Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  Metuchen, NJ  08840

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

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SCHOOL  528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ  08840
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
Ann Major, Principal (732-548–3107)
www.StFrancisCathedralSchool.org

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil  5:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday  7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday  7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10pm
(Rosary 11:45 am)
Saturday  8:00 am

MORNING PRAYER Monday-Friday 7:40 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  7:00am—11:00pm
(Monday—Friday) Lady Chapel - Parish Center

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Penance)
Saturdays  1:00-2:00 pm and 6:00pm
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:
Parish Served By
Managing Director: Kara Kwiatkowski
Religious Education: Debra Schurko, PCL (548-0100 x226)
Business Manager: David Liantonio
Pastoral Council: Ed Williamson, Chairman
Finance Council: George Trapp, Chairman
Social Ministry: Enriqueta Williamson (548-0100 x225)
Coordinated Ministries: Cheryl Saggese (632-9564)
Music Ministry: Thomas DeLessio, (548-0100 x235)
Youth Ministry: Sr. Maria Lan Nguyen
CYO Coordinator: SFCYOCoordinator@gmail.com

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 - 5:05pm; 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 Gendleke - pzigendleke@comcast.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: Jose & Algin Lagdameo (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: TomThomas@sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
  -MOMS’ Group: Sandra Spinelli - sandra@spinelli.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 Caregivers
    Pro Life - Elaine Yunker - elbo1974@yahoo.com
    National Family Planning Hotline - 800-334-0699/562-1990 x1623
  - Ozanam Provide-A-Meal Committee
  - Friendly Visitors - visit with elderly or homebound
  - Elizabeth Ministry - serve poor confidentially
  - Interfaith Network of Care - volunteers for homebound
  - Unemployment Support Group - (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

**SUNDAY, July 7 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30am - Mark Millaj r/o Bobko Family
- 9:00am - Ting Kiang Koh r/o Stephen & Barbara Reilly
- 10:30am - Maria Rosa Lumauig r/o Lumauig Family
- Noon - Fred Kustowski, Sr. r/o Fred & Regina Kustowski

**MONDAY, July 8**
- 7:00am - Steve Walsh r/o Walsh Family
- 8:00am - Madeline Wilcox r/o Mildred Longo
- 12:10pm - Raymond Rathgeb r/o Lee Family

**TUESDAY, July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong**
- 7:00am - Karen Garcia r/o Ed Garcia
- 8:00am - Sisinando, Natividad, Juanito Atienza r/o Pacita Atienzo Family
- 12:10pm - Alexander Korch r/o Linda Boduck

**WEDNESDAY, July 10**
- 7:00am - Lucia Deano r/o Lina Rubang
- 8:00am - Theresa DeMayo r/o Suzanne Barber & Family
- 12:10pm - David Heuwetter r/o Palamarick & Murphy Families

**THURSDAY, July 11 - Saint Benedict**
- 7:00am - Michael Rapach r/o Maureen Rapach
- 8:00am - Felix Capito r/o Roger & Pina Coquia
- 12:10pm - John Campo r/o Kathryn Rich

**FRIDAY, July 12**
- 7:00am - Raymond Muska r/o Theresa Mazur
- 8:00am - Kevin Hamilton r/o Jane & Art Paltz
- 12:10pm - Vincent DeAndrea, Sr. r/o Sneddon Family

**SATURDAY, July 13 - Saint Henry**
- 8:00am - Frank McGrath r/o Deacon Guido & Mary
- 5:00pm - Jane Schreck Timoney r/o Mom & Dad
- 7:00pm - Joe Greco r/o Dennis Reilly

**SUNDAY, July 14 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30am - Kevin Hamilton r/o Carol Klein
- 9:00am - Collin Brill r/o Wood Family
- 10:30am - Joan Belmont r/o Pat Walsh
- Noon - Thomas Keating r/o Lisa Dacey

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The Sanctuary Candle for this week has been donated in loving memory of **Michael Burchock** by Mary Ann Cackowski (in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of **Marina Balandra** by Estela B. Munoz (in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Barbara Barbano, Peter Coakes, Marty Gallagher, Mary Anne Hale, Maria Harrison, David Kleman, Carol Kuligowski, Brother of Sister Maria Lan, Jerry & Patricia LaPointe, Deacon Paul Licameli, Aida Matos, Theresa Mazur, Michael McCauley, Baby Lorelai Pepin, K.J. Phillips, Edmund Pianko, Nancy Puppo, Ralph Quaglia, Joseph Rosamilia, Rosemary Sardone, Bridget Savoca, Francis Schwartz, Anna Scott, Liam Stitt, Michaela Stoecker, Elizabeth Szabo, Kathy Werner, Joseph Wejnerowski, Sister and Brother of Bidgie Williamson

