Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
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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 6:00pm
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.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, June 9 - Pentecost Sunday
7:30am - Joseph James O’Doherty r/o Noel, Sarah & Brynn
9:00am - Jose Alvira r/o Lucy & John Sivertsen
10:30am - Anne Oghia r/o John Oghia
Noon - Florita Quilingan & Hermina Labao r/o Family *

MONDAY, June 10
7:00am - Caterina Pontoriero r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
8:00am - Diana Ruggirello r/o Ann & Jim Reilly
12:10pm - John & Dorothy Abrahams r/o Licameli Family

TUESDAY, June 11 - Saint Barnabas
7:00am - Julie Jezek r/o Eric & Carol Soos
8:00am - Kathleen Freis r/o Alice & Ed Wallace
12:10pm - Rosalia Konopka r/o Daughter Halina

WEDNESDAY, June 12
7:00am - Aunt Nancy Pasternak r/o Teresa & Children
8:00am - Catherine Smith r/o Murphy Family
12:10pm - Agrifina Olegario r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario

THURSDAY, June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua
7:00am - Francesco Pontoriero r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
8:00am - Jerry Lynch r/o Bobby & Betty Aitken
12:10pm - Helen & Walter Zamorski r/o Family

FRIDAY, June 14
7:00am - Norma de la Cruz r/o Lina Rubang
8:00am - Ben Landel r/o Betty Griffin
12:10pm - Rita Fredericks r/o Mark Fredericks

SATURDAY, June 15
8:00am - John Bukowski r/o Malinowski Family
*10:30am - Diaconate Ordination
5:00pm - Alois & Ruth Skudlarek r/o Skudlarek Family
7:00pm - Eileen Lee r/o Bill & Margaret Manza

SUNDAY, June 16 - The Most Holy Trinity - Civil Father’s Day
7:30am - For Fathers Living & Deceased
9:00am - For Fathers Living & Deceased
10:30am - For Fathers Living & Deceased
Noon - For Fathers Living & Deceased

The Sanctuary Candles for this week have been donated in loving memory of

Tessa De Stagni
by Joe & Roseanne Russo
(in The Cathedral)

in honor of

Mitzy Firmansjah
by Family
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Sister of Deacon Frank Cammarano, Mary Ann Curtin, Maria Colonna, James Fisher, Dino Galiano, Anthony La Porta, Sr., Dawn May Helen Miello, Gloria O’Connell, Gloria Oliva, Gloria Ragos, Sister of Eleanor Sammond, Jean Tackach, George Testa, Ruperta Trillana, Vera Werner

... all those recommended in the Book of Intention

R-E-G-I-S-T-E-R: New parishioners - - and those who have not already registered - - are asked to come in or phone the Rectory. Without such registration, sponsorship certificates, etc., may not be issued.

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. 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.

Homebound: If you know anyone who is unable to attend Mass because of age or infirmity, but who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact the Rectory Office (732-548-0100).

Religious Education News
Registration for 2019-2020 is underway for Traditional Weekly Program (Grades 1 - 8) and our Monthly Family Centered Program (Grades Pre-K - 8). Registration Forms may be obtained online at www.stfranciscathedral.org - - click Religious Ed tab. Families already in the program need to re-register their children for the new school year. Please call the Office at 732-548-0100 x226 or e-mail us at ReligiousEd@stfranciscathedral.org with any questions. New students must provide copy of their Baptismal Certificate along with their registration form.

VBS 2019 - ROAR: Registration is nearing completion and is open to children in Pre-K 3 through Grade 5. It is an epic African adventure which explores God’s goodness and celebrates a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life. For info or to volunteer, call R.E Office at 732-548-0100 x226/religioused@stfranciacathedral.org.

God’s Plan For Giving
Tithing
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 6/02:

Envelopes & Loose Cash: $15,280
Electronic Offerings $ 9,595
Total $24,875

Catholic Communications Campaign:
e-Giving: Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at:
http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect/
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

May Our Lord be with all our college/university/highschool/elementary school graduates. We are so proud of you! Take our living Lord with you and be His witnesses. In the words of Pope Francis, “I’m counting on you. The Church needs your spirit, your intuitions, your faith your courage!” (4-25-19)

Please return your filled baby bottles to the Church or Rectory at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Rectory Summer Hours
Beginning June 21, and throughout the summer, the Rectory Office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am - 5:00pm; on Fridays from 9:00am - noon.

