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

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

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Rev. John Kavas, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

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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

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.

BAPTISM: 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/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 necessary for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.

- PARISH GROUPS -
-Adult Acolytes: John Grigo (548-0100)
-Body of Christ Prayer Group: Pam Gendlek-pzgendlek@comcast.net
-Cathedral Choirs: Folk - Steve Kirbos - steve@kirbos.net; Thom DeLessio:548-0100 x 235
-Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D’Amico - dghmad@aol.com
-Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia-rquaglia19@gmail.com
-Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendola & Helen Vendola (548-0100)
-Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
-Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Jenn Cascio/ Kathleen Gwozdz - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
-Knights of Columbus: KofC3272.webs.com
-Legion of Mary: Wed. 7:00 p.m.- Rod Altz (548-0100)
-Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnrbaker@optonline.net
-Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
-Mens' Group: Tom Thomas-sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
-MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli (548-0100)
-Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
-Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sfprayer@gmail.com
-Rosary Altar Society: Carmela Guarnera (548-0100)
-Scripture Study: Pat Morgan - (548-0100)
-Widows/Widowers: naunijud@hotmail.com

-SOCIAL MINISTRY - 548-0100 x225
-Support Groups (as scheduled):
  Bereavement Separated/Divorced Caregivers Prayer Shawl Ministry
  -Pro Life: contact Elaine Yunker - elbo1974@yahoo.com
  -Nat Fam Planning Hotline- 800-334-0699/562-1990 x1623
  -Ozanam (Provide-A-Meal) Committee
  -Friendly Visitors (Visit with elderly or homebound)
  -Elizabeth Ministry (Share sanctity of life with mothers/mothers-to-be)
  -Social Concerns Committee (Serves the poor confidentially)
  -Intrfaith Network of Care (Volunteers for homebound caregivers)
  -Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:30am - Barbara Floersch r/o Flanigan Family
9:00am - Margie & Jack Fallon r/o Russ & Mary Anne Lawyer
10:30am - Marianne Bonanni r/o Judy Granelli & Family
Noon - Kristen O’Hara r/o Her Aunts

MONDAY, December 5
7:00am - Rita Lightner r/o Mary Lou Kalista
8:00am - Jose Gil Santos r/o Razal Family
12:10pm - Anthony & Gloria Licameli r/o Licameli Family

TUESDAY, December 6 - Saint Nicholas
7:00am - John Granelli r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am - Cecil Dominic r/o Shirley Fernandez
12:10pm - Daniel Kuhn r/o Wife, Elizabeth Kuhn

WEDNESDAY, December 7 - Saint Ambrose
7:00am - Dr. Terry Baker r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am - Don Griffin r/o Fred & Mary Carpene
12:10am - (Liv.) Int. LaPointe Family r/o Gale & Dave

Immaculate Conception - Thursday, December 8 - Holy Day
Vigil - 5:00pm - Antonio Pinho r/o Bonanno Family
7:00am - Kathryn Sneider r/o Popino Family
8:00am - Elizabeth Murphy r/o Jim & Ann Murphy
12:10pm - Mario Sillari r/o Family
7:00pm - Mary Young r/o Deacon Rick & Evie Fortune

FRIDAY, December 9 - Saint Juan Diego
7:00am - Betty Carey Fernandes r/o Pereira Family
8:00am - Antonio Roubo r/o Family
12:10pm - Sophie Sendiak r/o Helen Leslie

SATURDAY, December 10
8:00am - Sylvester Cronin, Jr. r/o Bill & Margaret Manza
5:00pm - Vincent & Lydia DeAndrea r/o Bob & Dee Sneddon
7:00pm - Maureen Murphy Handerhan r/o Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:30am - (Liv.) Int. Howard Lishinsky r/o Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am - Living & Deceased of Altz Family r/o Rod & Dolores Altz
10:30am - Florence & Dale Meek r/o Family
Noon - Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners

The Sanctuary Candle for this week
has been donated
in loving memory of
Bob Flaherty
by The Labadessas
(in The Lady Chapel)
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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


DECEASED: Former Rector Msgr. Richard A. Behl, Mother of Marianne Smoke, Marcello (Jerry) Bozio, Anna Marie Aleski, Robert Butler, Arthur Samsoe, Rose Santangelo, James Gannon

...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 per book. Please inquire at the parish office.

If interested in any of these, please phone the Rectory at 732-548-0100 x210.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithe

Thank you for your generosity the past 2 weekends:

November 20 Total $26,877
November 27 Total $26,585
Campaign Human Development $4,926

E-Giving

Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. To sign up, go to
http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

– Dec. 4: HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB Room. We will wrap gifts and write Christmas cards to the elderly. Please bring an individually wrapped candy as a donation.

