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**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:  
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, October 20 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday
7:30am - Laszlo Varga r/o Wife
9:00am - Frances & Joseph Reilly r/o Jim & Ann Reilly
10:30am - Florita Quilingan & Remedios Almeda r/o Family
Noon - World Mission Sunday

MONDAY, October 21
7:00am - Josefina Trillana r/o Norma Luna
8:00am - Anthony Shanahan r/o Kay Mindler
12:10pm - Kathleen Dudeck r/o Stephen

TUESDAY, October 22 - Pope St. John Paul II
7:00am - Vivian Grom r/o Walter & Nancy Niemiec
8:00am - Anna & Albert Belmont r/o Frank & Joan Belmont
12:10pm - Augustine Eosso, Sr. r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, October 23 - Saint John of Capistrano
7:00am - Keith Pahira r/o Brian & Megan Taxeras
8:00am - Rufino Santiago r/o Ed & Bidgie Williamson
12:10pm - Joseph Coreschi r/o Family

THURSDAY, October 24
7:00am - Concetta Yacovino r/o Family
8:00am - Kevin Hamilton r/o Santus Family
12:10pm - James Davis r/o Patricia Davis

FRIDAY, October 25
7:00am - Clementina Costa r/o Morrison Family
8:00am - Joseph Gleason r/o Sheila Tynday
12:10pm - Janice Grigo r/o Linda Dalton

SATURDAY, October 26
8:00am - John Brossoni r/o Deacon Guido & Mary
5:00pm - Juanito Atienza r/o Wife & Atienza Family
7:00pm - Sally Conlon r/o Family

SUNDAY, October 27 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Robert Shoaf r/o Jack Salata
9:00am - Father of Jennifer Dowd r/o Jackie & Paul & Family
10:30am - Sean Vecchione-Dale r/o Napolitano Family
Noon - Valentina Abrahams r/o Licameli Family

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

Joanne & Robert Koob
by Debbie Schurko
(in The Cathedral)
in loving memory of

Josepha Flanigan
by The Kwiatkowski Family
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Africa: Capt. John F. Dalton IV; for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Julio Falcon, Lawrence Fitzhenry, Gail Giordano, Carol Kuligowski, Deacon Paul Licameli, Joseph Markano, Sr., Michael Meehan, Marion Ruggiero, Alesia Siegel, Evelyn Viafara

...and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

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.

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer Calendar Raffle
Tickets for a Calendar Raffle to benefit Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will be sold after all Masses this weekend of October 19/20. Tickets cost $20 for 13 chances to win from Dec.2019 - Feb.2020.Prizes range from $300 to $600. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, which depends on the generosity of its benefactors as well as its retreats and programs. The Sisters of Mercy are most grateful for your support.

God’s Plan For Giving
Tithing
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 10/13:

- Envelopes & Loose Cash: $15,099
- Electronic Offerings: $8,815
- Total: $23,914

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...

–THIS WEEKEND: World Mission Sunday Mass is celebrated at noon and we take up the WMS Collection. We are called through baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts through prayer, self-sacrifice and material support. Please offer financial help and charity in the Mission Sunday special collection through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are SENT; let us meet the challenge. Thank you in advance for your sacrificial gift; Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer Calendar Raffle, after Masses.

–MONDAY: Our Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief Step I, continues 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; Men’s Group meets at 7:30pm in the Solarium.

–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: Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 8:00pm in the Community Room.

–FRIDAY: Members of the Legion of Mary gather at 11am in the JPII Room.

–SATURDAY: Mass to celebrate the Commissioning of New Altar Servers will be celebrated at 12:00pm. A Pizza Reception will follow in the Community Room.

–NEXT SUNDAY: Coat & Blanket Drive, after Masses at the CYO; Bishop James Checchio will preside at an Evening Prayer Service at 4:00pm to honor those couples celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries; Youth Group Halloween Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm, CYO.

–NEXT WEEKEND: Vocationist Fathers will sell Raffle tickets to help support the formation of their seminarians. Please take a chance and support their work.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Let’s Celebrate As A Family
Comm - union in Christ

October 20, 2019 - gather at 10:30 a.m.

