which DOES NOT assume a commitment to join 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.

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 and 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 Room and 7:30pm in JPII Room. If you are interested call Art (908-208-5170) or Pat (548-9743).

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, re-marriage or staying single and much more. This program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, 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. Information: Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or 908-470-0678.

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__________________________Grade_____
Address________________________
Tel#___________________________School________________________
Parents’ email_______________________

Dates & time for training will be determined after sign-ups
Contact Deacon JP at jpsaggese@verizon.net
“The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced”

—Isaiah 50:7

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.
Mount St. Mary House of Prayer Offerings
–Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3: Called To Be Fully Alive in Christ - by using an ancient tool, the Enneagram, which has been used for generations to help people grow into spiritual maturity. This series will discuss the wisdom of this tool and how it can help us understand our gifts, limitations and prayer preferences in order to become more fully alive in Christ. Meeting time is 7:00 - 9:00pm. Cost: $20 - $30 per session.
–Oct. 13: Women’s Fall Spiritual Day - If you’re looking for more balance and peace in your everyday life, come and receive refreshment of spirit, mind and body as you surrender to our gentle God. The day includes prayer and a variety of ways to learn to achieve serenity. Meeting time is 9:30am - 2:30pm. Cost: $45 - $55 as you are able.

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.

You’re Invited
2018 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner
Thursday, October 18
The Palace at Somerset Park
6:30pm Cocktails, 7:30pm Dinner
Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the 2018 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner. Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individuals and corporate benefactors who support the vital services provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen for our neighbors in need. Always honoring the right of every person to be treated with dignity and respect, Catholic Charities serves people from all walks of life, all races, all religions and all economic levels. The dinner is an opportunity for us to publicly recognize worthy individuals while raising much-needed funds for our less-fortunate neighbors. The 2018 Champion Medal will be presented to David & Debra Samuel and to Rev. Msgr. John N. Fell for their civic and pastoral endeavors. For dinner reservations and information, email champions@diometuchen.org.

Paint Party Night
Sister Maria Lan invites ADULTS to a Paint Party Night, Friday, Nov. 9, 5:00-8:00pm, Community Room. Food available 5:00-6:00pm BYOW. Paint/Dinner:$45pp; Paint w/o Dinner: $35pp. To benefit Youth Group for Steubenville.

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.

Life In The Spirit
“I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly” –John 10:10
Life in the Spirit Seminars present the basic Gospel truths: God loves you and Jesus died for your sins. It invites you to experience new life in Christ.... abundantly. The seminars include dynamic teaching and powerful testimonies. They take place on Thursday evenings at 8:00pm in the Cathedral Community Room through October 25. Contact Tom Mockoviak at 732-549-4740 mockofam@optonline.net for info. These seven Thursdays will change your life!

Youth Group News
–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 from 3:30 - 5:30pm at Riamede Farm, 122 Oakdale Road, Chester Service Hours for this activity.
–Sept. 23: HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Meet at Adoration Chapel. Later discuss Steubenville Trip. Parents and HS students invited.
–Sept. 29: MSYG & HSYG Family Trip to harvest vegetables at America’s Grow-A-Row, 150 Pittstown Road, Pittstown, 08867. 9:00am - 12 noon. Bring lunch.

Contact Sr. Maria Lan for all events: 732-770-2506 / smlorchid@hotmail.com
“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.

–Backpack Update: Received from SVDP Society, Perth Amboy: We, the volunteers at the Perth Amboy St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would like to thank all those who made our recent annual backpack program a successful endeavor. The backpacks were distributed to 186 Perth Amboy schoolchildren, and made possible by donations from members of St. Helena, St. Andrew, St. John Vianney, St. Anthony, Our Lady of Victories, St. Bartholomew, St. Francis Cathedral, St. Ambrose, Bishop Ahr High School.

Thank You, Jerry Yaros, Volunteer Director and Joe Serrao, Assistant Director
In addition, within our own parish, at least a dozen children benefitted from the program. Thank you for your generosity to this cause every year.

–Middlesex County College offers General Admission Information Sessions on the main campus on Woodbridge Avenue in Edison. First complete an online application, then attend one of the sessions as follows: Tuesday, October 30 at 10:00am
Wednesday, November 28 at 5:30pm
Thursday, December 20 at 5:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 at 3:00pm
A Health Programs information session will be offered on Mondays, Sept. 24 at 6:00pm, Oct. 19 at 3:00pm, Dec. 10 at 6:00pm. A STEM session will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:00pm. A session on Education, Criminal Justice, and Social Science will be offered on Wed., Nov. 7. They also offer guidance on choosing a career and financial aid information, as well as information for international students. Go to www.middlesexcc.edu.

Eucharistic Ministers - September 22/23
5:00 pm  M. Roth, N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro, E. Munoz, J. Franklin, P. Bershak, K. Garner
7:00 pm  K. Konick, C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, E. Swan, J.M. Onufre
10:30 am M. Conroy, B. Coakes, R. Baran, F. Corrente, J. & J. Grigo, D. Pappalardo, J. Bundoc, E. Beyers
12:00 pm M. Licameli, M. & J. Hernandez, J. & R. Baker, K. Manchery

Lectors - September 22/23
5:00 pm: Maria Tomaro  7:00 pm: Kieran Esposito
7:30 am: Mary Brossoini  9:00 am: Marnie Jeney
10:30 am: Sr. Bridget Harakal  12:00 pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - September 22/23
5:00 pm Team 3  7:00 pm Team 4
7:30 am Team 5  9:00 am Team 6
10:30 am Team 7  12:00 pm Team 8

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