Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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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

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.

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.

Parish Contacts

- COORDINATORS -
  - Advocates for Disabled: Jane Conlon (548-0100); Janet Otufer Michael - JanetMOnufer@gmail.com
  - Lectors: Jerry LaPointe - pandj57@aol.com
  - Usheers: Tom Hansen (548-0100)

- PARISH GROUPS -
  - Body of Christ Prayer Group: Pam Gendlek - pgendlek@comcast.net
  - Cathedral Choirs: Thomas 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 Riole (548-0100)
  - Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
  - Knights of Columbus: KofC.org/joinus
  - Legion of Mary: Fri. 11:00am - Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnrbaker@optonline.net
  - Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck - schleckfamily@gmail.com
  - Mens’ Group: Tom Thomas - sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
  - MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli - sandra@spinelli.us
  - Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes - sfprayertree@msn.com
  - Rosary Altar Society: Kathy Divorkin - kdivorkin@optonline.net
  - Scripture Study: Pat Morgan - (548-0100)
  - Widows/Widowers: naunijud@hotmail.com

- SOCIAL MINISTRY - 548-0100 x225
  - Support Groups (as scheduled):
    - Bereavement Separated/Divorced Caregivers
    - Pro Life: contact Elaine Yunker - elbo1974@yahoo.com
    - Nat Fam Planning Hotline - 800-334-0699/562-1990 x1623
    - Ozanam (Provide-A-Meal) Committee
    - Friendly Visitors (Visit with elderly or homebound)
    - Elizabeth Ministry (Share sanctity of life with mothers/mothers-to-be)
    - Social Concerns Committee (Serves the poor confidentially)
    - Intrfaith Network of Care: Volunteers for homebound
    - Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:30am - Tomasina Calello r/o Serafina Calello
9:00am - Altz Family Living & Deceased r/o Rod & Dolores Altz
10:30am - Dennis Duffy r/o Joan Frank Belmont
Noon - Ernestina Lopez r/o Darlene Lamourt

MONDAY, December 17
7:00am - John Riggio r/o Riggio Family
8:00am - Albert Portera r/o Francesca & Frank Marino
12:10pm - Gertrude & John Abbruzzese r/o Marianne & Allan Smoke

TUESDAY, December 18
7:00am - Nicholas Cotton r/o Family
8:00am - Ruth Bridges r/o Wendy DiMaggio
12:10pm - Mario Sillari r/o Ann & Jim Reilly

WEDNESDAY, December 19
7:00am - Lima Ong Tan r/o Tan Family
8:00am - Mariusz Malinowski r/o Family
12:10pm - Frank, Mary & Walter Niedbala r/o Patricia Bixel

THURSDAY, December 20
7:00am - Teresa Nguyen r/o Family
8:00am - Fred Radlmann r/o Pat Walsh
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Rojas Family r/o Pat Morgan

FRIDAY, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius
7:00am - Joseph O’Connor r/o Mark & Bette Daniele
8:00am - Cecile Sampao DeOcampo r/o Norma Luna
12:10pm - Augustine & Filomena Eosso r/o Family

SATURDAY, December 22
8:00am - T. O. Ritthaler r/o Doris & Frederic Primich
5:00pm - Nick Santowasso r/o Ann & Jim Reilly
7:00pm - Al Kattenhorn r/o Wife Maureen

SUNDAY, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30am - Loretta Collins r/o Nieces
9:00am - Deceased Friends of Rod & Dolores Altz
10:30am - Florence & Dale Meek r/o Family
Noon - Andres Buaya r/o Marisa Plaras
*5:00pm - Simbang Gabi

The Sanctuary Candles for this week have been donated in loving memory of
Edwin John Rodriguez by Wife & Daughters (in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of
Irene Gazda by Wynne Flaherty (in The Lady Chapel)

DECEASED: Rocco Caposino, Nancy Pasternak

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 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 St Francis Cathedral

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Contact Marie D’Amico: dhgmad@comcast.net /732-906-6537.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: If you are interested in serving at a Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, please sign up in the Priests’ Sacristy. Regular Mass assignments will be in place for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 22/23) and Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 29/30).

Scout News: Two programs for Scouts BSA will be starting in January. The purpose is to help Catholic Scouts to more fully develop a Christian way of life within a Christian community. Ad Altare Dei is for Scouts who have completed sixth grade. Pope Pius XII is for Scouts who have started ninth grade. Scouts in the parish are encouraged to participate by attending the first Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 13, 1:30 - 6:00pm in the Solarium. Info: Nancy Comroy: 732-549-7010.
Parish Notes...
Third Sunday of Advent

–SUNDAY: Family Centered CCD at 9:00am in the Community Room; Mandatory First Penance Parents Meeting at 5:00pm in the Community Room; HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, St. John Bosco Room.

