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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 - 5:05pm.; 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.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday
7:30am - Jeremy Lorence r/o Alice & Ed Wallace
9:00am - Shuk Lan Koh r/o Stephen & Barbara Reilly
10:30am - Bill Zatorski r/o Bea & Family
Noon - Cynthia Facyik r/o Gazda Family

MONDAY, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
7:00am - Herbie Davis r/o Petronella Family
8:00am - Daniel Galligan r/o Pearsall Family
12:10pm - SFC Deceased Rosarians r/o Rosary Altar Society

TUESDAY, October 8
7:00am - George O’Kane r/o Cummings Family
8:00am - Nancy De Vera r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario
12:10pm - Madden Family Deceased r/o Family

CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

WEDNESDAY, October 9 - Saint Denis & Saint John Leonardi
7:00am - Communion Service
8:00am - Communion Service
12:10pm - Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners

THURSDAY, October 10
7:00am - Communion Service
8:00am - Communion Service
12:10pm - Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners

FRIDAY, October 11 - Pope Saint John XXIII
7:00am - Mae Salomone r/o Family
8:00am - Angeline Monek r/o Daughter Donna
12:10pm - Keith Lane r/o Mom Sardone

SATURDAY, October 12
8:00am - Kevin Hamilton r/o Maureen & Ed Graham & Family
5:00pm - Dabal & Gower Families r/o John & Marianne Dabal & Family
7:00pm - Maureen Murphy-Handerhan r/o Sister & Brothers

SUNDAY, October 13 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Howard Schwalje r/o Elaine
9:00am - (Liv.) Jerry & Marlene Yaros - 61st Wedding Anniversary
10:30am - Teofil & Josephine Surgos r/o Maureen Rapach
Noon - Arline Kustowski r/o Mary Kustowski

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

Joanne H. Koob
by Kathy McKeown, Melissa & Andrew
in loving memory of
Marina Balandra
by Estela Munoz
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Africa: Capt. John F. Dalton IV; for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Patrick Barnes, Paddy Brosnan, Julio Falcon, Henry Franzysken, Marty Gallagher, Mary Gatto, Jeff Griffin, James Kwok, Brother of Sister Maria Lan, Jerry LaPointe, Rose Mary Lyons, Stephen Manchery, Evelyn Martinez, Genevieve Meany, Dorothy Molnar, Baby Lorelai Pepin, Edmund Pianko, Beth Price, Ralph Quaglia, Father of Deacon J.P. Saggese, Rosemary Sardone, John Sayers, Francis Schwartz, Liam Stitt, Michaela Stoecker, Kathy Werner, Joseph Wejnerowski, Sister and Brother of Bidgie Williamson

DECEASED: Mary Harkins, Dorothy Koller, Carol Kuligowski, Deacon Paul Licameli, Rolando Locsin, Joseph Markano, Sr., Michael Meehan, Marion Ruggiero, Evelyn Viafora

.. all those recommended in the Book of Intention

God’s Plan For Giving

Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 9/29:

- Envelopes & Loose Cash: $15,805
- Electronic Offerings: $ 9,005
- Total: $24,810

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

Connections Program: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is looking for volunteers, men and women, to participate in one-to-one activities and become a mentor to a youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township. **Do you:**
1. Have a minimum of 3 hours a week to offer a child?
2. Like having fun?
3. Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
4. Enjoy being a positive role model?
Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email at jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.

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.

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 has been open to claims since 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.

**In God’s Image**, the Catholic faith sharing group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, will meet on **Wed., October 9** at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church Annex, So. Plainfield. All LGBT adults, 18 and over, and their families, are welcome for faith sharing and support. Call Fr. John at 908-756-0633 x125.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

—SUNDAY: Rosary Altar Society members gather in the Solarium after 10:30am Mass for their monthly meeting. New members are always welcome; Holy Hour, hosted by our Knights of Columbus, for Respect Life Sunday, 3:00 - 4:00pm in the Cathedral; MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm in CYO.

—MONDAY: Our Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief Step I, begins tonight at 7:00pm in the Solarium/Joseph Room. It is for anyone who has suffered the recent loss of a dear loved one.

—TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room; Journey Through Grief Step II meets at 7:00pm in the Solarium; the Men’s Group meets at 7:30pm in the Joseph Room.

Banns of Marriage

II Beth Johnson/Christopher Saggese

Life Chain

On Respect Life Sunday, October 6, 2:00 - 3:30pm rain or shine, we mark the 21st year that the Diocese of Metuchen participates in this peaceful, prayerful demonstration. People of all faiths unite to make a visible statement against abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, etc. Participants spend time in quiet prayer, asking God, the Giver of life, to guide us in promoting the sanctity of human life and for an end to all violence.

- Somerset St. & Mountain Ave., Somerville (Kevin - 908-788-7736)
- Flemington Circle - Rte.31 to Main St (Jim - 908-391-1566)
- Sts. Philip & James Church, 430 S. Main Street, Phillipsburg (Colleen - 908-454-9880)
- New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy, (Msgr. Gordon - 732-442-0512)
- 855 Washington Rd., (at the high school) Sayreville, (Janice -732-727-1879)

Please call the Office of Human Life & Dignity (732-562-1990 x1543 or x1629) or check the website for updates: www.diometuchen.org/event or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Please join this silent, peaceful and prayerful witness for life!

