Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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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: 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: 1:30 pm 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, November 10 -  
7:30am  - Faithful Departed
9:00am  - Mahan Family Living & Deceased r/o Rod & Dolores Altz
10:30am - Calello Family Deceased r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
Noon   - Michael Painter r/o Wife
*4:00pm - Mass of Remembrance

MONDAY, November 11 -  
7:00am  - Maria Rosa Lumauig r/o Lumauig Family
8:00am  - Manuel Capito r/o Roger & Pina Coquia
12:10pm - (Liv.) Irma & Walter Zamorski r/o Family

TUESDAY, November 12 -  
7:00am  - Steve Walsh - 25th Anniv. of Death r/o Walsh Family
8:00am  - Michael & Mary Rapach r/o Maureen Rapach
12:10pm - (Liv.) Ryan Gutierrez r/o Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, November 13 -  
7:00am  - Gus Aquilone r/o Mary & Ben Negro
8:00am  - Robert Poandr r/o Alice & Ed Wallace
12:10pm - Paul DuBois r/o Razal Family

THURSDAY, November 14
7:00am  - Robert Poandr r/o Sam & Elaine Convery
8:00am  - Edwin Rodriguez r/o Wife & Daughters
12:10pm - Frank Konopka r/o Sister, Halina

FRIDAY, November 15 -  
7:00am  - Chacko Joseph r/o Rosy Thomas
8:00am  - Louis Orlando r/o Daughter & Granddaughters
12:10pm - Ivar Sivertsen r/o Lucy & John Sivertsen

SATURDAY, November 16
8:00am  - Frank DeCourcey r/o Family
5:00pm  - Nicholas Cotton r/o Family
7:00pm  - Pontoriero Family Deceased r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello

SUNDAY, November 17 -  
7:30am  - Charles & Kathryn Sneider r/o Popino Family
9:00am  - Carol Kuligowski r/o Jerry & Marlene Yaros
10:30am - Thomas Speckin r/o Family *Rite of Acceptance*
Noon   - Bernard Charles Rafferty r/o Parents

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

Michael Clark
by his wife Alberta
(In the Cathedral)

in loving memory of

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


DECEASED: Benjamin Climaco, Rose Driscoll, Michael Dudik III, Julio Falcon, Mary Gatto, Gail Giordano, Jameson Lazos, Deacon Paul Licameli, Joseph Markano, Sr., Michael Mechan, Joseph Rosamilia, Joseph Schaffer, Joan Smyth, Carol Vercammen

... all those recommended in the Book of Intention

God’s Plan For Giving
Tithing
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 11/03:
Envelopes & Loose Cash: $16,394
Electronic Offerings: $8,616
Total: $25,010

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

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.

School News
Congratulations to the winners of the Saint Francis Cathedral School Fourth & Fifth Grade Annual Spelling Bee! Amelina S from 5th Grade won first place and Thomas M. from 4th Grade took second place. We are proud of all those who participated, and of their teachers!

Service for Those Touched by Addiction/Loss
Many of us struggle to comfort and support our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of addiction and/or loss of a family member to an overdose. A Prayer Service offering spiritual support will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7pm at St. James the Less in Jamesburg. Refreshments and fellowship follow and pastoral ministers will be available to listen and recommend healing resources. Call 732-243-4574.

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer Offerings
– Nov. 13: Interfaith Program: Holding On To Hope
A panel of reps from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist traditions contribute to the evening facilitated by Rev. Fr. Anthony Randazzo at the Student Center, St. Joseph Bldg at MSMHOPS20 - $30 as able.
– Nov. 19: The Compass Connection: Ponder how to tear down walls of fear, distrust and privilege in our broken world, by Catherine Neney, SSJ, Ph.D. $20 - $30 as able.
Parish Notes...

- **THIS WEEKEND:** SFCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets available after Masses.

- **SUNDAY:** Filipino-American Community meets in the Solarium at 1:00pm; Mass of Remembrance for the Faithful Departed at 4:00pm in the Cathedral; HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the St. John Bosco Room.

- **MONDAY:** Veteran’s Day - Rectory Closed. Masses at the usual times. Please remember those who sacrificed their lives so we can live in this great country; Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief Step I, continues tonight at 7:00pm in the Solarium/Joseph Room.

- **TUESDAY:** 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; Protecting God’s Children takes place at 7:00 - 9:30pm in the Solarium.

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

- **FRIDAY:** Legion of Mary meets at 11am in the JPII Room; HSYG meets at 6:30 - 8:00pm in SJB Room.

- **SATURDAY:** Protecting God’s Children session 9:00 - 11:30am in the Solarium.

