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, V G, In Residence

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

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

EUCARISTICADORATION 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.

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
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 - 5:05 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 28 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Joseph Gleason r/o Sheila Tynday
9:00am - Janet Walk r/o SF Social Concerns
10:30am - Helen & James Brannan r/o Saggese Family
Noon - Michelangelo Cusmai r/o Wife Mattia Cusmai
MONDAY, October 29
7:00am - Robert Ennis r/o Tagliaboschi Family
8:00am - Felicitas Cruz r/o Razal & DelRosario Families
12:10pm - James Ray r/o Louise Ray
TUESDAY, October 30
7:00am - Poligena Paduganao r/o Razal Family
8:00am - Mary Spas r/o Conrad Winter
12:10pm - Eileen Dyas r/o Elaine & Bob Yunker
WEDNESDAY, October 31
7:00am - John Brossoni r/o Deacon Guido & Mary
8:00am - Stanley Stefanski r/o Jack Salata
12:20pm - Lydia DeAndrea r/o Bob & Dee Sneddon

Feast of All Saints (Holy Day)
Vigil - 5:00pm - Keith Lane r/o Sue McGuinness

THURSDAY, November 1
7:00am - John Watson r/o Popino Family
8:00am - Margaret Crotty r/o Bill & Margaret Manza
9:30am - School Liturgy
12:10pm - Anne Krokosz r/o Bernadette Kaiser
7:00pm - Emma Ferraro r/o Elaine & Bob Yunker

FRIDAY, November 2 - All Souls Day - First Friday
7:00am - Faithful Departed
8:00am - Faithful Departed
12:10pm - Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, November 3 - Saint Martin de Porres
7:00am - Faithful Departed
8:00am - John & Marcella Dabal r/o John & Marianne Dabal
12:10pm - Henry Cackowski r/o Kelly Family

SUNDAY, November 4 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Antonio Calello r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
9:00am - Faithful Departed
10:30am - Marcella Pericci r/o John, Michele & Aram
Noon - (Liv.) Int. Mr. & Mrs. Vince Peluso r/o Mom & Dad
*4:00pm - Mass of Remembrance

The Sanctuary Candled for this week have been donated (in the Cathedral) in loving memory of
The Cusmai Family by Mattia Cusmai
in loving memory of
Ratna Dewi Tjahjaningsih by Ferry & Mitzy Firmansjah & Family
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Josefina Trillana, Uncle of Lynn Penny, Janice Grigo, Victoria Miodus, Albina Chismar, Ronald Lozak, Nancy DeVera, Kevin Hamilton, Tyrone Harrison

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Tithing
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 10/21

| Envelopes & Loose Cash | $15,882 |
| Electronic Offerings    | $7,915  |
| **Total**              | **$23,797** |

Society for Propagation of Faith $4,271

*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.

All Souls Mass: The Office of Cemeteries invites all to attend an All Souls Mass on **Friday, November 2** at 10:00am at Holy Cross in Jamesburg and Resurrection in Piscataway. Call 732-463-1424 with questions.

Oppunities 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, which celebrated the 15th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration earlier this month.

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

Union Catholic High School Information Night

Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00pm
908-889-1600 x302
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

--THIS WEEKEND: Choir members will speak to parishioners to encourage them to join our Choirs. Remember, “He who sings, prays twice;”

--SUNDAY: Scrip available for purchase; Coat & Blanket Drive, 9:00am - noon at the CYO; Youth Group Halloween Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm at the CYO.
--MONDAY: Mass at Senior Residence at 1:30pm.
--TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room.

--WEDNESDAY: Vigil Mass for All Saints Day at 5:00pm; Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief, 7:00-9:30pm in Solarium/Joseph Room.

--THURSDAY: All Saints Day, holy day of obligation with Masses at 7:00, 8:00, 9:30am (School Liturgy) and 12:10, 7:00pm. Bible Study continues The Story of Salvation at 1:00pm in Joseph Room and 7:15pm in JPII Room; Catechist Training at 7:00pm in the Joseph Room; CYO Board Meeting at 7:00pm in the Mary Room; HSA Board meeting at 7:00pm in the School Library; Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 8:00pm in the Community Room.

--FRIDAY: All Souls Day. Legion of Mary gathers at 11:00am in the JPII Room; Widows & Widowers meet at 1:00pm in the Solarium.

--SATURDAY: Installation of New Altar Servers will take place at 9:00am Mass, and will be followed by a Reception for them in the Community Room.

--NEXT SUNDAY: Rosary Altar Society members attend 10:30am Mass and meet afterwards in the Solarium for their monthly meeting; HSYG Meeting at 6:30 - 8:00pm in the SJB Room.

--Next Weekend: New Jersey Right to Life Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase. Daylight Saving Time ends. Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour on Saturday night.