THERE WILL BE NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK NOR NEXT IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS. Religious Ed classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 3.

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

–WEDNESDAY: MOMS’ Group meets at 9:30am in the Mary Room/SFR; at 7:00pm in the Community Room, Children in SFCS Grades 1 & 2 will delight audiences with A Christmas Play; Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief, 7:00- 9:30pm in the Solarium/Joseph Room; Charismatic Pastoral Team meets at 7:30pm in the JPII Room.

–THURSDAY: Body of Christ Prayer Group at 8pm in the Community Room; Young Adult Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00pm in Cathedral.

–FRIDAY: SFCS Christmas Prayer Service at 9am in Cathedral; Legion of Mary meets at 11:00am in JPII Room; MSYG Christmas Dance, 6:30 - 8:30pm, CYO.

–NEXT SUNDAY: Mass of Simbang Gabi, 5:00pm; Both Youth Groups Movie Night, 6 -8:30pm, SJB. --Anyone wishing to volunteer to water the plants at Christmastime should call the Rectory: 732-548-0100.

–Memorializing a Hymnal is a great Christmas present. It honors the person memorialized and brings joy to recipient. It is a gift that keeps on giving. Contact the Rectory (548-0100).

--Christmas Flower Envelopes are available at Cathedral entrances for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas decorations. These donations may be made in memory of or in honor of a loved one or simply as a gift to the Church. Please indicate your intention on the envelope. The list will be published during the Christmas season.

Banns of Marriage

II Elizabeth Sharlow/ Ryan Loughlin

III Laura Alexander/Joseph Cecala

Lighting Hearts On Fire

Diocesan Marian Consecration Preparation Year

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral at 7:30pm. All of the faithful are invited to attend. We implore Our Lady’s never-failing intercession by praying the following:

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Americas, we are mindful of the role you play in evangelization of souls who have fallen away from the Church.
As Mother of Divine Grace and as Mother of the Church, you preside over all the activities of evangelization and the implantation of the Gospel into the hearts of men and women. We ask you, Mary, to help us fulfill mission of evangelization which your Son has given to His Church and which falls to us. Mindful of your role as Help of Christians, we entrust ourselves to you in the work of carrying the Gospel ever deeper into the hearts and minds of all who have fallen away from the faith. We commit our cause totally to your prayers and ask that it bear abundant fruit. Amen.

Youth Group Christmas Dance

On Friday, December 21, 6:30 - 8:30pm in the CYO, our MSYG Christmas Dance will take place. There will be a DJ, all you can eat snacks, drinks and food. Wear Christmas Colors for a free group picture. Candy canes to show you care st $1 each, Raffles at $1 each. Door Prizes too. Cost: $10; $15 at the Door. Bring extra money for other fun things. Permission slip required. Call Sr. Maria Lan 732-770-2506 or emailamlorchid@hotmail.com. HSYG members can earn Service Hours by helping out.

“'The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.” –Ralph W. Sockman
**Christmas Eve Masses**

**Monday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. (Children’s Liturgy)
6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
10:30 p.m. Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, Celebrant/Homilist

**Christmas Day Masses**

**Tuesday, December 25**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

New Year’s (Mary, Mother of God)

Eve: Monday, December 31

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Day: Tuesday, January 1

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

**Some Reminders About Christmas Eve**

This is the time of year that brings some of the largest crowds to the Cathedral. It’s wonderful to welcome family and friends back home for Christmas but it can also pose some challenges due to constraints of time and our limited parking. We hope that these suggestions will help make things run more smoothly. Plan to arrive early for all the liturgies (especially the 4:00pm and 6:00pm Masses). Or better yet come to the 8:00pm Mass and avoid the crowds. The doors will open at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve. Do not reserve seats with coats, umbrellas, arms, legs etc. The ushers need to seat all who arrive on a first come, first served basis. Theirs is a daunting task and they deserve our full cooperation. The Service of Lessons and Carols will begin at 10:00pm immediately followed by the last Mass of the night. With everyone’s cooperation, our Christmas Liturgies can be peace-filled and joyful as they are meant to be.

**Marriage Encounter:** In this season of giving, why not celebrate the gift of your marriage by giving each other a Marriage Encounter Weekend? Such a weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The Next WWMEW is January 25 - 27.


