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Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY Beginning December
20, the Cathedral will remain open daily from 6:00
A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for parishioners of the diocese to
make pilgrimages through the Holy Door.

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

HOLY DAY MASSES
Vigil  5:00 pm
Feast Day  7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday  7:00, 8:00 am;
12:10 pm (Rosary 11:45 am)
Thursday  7:30 pm Communion Serv. monthly
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.
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.

BAPISM: 1:30 pm by appointment only (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/ROSAKY: 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 necessary for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, October 30 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  - Charles & Josephine Schwalje r/o Elaine
9:00am  - James J. Reilly r/o Family
10:30am - Dennis Duffy r/o Frank & Joan Belmont
Noon   - Rev. Pius Abrahams, OFM r/o Licameli Family

MONDAY, October 31
7:00am    - John Watson r/o Popino Family
8:00am    - Sally Conlon r/o Conlon Family
12:10pm   - Joan Ann Fitzsimmons r/o Husband Patrick

Feast of All Saints (Holy Day)
Vigil - 5:00pm    - Lydia DeAndrea r/o Bob & Dee Sneddon

TUESDAY, November 1
7:00am      - Cerila Fider Pesigan r/o Bernadette Reyes & Family
8:00am      - Walter Byram r/o Wife Cathy  9:30am - School Liturgy
12:10pm     - Oseas Policarpio, Jr. r/o Myla & Friends
7:00pm      - Emma Ferraro r/o Yunker Family

WEDNESDAY, November 2 - All Souls Day
7:00am      - Faithful Departed
8:00am      - Faithful Departed
12:10am     - Faithful Departed

THURSDAY, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres
7:00am      - Faithful Departed
8:00am      - (Liv.) 60th Wedding Anniversary of Rita & Charlie Tomaro r/o Family
12:10pm     - Elizabeth Murphy r/o Jim & Ann Murphy
*7:30pm     - Charismatic Mass & Prayers for Healing

FRIDAY, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo - First Friday
7:00am      - Steve Walsh r/o Family
8:00am      - Faithful Departed
12:10pm     - Ken Sheylin r/o Dr. Stephen Yaremczak

SATURDAY, November 5
8:00am      - Faithful Departed
5:00pm      - Giuliana Velona r/o Family
7:00pm      - Antonio Calello r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello *Turn Clocks Back*

SUNDAY, November 6 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am      - Judy Corman r/o Howard & Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am      - Faithful Departed
10:30am     - Gutierrez & Alana Families r/o Family
Noon        - Gail DeLessio r/o Family
*4:00pm     - Mass of Remembrance for Faithful Departed

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

Kathy Zipf
by The Kwiatkowski Family
(in the Cathedral)
in loving memory of

Anna DeBonis
by The Cathedral
(in The Lady Chapel)
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SERVING OVERSEAS: In Croatia: John-David Rizzuto; all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Maria Lopez, Mary Adamezt, Ramona Loihle, Xuyendo La, George Chinchar, John Moy

...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 the Rectory for details and availability.)

–**Sanctuary Candles:** available weekly in The Cathedral and The Lady Chapel. (Donation: $20. Enclose in envelope with information and place in collection basket or mail 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.

–**The Cathedral Music Ministry Fund:** Memorials in the name of loved ones may be made to support the Cathedral music ministry and choirs. Memorialize a Hymnal at a cost of $20. Please inquire at the parish office.

If interested, phone Rectory at 732-548-0100 x210.

Youth Group News

–**Nov. 5:** Turkey Drive run by both YGs to collect turkeys for delivery to the Bronx, 8:00am - 1:00pm, CYO.

–**Nov. 6:** MSYG meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO. Please bring **one new toy** for unfortunate children, ages 5 - 15, in Philadelphia. This will also be Pizza Night.

–**Rent-A-Team-Of-Teens:** A volunteer program to help with 4-season indoor/outdoor clean-ups. It can be used for helping with fall cleaning or chores. No cost to you but donations gladly accepted. Call Sr. M. Lan:732-770-2506.

–**Saturday, November 19:** Leave CYO lot at 9:30am-7:30pm. Radio City Music Hall presents its **Christmas Spectacular** at 11:00am and a tour of this historic venue at 1:00pm. Cost: $95 p/p, $105 after 10/28, includes tickets for both events, coach bus, tips, drink and snacks. **OR School of Rock, the Musical** at the Winter Garden Theater, 2:00pm show. Cost: $80p/p, $90 after 10/28 includes show, coach bus, tips, drinks, snacks. We will meet at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for 5:30pm Mass and bus will pick us up there to go home.