- **NEXT SUNDAY:** Family-Centered CCD, 9:00am - noon in the Community Room; RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming at 10:30am Mass; Cathedral Concert Series at 3:00pm in the Cathedral; MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO.

- **NEXT WEEKEND:** SFCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets for sale after all Masses.

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**Banns of Marriage**

I  Toni DiMarco/Daniel LaPointe

**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 on December 12, 2019 at 7:00pm Mass. 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@stfranciscathedralk.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 |

**Marriage Encounter:** In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The Next WWMEW is January 24 - 26. Please register by January 10. Phone 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.
Protecting God’s Children

Our parish offers opportunities to attend the “Protecting God’s Children” workshop which is designed for anyone who has significant contact with children. Therefore, new faculty, CCD Teachers, Coaches, Scout Leaders and all other new volunteers must register for one Protecting God’s Children session. Participants are asked to register online at www.virtus.org, then follow the directions to register. Upcoming Cathedral Sessions, both of which will be in the Solarium:

- Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 7:00 - 9:30pm
- Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9:00 - 11:30pm

Hope Through Education

Hope Through Education, a recently incorporated independent nonprofit, was formed to significantly increase the tuition assistance available to low-income families living in Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Its mission is to close the educational gap by providing low-income families with tuition scholarships for children K - 12 to attend private and parochial schools within the four counties of the Diocese of Metuchen. It aims to allow them the chance to choose the best school for their child regardless of their ability to afford the full cost of tuition. Hope Through Education has the approval of Bishop James F. Checchio, who stands in support of its mission. More details as to how you can support this event and Hope Through Education at www.hopethrougheducationusa.org or by direct inquiry at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

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/PersonalConsecration. Please Note: There are Personal Consecration booklets available in the pamphlet racks at Cathedral entrances and Rectory.

RCIA

On next Sunday, November 17 at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and the Rite of Welcoming Candidates. Adults Rachel Dyrek, Stephanie Kawall, Madeline Ramirez, Joyce Sun, Ramona Torres and Saul Torres have expressed their desire to be baptized. They will now enter the catechumenate phase of the RCIA process, and will receive the title “catechumen.” Tyler Keshel, baptized into the Lutheran Faith has asked to be received into the Catholic Faith Community and John Jean-Pierre and Krystal Lashley, having been baptized Catholic, seek Confirmation and Eucharist. Tyler, John and Krystal, already baptized, will be referred to as “candidates.” Please keep the catechumens and the candidates in your prayers as they journey towards a closed relationship with God. If you know anyone who wishes to be baptized, or any baptized person, over the age of 8 years, who wishes to become Catholic or be prepared for both Confirmation AND Eucharist, please call the RCIA Office at 732-562-1990 x1633.

St. Francis Cathedral Concerts presents...

“The Vocal Artistry of Daria Justine Dragan, Mezzo-Soprano”

on Sunday, November 17 from 3:00 - 4:15pm. Mrs. Dragan is well known as a cantor for major Diocesan Masses, and other liturgies throughout the Diocese. Her vocal training is in opera and various vocal styles. Part I Sacred Music will be performed in the church. Part II Art Songs, Latin American Songs, Jazz and Opera will be in the Community Room in a casual format with General Seating. Free will offering. No tickets needed. Entrance through the breezeway only. See www.StFrancisCathedral.org/CathedralConcerts.

Religious Education News

The St. Francis Cathedral Religious Education Program would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral Council #3272 for their generous gift to our program. We appreciate their support as our program ministers to 1,300 young people and families. We also provide Catechist Certification opportunities that supply training and support to our catechists. Thank you again for your generous support. You will be remembered in our prayers.
“My steps have been steadfast in your paths,  
my feet have not faltered.  
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.”  
–Psalm 17:5 - 6a

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

In the Apostles’ Creed we proclaim that we "believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting." Today's readings invite us to explore these beliefs.

The passage from Second Maccabees makes it clear that belief in the resurrection of the dead was not born in Christianity, but in a time preceding Jesus' coming. The martyred brothers proclaim their conviction that God will raise them to new life. No threat of death can bring them to break one of their religious laws. Death of their bodies is no death at all, compared to the spiritual death that would result from transgressing the law.

The silly riddle about marriage put to Jesus in the Gospel gives Him an opportunity to speak of the "coming age," when no one will be given in marriage, and no one will be liable to death. Jesus too stresses how ancient is this teaching, attributing this belief to Moses, who knew that God is the God of the living.