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**2019 March for Life**

Friday, January 18, 2019

Washington, D.C.

Elaine Yunker: 732-754-3692

Accepting Reservations at this time

Please sign up NOW.

Spaces fill up quickly and bus is on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

**Cathedral Christmas Concert**

Looking for a joyful way to begin the New year by sharing in an experience that draws the family a little closer in love, values and faith? Hear the angelic harmonies of the St. Francis Cathedral adult, youth, children and handbell choirs at their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, January 6 at 5:00pm. Join in singing favorite Christmas carols accompanied by brass and our newly restored pipe organ, and expect the whole family to feel their hearts warmed and spirits lifted. No tickets are required, but a free will offering will be taken. Information: stfranciscathedral.org/732-548-0100 x235 or on Facebook: St. Francis Cathedral Concerts.

**Light The Advent Wreath**

Parishioners are invited to light the Advent Wreath before Mass at Saturday Vigils and Sunday Masses during the season of Advent. Individuals, organizations, families, engaged couples, et al are welcome to volunteer. Please specify your choice of date and time by circling the form below. Please return the form to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket. If you have further questions, phone the Rectory at 732-548-0100 x212. Thank you for volunteering.

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**If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words they would be ‘God with us.’ ”**
“With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.”
Isaiah 12:3

REJOICE!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.
10 Day Pilgrimage to Ireland
June 22 - July 1, 2019

Sister Maria Lan will host this trip to the Emerald Isle. It will include visits to religious sites, as well as well-known towns and sights throughout Ireland. Visit Clonmacnoise, Galway Cathedral, the Knock Shrine, St. Mary’s Cathedral in Limerick, Bunratty Castle in Clare, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, Kilkenny, Dublin with its Trinity College and Book of Kells, along with O’Connell Street, Grafton Street (live street entertainment and shopping), St. Stephen’s Green, Merrion Square, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Glendalough and St. Aidan’s Monastery, and so much more. Cost of $3,298 includes r/t air, daily breakfast, 6 dinners, English-speaking Guide, transportation to and from Newark airport by bus. In addition, an optional 3-day extension to London is included at an additional cost of $1,168. Interested travelers should contact Sr. Maria Lan for an application form - 732-770-2506/smlorchid@hotmail.com. A $300 per person deposit is due with your application.

Simbang Gabi... is a Philippine tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent Masses to heighten our preparation of the celebration of Our Savior’s birth. Simbang Gabi is coordinated by the Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen and is offered at various churches as follows:

Sun., Dec. 16 4:00pm  St. Anthony, Port Reading
7:30pm  Immac. Conception, Somvii.
7:30pm  O.L. Fatima, Piscataway
7:30pm  St. Bartholomew, E.Brunns.

Mon., Dec. 17 7:30pm  Queenship Mary, Plainsboro
7:30pm  Queen of Peace, Somvii.
7:30pm  St. Mary Magdalen, Kendall Park
7:30pm  St. James Les, Jasmesburg

Tue., Dec. 18 7:30pm  St. Cecilia, Monmouth Jct.
7:30pm  St. Matthias, Somerset
7:30pm  St. Helena, Edison

Wed., Dec. 19 7:30pm  St. Ambrose, Old Bridge
7:30pm  St. Ann, Raritan
7:30pm  St. James, Woodbridge
7:30pm  O.L. Victories, Sayreville

Thu., Dec. 20 7:30pm  Annunciation, Bloomsbury
7:30pm  St. Francis Cabrini, Pisc.
7:30pm  Sacred Heart, Somfield
7:30pm  Corpus Christi, Somfield
7:00pm  St. Cecilia, Iselin
7:30pm  St. Bernard, Bridgewater

Fri., Dec. 21 7:00pm  St. Bernadette, Parlin
7:00pm  St. Matthew, Edison
7:30pm  St. Thomas, Old Bridge

Sun., Dec. 23 5:00pm  St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

There will be an early morning Mass (Misa de Gallo), Dec. 16 - 24 at 5:00am at St. Ladislaus Church, 40 Plum Street, New Brunswick. Direct questions to Rev. Roberto Coruna (908-479-4905). All are welcome to celebrate Simbang Gabi.