DECEASED: Georgianne Cichy, Mary Ann Curtin, Anthony La Porta, Sr., Fr. Paul Lehman, Mother of Ann Murphy, Father of Georgia Petronella, Sister of Eleanor Sammond, Jean Tackach, Ruperta Trillana, Vera Warner

... all those recommended in the Book of Intention

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).

Traveling? If you are going away for the weekend or an extended vacation, you can retrieve information nationwide about times of Masses, Church location, telephone numbers and handicapped accessibility by going to Masstimes.org You can also find out this information by looking in the Yellow Pages under “Churches - - Roman Catholic.”

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.

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 more 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.

Anyone wishing to bring up the gifts during the Offertory of the Mass (especially if the Mass Intention is for a loved one) should see one of the Ushers before Mass.

Marriage Encounter - Celebrate Yourselves
Give your spouse the special gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This weekend will give you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next WWMEW will be held July 26 - 28. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636/ www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

--SUNDAY: Scrip will be available for purchase. Please support this fundraiser which benefits SFCSchool without any additional cost to the purchaser.

Rectory Summer Hours

Throughout the summer, the Rectory Office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am - 5:00pm; on Fridays from 9:00am - noon.

--MONDAY: Vacation Bible School begins. It runs from 9:00am - noon, and the children should gather in the Community Room; they will be dismissed from the Community Room at noon. This year’s VBS theme is ROAR! It is an epic African adventure which explores God’s goodness and celebrates a ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life.

Teen Travel Camp Week 3 starts with attendance at 8:00am Mass.

--TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in 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 8:00pm in the Community Room.

--FRIDAY: Legion of Mary meets at 11:00am in the JPII Room; Widows & Widowers Group meets at 1:00pm in the Solarium.

--SUNDAY: Our Filipino-American Community gathers at 1:00pm in the Solarium for its monthly meeting.

Ban of Marriage

I Lauren Roman/ Garret Van Doren

II Mairead Lawyer/Matthew Hintze
Holly Hopke/Craig Seidenschwarz

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

FYI: If you are suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available. Experience God’s merciful love and begin the healing journey: Project Rachel -877-877-4300.
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Luncheon**

Come join us at 12:10pm Mass on **Tuesday, July 16** for the annual commemoration of the feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Following Mass we will go to **Charlie Brown’s Restaurant** (Plainfield Avenue, Edison) for those who wish to attend. Come and enjoy a lovely luncheon as you celebrate this beautiful feast day of Our Lady. If you are interested in attending, please phone Carmela Guarnera: 732-549-7587.

**St. John Vianney Annual Carnival**

July 9 - July 13  
6:00pm - 11:00pm  
Great Food - Great Rides  
Wristbands Every Night

**Newborn Babies Deserve Care and a Chance**

The United States Senate failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which protects babies from infanticide. But if the U.S. House of Representatives passes the bill, it would put significant pressure on some Senators to reconsider their vote. Contact your Representative and urge him or her to sign a petition that would allow this vote to occur. Visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or call 202-225-3121.

**Become An Apostle of Prayer**

A 2 - 3 Minute Daily Commitment

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is seeking people to become Apostles of Prayer - - offering prayers each day for those who make requests through our 24 hour prayer line. As a member of the apostolate, you would make a commitment to pray the Prayer for Persons with Earthly Crosses, at least once a day or more often if possible. (A copy of the prayer will be sent to you.) If you are interested in participating in this prayer ministry, please contact our office at 732-765-6432/catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com. Please leave your name, telephone number and mailing address.

**NJ Independent Victim Compensation Program**

As announced in February, the Diocese of Metuchen established an Independent Victim Compensation (IVCP) Program to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese. The IVCP will be open to claims from June 15 and will conclude on December 31, 2019. All individual claims must be submitted during this period. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to [www.njdiocesesivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com) and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim. IVCP is an important step in aiding victims in seeking justice and healing as we journey together as a Church toward a new day.