⇒ MEET: St. Francis Cathedral CYO,
Main Street & Library Place

⇒ JOIN: “Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus” Walk-A-Thon

⇒ CELEBRATE: World Mission Sunday Mass Celebration at Noon

Rev. Fr. John G. Hillier, Director, Office of Missions, Celebrant and Homilist

Mass will immediately be followed by a simple missionary lunch in St. Francis Community Room.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration
At 4:00pm on Sunday, October 27, Bishop James Checchio will preside at an Evening Prayer Service for couples of the Diocese who are celebrating either their Twenty-fifth or Fiftieth Wedding Anniversaries during 2019. We congratulate our St. Francis parishioners:
25th: Randall & Michelle Beaton, Joseph & Wendy Bobko, James & Denise Haddad, Kevin & Lisa Kenny, Paul & Doreen Zensky
50th: Jovencio & Fely Cabanday, Anthony & Louise Herber, Theodore & Mary Petti

Catholic High School Open Houses

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“I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”

— Psalm 121:1-2

DEPENDING ON GOD

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures. No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

PERSISTENT PRAYER

To the best of our knowledge, the authors of the New Testament did not spend much time in each other’s company following the Resurrection. They took their charge to go to the nations and spread the Good News seriously. Paul and Luke are an exception to this, having traveled together on missionary journeys. It is no accident, then, that perseverance in prayer is a favorite theme of both authors. Luke's Gospel (which speaks most frequently about Jesus' own prayer), Acts, and the Pauline Letters all exhort us to unceasing prayer.

Paul's personality was certainly tenacious; he most likely would have admired the persistent widow in today's Gospel passage. The purpose of these passages is not to make us think—as infants and toddlers do—that if we keep asking or yelling or crying we will eventually get our way. No, the point is that when true disciples believe in something, we will persist in following that belief whether it is convenient or not, even when we come up against seemingly insurmountable obstacles.
October 1, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, October 20th marks a very special World Mission Sunday, our annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration of our shared call to mission. It takes place during an Extraordinary Missionary Month, called for by Pope Francis in honor of the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV’s Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, which emphasized the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel.

During this month of October, Pope Francis invites us - - all baptized Christians - - to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on the Word of God, and pilgrimage. We move beyond the typical “heroic vision” of missionaries and reinforce the transforming relationship between faith and the world to which we are called. Pope Francis reminds us that we are each “Baptized and Sent”; we are all the “Church of Christ on Mission in the World.”

I invite all of us in this diocese to take this opportunity to revitalize our ardor, passion and zeal for the faith with loving missionary hearts. We can respond to our missionary call through charity, giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church and serve the poor.

And we can respond to this call through mirroring the loving witness exemplified by great missionaries, like martyred Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, a model missionary witness to our faith and the Gospel, and a passionate advocate for care of our common home, and outreach to indigenous communities.

As I thank you for your continuous commitment to mission, I share my personal gratitude for your generous response on this day, and throughout the Extraordinary Missionary Month, as you are able. Let us join our hearts in the prayer of our Holy Father for this special moment for the Missions: “May the love for the Church’s Mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people, ‘grow ever stronger!’”

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen
St. Francis Lazarus Ministry

Twelfth Annual Mass of Remembrance
For the deceased of our parish
Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 4:00pm
Remembering those who have died from
October 2018 - September 2019
To have your loved one’s name included at Mass
if he or she was not a member of St. Francis Cathedral Parish,
please call the Rectory office at 732-548-0100 X307
This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation

Youth Group Halloween Dance
On Sunday, October 27 there will be a MSYG Halloween Dance,
6:30 - 9:00pm at the CYO. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes and those attending get a free photo. There will be food, drinks, snacks, a DJ and Dancing. Raffles ($1), Coach wallet ($2), Candy Gram ($1), door prizes and lots of fun. Cost: $12; $2 Extra for non-YG members. Members of the HSYG can help from 5:30 - 9:00pm and earn Service Hours. Questions or to donate, email: smlorchid@hotmail.com or call SMLan:732-770-2506

Choices Matter - Critical Life Conference
A new venue for this event on Saturday, November 2 - The Catholic Center at Rutgers University. Bishop Checchio will celebrate 8:30am Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 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.

