Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  *  Metuchen, NJ  08840

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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

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.

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, January 27 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Zachary & Jude Attianese r/o Bobko Family
9:00am - Richard McCunney r/o Maureen Joyce
10:30am - John Dunn r/o Stetz Family
Noon - Pablo Labao r/o Family *Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass

MONDAY, January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas
7:00am - Lynette Davis r/o Betsy Donohue
8:00am - Giselle Cordero r/o Rene
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Sr. Rebecca Piatek r/o Family

TUESDAY, January 29
7:00am - Teofila Moulic r/o Tan Family
8:00am - Jim Conlon r/o Family
12:10pm - Andrew & Mary Piatek r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, January 30
7:00am - Virgil Winkler r/o Kurt Winkler
8:00am - Joan Belmont r/o Nuvia & Manny Reyes
12:10pm - Dulce Alfonso r/o Maggie Coleman & Family

THURSDAY, January 31 - Saint John Bosco
7:00am - Sally Conlon r/o Family
8:00am - Jessie & Andrew Piatek r/o Family
12:10pm - John & Elizabeth Vochecowicz r/o John & Johnny

FRIDAY, February 1 - First Friday
7:00am - Patricia Wiley r/o Mark & Bette Daniele
8:00am - Reo Coquia r/o Coquia Family
*9:00am - School Liturgy
12:10pm - Peter Barnes, Jr. r/o James & Olympia Keane

SATURDAY, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord
8:00am - Annabelle August r/o Carol August Family
5:00pm - Betty Awn r/o Razal Family
7:00pm - Al & Ronnie Mindler & Louis Carucci r/o Kay Mindler

SUNDAY, February 3 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Kevin Hamilton r/o Mark & Josephine Czochanski
9:00am - Anna Dennis r/o Carol Reilly
10:30am - Mary Rapach r/o Maureen Rapach
Noon - Mass for Consecrated Life

The Sanctuary Candle for this week has been donated in loving memory of Allison Georgiana by Patricia & Anthony Schinella (in the Cathedral)
Serving Overseas: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations

Sick: Lorna Bemis, Jeannette Bertha, Walter Boychick, Kathy Byram, Daniel Campbell, Cousin of Pat & Kathy Carroll, Rita Cuppari, John Ehling, Mary Flynn, Marty Gallagher, Mary Anne Hale, Delorise Hall, Arthur Hamilton, niece of Tom & Andrea Hansen, Maria Harrison, Matthew Hohmann, David Kleman, Patricia LaPointe, Richard Levandoski, Sr. Dolores Lew, RoseMary Lyons, Joseph Markano, Mario Medeiros, Pat Mulkerin, Donatella Nagy, Baby Lorelai Pepin, Eleanor Phelan, Theodore Pichalski, Mary Ruchalski, Nadia Ruiz, Anne Scott, Helen Timko, Kathy Werner, Joseph Wejnerowski

Deceased: Most Rev. John M. Smith, Bishop of Trenton, Fr. James Barlow, Miguel Cruz, Mother of Gina Danner, Helen Delmar, Garrett Doherty, Elsie Hickey, Sabrina Lombardo, Agatha Loyacano, Charles McDevitt, Sherwood Michael, Raymond Muska, Josefa Ocasio, Keith Pahira, Robert Poandl, Anthony Russomanno, Ted Saggese, Margaret Smith, Augustine Tambini, Mary Whitlock

...all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

God’s Plan for Giving

Tithing

Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 1/20:

Envelopes & Loose Cash $16,778
Electronic Offerings $ 9,130
Total $25,908

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

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before setting the Reception date, contact Margaret Manza (548-0100 x212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.

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 put 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.

Catholic School 2019-2020 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process is Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than March 31, 2018. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend the Application Workshop that is scheduled for February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2 to 4 pm, and from 6 to 8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

FYI: Anyone wishing to bring up the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass, especially if it is for a loved one, should speak with one of the Ushers before Mass.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

--**Congratulation** to the young adults who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on this past Friday and Saturday. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them with His gifts so that they may be Christ’s joy-filled witnesses in today’s society. Please see list of Confirmandi on page 6.