–**Friday, December 9:** Family Night Out to an NFL Hockey Game, New Jersey Devils vs. St. Louis Blues at Prudential Center for 7:30pm start. Cost: $60p/p, $65 after 10/31. Call Sr. Maria Lan (732-770-2506).
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

--THIS WEEKEND: There will be a collection of All Souls Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes. Please remember your departed loved ones.

--SUNDAY: The RCIA Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated at 9:00am Mass; Coat & Blanket Drive, 9:00am - noon in CYO lot; Diocesan Silver & Gold Anniversary celebration at 4:00pm in the Cathedral.

--MONDAY: On this civil observance of Halloween, CCD Classes will be is session; Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints will be celebrated at 5:00pm.

--TUESDAY: Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am (School Liturgy), 12:10pm, 7:00pm. Journey Through Grief II meets at 7:00pm, Solarium

--WEDNESDAY: The MOMS’ Group meets at 9:15am in the Mary Room/St. Francis Room; Legion of Mary meets at 7:00pm in the JP II Room; Bereavement continues at 7:00pm in Joseph Rm; Provide-A-Meal at 7:00pm and Social Concerns at 7:30pm in Solarium.

--THURSDAY: Rosary Altar Executive Board meets at 9:00am in the Solarium; Bible Study at 1:00pm & 7:30pm in the JP II Room; Charismatic Mass & Prayers for Healing will be celebrated at 7:30pm.

--FRIDAY: Widows & Widowers gathers at 7:00pm in the Solarium; the Filipino Choir will practice at 7:00pm in Server sacristy/Choir Loft.

--NEXT SATURDAY: Youth Groups will hold a Turkey Drive from 8:00am - 1:00pm in the CYO lot; Daylight Saving Time ends. Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour on Saturday night.

--NEXT SUNDAY: Rosary-Alter Society members will attend 10:30am Mass and then meet in the Solarium; Mass of Remembrance, 4:00pm, Cathedral.

NEXT WEEKEND: Raffle tickets will be available to support the Right to Life initiative. Choose LIFE!

--All Souls Envelopes are available at the Cathedral entrances. All Masses on this feast, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, will be offered for the Faithful Departed.

Banns of Marriage

I    Sonja Jamelo/Richard Maniatis

III   Serena Patel/Joby Varughese

At 4:00pm next Sunday, a Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated to honor the deceased of our parish who have died from October, 2015 through September, 2016. All are welcome to come and pay homage to loved ones.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary

At 4:00pm today, 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 2016. We congratulate the following from our Parish:

50th: Jerry & Patricia LaPointe, Bernard & Catherine Rafferty

Our parish is grateful to Mary Petti for facilitating the four recent Protecting God’s Children sessions. May our Lord reward Mary and her family for her generosity in sharing her time and talent with parishioners in this important ministry.

Baptisms

The following children were recently welcomed into our Church/Parish Family through the sacrament of Baptism:

Madelyn Tinsley Allen - Brody Boucher
Olivia Budaj - Elsie Marie Comp
Evan Joseph Ferlazzo - Elise Mikayla Fernandez
Natalie Javier - Kiera Lynn Joyce
Jordan Hannah Ma - Avi Nikolai Mombay
Stella Rose Mosko - Carmelo Manual Rios
Emilia Rose Schwarzman - Alessa Beverly Varady
Liliana Witkowsky

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We strongly urge all parishioners to register, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but seeks to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property.

**NJ Right to Life Car Raffle**

Please support New Jersey Right to Life’s Annual Car and Shop Rite Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds go to New Jersey’s largest prolife organization, whose work saves the lives of the unborn, elderly, and disabled from conception to natural death. Tickets are $10 each. 1st Prize - 2017 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at $42,000; 2nd Prize - Shop Rite Gift Card valued at $1,000; 3rd Prize - Shop Rite Gift Card valued at $750; 4th Prize - Shop Rite Gift Card valued at $500. Tickets will be sold at Cathedral entrances next weekend, November 5/6. Please take a chance and Stand Up for Life!

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO?**

Do you know someone, like Zacchaeus, who is attempting to get a better look at Jesus? Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church? Please invite your someone to meet with us at an Inquiry Session, which does not assume a commitment to join the Catholic Church. If you, or anyone you know, is unbaptized, or baptized but have never received Eucharist or Confirmation, and wish to know more about this God to whom we pray, call RCIA Office 732-562-1990 X 1633.

**Charismatic Mass with Prayers for Healing**

_But He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins. Upon Him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and by His stripes we are healed._

Isaiah 53:5

On November 3 at 7:30pm in the Cathedral, a Charismatic Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Meagher of St. Antoninus Parish, Newark. He will offer prayers for healing following Mass. Pam: 732-491-6042.