– Dec. 11: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO. Write cards to Veterans. Please bring and wrap toy for needy children who live in Philadelphia, age 5 - 15. Thank you for your generosity.

– Dec. 16: MSYG Christmas Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm. HSYG members can earn Service Hours for helping.


– Saturday, December 10: Leave CYO at 10:30am for Trip to see Cats or School of Rock, both at 2:00pm, both cost $85 p/p. Call Sister Maria Lan at 732-770-2506.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

–THIS WEEKEND: Representatives of our e-Giving Team will briefly address parishioners after Masses and will be available at the main and breezeway entrances for more information. Your participation in e-Giving is very important. Please stop by so we can answer questions;

We will take up the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Aging religious need your help. They have offered their lives in service to others. Now, many are frail and elderly. Show your appreciation for Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously;

Boy Scout Troop 17 will host its annual Poinsettia Sale. Please stop by the breezeway and bring home a beautiful plant to usher in the Christmas season.

–SUNDAY: After 10:30 Mass, Rosary Altar Society members meet in Solarium for their annual Christmas Party, which includes a toy donation.

–TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm, JPII Room. Following prayer is Rosary Making for anyone interested; Journey Through Grief II meets at 7:30pm in the Solarium.

--WEDNESDAY: Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at 5:00pm; Legion of Mary meets at 7:00pm in JPII Room; Provide-A-Meal meets at 7:00pm and Social Concerns meets at 7:30pm, both in the Solarium.

–THURSDAY: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses on the feast day will be celebrated at 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10, 7:00pm. The Rectory Office will be closed. The Lady Chapel will be open. Body of Christ Prayer Group will meet at 8:00pm in the Community Room.

–FRIDAY: Filipino Choir practice, 7:00 - 9:00pm, loft/SS.

–NEXT WEEKEND: Scrip will be available for purchase after Masses. Please support this fundraiser which benefits SFC School without any additional cost to the buyer; Baby Bottle Blessings will take place. Empty baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses and we ask that you fill them with spare change/money. Proceeds will benefit Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen.

NEXT SUNDAY: Family Centered Religious Education Session takes place 9:15 - 11:30am in the Community Room; Filipino American Community gathers at 1:00pm in the Solarium; First Penance Parents Mtg., 5pm, Community Rm.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Behl, who passed away on Friday, November 25. Monsignor Behl was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1966. He served as Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, South Amboy; St. James Parish, Red Bank; and Nativity Parish, Fair Haven. Monsignor Behl was pastor of Our Lady of the Mount Parish, Warren Twp.; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Bernardsville; and rector of the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. He had served as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Old Bridge, since November 2007.

The Blessing of the outside Creche and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on the Cathedral Plaza, immediately following 7:00pm Mass on Thursday. Refreshments will be served. Bring children for the Sing-A-Long of Christmas Carols.

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24
4:00 p.m. (Children’s Liturgy)
6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
10:30 p.m. Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, Celebrant/Homilist

Christmas Day Masses
Sunday, December 25
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

New Year’s (Mary, Mother of God)
Eve: Saturday, December 31
Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m., 7:00pm
Day: Sunday, January 1
Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.; 12 Noon

Please check the Parish Bulletin for any changes in the daily Mass schedule/devotions during the Christmas season.
Simbang Gabi... is a Philippine tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent Masses to heighten our preparation of the celebration of Our Savior’s birth. Simbang Gabi is coordinated by the Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen and is offered at various churches as follows:

**Thu., Dec. 15**  
7:30pm  St. Magdalen, Flemington

**Fri., Dec. 16**  
7:30pm  St. Mary, Alpha
7:00pm  St. Bernard, Bridgewater
7:30pm  St. Frances Cabrini, Piscat.
7:30pm  Sacred Heart, So. Plainfield
7:30pm  St. Bartholomew, E. Bruns.