--A great big “thank you” to all who participated in the recent **March for Life** in Washington, D.C. or the **Rally for Life** in Trenton. Both events bore witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death and all who participated are to be commended. The annual **Respect Life Mass** with **Pro Vita awards** was postponed due to bad weather and will be re-scheduled.

FYI: Our Cathedral **live streaming** is restored and is accessible via the link at the bottom of the Cathedral home page.

--**SUNDAY:** Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass at noon; **SFCS School Open House** at 1:00pm; **50/50 Raffle Tickets** to benefit St. Joseph High School are available after Sunday Masses, excluding noon; **Catholic Scouts BSA** Meeting at 1:30pm in Solarium; **Both YG Movie Night**, 6 - 8:30pm, SJB Room.

--**MONDAY:** Mass at Senior Residence, 1:30pm; **Baptismal Seminar**, 7:45pm, Mary Room.

--**TUESDAY:** Our weekly **Prayer Group** meets at 1pm in the Joseph Room.

—**THURSDAY:** **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; **Body of Christ Prayer Group**, 8:00pm, CCR.

—**FRIDAY:** The students of SFCS School participate in a **School Liturgy** for the Closing of Catholic Schools Week; **Legion of Mary** at 11:00am, JPII Room; **Widows & Widowers** meet at 1:00pm in the Solarium.

—**NEXT SUNDAY:** After attending 10:30am Mass, Rosary Altar Society members gather in the Solarium to participate in a **Baby Shower for the Metuchen Life Choices Resource Center**; Mass for **Consecrated Life** will be celebrated at noon; **HSYG Meeting**, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB Room.

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**Banns of Marriage**

II  Maria Ganz/Joseph Franco-Bandiero

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**Lighting Hearts On Fire**

**Diocesan Marian Consecration Preparation Year**

Bishop Checchio will consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. A year-long preparation process was launched December 12, 2018, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral. We implore Our Lady’s never-failing intercession by praying the following:

**God Our Loving Father,**

*We lift up our hearts in gratitude for sending Our Virgin Mother of Guadalupe to set hearts on fire in the “New World” with the saving message of the Gospel.*

*She is our compassionate Mother and she desires to remedy our troubles, miseries and pain by bringing us into a saving friendship with her Son Jesus Christ.*

*We turn again with renewed confidence and outstretched arms to our Virgin Mother of Guadalupe to set our hearts on fire in our Diocese of Metuchen as we prepare to be consecrated to her maternal care.*

*Give to each one of us a desire to be a missionary disciple - - so that the world may come to know the transformative love of Christ through us. Mother of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization, Pray for us.*

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**The Cathedral Concert Series**

**The True Story of Cinderella** presented on the Community Room stage on **Sunday, February 10** at 3:00pm. Not just a children’s story, but a musical performance for all ages. A humorous, touching love story composed by Warren Martin of Westminster Choir College, performed by twelve vocal soloists, a narrator and a pianist. Tickets available after Masses later this month, or Choir@StFrancisCathedral.org.

*“Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.”* –Anonymous
We congratulate the following parish teenagers who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on this past Friday and Saturday. May they be open and receptive to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.


SFCWidows & Widowers Social Group

Our group is comprised of widows and widowers who gather for enjoyment and participate in a variety of social activities. If you enjoy laughing, making new friends and being busy on weekends, then our friendly group is definitely for you. Meetings are scheduled on the first Friday of most months in a Cathedral meeting room. The next meeting is on Friday, February 1 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center Solarium. If you are interested, please email judifasano@gmail.com and give your telephone number. We will return your email and call you.

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.