Banons of Marriage

III Lanna Arki/Joseph Malandrino

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 $3,445 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.

Bishop Checchio will institute a Year of Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, beginning December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We implore her never-failing intercession by praying the following:

O God, Father of mercies, who placed your people under the singular protection of your Son’s most holy Mother, grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, may seek with ever more lively faith the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

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 celebrated for the Holy Souls throughout the week.
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. Please Note: There will be NO 12:10pm Mass on that day.

TREATING THE PAIN OF SEPARATION
Among loved ones, perhaps no word contains more sadness than the word "separation." When someone we love is away, we begin to miss that person almost immediately. Death is the final separation. Jesus came to tell us that, in Him, any painful situation is temporary and will pass away, but the joy and security found in God are eternal. He calls us to entrust ourselves to God to bring together all the fragments of friendships and separations of our lives. If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and about the promises He extends to us, 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.

Youth Group Halloween Dance: Tonight 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: $15 at the 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.

Support New Jersey Right to Life Car Raffle Please support New Jersey Right to Life’s Annual Car and Shop Rite Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds go to New Jersey’s largest prolife organization, whose work saves the lives of the unborn, elderly, and disabled from conception to natural death. Tickets are $10 each. 1st Prize - 2019 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at $41,215; 2nd Prize - Shop Rite Gift Card valued at $1,000; 3rd Prize - Shop Rite Gift Card valued at $750; 4th Prize - Shop Rite Gift Card valued at $500. Tickets will be sold at Cathedral entrances on the weekend of November 3/4. Call Jessica at 732-641-2370. Please take a chance and Stand Up for Life!

Religious Education News
Be the Change You Want to See in Your Home Noted author, Lindsay Schlegel, will give a presentation on Sunday, November 18 during the monthly Family-Centered session, 9:00 - 11:40am in the Community Room. Ms. Schlegel is the author of Don’t Forget to Say Thank You: And Other Parenting Lessons That Brought Me Closer to God. Her book will be available for signing and purchase ($16 by cash or check). All parishioners are welcome to come and enjoy Ms. Schlegel’s dynamic and useful tips for raising polite children.

Annulment Information Session An information session on Annulments will be held at Saint James Church, Basking Ridge on Wednesday, November 7 AND Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church, 45 Henderson Road in Kendall Park on Thursday, November 8. Both will begin at 7:00pm. These identical presentations are intended for those who have experienced the pain and anguish of a divorce and who wish to learn more about the annulment process Presented by The Diocesan Tribunal in a confidential and sensitive atmosphere. RSVP appreciated: 732-529-7589/Tribunal@diometuchen.org.

Mother Seton Regional High School
Saturday Science/Engineering Day
November 3- 8:30 - 11:30am
Girls in 6 - 8 grades are invited to our labs
“Sister Act”
Fri, Nov. 9 & Sat., Nov. 10 at 8:00pm
Sunday, Nov. 11 - 3:00pm
Adult:$10 - Student/Sr. Cit.: $8
732-382-1952 www.motherseton.org
RECOGNIZING JESUS

Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a "good blind beggar." But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. He probably had his arms outstretched as he yelled out for the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: "Bartimaeus, you're not fit for Jesus." But it was okay for them and other "sighted" people to follow Jesus. In today's readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts.

So the star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in Him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs Him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?
St. Francis Lazarus Ministry

Eleventh Annual Mass of Remembrance
For the deceased of our parish
Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 4:00pm
Remembering those who have died from
October 2017 - September 2018
To have your loved one’s name included at Mass
if he or she was not a member of St. Francis Cathedral Parish,
please call the Rectory office at 732-548-0100
This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation

Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza
The annual Senior Sisters Sale to benefit Religious Teachers Filippini will take place on Sunday, Nov. 4 at Villa Walsh, Morristown. The bazaar will feature unique gifts, crafts, a money raffle, baked goods and much more. You can visit the Food Court while you shop and enjoy pizza frittas made to order, as well as Italian sandwiches and desserts. Please show your support for the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.

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. When registering, please utilize your family’s existing SI Play account and be sure to register your child(ren) for their current grade3. We ask families to register ASAP on https://sfcscyohoops.siplay.com. Registration will close on November 15. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the program and perhaps serving on the Board, please contact Charlie Algier, Boys Coordinator, to discuss any questions or ideas. (Calgier15@yaghoo.com).

An Evening With Mary and Jesus
Spend an evening with Mary and her Son, Jesus on Thursday, November 15 in the Cathedral at 7:00pm. Through the ages, our Lady has appeared to people in many different countries. We will show our love and praise for her by praying the Rosary in a variety of languages.

