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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

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

EUCHARISTICADORATION  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 - 5:05pm.; Tuesday evening (8th grade): 6:30-7:35 pm.

MARIAN NOVENA/ROSARY: Saturdays after 8:00 am Mass.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Those wishing to learn more about/be received into the Catholic Faith - please phone 548-0100. (Sara Sharlow).

SPONSORSHIP: Active practice of the faith, together with registration, is needed for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.

Parish Contacts

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

- PARISH GROUPS -
- Body of Christ Prayer Group: Pam Gendlek - pzigendlek@comcast.net
- Cathedral Choirs: Thom DeLessio; tdelessio@dometuchen.org 548-0100 x235; Folk - Steve Kirsbo - steve@kirsbo.net
- Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D’Amico - dghmad@aol.com
- Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia - rquaglia19@gmail.com
- Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendiola & Helen Vendiola (548-0100)
- Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
- Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/ Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
- Knights of Columbus: KofC.org/joinus
- Legion of Mary: Fri. 11:00am - Rod Altz (548-0100)
- Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet baker - jnrbaker@optonline.net
- Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck -schleckfamily@gmail.com
- Men’s Group: Tom Thomas: sfcmensgroup@gmail.com
- MOMS’ Group: Sandra Spinelli -sandra@spinelli.us
- Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
- Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-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 - Elaine Yunker - elbo1974@yahoo.com
  - Nat. Family 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 - serve the s poor confidentially
  - Interfaith Network of Care - volunteers for homebound
  - Unemployment Support Group - Networking
Masses For The Week...

**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

**MONDAY, December 24**

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES** - 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm,
10:30pm - Bishop James Checchio, Celebrant/Homilist

**TUESDAY, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day**
8:00am - Mass of Christmas
10:00am - Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes - 6th Anniversary
12:00 Noon - Mass of Christmas

**WEDNESDAY, December 26 - Saint Stephen**
9:00am - Florencio Coquia r/o Coquia Family

**THURSDAY, December 27 - Saint John**
7:00am - Joseph & Rita Noronha r/o Manoj & Saritha Pinto
8:00am - John Giaquinto r/o Suzanne Kover
12:10pm - Augustine Eosso, Jr. r/o Family

**FRIDAY, December 28 - The Holy Innocents**
7:00am - Virgil Winkler r/o Son Kurt Winkler
8:00am - Mary Ellen Lynch r/o Margaret & Peter Halasnik
12:10pm - Dr. Vicente Lim r/o Razal Family

**SATURDAY, December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket**
8:00am - Living & Deceased Saint Francis Parishioners
5:00m - James Creighton r/o Gerry & Joe Montelevone
12:10pm - Giovanni Vinci r/o Rosalia Vinci

**SUNDAY, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
7:30am - Domingo & Paciencia Balili r/o Cosare Family
9:00am - Anne Oghia r/o Dr. Hady, Christopher & John Oghia
10:30am - A.W. & Kathleen Smelas r/o Family
Noon - Baptista & Mendes Family r/o Pereira Family

**MONDAY, December 31**
7:00am - Thomas Burke r/o Burke Family
8:00am - Helen & Arthur Paltz r/o Jane & Art Paltz
12:10pm - Jessica Rosamilia r/o Mom, Kristina, Olivia, Kenny

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**Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Dec.31 - 5:00pm Vigil - Alexander & Felicitas Luvis r/o Malika DeSilva & Family

