Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  *  Metuchen, NJ  08840

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

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
Bishop Emeritus

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Deacon Rick Fortune
Deacon Kenneth T. Hamilton
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Deacon Retired Guido J. Brossoni
Deacon Retired Ed Olegario, M.D.

RECTORY  32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ  08840
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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: 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, November 17 - *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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/Welcoming*
Noon    - Bernard Charles Rafferty r/o Parents

MONDAY, November 18 - *Dedication of Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul*

7:00am  - Frank Gurovich r/o Family
8:00am  - Kathleen Freis r/o Pat Walsh
12:10pm - Christina & Elizabeth Vochecowicz r/o John & Johnny

TUESDAY, November 19

7:00am  - Dominic Pereira r/o Pereira Family
8:00am  - Andresa Buaya r/o Marisa Plaras
12:10pm - Natalie DiLello r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, November 20

7:00am  - Ricky Floeck r/o Friends
8:00am  - Donna Zilber r/o Goss Family
12:10pm - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rule r/o Gloria & Tom Cosare

THURSDAY, November 21 - *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00am  - Irene Trent r/o Meghan & Daniel MacMillan
8:00am  - John Darcy r/o Wife
12:10pm - Rita Fredericks r/o Husband Ray

FRIDAY, November 22 - *Saint Cecilia*

7:00am  - Joseph Longo r/o Patricia Longo
8:00am  - Kathy Freis r/o Doug & Maryann Ulbrich
12:10pm - David Casper r/o Kwiatkowski Family

SATURDAY, November 23 - *Pope Saint Clement I*

8:00am  - Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
5:00pm  - Kathryn Sneider r/o Popino Family
7:00pm  - Marian & Bill Daly r/o Irene & Ken Daly

SUNDAY, November 24 - *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30am  - In Honor of the Virgin of Rule r/o Cosare Family
9:00am  - Ting Kiang Koh r/o Barbara & Stephen Reilly
10:30am - Antonio Napolitano r/o Tony, Anita & Jo
Noon    - Antonio Roubo r/o Family

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

*Mae Hogan*

by *Ted & Donna Haas*
(in The Cathedral)
in loving memory of

*Larry Tynday*

by *Sheila Tynday*
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Africa: Capt. John F. Dalton IV; for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Benjamin Climaco, Rosario Cusumano, Rose Driscoll, Michael Dudik III, Mary Gatto, Joseph Rosamilla, Julie Anne Rowe, Marion Ruggiero, Joseph Schaffer, Joan Smyth, Anne Tasy, Carol Vercammen

...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.

Adult Enrichment Classes

The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation offers classes each **Wednesday**, 10:00 - 11:30am at the Diocesan Center. Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. serves as instructor of the class entitled “**Apologetics of the Catholic Church**.” All are welcome - please Register. Call Angela (732-562-1543) or register online at diometuchen.org/ongoing-faith-formation/online-registration.

God’s Plan For Giving

**Tithing**

Thank you for your generosity the weekend of **11/10**:

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**e-Giving**: Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at:

[http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect/](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: SFCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets for sale

–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.

–MONDAY: Bereavement Program, Journey Through Grief Step 1, continues at 7pm in Solarium/Joseph Rm

–TUESDAY: Our weekly Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room; Men’s Group, 7:30pm, Solarium.

–WEDNESDAY: MOMS’ Group meets from 9:30 - 11:00am in the Mary Room/St. Francis Room; 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; at 7:00pm in the Community Room, SFCS Kindergarteners will delight audiences with their depiction of the First Thanksgiving; Charismatic Pastoral Team meets at 8:00pm in the JPII Room.

–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: Parish Turkey Drive, 9am - 2pm, scl lot; members of CYO will attend 5pm Mass to open the season.

–NEXT SUNDAY: Thanksgiving loaves will be blessed. During the few days before Thanksgiving, volunteers will distribute them to those with heavy crosses, to the recently bereaved and to the homebound. Please pray for those who receive these loaves; Super 50/50 Drawing, 2pm, CCR.

–NEXT WEEKEND: SFCS HSA Super 50/50 Raffle Tickets after all Masses; Rosarian Bake Sale, all Masses; Campaign for Human Development Collection will be taken in the 2nd collection to empower more than 46 million people living in poverty in the United States. Your contribution will help address the obstacles they face as they try to bring positive change to their communities. Please be as generous as your means allow. See www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Banns of Marriage

II  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@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 |

Sincere Gratitude
Our parish is very grateful to Cheryl Saggese and Sister Lynn Marie and to all those connected with the SFC Lazarus Ministry for arranging the recent Mass of Remembrance. We also want to express our gratitude to Fr. Edgar Madarang, the celebrant of the liturgy. This Mass brought solace and comfort to those who had lost a loved one during this past year.
St. Francis Cathedral Concerts presents...

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

on Sunday, November 17 from 3:00 - 4:15 pm. 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.

