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. Gerard Paderon, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Kavas, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Edmund Luciano, III, In Residence
Deacon Kenneth Hamilton
Deacon J.P. Saggese
Deacon Rick Fortune
Deacon Emeritus Frank J. Cammarano
Deacon Emeritus Paul G. Licameli
Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brosomi
Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY  Beginning December 20, the Cathedral will remain open daily from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for parishioners of the diocese to make pilgrimages through the Holy Door.

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: 1:30 pm 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

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 necessary for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.

Parish Services

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

- Advocates for Disabled: Jane Conlon (549-2580)/Janet Onufer Michael (672-8000)
- Lectors: Jerry LaPointe (549-3498)
- Ushers: Tom Hansen (494-3106)

- PARISH GROUPS -

- Adult Acolytes: John Grigo (548-5193)
- Adult Faith Formation: Dcn. Ken Hamilton (848-260-0136)
- Body of Christ Prayer Group: Thursdays, 8:00pm; CCR - (Monthly Communion Service, 7:30pm) Pam Gendlek (941-6042)
- Cathedral Choirs: Folk - Steve Kirbos (821-7950). Adult; Youth (8-high school); Junior (grades 3-7); Kids of the Kingdom (K-2) - Thom DeLessio: 548-0100 x 235
- Central Jersey Catholic Singles (Over 40): Marisa Busacca (722-7902)
- Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D'Amico (906-6537)
- Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia (287-4739)
- Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendiola (718-801-2315); Helen Vendiola (848-219-0488)
- Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0326)
- Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Jenn Cascio (603-9428)/Kathleen Gwozdzie (662-7131)
- Knights of Columbus: KofC3272.webs.com
- Legion of Mary: Wed. 7:00 p.m.- Rod Altz (548-0151)
- Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker (494-3188)
- Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck: schleckfamily@gmail.com
- Mens’ Group: Tom Thomas (205-1541)
- MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli (494-0265)
- Newsletter: StFrancisCathedral.org
- Parish Historical Guild: Carmen Collins (494-0321)
- Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes:sfprayertree@msn.com;
- Rosary Altar Society: Carmela Guarnera (549-7587)
- Scouting – Cub Scouts: Michael Quinn (662-7476)
  Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies: GSCS NJ Interest Form at 800-582-7692
  Boy Scouts: V. Saulys (662-9204)/K. Gough (777-0023)
- Scripture Study: P. Morgan - 548-9743
- 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 (548-8754)
- Nat Fam Planning Hotline: 800-334-0699/562-1990 x1623
- Ozanam (Provide-A-Meal) Committee
- Friendly Visitors (Visit with elderly or homebound)
- Elizabeth Min (Share sanctity of life with mothers/mothers-to-be)
- Social Concerns Committee (Serves the poor confidentially)
- Infrth Netwk Care (Volunteers for homebound/caregivers)
- Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...
SUNDAY, October 2 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - (Liv.) Int. Eileen Lishinsky r/o Howard Lishinsky
9:00am - Betty McCauley r/o Sr. Mary Elizabeth
10:30am - Julius Bonk r/o Wife & Children
Noon - Conor McCadden r/o Anonymous
MONDAY, October 3
7:00am - Fidela Adoptante r/o Teresa Bolido
8:00am - Patricia Scasserra r/o Teresa & Jim DeMary
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Frank Cammarano & Margaret r/o Family
TUESDAY, October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi
7:00am - Nellie Czochanski r/o Mark & Josephine Czochanski
8:00am - Angelo, Paula & Ronald Clericuzio r/o Frank & Naomi Clericuzio
9:00am - School Liturgy
12:10pm - Domingo & Paciencia Cosare r/o Cosare Family
WEDNESDAY, October 5 - Dedication of the Cathedral
7:00am - Irene Gazda r/o Penny Family
8:00am - Josefa & Prudencio de Luna r/o de Luna Family
12:10pm - David Durney r/o McCabe Family
THURSDAY, October 6 - Saint Bruno
7:00am - John Pribula r/o Deacon Guido & Mary
8:00am - Kathleen Zipf r/o Gordon Family
12:10pm - John Dziombak r/o Linda & Ronald Boduck
FRIDAY, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
7:00am - Kathy Zipf r/o Sam & Elaine Convery
8:00am - Kenneth Shevlin r/o Mary & Fred Carpene
12:10pm - Deceased Rosarians of SFC r/o Rosary Altar Society
SATURDAY, October 8
8:00am - Lydia Vega r/o Deacon Rick & Evie Fortune
5:00pm - Jane Hudson r/o Anne Eosso
7:00pm - Bill & Marion Daly r/o Ken & Irene Daly
SUNDAY, October 9 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Yolanda Seaman r/o Jerry & Marlene Yaros
9:00am - Shuk Lan Koh r/o Barbara & Stephen Reilly
10:30am - Antonio Napolitano r/o Tony, Anita & Jo
Noon - Janet Balewicz r/o Margaret Willis