**Tuesday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God**
7:00am - Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners
8:00am - Alejandrina Gallego r/o Mr. & Mrs. Manny Villanueva
12:10pm - Steve Walsh r/o Family
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Karen Baker, Jeannette Bertha, Baby Genevieve Bonk, Walter Boychick, Kathy Byram, Daniel Campbell, Kathleen Carroll, Cousin of Pat & Kathy Carroll, Kathleen Cremone, Miguel Cruz, James Fisher, Lawrence & Carmel Fitzhenry, Mary Anne Hale, niece of Tom & Andrea Hansen, Maria Harrison, Ralph Labadessa, Darlene Lamourt, Patricia LaPointe, Rebecca Lapoint, Richard Levandoski, Marie Elaine Mackiewicz, Joyce Martin, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin, Pat Mulkerin, Raymond Muska, George O’Kane, Elizabeth Orschik, Keith Pahira, Baby Lorelai Pepin, Theodore Pichalski, April Quinn, Nadia Ruiz, Ted Saggese, Edmund Scattaglia, Margaret Smith, Christine Suchanek, Joseph Sudnick, Helen Timko, Kathy Werner, Joseph Wejnerowski

DECEASED: Rocco Caposino, Nancy Pasternak
... all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Tithing
This Bulletin was printed before last week’s tithing amounts were received. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Hope & Help After Abortion: The Sisters of Life offer a Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have had an abortion. Registration: 866-575-0075 or email: postabortion@sistersoflife.org.

Counseling Services Available: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, offers Counseling & Wellness Services. Individual and family therapy is available for children and adults. If you, or someone you know, is in need of counseling, or has been impacted by addiction, we can help. Make an appointment by calling 800-655-9491.

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.

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.

The Sanctuary Candles for this week have been donated in loving memory of Richard E. Czaplinski by his Mother (in the Cathedral)
in honor of Theodore Pichalski on his 89th Birthday and in honor of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Georgean & Theodore Pichalski

—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).
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

–SUNDAY: Mass of Simbang Gabi, 5:00pm; Both Youth Groups Movie Night, 6 -8:30pm, SJB.

–MONDAY: Christmas Eve - Masses at 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30pm; The Rectory is closed and The Lady Chapel closes at 3:00pm.

–TUESDAY: Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord. Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon. The Rectory Office will be closed. The Lady Chapel will be closed. Monsignor Zamorski and the entire staff wish you and yours a very Blessed Christmas.

–WEDNESDAY: Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel will resume at 7:00am. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9:00am in the Cathedral. The Rectory Office will be closed.

THERE WILL BE NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.

–FRIDAY: Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII Room.

–SATURDAY: Confessions will be heard at the usual times: 1:00 - 2:00pm and 6:00 - 6:30pm.

–NEXT WEEKEND: Feast of The Holy Family -Vigil Masses Saturday at 5:00 & 7:00pm; Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am;12 Noon.

–NEXT MONDAY:New Year’s Eve- Morning Masses at usual times .7&8am, 12:10pm; Vigil Mass at 5:00pm; Rectory Office will be closed.

–NEXT TUESDAY: New Year’s Day - Masses at 7am, 8am; 12:10pm. Rectory Office will be closed.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord is with us! How blessed we are to live our lives so intimately with our Lord God. No wonder that there is such joy within us and in our world. We must never forget this grace, but rather appreciate it by our love for each other.

A most Blessed Christmas to you! Saint Francis Cathedral Parish constantly reflects the Lord’s generosity to us by sharing our gifts with others, especially with those in most need. Actually, in this way we do live Christmas every day of the year. Emmanuel! God is with us!

May you always know the blessings of our Lord, and live Christmas every day. The joy and peace of this holy season should be yours at every moment, and may you share such with those close and dear to you, especially our children. Happily so many young parents come to church each week with their children who are always welcome at Saint Francis Cathedral.

May your reward for sharing the Gospel be abundant. May God’s Sacred Heart and Mary’s Immaculate Heart be united with your hearts.

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski, Rector

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. Info: stfranciscathedral.org/732-548-0100 x235.