**Book Fair 2016**

St. Francis Cathedral School will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the Cathedral Community Room on Monday, Nov. 7 from 2:30 - 5:00pm and Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 2:30 - 8:00pm. There will be hundreds of books for sale for all ages. Parishioners are welcome. All proceeds to benefit our school. Visit the online Book Fair: http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stfranciscathedralschool.

**SFCSchool HSA announces second annual SUPER 50/50 SWEEPSTAKES! Tickets: $50.00**

**Prizes:** Grand prize winner will receive 40% of winning share and 10 first prize winners will receive 1% of the winning share.

Winners will be chosen at 1:30pm on Sunday, November 20th in the Cathedral Community Room but need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit SFCSchool. Tickets go on sale September 26 and will be sold before and after select Masses in November. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Contact hsa5050@stfranciscathedralschool.org for more information.

**Year of Mercy 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration**

Please join us on Friday, November 11 at 2:00pm as we begin a 24 hour period of Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral as we prepare for the closing of our Year of Mercy. The Year of Mercy will officially end on November 20, 2016. There will be periods of silence along with presentations (schedules posted) that will occur throughout the day and night. The 24 hour period of Adoration will end at 2:00pm on Saturday, November 12. What better way to end our year of Mercy than by spending time with Our Eucharistic Lord, fully present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Adult Bible Study**

Having concluded the study of the Gospel of Luke, the next session of Adult Bible Study will start on Thursday, November 3. It is entitled _Catholicism: Pivotal Players_ by Bishop Robert Barron. It is part of a series presented by _Word on Fire_, an organization which “proclaims Christ to the culture.” The daytime and evening sessions will be held on the same day of the week, Thursday, after 12:15pm Mass and at 7:30pm. All sessions will be held on the lower level of the Parish Center at 45 Library Place. All sessions are free of charge to everyone, regardless of Parish. There is usually a book fee, but purchasing the book is not mandatory. The intention of the program is to share God’s love for each of us and to grow in faith.

**Community News**

–Nov. 2: Mother Seton High School Open House, 7:00pm for girls in Grades 5 - 8.
–Nov. 5: St. Helena Christmas Bazaar, 8:00am - 2:00pm in school auditorium. Crafters of wood, wool, jewelry, etc., 50/50, great food and much more. Free admission and parking. Call Renee: 732-259-9842.
–Nov. 9: Union Catholic HS Information Night, 7:00pm, 908-889-1600x302.
–Nov. 18, 19, 20: The Wizard of Oz, at Mother Seton H.S., Clark (732-382-1952).
“The Lord lifts up all who are falling 
and raises up all who are bowed down.”

Psalm 145: 14

GETTING TO KNOW US

Many of us, if we were asked whether or not the goal of our prayer and spiritual life was to get to know God better, would most likely answer, “Of course.” But how many of us would think that another purpose of our prayer and spiritual life was for God to get to know us better? We think of God as the One who views the whole universe as a grain of sand. How can God get to know us better? The author of Wisdom reminds us that the Lord is a “lover of souls” (Wisdom 11:26)—and lovers, if they do nothing else, are always seeking out their beloved, wanting to know them better, knowing yet overlooking their faults, wanting nothing but to love them more and more.

In today’s Gospel Jesus embodies this God whose imperishable spirit is in all things. Not only does He allow the extreme sinner Zaccheus to speak with Him, but Jesus seeks him out, up in a tree. And then—losing his head with love for His brother in the faith of Abraham—Jesus becomes a part of his life by insisting that Zaccheus take Him into his own house, the house he lived in through ill-gotten, sinful gains as a tax collector. Wisdom and Luke both tell us that God is willing to walk right into our frail sinfulness in order to know us better, love us more, and bring us in forgiveness to salvation.

ALL-POWERFUL YET CARING GOD

It used to be that when I thought, “Old Testament,” I thought of narratives written many centuries before Christ. Then I learned that today’s passage from the book of Wisdom was written less than one hundred years before Jesus came along. These words were so contemporaneous with Jesus that He Himself conceivably could have written them. He certainly lived them.

The Wisdom reading is a poetic prayer celebrating a Creator-God before whom the universe is like a grain of sand, yet who is still lovingly concerned with every individual. This is the God whom Jesus reveals, with unlimited power over all creation, yet watching out for sinners climbing trees.

Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector, but the chief tax collector, and “a wealthy man.” But he wasn’t too proud to run ahead and clamber up into a sycamore tree just to get a glimpse of Jesus. Maybe, sinner though he was, he recognized in this wandering preacher the object of the Wisdom poet’s adoration.
St. Francis Lazarus Ministry

Ninth Annual Mass of Remembrance
For the deceased of our parish
**Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00pm**
Remembering those who have died from October 2015 - September 2016
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
This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation

**Light The Advent Wreath**
Parishioners are invited to light the Advent Wreath before Mass at Saturday Vigils and Sunday Masses during the season of Advent. Individuals, organizations, families, engaged couples, et al are welcome to volunteer. Please specify your choice of date and time by circling the form below. Please return the form to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket. If you have further questions, phone the Rectory at 548-0100. Thank you for volunteering.

