Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  Metuchen, NJ 08840

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

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
Bishop Emeritus

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Deacon Emeritus Paul G. Licameli
Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brossoni
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

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.

How To Report Sexual Abuse: You are encouraged to contact the Diocesan Response Officer- 908-930-4558
(24 hours/7 days a week) or visit the diocesan website: https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse.
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.

Online Gift Shop
http://stfranciscathedralshop.trinityroad.com/
Purchase rosaries, crucifixes, holy water containers, medals, missals, gifts for upcoming First Communion and more.

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 - pfgendlekcomcast.net
    - Cathedral Choirs: Thom 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 Riolo (548-0100)
    - Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/ Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
    - Knights of Columbus: KofC.org/joins
    - 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: sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com - MOMS’ Group: Sandra Spinelli - sandra@spinell.us
    - Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
    - Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sfprayertree@msn.com
    - Rosary Altar Society: Kathy Divorkin-kdivorkin@optonline.net
    - Scripture Study: Pat Morgan (548-0100)
    - Widows/Widowers: judifasano@gmail.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 poor confidentially
      - Interfaith Network of Care - volunteers for homebound
      - Unemployment Support Group - (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, March 10 - First Sunday of Lent
7:30am  -(Liv.) Int. Renzi Del Rosario r/o Jane & Art
9:00am  -Christina Grimmie r/o Thomas Mockovick
10:30am -Thomas Thompson r/o Mary & Family
Noon   -Ernesto & Benilda Almeda r/o Family

MONDAY, March 11
7:00am  -Salvador Batista r/o Steve & Kathy Whooley
8:00am  -Kathy Freis r/o D’Albenzio Family
12:10pm -James Davis r/o Patricia Davis

TUESDAY, March 12
7:00am  -Madelynn Silva-Rizzo r/o Valenzuela Family
8:00am  -Joseph Rapach r/o Maureen Rapach
12:10pm -Gregg Luna r/o Norma Luna

WEDNESDAY, March 13
7:00am  -Grace Tambini r/o Joanie
8:00am  -Ethel Carchia r/o Sal & Elizabeth Raspa
12:10pm -Helen Vannella r/o Anne Eosso

THURSDAY, March 14
7:00am  -George O’Kane r/o Mary Zemann
8:00am  -John Gieger r/o Michele O’Neil
12:10pm -Maureen Sivertsen r/o Lucy & John Sivertsen

FRIDAY, March 15
7:00am  -Mary L. Celano r/o Msgr. Joseph Celano
8:00am  -Eugenio Regis, Jr. r/o Family
12:10pm -Kenneth Schuetz r/o Saggese Family

SATURDAY, March 16
8:00am  -(Liv.) Int. Fr. Anthony Azzarto, S.J. r/o Monteleone Family
5:00pm  -Thomas Romond r/o Flaherty Family
7:00pm  -Maureen Murphy-Handerhan r/o Sister & Brothers

SUNDAY, March 17 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:30am  -Kevin Hamilton r/o Nora Kenny
9:00am  -Roelihan Family r/o McCauley Family
10:30am -Joseph Wojciechowski r/o Family
12:10pm -Jerry Nunziato r/o Leila Toomey *Penitential Rite

The Sanctuary Candle for this week
has been donated
in loving memory of

*Kathy Freis

by Debbie Schurko

(in The Lady Chapel)

24 Hour Prayer Line
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431.
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Middle East: Jamie Lewandowski, Walker Luck; for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Katherine Accumanno, Donald Alena, Lourdes Awn, Paul Battaglia, Angela Bianchini, Kathy Byram, Daniel Campbell, Joan Garster-Campbell, David Cascia, Peter Coakes, Frances Consordi, Anthony Criscitello, Rita Cuppari, Debra Czachoo, David D’Andrea, Betty Fister, Evie Fortune, Marty Gallagher, Carolina Guevarra, Mary Anne Hale, Mother of Deacon Ken Hamilton, Maria Harrison, Glen Hlavsa, Douglas Horvath, Patricia LaPointe, Deacon Paul Licameli, Richard Levandoski, Eva Lucciola, RoseMary Lyons, Joseph Markano, Suzanne Mendoza, Rocco Mongelli, Pat Mulkerin, Bill Murphy, Baby Lorelai Pepin, Joan Perullo, Eleanor Phelan, Theodore Pichalski, Elsa Reyes, Claire Scapardine, Martha Schiachitano, Anne Scott, Gregory Sequeira, Joseph Sudnick, Sr., Leola Szlinsky, Mother of Lorraine Taurence, Rose Viel, Kathy Werner, Joseph Wejnerowski

DECEASED: Ronald J. Amorino, Brother of Sam Convery, Robert Daly, Margaret Davis, Elaine Garcia, Addie Giordano, Eugeniusz Gromko, Lois Lucey, Rosa Mancuso, Nadia Ruiz, Wendell Stevens, James Sullivan ... all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

God’s Plan For Giving

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

Marriage Encounter
Now that spring is almost upon us, why not give your spouse a gift that lasts through every season of the year? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The Next WWMEW is March 22 - 24. Phone 732-94-9636/www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

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.