**Widows & 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 usually scheduled on the first Friday of the month in a Cathedral meeting room. Our group continues to meet throughout the summer, and our next meeting is on Friday, July 12 at 1:00pm in the Solarium. If you are interested, please email judifasanogmail.com and include your phone number. We will return your email or phone you.

**Stress in Your Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrovaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience, Friday night to Sunday afternoon, for couples (no group discussions) and six follow-up sessions. During the weekend, presentations are made by three married couples and a priest. Techniques of communication that enable a couple to examine their relationship are presented. All inquiries are confidential. **Next Session: August 23 - 25, 2019.** Phone the Diocesan Family Life Office (732-562-1990 x1543) for more information or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (732-236-0671) or email 3024@retrovaille.org.

“God dwells wherever we let God in.”  
—Ancient Jewish saying
“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
–Galatians 6:14

PEACE

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today’s readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words. The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the “LORD’s power shall be known to his servants” (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the “peace and mercy” on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept His disciples and their message. Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST

Today's Gospel tells the story of the sending out of the seventy-two, some of the first disciples in the burgeoning church. The number is symbolic, since according to Jewish tradition the number of nations in the world is seventy-two. This then is a universal mission. These men must have been full of idealism and excitement as they went from town to town healing the sick and expelling demons. Our Church, now over two thousand years old, is still in need of men filled with idealism and excitement who are willing to answer the call to the ordained priesthood. Today is a day to pray for vocations to the priesthood; as the Lord tells His disciples, "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)
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. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, please let us know of your interest by contacting the Diocesan Diaconate Office (732-562-2423).

FOR MATURE ADULTS ONLY
Catholic Christians are called and empowered by our baptism to be disciples of Jesus. Jesus calls us to take our spiritual development seriously and embark on our spiritual journey from an adult perspective. This usually entails forsaking many sentimental ideas about religion we may have picked up in our training as children. Many of us may look upon God, for example, as a “sugar daddy” in the sky, and become angry and disillusioned with religion when God doesn't give us everything we want. If you, or anyone you know, would like to hear more about the Catholic Faith Family from a mature, adult perspective, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, call Sara at RCIA – 732-442-0512 for additional information.

Gianna Center
Saint Peter’s Gianna Center, located in New Brunswick, is dedicated to offering truly pro life women’s healthcare including infertility services, general gynecological care and more. All services are provided in accordance with United States Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Visit //www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/732-565-5490.

Novena To Saint Ann
The Annual Novena to Saint Ann will once again be hosted by Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish. These days of prayer and praise will begin on Wednesday, July 17. Daily Mass, novena prayers and veneration of the relic will take place at Holy Trinity Church, 315 Lawrie Street, Perth Amboy on week nights at 7:00pm. Some liturgies will be celebrated in English; some liturgies will be celebrated in Spanish. On Saturday, July 20, Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm. On Sunday, July 21, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. On Friday, July 26 at 7:00pm, bilingual Mass will be celebrated in honor of Saint Ann and Saint Joachim and the Closing of the 2019 Novena will take place. Call Sharon at 732-442-0512 for additional information.

Summertime Family Day Trips
–NYC Broadway Wednesday Matinees:
  Wicked on July 17 at 2:00pm, $87; Beetlejuice on July 24 at 1:00pm, $85. Call Sister Maria Lan: 732-770-2506.

Awakening Year Personal Consecration
Looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed and develop a deeper relationship with Our Lord? 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. 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. Just pick the nine days most convenient for you and get started at www.lightingheartsonfire.org/prayers/Personal Consecration. Please Note: There are Personal Consecration booklets available in the pamphlet racks at Cathedral entrances, and at the Rectory.
Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225

–Our Food Pantry is open for parishioners who are in need. Please place donations in the Social Concerns Bin located in Cathedral vestibule. For information, call the above number 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.

--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. Candidate 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.

Holy Hour For Priests
Next Sunday, July 14 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.”

Can You Help?
The Pastoral Care Office at St. Peter’s Hospital is in need of women that wish to volunteer on Saturdays or who would like to serve as Eucharistic Ministers to the Mom/Baby units on the maternity floor. If you are interested in either of these tasks, please call Judith at 732-745-8600 x8565.

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.

“Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality.” –Saint Basil