The Sanctuary Candle for this week has been donated in loving memory of
Larry Tynday by Winifred Flaherty
(in the Cathedral)
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; all those serving in Covert Operations


...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:

–Altar Flowers: Available weekly in The Cathedral at the High Altar for memorials, weddings and other occasions. (Please contact the Rectory for details and availability.)

–Sanctuary Candles: available weekly in The Cathedral and The Lady Chapel. (Donation: $20. Enclose in envelope with information and place in collection basket or mail 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.

–The Cathedral Music Ministry Fund: Memorials in the name of loved ones may be made to support the Cathedral music ministry and choirs. Memorialize a Hymnal at a cost of $20 per book. Please inquire at the parish office.

If you are interested in any of these, please phone the Rectory at 732-548-0100 x210.

Youth Group News

–Youth Concert featuring Paul J. Kim, dynamic speaker and musician with a powerful message of faith, hope and love. It will take place on Sunday, October 16 following Sunday Mass at 4:30pm at the Diocesan Center, Piscataway. Invited are those in 8 - 12 grades and attendees will receive 4 service hours. Cost: before Oct. 1/$11; after Oct. 1/$12. Call Sr.


–Oct. 7: HSYG & MSYG Family Bowling Night, Time and Place TBA.


--Oct. 9-10: Columbus Day Holiday. No Youth Group Meetings.

--Rent-A-Team-Of-Teens: A volunteer program to help with 4-season indoor/outdoor clean-ups. It can be used for helping with fall cleaning or whatever chores you need accomplished. No cost to you but donations gladly accepted. Call Sr. M. Lan:732-770-2506.
Parish Notes...

–THIS WEEKEND: Scrip will be available for purchase in the breezeway after Masses. Please support this fundraiser which benefits SFCSchool; parents whose children attend Mt. St. Mary Academy will sell 50/50 tickets for a Raffle to be drawn at their Golf Outing on October 17. Please take a chance.

–Today is Respect Life Sunday. As part of the observance, Life Chain which will take place in each of the 4 counties of our diocese. Take part in this year’s Life Chain and stand up for LIFE! See page 6.

–SUNDAY: Rosary Altar members will attend 10:30am Mass, followed by a meeting in the Solarium; in observance of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, Blessing of the Animals will be held at 2:00pm in the CYO parking lot. In the event of inclement weather, the Blessing will be canceled; at 4:00pm, a Mass in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino Saint, will be celebrated in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this joyous celebration (see next column). MSYG will meet in the CYO at 6:30pm.

There will be No CCD on Monday and Tuesday since the public school districts are closed for Rosh Hashanah.

–TUESDAY: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our Cathedral Patron. Masses at usual times and a School Liturgy at 9:00am. Journey Through Grief II at 7:00pm in the Solarium; Men’s Group will meet at 7:30pm in the JPII Room.

–WEDNESDAY: Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral in 1960. Masses at usual times; Bereavement Program begins tonight at 7:00pm in Joseph Rm./SOL.

–THURSDAY: Bible Study at 1:00pm & 7:30pm in the JPII Room; Life in the Spirit Seminar will take place at 8:00pm in the Community Room.

–FRIDAY: Rosarians are invited to attend 12:10pm Mass, celebrated in memory of SFC deceased Rosarians; Widows & Widowers Group at 7:00pm in Solarium.

–NEXT SUNDAY: Filipino-American Community will gather in the Community Room at 1:00pm;

–NEXT WEEKEND: Vocationist Fathers from our diocese will be selling Raffle Tickets after all Masses. Please take a chance and support their work.