Give The Gift of Faith: More and more Catholics are responding to the idea of giving a gift that perpetuates faith. Please consider remembering St. Francis Cathedral Parish in your will. By doing so, you establish a legacy of love for others by enabling our Parish to respond to the needs of our faith community through its many ministries. For information on naming St. Francis parish and/or the Diocese of Metuchen in your will, please call the diocesan Stewardship & Development Office at 732-562-2433.

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. 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 in English/Spanish.

Community House at St. Thomas
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Old Bridge, provides a program, managed by Catholic Charities, which provides affordable, accessible housing for adults of very low income who have physical disabilities. Up to 8 physically challenged individuals live together as a group, functioning to their individual level of independence, with professional case management services provided. Call 732-251-0022 or www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org.
Parish Notes...

-- THIS WEEKEND: Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks should be set ahead one hour on Saturday night. It’s almost spring!

-- SUNDAY: Filipino-American Community at 1:00pm in Joseph Room; Catholic Scouts BSA meet at 1:30pm in the Solarium; Rite of Election and Rite of Calling Candidates to Continuing Conversion at 2:00pm in the Cathedral.

-- TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room; Parish Awakening Night at 7:00pm in the Cathedral. Come and join fellow parishioners as we strive to prepare to be consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization.

-- WEDNESDAY: Every Wednesday, following 12:10pm Mass, parishioners will gather in front of the Cathedral to walk around the block reciting the Rosary for the intention of the Year of Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe; Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief Step I at 7:00pm in the Joseph Room/Solarium; SFCSchool HSA General Meeting at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

-- THURSDAY: Bible Study continues The Story of Salvation at 1:00pm in Joseph Room and 7:15pm in JPII Room; Young Adult Holy Hour, 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Cathedral, followed by a short gathering in the Solarium; Catechist Training at 7:00pm in the Joseph Room; Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR.

-- FRIDAY: Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII Room; Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:50pm, 1:30 pm (SFCSchool) and 7:30pm. Join us as we journey with Christ to Calvary; Youth Groups meet for Living Stations parts, 5:00 - 7:00pm, SJB Room in Parish Center.

-- Next Sunday: Penitential Rite celebrated at noon Mass; HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB Room.

-- NEXT WEEKEND: Members of the Rosary Altar Society host a St. Patrick Bake Sale after Masses. Please bring your donations starting with 5:00pm Mass. Try their tasty treats and your Irish eyes will be smilin’ MSYG Movie Night, 6:00 - 8:30pm, SJB.

Banns of Marriage

II Lauren Franson/Marcelo Merengalli Ferrer

Lighting Hearts On Fire

Diocesan Marian Consecration Preparation Year December 12, 2018 - December 12, 2019

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. Bishop Checchio’s intention for this year is that each one of us opens our heart wide to God’s grace so that authentic spiritual renewal can take place. We implore Our Lady’s never-failing intercession by praying:

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 New Evangelization, Pray for us.

Besides this, individuals and families are urged to pray together and prepare for consecration by hosting a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in their homes for a week this year. Sign up: info@stfranciscathedral.org/732-548-0100. In addition, we invite you to Awakening Night, an evening of prayer, preaching and reflection on the message and meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe’s apparitions on our continent in 1531. Discover how the Blessed Mother led nine million indigenous Mexican people into a life changing encounter with her Son, Jesus, and how she desires to lead you into a deep and vibrant relationship with Him as well. It will take place on March 12 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral.

We also ask you to participate in 24 Hours For The Lord which will begin at 4:00pm on Friday, March 29 and conclude with Benediction on Friday, March 30 at 3:30pm.
Once again, Saint Francis Cathedral Parish is calling parishioners of the Diocese to spend 24 Hours For The Lord during this holy season of Lent. In conjunction with Bishop Checchio’s intention to consecrate our diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe in December, 2019, March 29 and 30 are designated as a special time called “24 Hours for the Lord.” Desiring to promote the new evangelization, the initiative is simple but profound. Our church will be open for a 24-hour period with Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, devotions and times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In St. Francis Cathedral, this great opportunity to deepen our friendship with the Lord is scheduled as follows:

4:00pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm Confessions
7:30pm Stations of the Cross
9:00pm Confessions
10:00pm Rosary
Overnight Adoration
7:00am Confessions
8:00am Daily Mass
11:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
1:00pm Confessions
3:30pm Benediction & Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

We hope this will be a blessed opportunity of great renewal and conversion to the Lord, through the intercession of His Blessed Mother, during this holy season of Lent.