**Lighting The Advent Wreath**
Name _____________________________
Daytime Phone No. __________________
E-mail address ______________________
1st Sunday, Nov. 26/ 27  2nd Sunday, Dec. 3/4
3rd Sunday, Dec. 10/11  4th Sunday, Dec.17/18
5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30am
9:00am 10:30am 12:00noon

**Evening of Prayer for Peace**
On Sunday, **Nov. 6** at 7:00pm at St. John Vianney Church in Colonia, a Rosary will be prayed for our nation. There will be additional prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For information, call or text Carolyn: 973-349-4626.

**Relit: The Heart of Evangelization**
This 3-day Evangelization Training is presented by Michael Dopp, co-founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries in Ottawa, Canada on Nov. 4 (7 - 9pm), Nov. 5(9am - 8pm), Nov.6 (9am). Mission is to proclaim Christ to the world.

If a friend or family member asked you about your faith, would you know how to respond? Have you ever felt unequipped or unprepared to share your faith with others? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, you are invited to attend an upcoming training program called: Relit: The Heart of Evangelization, where you will be equipped, prepared and formed for the work of evangelization. Registration is required. Go to www.diometuchen.org/evangelization or call 732-562-1990 x1634. This event is sponsored by Office of Evangelization, Diocese of Metuchen.
Sisters of Mercy Special Liturgy: All are invited to join the Sisters on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2:30pm for their annual Mass of Remembrance which takes place in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Mary, Watchung. Contact Sr. Marlene Fritz:908-756-0994 4007/mfritz@mercymidlantic.org

Catholic’s Divorce Survival Kit
Sponsored by Family Life Office for men and women seeking healing from divorce. Based on teachings of Catholic Church. Open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce. Meets Wednesday evenings, October 19 - January 18, 7:00 - 8:30pm at Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Call Ro at 908-313-5947.

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

Food Collection Next Weekend: Donations may be left at Church entrances. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to those in need. Students seeking service projects often conduct Food Drives; we welcome all.

Journey Through Grief - Step II: Monthly meetings Tuesday evenings; next meeting: November 1 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center Solarium. Anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process is welcome. Our facilitator is Jessie Flynn, a certified bereavement counselor for 25+ years.

The annual Coat & Blanket Drive will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30, 9:00am - noon. Donations of new or nearly new items may be dropped off at the side entrance of the CYO building. Children’s Coats needed. Please label all items with size.

Middlesex County College offers Admission Spotlight Events on main campus on Woodbridge Ave., Edison at 6pm. Investigative Services November 9 Education Programs November 14 Science, Math, etc. November 30

To register, go to www.middlesexcc.edu.

JOB BANK: Licensed Real Estate Agents needed, Realty World, Edison, part time or full time, no experience necessary, automobile - desk time stipend, call 800-541-1999 or email:rwamerica@aol.com. Pearl Street Parking Garage seeks Attendants and Customer Service Reps at $9.50 per hour for all shifts and Maintenance Employee for 11:00pm - 7:00am shift, call Hector at 732-906-1661. Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Cemeteries seeks Office Manager, email resume: HR@diometuchen.org.

Eucharistic Ministers: November 5/6
5:00pm C. Coleman, L. Dalton, S. Francis, D. Reilly, C. Saggese, S. Tamasco, J. Franklin
7:00pm J. Pasquale, J.G-Campbell, M.&W. Manza, N. Davis
7:30am S. Riolo, J. Burke, C. Kozak, D. Monek, J. Carey
7:00pm J. Bundoc
7:30am S. Riolo, J.K. Burke, C. Kozak, D. Monek, J. Carey
9:00am R. Dowdy,
10:30am F. Belmont, S.A. Silva, C. Grant, D. Pappalardo, M. Garni, J. DAuria, R. & R. Coquia, A. Bianchini
12:00pm E. Swan, P. Morgan, S. Fernandez, J. Hernandez, M. Hernandez, R. Cron, M. Kolomatis, D. Rossi

Lectors: November 5/6
5:00pm: Al & Judy Kendzia
7:00pm: Jerry LaPointe
7:30am: Kathleen Burke
10:30am: Michael McCunney

Altar Servers - November 5/6
NEW TEAM ASSIGNMENTS BEGIN
5:00pm Team 1 7:00pm Team 2
7:30am Team 3 9:00am Team 4
10:30am Team 5 12:00pm Team 6