Banns of Marriage

I Marcia Lee/Richard Wing
II Charleane Salstead/Gregory Burlak
III Kristina Cruz/John Rems

San Lorenzo Ruiz & Companion Martyrs

Today, October 2 at 4:00pm, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino Saint. The Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen invites you to this celebration in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila & Companion Martyrs. Msgr. Joseph Kerrigan will be celebrant and homilist. A simple “salu-salo” will follow in the Community Room. This year we observe the third anniversary of the enshrinement of San Lorenzo’s statue in the Cathedral Statuary. The diocesan celebration has been preceded by a Triduum (3-day) of Masses held in churches around the diocese. For further information, contact Fr. Roberto Coruña at 908-479-4905.

SFCSchool HSA announces second annual SUPER 50/50 SWEEPSTAKES! Tickets: $50.00

Winners: Grand prize winner will receive 40% of winning share and 10 first prize winners will receive 1% of the winning share.

Winners will be chosen at 1:30pm on Sunday, November 20th in the Cathedral Community Room but need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit SFCSchool. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold before and after select Masses. A limited number of tickets will be sold. For information go to hsa5050@stfranciscathedralschool.org.

Blue Mass

Bishop James Checchio invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the 15th Annual Blue Mass to be celebrated on Wednesday, Oct.12 at 10:30am in the Cathedral. Join in honoring local, state and federal law enforcement personnel of all faiths who live in the diocese, which includes Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Come to support and pray for all our dedicated officials, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice through service to others. Luncheon in the Cathedral Community Room will follow the Mass. For information, call 732-562-2463 /http://diometuchen.org-blue-mass.

Note: There will be no 12:10pm Mass on this day.
Diocese of Metuchen 35th Anniversary Pilgrimage

Bishop Checchio extends a cordial invitation to the people of our Diocese to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November 19, 2016. Our parish bus will leave from Library Place at 7:00am. For information or reservations, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Kara Kwiatkowski at 732-548-0100 x210 or kkwiatkowski@stfranciscathedral.org. Please consider representing our Parish on this special grace-filled day. Please visit diometuchen.org for more information.

BGA Ahr Stars ★★★★★

The Ahr Star Committee of BGAHS invites you to a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, October 6 from 4:30 - 7:00pm. Tickets are $10/adults, $7/students, $4/children under 12. The proceeds are to benefit 10-month-old Finley O’Neill who has FATCO Syndrome (Mother, Mary Ellen Ewing, BGA 1996) and Brianna Feeley who suffers from PK Syndrome (Mother, Petricia Trenchak, BGA 1991). For tickets please call 732-549-1108 x648.

Walk for the JOY of Life

Please join Life Choices Resource Center on its annual Walk For Life at Merrill Park, Iselin, Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9:00am - noon (rain or shine). There are no distance or time restrictions. This is a great event for Youth Groups; Service hours for Confirmation will be provided. Refreshments will be available and there will be a DJ and games for the youngsters. Please help us spread the word about our life saving ministry. Download a pledge form at www.LifeChoicesRC.com. Click on the Walk for Life link. You may also phone 732-516-0911 or TEXT 848-229-7634 to make a donation. Thanks! You can make a difference in the life of a mother and child.

Gift of the Holy Spirit is Yours! Unwrap It!

“...I will ask the Father and He will send you another Advocate to be with you always.” (Jn 14:16)

Do you crave a revitalized faith in Jesus Christ and a personal experience of the Holy Spirit’s power? God is calling you to a closer relationship with Him. Please answer the CALL! The Body of Christ Prayer Group invites you to a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Thursday evenings at 8:00pm through October 20 in the Community Room. God longs to pour out His Spirit of love upon you “as by a New Pentecost.” Call Pam at 732-491-6042.

Mary’s Rosary Rally

Join a Public Square Rosary Rally at St. Mary of Mount Virgin, Sanford Street, New Brunswick at 1:00pm or at St. Helena, Edison at noon on Saturday, October 15. Sponsored by America Needs Fatima, these will be two of 15,000 rallies in the U.S. on that day. Info: Sr. Carmel DiMauro at 732-545-5090.