**Sat., Dec. 17**  
7:30pm  St. Thomas, Old Bridge
6:00pm  St. Anthony, Port Reading
7:30pm  O.L. Fatima, Piscataway

**Sun., Dec. 18**  
4:00pm  Immac. Conception, Somvl.
7:30pm  St. James, Woodbridge
7:00pm  St. Bernadette, Parlin
7:30pm  St. Matthias, Somerset

**Mon., Dec. 19**  
7:00pm  Queenship Mary, Plainsbor
7:30pm  St. James Less, Jamesburg
7:30pm  St. Helena, Edison

**Tue., Dec. 20**  
7:30pm  Annunciation, Bloomsbury
7:30pm  St. Cecilia, Monmouth Jct.
7:30pm  St. Matthew, Edison

**Wed., Dec. 21**  
7:30pm  St. Cecelia, Iselin
7:30pm  St. Ambrose, Old Bridge
7:30pm  O.L. Victories, Sayreville

**Thu., Dec. 22**  
7:30pm  Corpus Christi, So.River
7:30pm  St. Augustine, Kendall Park

**Fri., Dec. 23**  
7:30pm  St. Francis Cathedral

There will be an **early morning Mass (Misa de Gallo)**, Dec. 16 - 24 at **5:00am** at St. Ladislaus Church, 40 Plum Street, New Brunswick. Direct questions to Rev. Roberto Coruna (848-391-9955). All are welcome to celebrate Simbang Gabi, coordinated by the Filipino Apostolate, Diocese of Metuchen.

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available at Cathedral entrances for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas decorations. These donations may be made in memory of or in honor of a loved one or simply as a gift to the Church. Please indicate your intention on the envelope. The list will be published during the Christmas season.

**Compassionate Friends...**

A **bereavement support group** for those mourning the loss of a child. Its mission is to assist grieving families following the death of a child of any age, from any cause. Annually, on the second **Sunday of December (Dec. 11th this year)**, at precisely 7:00 p.m. in every time zone, a candle is lighted by each family that has lost a child, in his or her remembrance. This effort is coordinated in a worldwide effort. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lighted in the next, creating a 24-hour wave of light that encircles the globe. The motto of the group: **“...that their light may always shine!”**

**Baby Bottle Blessings:** Next weekend, **December 10/11**, empty baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses. We ask that you fill them with spare change/money during the Christmas season and return by **Jan. 8.** Proceeds will benefit **Life Choices Resource Center** in Metuchen. Please pray for the women/children who will be helped by your donations.

**Young Adult Holy Hour:** Young adults aged 18 - 39 are invited to a Young Adult Holy Hour on the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 - 7:00pm at St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish, Flemington. The next one is **December 11.** The hour will include praise and worship, faith sharing and guest speakers. Reconciliation available. For info, Mary Ann Giannone: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

**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, families, organizations, 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.

**Light The Advent Wreath**

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“The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea.”

–Isaiah 11:9

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to His historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

WONDERS

The normal response to a surprise is amazement, gratitude, and delight. By definition, we don't anticipate surprises. Their occurrence reminds us that we cannot always guess or shape the future. Granted, we do what we can do; we attend to the daily tasks, as we must. For grace is surely here in the mundane, and God is in the details. But God is in the happy surprises, too.

Today's readings are filled with startling developments. We hear the clarion cry of one of those rare prophets announcing the coming of the Lord. Isaiah proclaims startling, surprising images of the nearly impossible reconciliation of opposites: calf and lion, leopard and young goat, child and serpent. Isaiah's vision sees all of these creatures living in harmony. This is Eden again; this is paradise. It is God's surprise and promise.
Christmas Party: Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is hosting a Christmas Party for children and young adults with special needs on Saturday, December 17, 1:30 - 3:30pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. See catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

How To Straighten A Path: John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight his path into our hearts. Are you searching for a church that will help you to do that? Do you have questions about Jesus – His life – His message – His promises? Inquiry sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic belief are held every week. Come and See (or bring someone you know who might be searching.) 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.

Rosary Altar News: After attending 10:30am Mass today, December 4, Rosarians will gather in the Solarium for their annual Christmas Party. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the Social Concerns Ministry. Members will enjoy a luncheon. The Rosarians wish all a Blessed Christmas.

Community Christmas Breakfast: Celebrate the spirit of this Holy Season by attending a Community Christmas Breakfast and support a great cause. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 10:00am - 12:30pm in the Community Room. Santa will be making an appearance and parents are asked to bring a wrapped gift for their own child(ren) and to bring a camera for a picture with Santa. Please donate an unwrapped toy or make a modest donation to Social Concerns for children in need. All profits will be donated to Social Concerns for the needy in our community. Cost: $5/person. Info: John Iacona:732-754-9479.

Let’s Stop Underage Drinking: Come to Metuchen Library for a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00pm when a Speakers Panel, consisting of police, lawyers, counselors and Rutgers Health Education Specialist will talk with teens and parents about this severe, dangerous problem. This event is sponsored the Metuchen Municipal Alliance and Metuchen High School Project Graduation.