Charismatic Mass Followed By Prayers for Healing
On Thursday evening, November 7 at 7:30pm, a Charismatic Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral. Rev. Bill Halbing will be the celebrant and homilist. After Mass, prayers will be said for individual needs. All are welcome to come and pray with the group.

Mother Seton Regional High School
Saturday Science/Engineering Day
November 2 - 8:30 - 11:30am
Girls in 6 - 8 grades are invited to our labs

“All Shook Up”
Fri, Nov. 8 & Sat., Nov.9 at 7:30pm
Sunday, Nov. 10 - 3:00pm
Adult:$10 - Student/Sr. Cit.: $8
732-382-1952 www.motherseton.org
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SOCIAL CONCERNS - Parish Center

42 Library Place, Metuchen, 08840
732-548-0100 x225

Call for any questions regarding Social Concerns

Open Monday to Thursday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

FOOD PANTRY is open for people in need
Please call on Mondays to schedule an appointment to pick up food.
Food pick-up is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
We are closed on Fridays.

Please drop off non-perishable items/donations in the Social Concerns Bin located in the Cathedral vestibule.

--Annual Coat & Blanket Drive will be held Sunday, October 27, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Donations of new or nearly new items may be dropped off at the side entrance of the CYO building. Children’s Coats are especially needed. Please label all items with SIZE. --Parish

Blood Drive: Tuesday, October 29, from 3:00pm to 9:00pm in the Cathedral Community Room. You must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. Walk-Ins Welcome! Give the Gift of Life!

--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.

--Job Bank: Life Choices Resource Center seeks part-time (10 hours) Nurse Manager, a paid position but volunteers welcome. Reply: lifechoices@optonline .org. Responsible, experienced female caregiver seeks a position to assist a senior citizen with daily routine, meal preparation and companionship. If you fulfill requirements, call Soc. Con.(732-548-0100 x225).

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

Youth Group Offering


This Weekend: World Mission Sunday Collection
Mount St. Mary Calendar Raffle

SUN:  -World Mission Sun. activities, 10:30 - noon
   -World Mission Sunday Liturgy, noon
   -No Youth Group Meetings-Mexico Pilgrimage

MON:  -Journey Through Grief I, 7:00pm, SOL/JR

TUE:  -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
   -Men’s Group, 7:30pm, SOL

WED:  -Rosary for Year of Consecration, 12:45 pm

THU:  -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR

FRI:  -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII

SAT:  -Mass for Commissioning Altar Servers, noon;
   Pizza Reception follows

SUN:  -Coat & Blanket Drive, 8:30am - 1:00pm, CYO
   -25& 50 Anniversaries Evening Prayer, 4:00pm
   -YG Halloween Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm, CYO

Next Weekend: Vocationist Fathers Raffle

Eucharistic Ministers October 26/27
5:00pm  M. Roth, N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro,
   E. Munoz, J. Franklin, P. Bershak, K.Garner
7:00pm  K. Konick, C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello,
   E.Swan, J.M.Onufer
7:30am  D.Kovach, D.Ulbrich, C&J.Donahue, S. Riolo
9:00am  G.Monte Leone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski,
   M.D’Amico,R.Quaglia, D. Heyden
10:30am M. Conroy, B. Coakes, R. Baran, F. Corrente,
   J Grigo, J.Bundoc, E.Beyers
12:00pm M.Licameli, M. & J. Hernandez, J.& R. Baker,
   K. Manchery

Lectors - October 26/27
5:00pm:Maria Tomaro  7:00pm:Kieran Esposito
7:30am:David Keyes  9:00am: Marnie Jeney
10:30am:Sr.Bridget Harakal 12:00pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - October 26/27
5:00pm Team 15  7:00pm Team 16
7:30am Team 17  9:00am Team 18
10:30am Team 19  12:00pm Team 20

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.
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with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
drinks a cup
of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then . . . .
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believing it doesn’t pay.

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he ADVERTISES it for sale.

WHY IS IT?