Life Chain

Today, Respect Life Sunday, from 2:00 - 3:30pm (Rain or Shine) we mark the 24th year that our Diocese participates in this peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of life. People of all faiths unite to make a visible statement against abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, etc. We spend time in prayer, asking the Giver of life to guide us in promoting the sanctity of life. Please join this visible statement of solidarity that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

- Somerset St. & Mountain Ave., Somerville (908-788-7736)
- Flemington Circle - Rte. 31 to Main St (908-391-1566)
- Sts. Philip & James Church, 430 South Main St., Phillipsburg (908-454-9880)
- Washington in front of Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington St., (Rte. 57), (908-689-2462)
- Perth Amboy, 380 Smith St. between Grace St. & Stockton St. (732-442-0512)
- 855 Washington Rd., at high school, Sayreville (732-727-1879)
- 360 Route 46, Great Meadows (908-637-4269)

Pro Life Corner: Please support A3452/S2026, the New Jersey Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. There is substantial medical evidence that babies in the womb feel pain at a very early stage of gestation. Thanks to advances in medicine, babies as young as 20 weeks post-fertilization can survive and thrive with appropriate care and treatment. Experts in the field of Maternal-Fetal medicine routinely administer pain medication as standard medical practice when performing fetal surgery because they recognize these babies as patients. The NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (A3452/S2026) will protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks and older who are capable of feeling pain and ensure that babies born alive during an abortion will be given the same proper lifesaving medical care given to premature infants. We are happy to report that A3452/S2026, the NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature. We thank the sponsors of this bill for wanting to protect babies in the womb and the lives of women. The bill is modeled after H.R. 36, the Federal bill by the same name. Passing this legislation is part of the 2020 Project, a collaborative effort by pro-life groups in New Jersey to protect babies in the womb who are capable of feeling pain at 20 weeks gestation.

TAKE ACTION NOW!

- Pray for the protection of babies in the womb & their families
- Contact your NJ State Senator and Assembly Members and ask them to support A3452/S2026 which is the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.” To find your Senator and Representatives by district/town, visit: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities
- For more information on this initiative, or to obtain a car magnet/sticker, see: www.babiesinthewombfeelpain.com
LET GO AND LET GOD

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

FAITH IN ACTION

In today's Gospel the apostles entreat Jesus: "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). He responds with two stories about putting faith into action--the surest way to increase one's faith. The story of "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6) shows that even a tiny bit of faith can work wonders when it is put into action. The story of the faithful servants who did "what [they] were obliged to do" (Luke 17:10) reminds us that putting the gift of faith into action is essential to the vocation of discipleship. In the reading from the second letter to Timothy we are encouraged to "stir into flame the gift of God . . . with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us" (2 Timothy 1:6, 14). Those who put their faith into action will be like "the just one" in today's reading from Habakkuk, who, "because of his faith, shall live" (Habakkuk 2:4).
Marriage Encounter
Why not take this opportunity this fall to enrich your marriage? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next one will be held October 7 - 9. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for information/registration.

Protecting God’s Children
Our parish offers opportunities 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, which will be in the Solarium: Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 7:00 - 9:30pm

Catholic High School Open Houses

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Hispanic Heritage Mass
The Diocese of Metuchen invites all to the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Mass on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral. This event is sponsored by the Office of Hispanic Ministry. Theme: We celebrate our Faith! Sisters and Brothers Together! Sent forth to Evangelize! Call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 732-243-4573.

Men’s Group News
The next meeting of the Men’s Group will take place on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30pm in the JPII Room. Come together with parish men of all ages to discuss topics pertinent to our Catholic faith. Info: Tom Thomas(732-692-4819)/Facebook at SFC.MensGroup.

Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic
The x22nd annual Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic will take place on Tuesday, October 18, at the beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club. “Fore” all the details on this event, which benefits our retired Sisters, please call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994x4006 or email: lcavallo@mercymidlantic.org.

Stewardship of Creation
Urged by Pope Francis to practice greater austerity, we should be particularly sensitive to the issue of good stewardship of the fruits of creation. In 2013, Pope Francis said, “Once our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food. Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food...Throwing away food is like stealing from the table of the poor and the hungry.” The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4), the patron saint of the environment, should encourage us to consider anew or relationship to food.

Prepare To Lead
This Catholic Bible Study Training Course is sponsored by the Evangelization Office. The course offers a basic introduction to the Sacred Scriptures for people who desire to understand the Bible better and/or may wish to facilitate Bible Studies. The classes lay a foundation in the Catholic approach to reading and interpreting the Word of God. Anybody who is interested in growing in knowledge and love of the Scriptures is invited to participate. The course will be offered on Saturdays at St. Mary, Alpha and Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville. Classes begin in September and run through May, 2017. Contact the Office of Evangelization at 732-562-1990 x1634 or evangelization@diometuchen.org.

