Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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

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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
Feast Day  7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday  7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10pm
(Rosary 11:45 am)
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.

EUCHELIST 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 - 5:05 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.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, October 14 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Howard Schwalje r/o Elaine
9:00am - Shuk Lan Koh r/o Barbara & Stephen Reilly
10:30am - Teofil & Josephine Surgos r/o Maureen Rapach
Noon - (Liv.) Int. Frederic & Doris Primich - 60th Wedding Anniversary

MONDAY, October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus
7:00am - Cerila Pesigan r/o Reyes Family
8:00am - Sabina & Henryk Malek r/o Malinowski Family
12:10pm - Pacifico Quilal - Lan r/o Micabalo Family

TUESDAY, October 16 - Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque & Saint Hedwig
7:00am - Angelo, Paul & Ronald Clericuzio r/o Frank & Naomi Clericuzio
8:00am - Laszlo Varga r/o Wife Alice Varga
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Ernie & Aurora and Ryan & Joyce Gutierrez r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch
7:00am - Janet Winkler r/o Kurt Winkler
8:00am - (Liv.) Int. Ed Cadorna r/o Gitierrez Family
12:10pm - Segundo & Ana Flor Maldonado r/o Manny & Nuvia Reyes

THURSDAY, October 18 - Saint Luke
7:00am - James & Margaret Finnegan r/o Family
8:00am - Christina Vochecowicz r/o John & Johnny
12:10pm - Augustine Eosso, Sr. r/o Family

FRIDAY, October 19 - Saint Isaac Jogues & Saint John de Brebeuf
7:00am - Alcide Sacco r/o Dennis Reilly
8:00am - Jean Palmeri & Mary Delaney r/o Hopke Family
12:10pm - Matthew DaSilva r/o Laura Ganny

SATURDAY, October 20 - Saint Paul of the Cross
8:00am - (Liv.) Int. Deacon J.P. & Cheryl Saggese r/o Kevin Konick
5:00pm - Frances & Joseph Reilly r/o Ann & Jim Reilly
7:00pm - Sally Conlon r/o Family

SUNDAY, October 21 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Msgr. Richard A. Behl r/o 7:30 a.m. Ushers
9:00am - Kathleen Dudeck r/o Stephen
10:30am - Anne & Albert Belmont r/o Joan & Frank Belmont
Noon - World Mission Sunday Liturgy

The Sanctuary Candled for this week
have been donated
in loving memory of
Joseph Cackowski
by Mary Ann Cackowski
(in the Cathedral)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Kevin Hamilton, Ramonita Ortiz, Lucy D’Amiano, Shini Sinha, Randy Miller, Father of Carina Ciocon, Angelo Cabreros Reyes, Anita Villar, Theo Clark

... all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
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Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 10/07

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

How To Report Sexual Abuse: If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement, and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at 908-930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse.

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)

- 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.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer Offerings
- Oct. 16: What’s In Your Spiritual Closet? Join this creative, interactive program that links our garments, whether inner or outer, dress-up or work, to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. 7:00 - 9:00pm, $20 - $30 as you are able. 908-753-2091.
- Oct. 29 & Nov. 5: The Opioid Epidemic: An American Spiritual Crisis. Delve into the opioid epidemic in light of our belief in inherent human dignity. Learn what can be done about the problem of substance abuse and addiction in light of our identity as a person loved by a merciful God. 7:00 - 9:00pm, $20 - $30 per session as you are able. 908-753-2091.

Catholic Charities Solidarity Team has a Harvest of Hope Dinner on Thursday, October 25 at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale. Tickets: $35. Call 732-562-2454/rbolarte@diometuchen.org.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

–SUNDAY: Family-Centered Religious Education at 9:00am - noon in the Community Room; Filipino-American Community meets at 1:00pm in Solarium; Parents of Confirmation Candidates gather at 5:00pm in the CCR for a mandatory meeting about preparation for the sacrament; MSYG Meeting, 6:30-8pm, CYO.

–TUESDAY: Prayer Group, 1:00pm in Joseph Room.

–WEDNESDAY: Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief, 7:00-9:30pm in Sol/Joseph Room; Charismatic Pastoral Team meets at 7:30pm, JPII Rm.

--THURSDAY: Bible Study continues The Story of Salvation at 1:00pm in Joseph Room and 7:15pm in JPII Room; Life in the Spirit at 8:00pm in Community Room.