Paint Party Night
Sister Maria Lan invites ADULTS to Paint Party Night, Friday, Nov. 9, 5:00-8:00pm, Community Room. A professional will instruct all to paint Christmas Twilight. Food available 5:00-6:00pm: fried egg rolls, fried shrimp wonton, spring rolls, barbecued pork, hoisin sauce, mint, all prepared by Sr. Maria Lan. BYOW/drinks/glasses to enjoy while painting. Paint/Dinner:$45pp; Paint w/o Dinner:$35pp. To benefit Youth Group for Steubenville.
Sister: 732-770-2506/smlorchid@hotmail.com

St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick needs female Eucharistic Ministers/Volunteers for distributing Holy Communion. If you can help, please call Judith George-Roopnarine at 732-745-8600 x8565.
Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x210

--Annual Coat & Blanket Drive will be held today, 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.
--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.28 at 5:30pm; Thurs., Dec. 20 at 5:30pm; Wed., Jan. 16, 2019 at 5pm. A Health Programs information session will be offered on Monday, 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.

Bishop Ahr Fundraiser
CLUED IN Murder Mystery
You’re invited to participate in a murder mystery game that takes the classic game of CLUE off the board and into real-life Scavenger Hunt. Players will get a chance to bribe, blackmail, gamble, steal, form alliances, and more, all in a race to be the first to discover who murdered Mr. Boddy, where they did it, and what they did it with! Join us at Bishop Ahr Dining Hall for an evening of food and fun on Saturday, November 3 at 6:30pm. Tickets are $25 per person, and include an Italian dinner, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. You are welcome to BYOB. This is an ADULT ONLY EVENT! To purchase tickets, please email bgacluedin@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Community News
--Mother Seton Regional High School Pocketbook Bingo on Friday, November 2 at 5:30pm. Admission: $25. Contact: Bingo@motherseton.org or 732-382-1952.
--Finding Jesus Again Parish Mission on Nov. 5, 6, 7 at 7:00pm at Corpus Christi Church, South River. A Free Concert by Matt Daniels will precede the mission on Nov. 4 at 7:00pm.
--Pilgrimage to Greece, March 19 - 29, 2019, hosted by Fr. David Kosmoski of St. Andrew Church, Avenel. Visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Patmos, Santorini, Greek Isles Cruise, Delphi, Kolia and Ephesus in Turkey Cost: $3,279 from Newark.

This Weekend: Choir Recruitment
SUN: -Scrip, after all Masses
-Coat & Blanket Drive, 9am-12 noon, CYO
-YG Halloween Dance, 6:30 - 9pm, CYO
MON: -Mass at Senior Residence, 1:30pm
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
WED: -All Saints Day Vigil Mass, 5:00pm
-Journey Through Grief, 7:00pm, SOL/JR
THU: -All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation
-Bible Study, 1pm, JR/7:15pm, JPII
-Catechist Training, 7:00pm, JR
-CYO Board Meeting, 7:00pm, MR
-HSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm, School Lib.
-Body of Christ Prayer Grp, 8:00pm, CCR
FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
-Widows & Widowers, 1:00pm, SOL
SAT: -Altar Server Installation, 9am; Reception
SUN: -Rosary Altar at 10:30 Mass; Mtg. follows
-HSYG, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB
Next Weekend: NJ Right to Life Raffle Tickets
Daylight Saving Time Ends-Set clocks back 1 hour

Eucharistic Ministers - November 3/4
5:00pm: C. Coleman, M. Perullo, L. Dalton, S. Francis, D. Reilly, C. Saggese, S. Tamasco, J. Franklin
7:00pm: J. Pasquale, J.G-Campbell, M.&W. Manza, N. Davis, J. Bundoc
7:30am: S. Riolo, J./K. Burke, C. Kozak, D. Monek, J. Carey, R. Dowdy,
9:00am: A. Bolvito, P. Zensky, R. Altz, R. Quaglia, P. John, D. Reilly, A. Cirelli, T./N. Rossi
10:30am: P. Stead, F. Belmont, D. Pappalardo, M. Garni, A. Bianchini, R&R Coquia
12:00pm: E. Swan, S. Fernandez, J. & M. Hernandez, R. Cron, D. Rossi

Lectors - November 3/4
5:00pm: Al & Judy Kendziora/7:00: Jerry LaPointe
7:30am: Kathleen Burke/9:00am: Russell Lawyer
10:30am: Michael McCunney/12:00pm: Joachim Licameli

Altar Servers - November 3/4
5:00pm Team 16 7:00pm Team 17
7:30am Team 18 9:00am Team 19
10:30am Team 20 12:00pm Team 21
10/31, All Saints Vigil, 5pm - Team 14
11/01, All Saints Day, 7pm - Team 15
New Team Assignments effective Nov. 17/18