Public Square Rosary Rally

St. Francis Cathedral Rosary Altar Society invites you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12 at noon on the Cathedral steps. Make this part of your year of preparation for the consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which will take place in December, 2019. Our prayers are also offered in reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of the United States.
The Gift of the Holy Spirit is Yours!

Come Unwrap the Gift: Find a closer relationship with Jesus, His love and His peace. Where? At a Life in the Spirit Seminar. How? Through prayer, music, teaching and sharing on Thursday evenings through October 24 at 8:00pm in the Cathedral Community Room. Presented by the Body of Christ Prayer Group. Contact Pam Gendlek at 732-491-6042.

Choices Matter - Critical Life Conference

A new venue for this event on Sat., Nov. 2 - The Catholic Center at Rutgers. Bishop Checchio will celebrate 8:00am Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset St., New Brunswick. This year’s speakers: Leah Darrow, from Top Model to Role Model; Patricia Sandoval, Escape from Homelessness, Addiction and the Back Doors of Planned Parenthood; Dr. Anthony & Ceil Levatino, Ripple Effect of Choice from an Abortionist and his wife. Info: 732-562-1990 x1543.

Calling New Altar Servers!

Calling 5th Graders and up!!!

Serving at the Altar during Mass is a great way to develop boys’ and girls’ faith and service to the Church. If this is for you, please fill out the attached form and send it to the Rectory, give it to your homeroom teacher (for SFCS students) or email information to Deacon JP at jpsaggese@verizon.net Mark the email NEW ALTAR SERVER.

Name__________________________
Address________________________
Tel#__________________________Grade_____
School__________________________
Parents’ email____________________

Training dates & time will be determined after sign-ups

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon JP at jpsaggese@verizon.net.

AN INVITATION

Are you a non-Catholic who has been attending Mass? Has any one ever told you that we would love to have you join our faith family? WE WOULD! Please 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.


Youth Group Offerings


Order Extra beforehand: $1.50 for egg roll, $1.50 for 3 wontons, $4 for bowl of fried rice.

--March 28, 2020: Sight & Sound Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA to see Queen Esther. Leave CYO 9am, return 7:30pm. Adult?$125; after Dec. 31: $130; Child 4 - 12: $95; after Dec. 31: $100

Youth Group Schedule

--Oct. 6: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO

--Oct. 11: HSYG Volleyball Practice, 6:30 8pm, CYO.

--Oct. 12: Foodbank for Service Hours. MSYG/HSYG. Leave right after 8am Mass -12pm, lunch afterward. Reserve a week before!

--Oct. 13: Columbus Day Weekend - No Meeting

--Oct. 19: St. Vincent de Paul for Service Hours, HSYG & MSYG, leave after 8am Mass, 9am - 1:30pm. Call Sister to reserve a week before!

--Oct. 20: No Meeting - Mexico Pilgrimage

Call Sr. Maria Lan for questions about any event: 732-770-2506/smlorchid@hotmail.com.

Vocationist Fathers work in the U.S. and around the world to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Each year they hold a Raffle to financially support the formation process of their seminarians - currently 280+. Please purchase a Raffle Book on the weekend of Oct. 26/27. Thank you for your support.
“Come, let us bow down in worship; 
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.”

–Psalm 95:6

INCREASE OUR FAITH

Today's Gospel passage falls under the category that has come to be known as the "hard sayings" of Jesus. Hard to understand, hard to apply to life today. The Apostles' request, "increase our faith," is in response to a previous "hard saying" about how frequently we are called upon to forgive others. Curiously, Jesus seems rather unforgiving in responding to their request, or in describing the manner in which they are to serve others.

Jesus uses exaggerations to wake us up to how God is present in our lives, and how we are urged to live if God is with us. None of us is called upon to uproot trees or cast mountains into the sea. The faith we have is adequate for the task we are called upon to do: spread the gospel by our witness. And living that witness is done not for self-gratification or recognition, but out of the joy of helping the world to hear the Good News.

FAITH IN ACTION

In today's Gospel the apostles entreat Jesus: "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). He responds with two stories about putting faith into action - - the surest way to increase one's faith. The story of "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6) shows that even a tiny bit of faith can work wonders when it is put into action. The story of the faithful servants who did "what they were obliged to do" (Luke 17:10) reminds us that putting the gift of faith into action is essential to the vocation of discipleship. In the reading from the second letter to Timothy we are encouraged to "stir into flame the gift of God . . . with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us" (2 Timothy 1:6, 14). Those who put their faith into action will be like "the just one" in today's reading from Habakkuk, who, "because of his faith, shall live" (Habakkuk 2:4).
Blue Mass
Come Pray for Those who Serve and Protect
All are invited to attend the 18th annual Blue Mass on Thursday, October 17 at 10:30am in the Cathedral. Bishop James Checchio will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. Come and pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all our dedicated local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. For more information, call 732-562-2435 or visit https://diometuchen.org/2019-blue-mass.