Summer Camp 2019 Has Arrived! Camp will run for eight weeks beginning on June 17 and ending on August 9. Our program is open to all children ages 4 - 13. There will be a Camp Information Night on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00pm in the Community Room. Campers will go on weekly trips, swim at the Metuchen Pool twice a week, participate in arts & crafts, Gym, Computers and outdoor play. Please contact Mrs. Rizzo at 732-548-3107/RizzoM@stfranciscathedralschool.org. Forms are at www.stfranciscathedralschool.org under the parents/students tab.

Family Bowling Night at Stelton Lanes, hosted by the SFC Youth Groups on Friday, February 8. Meet at Stelton Lanes at 4:45pm. Game begins at 5:00pm and ends at 7:00pm. Cost until Feb. 1: $20 p/p includes 2 hours bowling, shoe rental, drink and food; Cost after Feb. 1: $25. Call Sr. Maria Lan at 732-770-2506/sml@stfranciscathedral.org.
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.” –Luke 4:18a

LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some of Saint Paul’s best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together. Unlike some of Paul’s other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

TIME: The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, it will be “a year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn’t mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing His listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God’s favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God’s word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The day that is holy is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God’s help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God’s word.
Catholic Schools Week  
Saint Francis Cathedral School  
A Community of Faith, Knowledge, Service  
Schedule of Activities for Catholic Schools Week 2019

Celebrating Our Parish  
12:00 pm Mass in the Cathedral  
1 – 2:30 pm Open House - SFCSchool

Celebrating Our Students  
Student Dress Down Day  
Student Buddy Activity  
Teacher Trivia /Music from past 90 years  
Happy 90th Birthday to St. Francis Cathedral School

Celebrating Our Families  
Classroom Visits  
10:15-10:45 am Kindergarten & Grade 1  
11:00-11:30 am Grades 2 & 3  
11:45-12:15 pm Grades 4 & 5  
12:30-1:00 pm Grades 6, 7, and 8  
Current Family  
Family Lunch  
10:45 - 11:15  
11:30 – 12:00  
12:15 – 12:45  
1:00 – 1:30

Celebrating Our Vocations  
Vocation Awareness Activity  
Visiting Author, Daryl Cobb  
writing activity with Grades 4 - 8

Celebrating Our Community  
Visiting Author, Daryl Cobb  
writing activity with Grades K - 3

Celebrating Our Staff, Faculty and Volunteers  
9:00 am Mass  
Volunteer Reception, Hosted by Student Council  
12 noon Dismissal Pre K through 8  
Faculty Appreciation Luncheon hosted by HSA

MSYouth Group Valentine’s Dance: On Sunday, Feb. 10, 6:30 - 8:30pm in the CYO, our MSYG is celebrating Valentine’s Day with a Dance. You can take a free photo, so wear Valentine clothing and bring props for pics. Cost includes DJ, all-you-can-eat snacks, drinks and food. The non-refundable cost before Feb. 5:$8; after Feb. 5 and until Feb. 9: $10; at the door: $15. Also Candy Gram for $1, Raffles for $1 and door prizes. HSYG members can help for service hours. SML (732-770-2506/ smlorchid@hotmail.com.

8-Day Pilgrimage To France  
July 7 - 14, 2019  
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 to Choir@StFrancisCathedral.org.

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. Kevin’s Monastery, and so much more. Cost of $3,298 includes r/t air, daily breakfast, 6 dinners, Guide, to and from Newark airport. Sr.MariaLan-732-770-2506.