–SUNDAY: Benediction following all-night Adoration Vigil, 6:30am; Adult Confirmation during noon Mass; Filipino-American Community, 1:00pm, Solarium.

–MONDAY: Mass at Metuchen Senior Residence, 1:30.
–TUESDAY: SFCSchool DARE Graduation takes place at 9:00am in the Community Room. Congratulations to all those who have completed the program; our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room.
–WEDNESDAY: Every Wednesday, following 12:10pm Mass, parishioners gather in front of the Cathedral to pray the Rosary for the intention of the Year of Consecration to Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
–THURSDAY: The Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 8pm in the Community Room.
–FRIDAY: SFCSchool End of Year Prayer Service, 9am, dismissal at 10:30am; Legion of Mary, 11am, JPII; Widows & Widowers, 1:00pm, SOL.
–SATURDAY: Diaconate Ordination will be celebrated at 10:30am Mass in the Cathedral; YG end-of-year Hawaiian Luau Picnic, 6:00pm, SJB and grounds.

Father’s Day Spiritual Gift Cards are available at the Rectory for all fathers — living and deceased. Masses on Father’s Day (June 16) will be offered for their intentions.

Bishop Checchio has assigned Seminarian David Keyes to the Cathedral Parish for the upcoming year. David will spend the next 12 months here, continuing his formation towards priesthood. We welcome David and hope that his time at St. Francis will be enjoyable and a productive learning experience. Please keep him in prayer as he continues on his journey toward priesthood.

Diaconate Ordinations
On Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral, Bishop Checchio will ordain eight men to the Diaconate. Three of these men, Mr. Thomas Lanza, Mr. Gustavo Rodriguez and Mr. Gilbert Starcher will be ordained to the priesthood next year, God willing! The other five men are ending their five year formation and will be ordained permanent deacons. We ask your prayers for these newly ordained clergy that God may bless them in their ministry to the Diocese of Metuchen.

Are You Being Called To The Diaconate?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class will begin in spring 2020. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer. A General Information Meeting is being conducted at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 7:30pm. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife, and your pastor are cordially invited to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732-562-2423).

Holy Hour For Priests

Today, June 9 at 3:00pm in the chapel at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, a Holy Hour for Priests will take place. All are welcome. Visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization and click on Intercessors for the Shepherds.
“In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.”

1 Corinthians 12:13a

THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You’ll find no race of people left out; you’ll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the “birthday of the church.” In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today’s Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul assures us in today’s second reading that “all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.” When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don’t. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit?

THE DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John's Gospel tells us that when Jesus "breathed" on the disciples, the Holy Spirit came into them, empowering them to forgive sins and to gather all people into union with one another.

The book of Genesis had explained the divisions among nations with the story of the Tower of Babel. In rebellious pride, human beings had struggled to become equal to God. The result was chaos, strife, the inability even to speak the same language among themselves. Today's reading from Acts tells how the Spirit has just the opposite effect. Strangers from many nations hear and understand one another, each in his or her own tongue. This is the message of unity of the Spirit. There are many gifts, but one Spirit, who accomplishes all the different works we do, acting through us.
Congratulations to St. Francis Cathedral School Class of 2019!

From The Diocese of Metuchen
We are praying for you in this season of Pentecost with great expectations that the Holy Spirit will descend on you and our diocese, leading toward a transformation of heart. To that end we present you with a Pentecost Novena, which we hope you will take part in and enjoy:

Day 1   Intro to the Holy Spirit
Link: https://vimeo.com/dioceseofmetuchen/pentecostnovena-intro

Day 2   Fear of the Lord
Link: https://vimeo.com/dioceseofmetuchen/pentecostnovena-fearofthehlord

Day 3   Piety
Link: https://vimeo.com/dioceseofmetuchen/pentecostnovena-piety

Day 4   Fortitude
Link: https://vimeo.com/dioceseofmetuchen/pentecostnovena-fortitude

Additional Links will continue next week.