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 r/t economy 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: Choir@StFrancisCathedral.org.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Today’s gospel offers an interesting exchange between John the Baptist and the multitudes who have come out to hear him. Who are these people? What are they looking for? They are ordinary people, looking for words of comfort, searching for answers to the riddles of life, hoping to find joy in the midst of everyday hassles. They are inquirers. John tells them about the one who is coming who will bring a peace beyond anything they can understand. If you know someone who is searching, like those early inquirers in today’s gospel, invite them to a RCIA 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. For more information, call Sara Sharlow at the RCIA office: 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Youth Group Offerings


--Sat., Jan. 5: Snow tubing at Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ, 2:30 - 7:30pm. Cost: $45 without dinner, $55 with dinner.

--Sat. March 2: Bus Trip to NYC, 9am - 7:30pm. We will attend 5:30pm Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral. Choice of King Kong OR A New Musical WICKED. Cost until Feb. 12: $87, after Feb. 12: $90 Non-Refundable. Only 25 tickets for each show - ACT QUICKLY! smlorchid@hotmail.com.

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

--Pope Francis
Social Concerns

–Christmas Food Baskets: Donations for our food baskets may be brought to the Cathedral entrances. Suggestions: gift card, cereal, oatmeal, hearty soups, pastas and sauce, rice, instant potatoes, vegetables, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry and apple sauce, gravy, fruit juice, sugar, powdered milk, evaporated milk, tea, coffee. Mail monetary gifts to above address.

--The Sharing Tree is located in the Cathedral vestibule throughout Advent. It is decorated with symbols representing antiphons prayed at Advent Evening Prayer. Please take a symbol and fulfill the request.

Gifts for patients at Roosevelt Care Center and Care One, The Highlands may be placed under the Sharing Tree. Please wrap and mark man or woman. Suggested: socks, toiletries, large print books/cards, rosary beads, candles, homemade cookies in reusable container, sugar free/regular candy, magnifying glass, sweater, sweatshirt, etc. Put gifts for newborns and infants, especially diapers, under tree.

Misc.: A number of NEW health care items have been donated to us for anyone who might need them FREE of charge. They are: (1) Hospital Chair, (1) Hospital Portable Toilet, (1) Bruno Brand Chairlift with remote control from top to bottom. 732-548-0100 x225.

FYI: From time to time we receive complaints regarding the fact that parishioners disregard parking regulations in the neighborhood adjacent to the Cathedral. Complaints have ranged from blocking sight-lines at intersections and blocking fire hydrants to blocking residents’ driveways. Neighbors report that this disregard does indeed correspond to Cathedral events and that it becomes worse when Cathedral events are occurring. During liturgical celebrations this Christmas season, we ask you to be respectful of our neighbors and be sure to obey parking regulations as they are set forth by the Borough of Metuchen. Failure to do so may result in ticketing.

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.

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

SUN: -Family Centered CCD, 9:00am - noon, CCR
  -First Penance Parents Meeting, 5:00pm, CCR
  -HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB
  NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
WED: -MOMS’ Group, 9:30am, MR/SFR
  -SFCS Christmas Play, 7:00pm, CCR
  -Bereavement, 7:00 - 9:30pm, SOL/JR
  -Charismatic Pastoral Team, 7:30pm, JPII
THU: -Young Adult Euch.Adoration, 7pm, Cathedral
  -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8pm, CCR
FRI: -SFCS Christmas Prayer Service, 9am, Cathedral
  -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
  -MSYG Christmas Dance, 6:30 - 8:30pm, CYO
SUN: -Simbang Gasbi, 5:00pm, Cathedral
  -YG Movie Night, 6:00 - 8:30pm, SJB

Eucharistic Ministers: Dec. 22/23
5:00pm M. Roth, N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro, E. Munoz, J. Franklin, P. Bershak, K.Garner
7:00pm K. Konick, C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, J. M. Onufer E. Swan,
7:30am D.Kovach, D. Ulbrich, C. & J. Donahue, S. Riolio, J.O’Mara
9:000am G.Monteleone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski, M. D’Amico R.Quaglia, D. Heyden
10:30am M. Conroy, B. Coakes, R. Baran, F. Corrente, J. & J Grigo, D. Pappalardo, J.Bundoc, E.Beyers
12:00pm M. Licameli, M. & J. Hernandez, J. & R. Baker, K. Manchery, F.Reyes

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

Altar Servers - December 22/23
5:00pm Team 8 7:00pm Team 9
7:30am Team 10 9:00am Team 11
10:30am Team 12 12:00pm Team 13

Altar Servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be filled by Sign-ups with Deacon J.P. Saggese at: jpsaggese@verizon.net.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Full-time cleaning staff position available at Bishop Ahr High School, Edison. Evening hours with competitive pay and benefits. Contact John Karabin, 732-549-1108 x609/jkarabin@bgahs.org.