Banns of Marriage

III Elizabeth Sharlow/ Ryan Loughlin
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2018

Most Rev. James F. Checchio

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Having spent almost 20 years living in Rome, one of my favorite Yuletide tunes is “I’ll be home for Christmas.” About half the time I was able to make it home for a Christmas visit with my family. The song was recorded originally by Bing Crosby in 1943. The lyrics are sung from the point of view of an overseas soldier during WWII, writing a letter to his family. In the message, he tells the family that he will be coming home, and to prepare the holiday for him. He asks for “snow,” “mistletoe,” and “presents on the tree.” The song ends, however, on a melancholy note, with the soldier saying “I’ll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams.”

Yes, even if the soldier couldn’t physically be home for Christmas, his thoughts and dreams would take him there. Our thoughts and dreams are powerful, and sometimes they are what motivates us to act. Even though we won’t all be physically together this year at Christmas, I want you to know that my thoughts, dreams and prayers are with you and the people of our beautiful diocese as we celebrate Christmas and begin our year of spiritual awakening and evangelization in preparation for the consecration of our diocese to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady has acted powerfully in the Americas and I pray that this upcoming year will indeed provide us with a divine intervention so that our Mother moves us more fully into the heart of her Son. I am hoping that our prayers, dreams and thoughts will motivate us to act to recommit ourselves to be sons and daughters committed to prayer, mercy and love, and that our actions may inspire others to dream with us, so that God’s Kingdom is lit afire here in our diocese.

In 1531, on the day after Christmas, a new chapel opened in Mexico. Our Lady of Guadalupe had appeared to a poor Aztec Indian, named Juan Diego who was on his way to pray. She asked him to go to the bishop and tell him to build a church in her honor. To give credence to what Juan Diego would say, she gave roses to him to place under his poncho. Since it was winter, these flowers were to convince the bishop that Juan Diego was not hallucinating. Before he left for his mission, he asked the woman her name and she replied: “Call me mother.”
When Juan Diego arrived at the bishop’s residence, he repeated what the woman surrounded by stars told him. As he lifted his tilma or poncho-like cloak to give the bishop the flowers, roses fell to the ground but what caught the bishop’s eye was not the roses, but an image of Mary that miraculously had been woven into the very fabric of Juan Diego’s tilma. It is this image of Mary which still hangs in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Over the next ten years, nine million converts came to the church through Mary’s intervention.

On December 12, we began a year of preparation leading up to the full consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2019. Described by Pope St. John-Paul II as “the Star of the New Evangelization,” the spiritual awakening under the auspices of Our Lady which has begun in earnest should lead us to return to the Scriptures, the Word of God, to Tradition which is the teaching, preaching and life of the Church. It should also prepare us to become committed missionary disciples who will bring others into an encounter with Christ or back to the Church.

Today, “I’ll be home for Christmas” has become a Christmas standard, yet, the significance of the song has spread. It still includes sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, moms and dads in the military who are stateside or fortunate enough to be home for Christmas and, in keeping with the original focus of the anthem, those troops stationed abroad who cannot be with us except in their dreams. This song, perhaps more than any other, conjures up images of our sons and daughters in college, who are home for Christmas during their winter recess. It makes us appreciate how grandparents who may not live close to us go out of their way to be in town to celebrate Christmas with us. It drives home the importance of family as our adult children, whose jobs have taken them thousands of miles away, pack up their children, their strollers, playpens and gifts to be with us at home for the celebration of the Nativity. There is no doubt that the scope of “I’ll be home for Christmas” has grown much wider than it was in 1943, but the sentiment is perennial and true - - during the year we can roam, but we want to be home for Christmas because we want to stay tethered to our roots: religious, social and cultural. After Masses and spending time kneeling in front of the nativity scene at our Cathedral on Christmas day, I will head home to be with my family. A blessing!

There is something mystical about a family gathering around the Christmas tree and exchanging gifts, or sitting around the dining room table and enjoying a meal together or standing side by side in church for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. I believe in my heart that this unique pining of how we wish to observe our Christmas celebration is what Jesus envisions for us who make up His family, the Church. But He also desires more. Jesus asks us to dream, to pray, and let our thoughts turn us to action, to turn anew to Him in prayer, especially through His mother who always gathers us to Him.