For more information, contact the Rectory Office at 732-548-0100.

Calling All Actors & Actresses
Stagehands, Dancers, Set, Costume Designers
WE NEED YOU! The Diocese of Metuchen is seeking people ages 18 and older to participate in a production about Our Lady of Guadalupe. English-speaking and Spanish-speaking participants are needed. Email Luis: luiscaluna@live.com to see a sample play and to learn about the details of the 2019 production. To RSVP or for details, email evangelization@diometuchen.org.

RCIA
RITE OF ELECTIOI
On the first Sunday of Lent, in every diocese throughout the world, catechumens celebrate, with their Bishop, the Rite of Election and candidates celebrate, with their Bishop, the Rite of Calling Candidates to Continuing Conversion. Catechumens (unbaptized), INDRA RAMALAKAN and GINA MOONEY, and Candidate (already baptized) ROSS MILLER from our parish will join candidates and catechumens from other parishes in the Diocese Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral:

Their journey to Reception into the Catholic Church has been a gradual process which has taken place within this parish. The Rite of Election, for the catechumens and the Rite of Calling Candidates To Continuing Conversion for the candidates is one of the various steps in that process and it marks the end of the catechumenate phase and the beginning of the next phase, called purification and enlightenment; a more intense preparation for the sacraments which coincides with the Lenten Season. We, the entire parish community, have the primary responsibility for the preparation of Indra, Gina and Ross, through our prayers, our example and our participation in the various Rites. They cannot move into the next phase or be recognized for their progress by Bishop Checchio at The Rites of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion without our recommendation. Their catechists and sponsor have publicly declared that they are ready to live faithfully the commitment of the sacraments they will receive with us. Based on that discernment, we, their parish family send them today to the Rites of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with our blessings and our prayers. Today we invite Indra, Gina and Ross to fuller participation in our parish community's work: preaching the Good News, prayer, reconciliation, worship and service - for the life of the world. Indra and Gina who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, now known as a Catechumen, will, after the Rite of Election, be called an Elect. Ross, already baptized, will be received into the Catholic Church and receive Confirmation and Eucharist.

Prayer cards for Indra, Gina and Ross are at all of the entrances. We invite you to take one and become a spiritual sponsor for one of them. They need our prayers, encouragement. A nice way to show your support is to drop them a note, telling him/her that you are praying for them. Please put their name on the envelope, c/o RCIA, and drop it off at the Rectory, or in collection basket at any Mass.
REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today’s Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday’s Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.
**Lenten Opportunities**

LENT has just begun. These six weeks are a time of preparation for Holy Week and the great Feast of the Resurrection. Take advantage of the many opportunities offered at the Cathedral for spiritual renewal.

**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday, 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10pm; Saturdays at 8:00am

**Rosary:** Monday - Friday, 11:45am; Saturday, 8:45am, preceded by Novena to Our Lady.

**Bible Study:** Thursdays, 1:00pm & 7:15pm, JPII Room through March 21.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Lady Chapel, Monday through Friday, 7:00am - 11:00pm.

**Young Adult Holy Hour:** Lenten Thursdays 7 - 8:00pm in Cathedral, followed by a short gathering in the Solarium.

**Friday Stations of the Cross:** 12:50pm, 1:30pm (school) and 7:30pm; March 23 at 7:30pm is Mary’s Way of the Cross.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 1:00 - 2:00pm & 6:00 - 6:30pm or by appointment; not on Holy Saturday, April 20.

**Awakening Night:** March 12, 7:00pm, Reflections on the meaning and importance of Our Lady of Guadalupe’s apparitions on our continent.

**24 Hours For The Lord:** Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Devotions from 4:00pm on March 29 through 4:00pm on March 30.

**Lenten Bread & Soup Dinner:** Thursday, April 11, 5:00 - 8:00pm in the Community Room.

**Living Stations of the Cross:** Presented by the Youth of the Cathedral Parish on Palm Sunday, April 14, 7:00pm

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**Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner**

Join the Knights of Columbus for a **Lenten Pasta Dinner** on Friday, March 22 from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Community Room. The menu will consist of Salad, Garlic Bread, Spaghetti or Linguine, Marinara or Clam Sauce and Dessert. Cost is $10/per person, $8/seniors; $20/family of 4. No reservations required. The Knights provide $500 in scholarships each year to St. Francis Cathedral School and the proceeds from the Dinner will help to fund those scholarships. Please come and enjoy a good meal and help us support St. Francis students! Call Eric at 732-512-8332.