A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

This life is often filled with unanswered questions. As a faith community, we gather together to support each other in dealing with aspects of our lives that seem to have no answers. If you, or anyone you know (unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of Confirmation AND Eucharist), would like to know more about becoming part of the Catholic faith community, 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 and 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 – 732-562-1990 x 1633.

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.

“What you bring away from the Bible depends to some extent on what you carry to it.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes

SFCSchool HSA announces fifth annual SUPER 50/50 SWEEPSTAKES! Tickets: $20.00 Grand prize winner will receive 40% of the estimated proceeds up to $32,000 and 10 first prize winners will receive 1% of the estimated proceeds up to $800. Winners will be chosen at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 24 in the Community Room. Winners need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit SFCSchool. Tickets will be on sale before and after Masses on the weekends of Nov. 9/10, Nov. 16/17, Nov. 23/24. E-mail hsa5050@stfranciscathedralschool.org for any questions or additional tickets.

Music At Saint Mary’s

Each of the five musicians of Quinception possesses extensive orchestral and chamber music experience, which they will exhibit in their debut performance at St. Mary’s, South Amboy today, November 17 at 4:00 pm. The group is committed to performing the best music from the classical and romantic periods, as well as from the 20th and 21st centuries, with particular emphasis on the music of living composers. The concert will feature works by Franz Danzi, Aaron Copland, Percy Grainger, Eugene Bozza and living composers Arturo Marquez and Amanda Harberg. There is no admission fee but a suggested donation of $15. The family-friendly concert will be followed by a Meet-the-Artists reception.

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).

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 began recently and will meet on Tuesdays until December from 7:00 - 9:00 pm 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, remarriage 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.
NOT WATCHING FOR THE SECOND COMING

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined.

We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

PERSEVERE IN OUR DAILY WORK

In our world and culture, "busyness" seems to escalate continually. Today, when we have more and more devices to save time, and still seem to have less and less of it, people yet find ways to be busybodies in the midst of all their busy-ness. In Paul's day, some members of the Christian community were being idle because they knew the Lord was returning in glory very soon. Why bother to work? So they turned their attention to meddling in the lives of others. These days, we have no such potent notion of the Lord's imminent return, but Paul's message, which has an echo both in Malachi and Luke, is still pertinent for us. We must keep on doing our daily work, and persevere in it, consecrate it all to the Lord, and tend to being faithful until the time of His return.
2020 March for Life
Friday, January 24, 2020
Washington, D.C.
Elaine Yunker: 732-754-3692
Accepting Reservations at this time
Please sign up NOW.
Spaces fill up quickly and
bus is on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.
NEW THIS YEAR: We will not be parking at
JFK Stadium and taking the Metro to the March.
Rather, the bus will drop us off in DC, near the
March for Life.

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. It will be held in a heated tent
on the front lawn, in view of the tree. For information
on how to participate, please call 732-548-2134 or visit
website at www.flynnfuneral.com/CommunityEvents.

Join us at Advent Bread and Soup Dinner
Thursday, December 5
5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Cathedral Community Room

All invited to enjoy delicious homemade soup
and a bountiful assortment of breads.
Free will offering to help those in need.
Pots of Soup AND Volunteers WELCOME
contact Social Concerns: 732- 548-0100 x225
Service Hours for 7th and 8th Graders

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark
Scholarship Exam: Sat., Nov. 23 , 8:30 -noon
Register online: Deadline: Nov. 18
Open House: Tues., Dec. 10, 7:00pm
732-382-1952 - www.motherseton.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/Personal Consecration. Please Note: There are
Personal Consecration booklets available in the
pamphlet racks at Cathedral entrances and Rectory.

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 Rectory at 732-548-0100 x212. Thanks for
volunteering.

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

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 in vestibule

-Thanksgiving Turkey Drive: Saturday, November 23 is the only day to drop off turkeys to be donated to make Thanksgiving holiday brighter for the many needy families throughout Middlesex County and in our immediate area. Please bring turkeys and any other food to school parking lot on Library Place 9am - 2:00pm.

--Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Donations for our holiday food baskets may be brought to the Cathedral entrances. Suggestions: gift card, cereal, oatmeal, hearty soups, pastas and sauce, rice, instant potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple sauce, gravy, fruit juice, sugar, powdered milk, evaporated milk, tea and coffee. Mail monetary donations to SFC Social Concerns, 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Thank you for your generosity.

--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).

Youth Group Schedule

-MSYG Meeting: Nov. 17 6:30-8:00pm, CYO. See Video; learn more about the different Saints, games.

-HSYG Meeting: Nov. 22 6:30 - 8pm, St. John Bosco YG Room. Virtue of Perseverance, Staying in the Game.

-Next Weekend: SFCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets
Altar Rosary Bake Sale
Campaign for Human Development Collection

Eucharistic Ministers: November 23/24

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.
The finest collection of jewelry & Swiss watches anywhere. Jewelry & watch repair.
We welcome you to our stores like friends to our home.

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