Just as Mary used Juan Diego to bring millions of people to her Son, she wants to use us in our day to do the same. She desires to gather us all together. Juan Diego was on his way to pray when Mary appeared to him. He was prepared to receive her message. This year, I ask that we all commit to preparing ourselves for a spiritual awakening, so that we can be prepared for Mary’s message to us. It is God’s one desire to bring us home, not just for Christmas, but to dwell with us here on earth and eventually to bring us home to heaven. That is why He became man. To be with us, now and forever, to accompany us in our journey of life, with its ups and downs, blessings and struggles, joys and crosses. We are never alone!

Know of my love and prayers for you. May God bless you and your families this Christmas and New Year! May our diocese, through the efforts of our year of spiritual awakening in preparation for the consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe help us always to live in and spread our true and lasting home in God’s kingdom! Merry Christmas!

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Metuchen
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. 732-904-9636/www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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.

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 Conroy: 732-549-7010.

Parishioner Seeking Kidney: A 46 year old male parishioner is hoping to receive a life-saving kidney transplant, but so far has not been fortunate to receive a kidney. He is a lifelong area resident and a veteran. Some of his health problems are a result of his military service. If you can help, call 732-548-0100 x212.

AN OFFER OF COMPANIONSHIP
Each of us knows, in a way perhaps unique to ourselves, what it is to feel alone. Luke tells us this week that Mary "went with haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Did Mary feel alone with the burden of the Annunciation? Did she have a need to confide in someone? Did she ask herself who will believe what the angel had told her and what she had consented to do? For many people, the atmosphere of Christmas preparations intensifies feelings of loneliness. That sense of Mary’s loneliness makes us echo the Magnificat. God did wonderful things for her and for Elizabeth...and for us too. Do you know someone who seeks the companionship of a faith family as Mary sought the companionship of Elizabeth? Do you know someone who needs the comfort of the Magnificat... that in our need, God also cares for us? Do you feel alone in the midst of Christmas preparations? Invite them to ask questions at a RCIA inquiry session where they will learn more about the Catholic Faith. No commitments are required - just inquiries. Info: Sara at 732-562-1990 x 1633.
2018 Christmas Flower Donations
We are grateful to so many parishioners who have contributed to this year’s Christmas Flowers

**In Memory Of**
Robert Fortunato
Sophie Campagna
Joseph & Genevieve Fortunato
Janice Grigo
Lydia & Aniceto Castaneda
Joseph Yoschak
John & Ann Scarpelli
Passaro & Scott Families
Albert & Anne Gore
Karen Gore Didzbalis
John Lamont
Mae & Peter Salomone
Mr. & Mrs. Ting Kiang Koh
Giuliana Velona
Vincent & Lena Velona
Victor N. Apito II
Julius W. Bonk
Marguerite Labadessa
Evelyn Pagano
Mary Prebula
Ralph & Jenny Battaglia
Thomas & Florence Murtaugh
Joseph Dobrowolski
John Cowhey
Helen & Joseph Onuska
Carol Trapp
Robert Trapp
Regina & Eugene Trapp
Joseph Parisi
Jeffrey Dolan
Gene Filik
Jack & Rita Peterson
Dolores Romeo
Margaret Neun

Social Concerns

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

--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.

**Eucharistic Ministers: Dec.29/30**
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. Ripo, 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: Dec. 29/30**
5:00pm: Al & Judy Kendziora
7:00pm: Kieran Esposito
7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am: Kathleen Burke
10:30am: Mike McCunney
12:00pm: Catherine M.-Barron

**Altar Servers: Dec. 29/30**
5:00pm: Team 14
7:00pm: Team 15
7:30am: Team 16
9:00am: Team 17
10:30am: Team 18
12:00pm: Team 19