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**2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Help Build a Civilization of Love**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Francis Cathedral parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as **Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.** Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation.** Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Awakening Year Personal Consecration**

Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed? Looking to develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? Want to grow in holiness, but are too busy? Just set aside **15 minutes a day for 9 days** during this Awakening Year to deepen your faith and make a consecration on a personal level to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Read, reflect and pray daily with the story of Our Lady and St. Juan Diego. On the ninth day, you are invited to pray the personal consecration prayer, committing yourself to be an active Catholic and sharing your Catholic faith with others. This consecration is easy to fit into your schedule. Just pick the nine days most convenient for you. Go to www.lightingheartsonfire.org/prayers/PersonalConsecration.

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**In God’s Image,** the Catholic faith sharing group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, will meet on **Wed., March 13** at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Annex So. Plainfield. Group is open to LGBT adults 18 and over, and their families for faith sharing, conversation and support. Call 908-756-0633 x125.
Social Concerns

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

All Food donations should be dropped off at the Social Concerns Bin located in the main entrance Cathedral vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

SFCathedral seeking a Volunteer Facilitator for its Separated & Divorced Ministry. The right person will be empathetic and exhibit acceptance of those who are divorced. Candidate must have correct knowledge of the Church’s teaching regarding divorce/remarriage. The person chosen must be a good listener, since participants want to share their journey with others, without advice or criticism. If interested, call 732-548-0100 x225;

Caregiver Help Available: Interfaith Network of Care, Inc. (INC) currently has openings in our Respite Program. This is an ideal program if you are taking care of a loved one and they reside with you, and you and they could each use a change of scenery and a much needed break. We provide a 4 hour break once a week. While your loved one is with us, we share a hearty meal, music and do mind exercises. Info: 732-247-1655.

Mentoring: Catholic Charities is seeking volunteer mentors, both male and female, to participate in one-to-one activities and be a role model to young people. Do you
1. Have 3 hours per week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Reside in Middlesex County or Franklin Twp?
4. Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
Contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.

Job Bank: Our Lady of Peace, Fords is seeking a Director of Music and Liturgy. Candidate must be a talented, accomplished musician, familiar with the Roman Catholic Liturgical tradition. Position begins the first weekend of July, 2019. Please send a detailed CV and three professional letters of recommendation to Rev. Matthew R. Paratore, 26 MapleAve, Edison 08837.

Misc: Looking for a Roommate to share a house located very near the Cathedral. Rent is $200/week plus security deposit. Fully furnished bedroom. Call Beth at 732-589-6597/bethgf1758@aol.com.

FYI: Immaculata H.S. will show the film, Gosnell: America’s Biggest Serial Killer on Sat., March 23 at 3:00pm and on Sun., March 24 at 3:00pm. See the true story of the crimes and cover-ups. No charge - free will donation to offset licensing costs.


This Weekend: Daylight Saving Time begins

**SUN:**
- Girl Scouts at 10:30 Mass
- Filipino-Americans, 1:00pm, JR
- Catholic Scouts BSA, 1:30pm, SOL
- Rite of Election & Calling Candidates, 2:00pm
- HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB

**TUE:**
- Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
- Parish Awakening Night, 7:00pm, Cathedral

**WED:**
- Rosary for Year of Consecration, 12:45pm
- Bereavement Step I, 7:00pm, JR/SOL
- HSA General Meeting, 7:00pm, CCR

**THU:**
- Bible Study, 1pm, JR/7:15pm, JPII
- Young Adult Holy Hour, 7 - 8:00pm, Church
- Catechist Training, 7:00pm, JR
- Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR

**FRI:**
- Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
- Stations of the Cross, 12:50, 1:30, 7:30pm

**SUN:**
- Penitential Rite, noon Mass

Next Weekend: St. Patrick Bake Sale

**Eucharistic Ministers - March 16/17**

5:00pm N. Davis, M. DePasquale, M. & A. Quizon, E. & J. Lyons, J. Bundoc, K. Garner
7:00pm: E. Gutierrez, J. Pasquale, N. Cadorna, E.Swan, C. Roberts, C. Evangelista
7:30am: C. Kozak, DMonek, B&R. Cushing, T&J Sharlow
9:00am: D. Reilly, D. Heyden, J. Morrison, A. Major, M. D’Amico, E. Fortune, G. Monteleone, S/MSantangelo
10:30am: L. Taylor, P. Bixel, E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S. Francis, B&E Williamson, A. Bianchini
12:00pm: L. Moriarty, K. Manchery, T./N. Rossi, A. McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

**Lectors - March 16/17**

5:00pm: Larry McHugh 7:00pm: Maria Walsh
7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky 9:00am: Elizabeth Rooney
10:30am: Boris Moczula & Maureen Varley
12:00pm: Catherine Murphy-Barron

**Altar Servers - March 16/17**

5:00pm Team 5 7:00pm Team 6
7:30am Team 7 9:00am Team 8
10:30am Team 9 Noon Team 10