THE LORD STRENGTHENS US

When the apostle Paul speaks today of the how word of the Lord “speeds forward” (2 Thessalonians 3:1) he is making a racing/athletic allusion, something he does frequently in his letters. During his time, influenced by Greek culture, the gymnasium was a place not only for athletics but also for poetry, philosophy, and religious and political discourse. It was a place for the body, mind and spirit.

All aspects of our lives must be guided by the word of the Lord. Exercise is important for our bodies, but ultimately it will be the Lord who will strengthen us. It is the Lord’s own strength that we use for our vocation as disciples: to speed the word of the Lord forward. Paul sums up by telling us what the heart of the disciple will be: directed at all times toward the love of God, and possessing the endurance of Christ.
St. Francis Lazarus Ministry

Twelfth Annual Mass of Remembrance
for the deceased of our parish
Today, Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 4:00pm
Remembering those who have died from
October 2018 - September 2019
This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

Memorial Tree Lighting
Flynn & Son Funeral Home will be hosting its 19th annual Memorial Tree Lighting at their Metuchen location (319 Amboy Avenue) on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00pm. For information on how to participate, please call 732-548-2134 or visit the website at www.flynnfuneral.com/CommunityEvents.

Come From Away
In conjunction with In God’s Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, the Church of the Sacred Heart, So. Plainfield invites all to a presentation and Book Signing by author Keven Tuerff on Wednesday, November 13 from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Kevin shares his story which was one of the inspirations for the Broadway Tony award-winning musical, Come From Away. He tells of the people stranded in Gander, Newfoundland, on 9/11/2001 and of their courage and their compassion shared with strangers to help make the ordeal more bearable. The book, Channel of Peace, will be available for purchase after the presentation at a cost of $20 for a signed copy.

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. Questions? Phone the Rectory at 732-548-0100 x212. Thank you for volunteering.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS - Parish Center  
42 Library Place, Metuchen, 08840  
732-548-0100 x225

Call for any questions regarding SocialConcerns

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.

–Blood Drive Update: Our recent Parish Blood Drive  
was successful. Thanks to your generosity, 37 Donors  
Registered, 3 were deferred, 30 pints whole blood  
were collected and 4 ALYX units collected which  
results in double the amount of blood collected (8  
Units). Our total was 38 units collected. We are so  
grateful for your donations, especially in the midst of a  
current blood emergency. Thanks to all who participated  
-Come and Turn Over A New Leaf - - Volunteer!  

Are you looking for a flexible volunteer opportunity?  
Interfaith Network of Care (INC) is looking for caring  
people who are interested in driving, visiting, or  
providing respite care to those in need locally. If you’d  
like more information on how you can put your faith  
into action, please call 732-247-1655 or check out our  
website at www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org. We will  
hold a Training Session on Thursday, November 21  
at 7pm in the Parish Center Solarium. Refreshments will be  
provided. Please RSVP by Nov. 18 (732-247-1655).


Miscellaneous: Gentleman seeks Private Room to rent in Metuchen. Call 732-548-0100 x225.

–Donate your vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need in the 4 counties of our diocese. Call 1-877-999-8322.


This Weekend: SFCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets
SUN: -Filipino-American Community, 1:00pm, SOL  
-Mass of Remembrance, 4:00pm, Cathedral  
-HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB
MON: -Veteran’s Day - Rectory Closed  
-Journey Through Grief I, 7:00pm, SOL/JR
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR  
WED: -Rosary for Year of Consecration, 12:45 pm  
-Protecting God’s Children, 7:00- 9:30pm, SOL  
THU: -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR  
FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII  
-HSYG, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB
SAT: -Protecting God’s Children, 9 - 11:30am, SOL  
SUN: -Family Centered CCD, 9am - noon, CCR  
-Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming, 10:30am Mas  
-Cathedral Concert Series, 3:00pm, Cathedral  
-MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO

Next Weekend: SFCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Eucharistic Ministers: November 16/17
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/MSantangelo  
10:30am: P.Bixel, E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S. Francis, B&E Williamson, A. Bianchini, L.Taylor  
12:00pm: L. Mioriarty, K. Manchery, T./N. Rossi, A. McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

Lectors: November 16/17
5:00pm:OPEN  
7:00pm: Cheryl Saggese  
7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky  
9:00am: Elizabeth Rooney  
10:30am: B. Moczula & M. Varley  
12:00pm: Cathy Murphy-Barron

Altar Servers - November 16/17
5:00pm Team 13  
7:00pm Team 14  
7:30am Team 15  
9:00am Team 16  
10:30am Team 17  
12:00pm Team 18

Mass followed by Prayers for Healing celebrated by  
Rev. John Campoli on Wed., Nov. 13, 7pm at St. James Church, Woodbridge.
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