Pro Life Corner: Please support A3452/S2026, the New Jersey Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which has been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature. There is substantial medical evidence that babies in the womb feel pain at a very early stage of gestation. Experts in the field of Maternal-Fetal medicine routinely administer pain medication as standard medical practice when performing fetal surgery. The NJ Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (A3452/S2026) will protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks and older. Passing this legislation is part of the 2020 Project, a collaborative effort by pro-life groups in New Jersey to protect babies in the womb. TAKE ACTION NOW!

- Pray for the protection of babies in the womb & their families
- Contact your NJ State Senator and Assembly Members and ask them to support A3452/S2026 which is the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.” To find your Senator and Representatives by district/town, visit: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities

Oppose New Jersey Assisted Suicide Bill

On October 6, 2016, the Assembly Appropriations Committee released Assembly Bill 2451 which could make assisted suicide legal in New Jersey. A2451 could be voted on in the General Assembly in the near future. An identical bill, S2472, introduced in Senate, may be voted on in the next few weeks.

The doctor-assisted suicide bill is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost.

The facts are clear - - in California, Vermont and Oregon -- states that have passed assisted suicide bills --insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage, but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A2451/A2474. Please visit http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action

Keep Jesus Company and help keep Eucharistic Adoration on-going at SFC. There are several hours lacking committed adorers, and those emboldened are especially Critical.

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Contact Marie D’Amico: dghmad@aol.com.
Social Concerns

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

–Christmas 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, vegetables, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry and apple sauce, gravy, fruit juice, sugar, powdered milk, evaporated milk, tea and coffee. Monetary donations may be sent to the above address.

–The Sharing Tree is located in the Cathedral vestibule throughout Advent. It is decorated with symbols representing antiphons prayed at Advent Evening Prayer. Please take a symbol and fulfill the request printed on the card.

–Gifts for patients at Roosevelt Care Center and Care One, The Highlands may be placed under the Sharing Tree. Please wrap and mark man or woman. Suggested: socks, toiletries, large print books/cards, rosary beads, candles, homemade cookies in reusable container, sugar free or regular candy, magnifying glass, sweater, sweatshirt, etc.

–Gifts for newborns and infants may be placed under the sharing tree. Clothing, blankets and especially diapers are very much needed by those who are struggling this Christmas season.

Join us at Advent Bread and Soup Dinner
Thursday, December 15
5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Cathedral Community Room

All invited to enjoy a meal of delicious homemade soup and a bountiful assortment of breads.

Free will offering to help those in need.

Pots of Soup AND Volunteers WELCOME
please contact Social Concerns: 732- 548-0100 x225

Attn. 7th Graders: Service Hours Available

This Weekend: Boy Scouts Poinsettia Sale
e-Giving Awareness
Collection for Retired Religious

SUN: -Rosary Altar 10:30 Mass, Christmas Party after
-HSYG, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, SJB

TUE: -Prayer Grp., 1pm, JPII; Rosary making follows
-Journey Through Grief II, 7:30 pm, SOL

WED: -Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception, 5:00 pm
-Legion of Mary, 7:00 pm, JPII
-Provide-A-Meal, 7:00 pm, SOL
-Social Concerns, 7:30 pm, SOL

THU: -Feast of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day
-Rectory Closed - Lady Chapel Open
-Blessing of Creche, 8:00 pm, Cathedral Plaza
-Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00 pm, CCR

FRI: -Filipino Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, loft/server sac.

SUN: -Family Centered CCD, 9:15 - 11:30 am, CCR
-Filipino-American Community, 1:00 pm, SOL
-First Penance Parents Meeting, 5:00 pm, CCR
-MSYG, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, CYO

Next Weekend: Scrip - Baby Bottle Blessings

Eucharistic Ministers - December 10/11

5:00pm: E. Yunker, S. Sweeney, L. Dalton, N. Davis, C. Tomaro, L. Zelesnick, K. Garner, P. John

7:00pm: M. Brossoni, R & K Aiello, D. Reilly, D. Zensky
7:30am: A. McCadden, D. Monek, A. Ferrara, S&D Kovach

9:00am: M.A. & R. Lawyer, R. Altz, K Kwiatkowski, A. Major, J. Morrison, K. Schreck


Lectors: December 10/11

5:00pm: John Porpora 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am: Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am: Marty & Mary Ellen Malague
noon: Catherine Murphy-Barron

Altar Servers - December 10/11

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

Dec. 7, Immac. Conception Vigil, 5:00 pm - Team 2
Dec. 8, Immac. Conception Feast, 7:00 pm - Team 3