Prayer Service for those Touched by Addiction  
The Diocesan Office of Human Life & Dignity and the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Port Reading, will host a Prayer Service for those touched by addiction or loss on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 7:00pm. Any person/family whose life has been touched by this pain who seeks the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in struggling to recover is welcome. Call 732-243-4574.
Living Stations of the Cross
Middle School & High School Youth Group

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 14 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral. Please encourage your children to participate in and be committed to this project. The Living Stations will give everyone a chance to pray, reflect and meditate on the love Jesus has for each of us as shown through His suffering and death on the cross. Initial meeting is Friday, March 15 at 5:00 - 7:00pm in the St. John Bosco Room of the Parish Center, near the Pre-K door. Sister will talk to the children about the characters, and parts will be given out. A light supper will be provided for the children after each practice and parents are invited to volunteer to prepare a meal by giving name/phone # and date to Sister. Additional Practices, all from 5:00 - 7:00pm will be in the Church, will be on March 22, 29 (dress rehearsal), April 5 (dress rehearsal) and April 12 (dress rehearsal). On Sunday, April 14, meet in Church at 6:00pm. All are welcome to pray with us. Parts available are: Veronica, readers, Mary of Jesus, Mary of Cleophas, Mary of James, weeping women, the crowds, witnesses, Simon, Barabbas, Pilate’s wife, good thief, bad thief, Chief soldier, soldiers, singer, 12 apostles or “I will do whatever Sister needs me to do.” Sr. Maria Lan at 732-770-2506; sml@stfranciscathedral.org.

Social Concerns

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

To the Parish of St. Francis Metuchen, On behalf of the residents at Roosevelt Care Center, we would like to thank you for the donation of Christmas gifts to our facility. They will be put to good use and are greatly appreciated- Recreation Dept., Roosevelt Care Center

--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. Soc.Con.732-548-0100 x225.

LifeLine Screening: Go beyond regular check-ups for a more thorough look at your health. 1) Carotid Artery Plaque Screening; 2) Heart Rhythm Screening; 3) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening; 4) Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening; 5) Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. All 5 screenings for $149. It all takes place at SFC Community Room on Saturday, Feb. 16. Call for an appointment: 888-653-6450 OR SFC: 732-548-0100 x225. Be smart. Do more for your cardiovascular health.


| SUN: | - Catholic Schools Week Mass, noon |
|      | - SFCS School Open House, 1:00pm |
|      | - St. Joseph H.S. Raffle Tickets, breezeway |
|      | - Catholic Scouts BSA, 1:30pm, SOL |
|      | - Both YG Movie Night, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB |
| MON: | - Mass at Senior Residence, 1:30pm |
|      | - Baptismal Seminar, 7:45pm, MR |
| TUE: | - Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR |
| THU: | - Bible Study, 1pm, JR/7:15pm, JPII |
|      | - Catechist Training, 7:00pm, JR |
|      | - Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8pm, CCR |
| FRI: | - SFCS School Liturgy, 9:00am |
|      | - Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII |
|      | - Widows & Widowers, 1:00pm, SOL |
| SUN: | - Rosariana st 10:30 Mass; Baby Shower after |
|      | - Mass for Consecrated Life, noon |
|      | - HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB |

Eucharistic Ministers: Feb.2/3

5:00pm: C. Coleman, M. Perullo, L. Dalton, S. Francis, J. Franklin, D. Reilly, S. Tamasco, C. Saggese

7:00pm: J. Pasquale, J.G-Campbell, M.& W. Manza, N. Davis, J. Bundoc

7:30am: S. Riolo, J/K Burke, D. Monek, C. Kozak, J. Carey, R. Dowdy

9:00am: P. Zensky, D. Reilly, P. John, A. Bolvito, A. Cirelli, T/N Rossi, R. Alfz, R. Quaglia

10:30am: P. Stead, F. Belmont, M. Garni, R & R Coquia, D. Pappalardo, A. Bianchini

12:00pm: E. Swan, D. Rossi, J&M Hernandez, R. Cron, S. Fernandez

Lectors: February 2/3

5:00pm: Al & Judy Kendziora 7:00pm: Jerry LaPointe

7:30am: Kathleen Burke 9:00am: Russell Lawyer

10:30am: Michael McCunney 12:00pm: Joachim Licameli

Altar Servers - February 2/3

5:00pm Team 19 7:00pm Team 20

7:30am Team 21 9:00am Team 22

10:30am Team 23 12:00pm Team 24