A “New Evangelization” Course
The Diocese of Metuchen is offering a nine month course, Fire Upon The Earth, to form people for the mission of evangelization. The classes will take place monthly on Saturdays from 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Pastoral Center in Piscataway. The course will provide a basic introduction to evangelization from the Catholic perspective and will work to both inform the participants about evangelization and transform them into evangelizers. They will be shown methods and practical tools that they can use to implement evangelization. Classes will run through May, 2017. Registration is required. Info: contact the Office of Evangelization at 732-562-1990 x1634 or email evangelization@diometuchen.org or go to www.diometuchen.org/evangelization.

FYI: The Diocese of Metuchen will host a Youth Concert on Sunday, October 16 at 6:00pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Tickets and online registration are available at www.diometuchen.org/youthconcert. Call 732-529-7931 or email: youthministry@diometuchen.org for information.
Bishop Checchio is enjoying celebrating Masses and greeting people around the diocese. To access Bishop’s schedule:
http://diometuchen.org/bishop/schedule

Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225

---Food Collection This Weekend: Donations may be left at Church entrances. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to those in need. Students seeking service projects often conduct Food Drives; we welcome all.
---Journey Through Grief - Step II: Monthly meetings Tuesday evenings; next meeting: October 4 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center Solarium. Anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process is welcome. Our facilitator is Jessie Flynn, a certified bereavement counselor for 25+ years.

---Middlesex County College offers Admission Spotlight Events on the main campus on Woodbridge Avenue in Edison. All begin at 6:00pm.
Adult Student Session October 20
Health Programs October 26
Investigative Services November 9
Education Programs November 14
Science, Math, etc. November 30
To register, go to www.middlesexcc.edu.

JOB BANK: Licensed Real Estate Agents needed, Realty World, Edison, part time or full time, no experience necessary, automobile - desk time stipend available, contact 800-541-1999 or email:rwamerica@aol.com, St. Cecelia Church, Iselin seeks full time Maintenance Mechanic for assorted activities, Salary+Benefits, send resume to: ssentar@stcecelia.com, Pearl Street Parking Garage seeks Attendants and Customer Service Reps at $9.50 per hour for all shifts and Maintenance Employee for 11:00pm - 7:00am shift, call Hector at 732-906-1661. Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Cemeteries seeks Office Manager, email resume: HR@diometuchen.org.

MISCELLANEOUS: Available at NO CHARGE: A twin size Oak Captain’s Bed, call Social Concerns at 732-548-0100 x225.

This Weekend: Scrip
Mt. St. Mary Raffle Tickets
SUN: -RCIA, 8:00am, JR
- Rosary/Altar 10:30am Mass; meeting in SOL
- Blessing of Animals, 2:00pm, CYO lot
- San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass, 4:00pm
- MSYG, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO
MON: -No CCD
TUE: -No CCD
- Prayer Group, 1:00pm, PII
- Journey Through Grief II, 7:00pm, SOL
- Men’s Group, 7:30pm, PII
WED: - MOMS’ Group, 9:15am, MR/SFR
- Bereavement begins, 7:00pm, JR/SOL
- Provide-A-Meal, 7:00pm, SOL
- Social Concerns, 7:30pm, SOL
- Legion of Mary, 7:00pm, PII
THU: - CCD in session, 4:00pm
- Bible Study, 1:00& 7:00pm, PII
- Life In The Spirit Seminar, 8:00pm, CCR
FRI: - Mass for Deceased Rosarians, 12:10pm
- Widows & Widowers, 7:00pm, SOL
SUN: - RCIA, 8:00am, JR
- Filipino-American Community, 1:00pm, SOL

Eucharistic Ministers - October 8/9
5:00pm: E. Yunker, S. Sweeney, L. Dalton, N. Davis, C. Tomaro, L. Zelesnick, K. Garner, P. John
7:00pm: M. Brossoni, R & K. Aiello, D. Reilly, D. Zensky
7:30am: A. McCadden, D. Monek, A. Ferrara, S&D Kovach
9:00am: M.A. & R. Lawyer, R. Altz, K Kwiatkowski, A. Major, J. Morrison, K. Schreck

Lectors: October 8/9
5:00pm: John Porpora 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am: Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am: Marty & Mary Ellen Malague
noon: Catherine Murphy-Barron

Altar Servers - October 8/9
5:00pm Team 23 7:00pm Team 24
7:30am Team 25 9:00am Team 26
10:30am Team 27 noon Team 1