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

–NEXT SUNDAY:
Bishop Checchio will celebrate the noon Mass in observance of World Mission Sunday. We take up the WMS Collection next weekend, as Pope Francis invites the entire church to support the mission dioceses throughout the world, where priests and lay ministers serve the most vulnerable communities. This year’s theme is Through Youth to the World: Voices for Mission, explaining the Holy Father’s view that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. Please be generous in the 2nd collection.

At 4:00pm, Bishop James Checchio will preside at an Evening Prayer Service for couples of the Diocese who are celebrating either their Twenty-fifth or Fiftieth Wedding Anniversaries during 2018. We congratulate our parishioners:
25th: Richard & Margaret Delmonaco, Brian & Kim Eustace, Paul & Jacqueline Gibson, Francis & Isabel Joseph, Michael & Maura McCunney, William & Beverly O’Malley, Antonio & Maricel Reyes, Kevin & Elaine Scull, Jerome & Mary Kay Sessa, Richard & Isabella Tabedzki, Robert & Danielle Velona;
50th: Victor & JoAnn Apito, John & Jeanette Danner, Ed & Jean Lyons;
70th: Jerry & Marlene Yaros; 70th: Theodore & Georgeich Pichalski

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 now until Wednesday, October 31.

Banns of Marriage
I Lanna Arki/Joseph Malandrino
III Veronica Feltrin/Jason Prisco
Alexandra Cuntala/John Poandl

Cathedral Choir News
Normandy, Lisieux, Mont-St.-Michel, Paris. There are 20 spots open for a July 7 - 14, 2019 pilgrimage to France hosted by the Cathedral Choir. No singing necessary. Just enjoy the tour. The cost is approximately $2,795 per person double occupancy, which includes round-trip economy class transportation Newark - Paris, accommodations at a first-class hotel (4 stars European standard), Masses at well known churches, entrance fees to all sights, tour guides, daily breakfast and some dinners, plus all ground transportation. RSVP by November 8. Choir@StFrancisCathedral.org.

Blue Mass
Come Pray for Those who Serve and Protect
Bishop James Checchio cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. The Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday, November 7 at 10:30am. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call 732-562-2435 or visit http://diometuchen.org-blue-mass.

All Souls Envelopes are available at the Cathedral entrances. All Masses on this feast, Friday, November 2nd, will be offered for the Faithful Departed. A novena of Masses will be offered during the week for the repose of their souls.
“The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.”

–Hebrews 4:12a

WORDS OF WISDOM
The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to Him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

DISCIPLESHIP AND WEALTH
Sometimes we get the idea that having material wealth is a bad thing. We may convince ourselves that it is the poor who are favored. In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.
September 8, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Annually, the next-to-last Sunday of October marks the Church’s Eucharistic celebration for the Missions, World Mission Sunday.

In his message for this year’s celebration on October 21, Pope Francis explains that “life is a mission.” “Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: ‘I am a mission’ on this Earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world’ (Evangelii Gaudium 273), he writes. Focusing on young people, he notes: “In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God.”

I invite all of us in this diocese to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment to live out the mission we share as God’s children, the mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world. I encourage you to be a “voice for mission” through your prayers and through the help that you are able to give in support of priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders who work tirelessly, day in and day out, proclaiming the Gospel, building the Church, and serving the poor in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

The prayers and material support generously given to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the faith on World Mission Sunday, the Pope explains, continue to support the “preaching of the Gospel to every nation,” thus “contributing to the human and cultural growth of all those who thirst for knowledge of the truth.”

“Mission revitalizes faith,” Pope Francis reminds us, quoting Saint Pope John Paul II in Redemptoris Missio (#2). May your commitment to the Lord’s continuing mission renew your faith and be a blessing in your life. And may you know of my personal gratitude for your generous response on this unique day for the entire Church, and throughout the year, as you are able.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Let’s Celebrate As A family

Comm - - union in Christ

World Mission Sunday

October 21, 2018 - gather at 10:30 a.m.

⇒ MEET: St. Francis Cathedral CYO, Main Street & Library Place

⇒ JOIN: “Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus” Walk-A-Thon

⇒ CELEBRATE: World Mission Sunday Mass Celebration at Noon

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Celebrant, Homilist

Rev. John G. Hillier, Director Office of Missions

Mass will immediately be followed by light refreshments in the St. Francis Community Room.

Youth Group Halloween Dance: On Sunday, October 28 there will be a MSYG Halloween Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm at the CYO. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes. There will be food, drinks, a DJ and Dancing, Friendship Bracelets ($1), Raffles ($1), and lots of fun. Cost: $8 before 10/19; $10 after 10/19; $15 At Door. Members of the HSYG can help from 5:30 - 9:00pm and earn Service Hours. Questions or to donate, email: smlorchid@hotmail.com or call SMLan: 732-770-2506.