CONGRATULATIONS and heartfelt thanks... to our dedicated Altar Servers and Choristers who are graduating from high school this year. Altar Servers: Kieran Campbell, Catherine Coleman, Emma Dowd, Thomas Faggioni, Jack Hogarty, Edward Malague, Jimmy McGuire, Alexandra Nwigwe, Lauren Piovoso, Allen Quizon, Grace Schleck, Kelly Smith, Thomas Spallone, Claire Waldron, Molly Weidmaier, Arthur Yamzon; Choristers: Sarah Guarino, Amelia Lorenzo, Allen Quizon, Natalie Tiu, Ethan Wang-So, Nathan Zipf

These teenagers are being honored at 5:00pm Mass this Saturday, and are being treated to a pizza reception following Mass. May Our Lord bless and guide all their future endeavors.

Youth Group Picnic
To celebrate the end of this school year, the MSYG and the HSYG will have a Picnic on Saturday, June 15. It will take place at 6:00pm at the St. John Bosco Room and the outside grounds. Theme is Hawaiian Luau. Wear bright colored shirts/Tee shirts. If you have any Hawaiian leis, hula hoops or maracas, please bring them with you. All youth group members are invited. Call Sister: 732-770-2506.

The Office of Vocations invites you to join us!
Ordination to the Priesthood
Saturday, June 22, 2019 - 10:30am
Cathedral of Saint Francis

Rev. Mr. Joseph Illes
Rev. Mr. Matthew Marinelli
Rev. Mr. Michael Tabernero

For directions or questions, please contact Vocations@diometuchen.org/732-562-2457/
www.diometuchen.org/vocations

The Office of Vocations invites you to join us for:
Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, June 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour are the men who will be ordained priests on the following day, and the Sanctification of priests of our Diocesan Church. We will also ask that the inviting voice of Jesus be heard by men and women amidst the various “voices of our days,” and that they will joyfully and courageously respond to His invitation to serve as priests, religious and deacons!

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www.diometuchen.org/vocation
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 Lord through the intercession of 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 intercession on our behalf. During this year of preparation, our Diocese has planned several events that offer an opportunity to “light hearts on fire.” One of these opportunities is the Traveling Prayer Kit. It includes a framed image of Our Lady, a crucifix, a votive candle, holy water, rosary beads and prayer cards. Individuals and families are urged to pray and prepare for consecration by hosting a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in their homes for a week. Kits are handed out at the Mass of your choosing. Fill out the form below and return to the Rectory or Sign up at: info@stfranciscathedral.org.

Hosting The Traveling Prayer Kit

Name_____________________________________
Daytime Phone No.____________________
E-mail address________________________
Date You would like to Host_____________
5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30am
9:00am 10:30am 12:00noon

Social Concerns

45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225
–Our Food Pantry is open for people who are in need. Please call the above number. Those wishing to donate should bring food to Social Concerns Bin located in Cathedral vestibule. Thank you so much.
–Friendly Visitors: Looking for volunteers to be part of the Social Ministry as Friendly Visitors to the elderly. This entails a once or twice a week visitation to the Veterans Home and/or Roosevelt Hospital Care Center. Call Social Concerns at 732-548-0100 x225.
–Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen is seeking a volunteer bi-lingual interpreter (English & Spanish) to help with clients. If interested, call Social Concerns at 732-548-0100 x225.

Eucharistic Ministers: June 15/16
5:00pm:N. Davis, M. DePasquale, M. & A. Quizon, E. & J. Lyons, J. Bundoc, K. Garner
7:00pm:E. Gutierrez, J. Pasquale, N. Cadorna, C. Roberts, C. Evangelista, E. Swan
7:30am:C. Kozak, D. Monek, B&R. Cushing, T&J Sharlow
9:00am:D. Heyden, J. Morrison, M. D'Amico, E. Fortune, G. Monteleone, A. Major, D. Reilly, S/M Santangelo
10:30am: P. Bixel, E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S. Francis, B&E Williamson, A. Bianchini, L. Taylor
12:00pm: L. Moriarty, K. Manchery, T./N. Rossi, A. McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

Lectors: June 15/16
5:00pm: Larry McHugh
7:00pm: Maria Walsh
7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am: Maureen Cranley
10:30am: B. Moczula & M. Varley
12:00pm: Elizabeth Rooney

Altar Servers - June 15/16
5:00pm Team 24 7:00pm Team 25
7:30am Team 1 9:00am Team 2
10:30am Team 3 12:00pm Team 4

Mens Group News: We will gather for an “end of season” Social at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse. Old and new members are invited on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30pm. We will not meet in summer, but will resume regular meetings in September. Contact Tom Thomas at 732-692-4819 or on Facebook at SFC.MensGroup.