Walk for Life
Take a Walk, Save a Life!
Make a difference in the LIFE of an unborn child. Walk for Life on Saturday, October 12, 9:00am - 12:00pm at Merrill Park, Iselin (Rain or Shine). Donations will benefit the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. There will be a DJ, refreshments, games - - all kinds of family fun. No distance or time restrictions! Confirmation Service Hours will be provided for attending. Register/Donate at www.LifeChoicesRC.com or download a pledge form. $200 raised provides 1 FREE ultrasound! Call 732-516-0911.

The Catholic Church: A Power for Good
The Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling has organized a seminar which encourages Catholics to reinvigorate their faith through “Being Good, Doing Good, and Being a Power for Good.” The seminar invites you to take pride in who you are as a Catholic and deepen the sense of ownership towards our Mother Church, despite the recent challenges that have impaired the credibility of the Church. The Church cannot be defined by these scandals because it is a living example of the magnificent joy and beauty of the living Body of Christ. It provides us with the courage and confidence that come from the encounter with the living God. The Church is you and me - - come and defend our Church on Saturday, October 19, 9:00am - 6:00pm at the Shrine, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ 07933.

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.

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide
The Diocesan Family Life Office is pleased to announce an exciting ministry to men and women who are seeking healing from the pain and loneliness of divorce. It is a 12 week program, beginning on October 8, and it meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. The program features a thirty-minute DVD session each week that covers topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single and much more. This program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or 908-470-0678.

Time Is Running Out To Participate in the Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration
You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00pm. Registration is required. Please register online at diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold or call the Family Life Office (732-562-1543). Registration closes October 11. There is no fee, but in the past, many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or at 732-562-1543.

Catholic High School Open Houses

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Union Catholic H.S. 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, October 26, 2019
1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains
Runners & Walkers Welcome
For more information or to register online, please visit www.raceforum.com/unioncatholic
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. Please place donations in the Social Concerns Bin located in Cathedral vestibule. For information, call the above number. Thank you.

“Journey Through Grief”: A non-denominational program for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one is being formed at the Cathedral. The Support Group will meet 8 MONDAYS.

DATE: October 7 TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Parish Center - Joseph Room/Solarium
CONTACT: Jessie Flynn (732-895-2563)
Mary Beth Connolly (732-512-8901)

There is no fee - - Pre-registration is required.

–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.

–Help Support Catholic Charities: Please support our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, bedding, shoes, small household items and small appliances. A Drop Box is located in our CYO parking lot and at Edison Family Service Center, 26 Safran Avenue, Edison. Contact 1-877-343-3651.


–Miscellaneous: Gentleman seeks Private Room to rent in Parsonage area, Edison. Call 732-548-0100 x225.

Registration Forms for Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group are in the pamphlet racks at the Cathedral entrances. Registration will be accepted through the end of October. No Registrations will be accepted after October 31. Thank you, parents, for all your support! –Sr. Maria Lan


SUN: -Rosary Altar 10:30Mass; meeting after, SOL
-K of C Holy Hour for Life, 3 - 4pm, Cathedral
-MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO
MON: -Journey Through Grief I, 7:00pm, SOL/JR
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
-Journey Through Grief II, 7:00pm, SOL
-Men’s Group, 7:30pm, JR
WED: -MOMS’ Group, 9:30am, MR/SFR
-Rosary for Year of Consecration, 12:45 pm
-HSA Meeting, 7:00pm, CCR
THU: -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR
FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
-HSYG Volleyball, 6:30 - 8pm, CYO
SAT: -Public Square Rosary Rally, noon, church steps
-SFCC Meeting, 6:30 - 8pm, SOL
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Next Weekend: Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

Eucharistic Ministers - October 12/13

5:00pm K.Konick, S. Francis, C. Tomaro, K. Garner,
P.John, E.Yunker, E.Dick, L.Dalton
7:00pm: M. Brossoni, R &K Aiello, D. Reilly, D. Zensky
F./M. Firmansjah
7:30am: A.Pecht, S&D Kovach, E.Lishinsky, A. McCadden,
D.Monek
9:00am: M.A. & R. Lawyer, R. Altz, A. Major, M.D’Amico
K.Kwiatkowski, J. Morrison, K. Schreck
10:30am: R/M.Fuchs, R.Bonk, J. Grigo, J. Bundoc, F.
Belmont, R. Baran, F. Corente, M. Garni
12:00pm: A Bautista, D. Rossi, J.&R.Baker, L.Moriarty,
C&C Evangelista

Lectors - October 12/13

5:00pm:Miriam DePasquale 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am:Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am:Marty & MaryE.Malague12:00pm:CatherineBarron

Altar Servers - October 12/13

5:00pm Team 3 7:00pm Team 4
7:30am Team 5 9:00am Team 6
10:30am Team 7 12:00pm Team 8

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.