CYO Registration is now open for the 2018 - 2019 St. Francis CYO Basketball and Cheer seasons. To be eligible, your child must attend St. Francis Cathedral School, participate in the St. Francis CCD Program, or attend another parish in the Diocese of Metuchen that does not have basketball or cheer program. Registration fee is $85. Register ASAP on https://sfsceyohoops.siplay.com. Registration will close on November 15.

2018 Critical Life Issues Conference

This year’s conference will discuss the message of Pope Paul VI’s 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 take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway from 8:30am-3:30pm, Sat., Oct. 20.


– Oct. 14: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO bring Rosary

– Oct. 20: MSYG&HSYG to St. Vincent De Paul. Meet at 7:45am for 8:00am Mass, leave right after. Service Hours.- bring extra money for lunch.

– Oct. 28: YG Halloween Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm, CYO.

– Nov. 4: HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB Room.

– Nov. 10: MSYG & HSYG Turkey Drive, 8am-1pm, go to front door of CYO. Turkeys will be delivered to the poor in the Bronx. Service Hours - 1 per donated turkey.

Mark Your Calendar - Oct. 23

Men’s Group News

The Saint Francis Men’s Group invites you to join our meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30pm in the Solarium of the Parish Center. The speaker will be Deacon J.P. Saggese and he will address us on the topic, “Where is God in the Midst of Tragedy?” Deacon J.P. will walk us through his journey with this age-old question. Men of all ages are invited. Please try to join us. Contact Tom Thomas at 732-692-4819/Facebook at SFC.MensGroup.
Music At St. Mary’s

Join Music at St. Mary’s as it presents The City Winds Trio Crispian Fordham on flute, Meredith Coleman on oboe and Yuki Higashi on bassoon as they return for an encore performance featuring chamber music from the past 3 centuries. This family -friendly performance is suitable for all ages. It will take place on Sunday, October 21 at 4:00pm at St. Mary Church, South Amboy. Admission is FREE ($15 donation suggested). Wine-and-cheese Meet-the-Artists will follow.

Social Concerns

45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x210

–Last Weekend was Food Donation Weekend. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to those in need. Please bring any donations to the cathedral entrances.

–Mark Your Calendar: Our next Parish Blood Drive will be Tuesday, October 23, 3:00pm - 9:00pm,CCR

--Annual Coat & Blanket Drive will be held on Sunday, October 28, 9:00am - noon. Donations of new or nearly new items may be dropped off at the side entrance of the CYO building. Children’s Coats are especially needed. Please label all items with SIZE.

–A Tribute to Elvis Fundraiser: Interfaith Network of care is hosting this event with Jim Barone on Saturday, Oct. 20 at ST. Bartholomew Auditorium, East Brunswick. Tickets cost $45 each and include dinner, show and door prizes. BYOB. Doors open at 6:45pm; show is at 8pm. Call INC Office at 732-247-1655 for tickets.

--Middlesex County College offers General Admission Information Sessions on the main campus in Edison. First complete an online application, then attend session: Tues., Oct.30 at 10:00am;Wed.,Nov.28at 5:30pm; Thurs., Dec. 20 at 5:30pm;Wed, Jan. 16, 2019 at 5pm.

A Health Programs information session will be offered on Mondays, Oct. 19 at 3:00pm, Dec. 10 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.

–Donate your vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need in Somerset, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Warren. Call 1-877-999-8322.


This Weekend: 20/20 Project
SUN: -Family Centered CCD, 9am - noon, CCR
    -FilipinoAmerican Community, 1pm, SOL
    -Confirmation Parents Meeting, 5pm, CCR
    -MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
WED: -Journey Through Grief, 7:00pm, SOL/JR
    -Charismatic Pastoral team, 7:30pm, JPII
THU: -Bible Study, 1pm, JR/7:15pm, JPII
    -Life in the Spirit, 8:00pm, CCR
FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
SUN: -World Mission Sun.activities, 10:30 - noon
    -WMS Liturgy, noon
    -Gold&Silver Anniversary, 4pm, Cathedral

Next Weekend: Society for Propagation of Faith

Eucharistic Ministers - October 20/21

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&JSharlow
9:00am: M. Kushnerick, D. Heyden, J. Morrison, A.Major, M.D’Amico, E.Fortune, G.Monteleone, S/MSantangelo
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 - October 20/21

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 - October 20/21

5:00pm Team 2 7:00pm Team 3
7:30am Team 4 9:00am Team 5
10:30am Team 6 12:00pm Team 7