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

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

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski, Rector
Rev. Gerard Paderon, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Kavas, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Edmund Luciano, III, In Residence

Deacon J.P. Saggese
Deacon Rick Fortune
Deacon Emeritus Frank J. Cammarano
Deacon Emeritus Paul G. Licameli
Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brosconi
Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

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 Contacts

- **COORDINATORS** -
  - Advocates for Disabled: Jane Conlon & Janet Onufer Michael (548-0100)
  - Lectors: Jerry LaPointe - pandj57@aol.com
  - Ushers: Tom Hansen (548-0100)

- **PARISH GROUPS** -
  - Adult Acolytes: John Grigo (548-0100)
  - Body of Christ Prayer Group: Pam Gendlek - pzigendleak.com
  - 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.wikispaces.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 - sfmensgroup@gmail.com
  - MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli (548-0100)
  - Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sfprayertree@msn.com
  - Rosary Altar Society: Carmela Guarnera (548-0100)
  - Scripture Study: Pat Morgan - (548-0100)
  - Widows/Widowers: naunijud@hotmail.com

- **SOCIAL MINISTRY** - 548-0100 x 225
  - 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 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30am - Tommasina Calello r/o Serafin Calello
9:00am - Lina Ong Tan r/o Tan Family
10:30am - Kathleen & A.W. Smelas r/o Family
Noon - Felicia Costanzo r/o Czochanski Family

MONDAY, December 19
7:00am - Tom Salagaj r/o Family
8:00am - Mariusz Malinowski r/o Family
12:10pm - Mary, Walter & Frank Niedbala r/o Bixel Family

TUESDAY, December 20
7:00am - Joan Stone r/o Al & Judy Kendziora
8:00am - Daniel Zayas r/o Ruano Family
12:10pm - Ruth Bridges r/o Wendy Bridges DiMaggio

WEDNESDAY, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius
7:00am - (Liv.) Int. Roger Stone r/o Carolyn & Ralph Quaglia
8:00am - Sophie Sendziak r/o Wanda, Stanislaw & Andre Malinowski
12:10am - Kathy Zipf r/o Mary Anne Hale

THURSDAY, December 22
7:00am - Rosemary Verbist r/o Family
8:00am - Peter Mikula r/o Lilia Nowak & Family
12:10pm - Vidas Ramanauskas r/o Family

FRIDAY, December 23 - Saint John of Kanty
7:00am - (Liv.) Int. Ronin Bryce R. Del Rosario r/o Family
8:00am - Andres Buaya r/o Marisa Plaras
12:10pm - Augustine Eosso, Jr. r/o Family

*7:30pm - *Simbang Gabi*

SATURDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve
No Morning Mass

Christmas Vigil Masses: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:30pm

SUNDAY, December 25 - Christmas Day - Nativity of the Lord
8:00am - Mass of Christmas
10:00am - Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes - 4th Anniversary
12:00 Noon - Mass of Christmas

The Sanctuary Candles for this week
have been donated
in loving memory of
Karl Kerber
by James & Brenda O’Connor
& Grandchildren
(in the Cathedral) & (in The Lady Chapel)
**Parishioners who are not receiving envelopes and would like to, please call the Rectory Office: 732-548-0100**

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


**DECEASED:** Former Rector Msgr. Richard A. Behl, Joan Pilger, Albert Morgan, Mildred Huxta, 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, phone Rectory at 732-548-0100 x210.

**Attention Eucharistic Ministers:** If you are interested in serving at a Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, please sign up in the Priests’ Sacristy. Regular Mass assignments (Week 1 Teams) will be in place for New Year’s Eve and Day. Thank you for serving.

**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.

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**Youth Group News**

—**Dec. 25: Christmas Day** - no meeting. A Blessed Christmas to all from the Youth Groups.

—**Jan. 1: New Year’s Day** - no meeting. Happy Holy New Year

—**Jan. 6: Ice Skating** at Roosevelt Park for both YGs. Parents drop off at 5:00pm and pick up at 8:00pm. Cost p/p $5.50 to skate and $5 skate rental.

—**Jan. 7: Foodbank** in Hillside from 9:00am - 1:00pm to help the poor and those in need.

—**Jan. 8: MSYG Meeting,** 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO. Celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord with prayers and by bringing a wrapped gift for the poor children in Philadelphia.

—**Jan. 14:** MSYG trip to Veterans Home to visit with those who have served our country. Arrive at 10:00am and return to Metuchen at 1:00pm.

—Rent-A-Team-Of-Teens: A volunteer program to help with 4-season indoor/outdoor clean-ups. It can be used for helping with winter cleaning or chores. No cost to you but donations gladly accepted. Call Sister Maria Lan:732-770-2506.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY: Community Christmas Breakfast sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, 10:00am - 12:30pm in Community Room.

THERE WILL BE NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK NOR NEXT IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.

TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm, JPII Room. Following prayer is Rosary Making for anyone interested.

WEDNESDAY: Legion of Mary meets at 7:00pm in the JPII Room.

FRIDAY: Students of SFCS will participate in a Christmas Prayer Service at 9:00am. The School will close at 12 noon; the final Mass of this year’s Simbang Gabi Novena will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm by Bishop Checchio. All are welcome.

2017 calendars are available at Cathedral entrances for our parishioners. We are grateful to Costello-Runyon Funeral Home and to Flynn & Sons Funeral Homes for their kindness in providing the calendars.

There will be No Confessions on Christmas Eve; the following Saturday, on New Year’s Eve, confessions will be heard at regular times 1:00 - 2:00pm and 6:00-6:30pm.

Memorializing a Hymnal is a great Christmas present. It honors the person memorialized and brings joy to the recipient. It is a gift that keeps on giving (see page 6).

Anyone wishing to volunteer to water plants during Christmas Season should phone Rectory: 732-548-0100.

Advance Notice: In observance of the New Year’s Holiday, the Rectory will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2.

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.

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., 7:00 p.m.
Day: Sunday, January 1
Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m; 12:00 Noon

Some Reminders About Christmas Eve
This is the time of year that brings some of the largest crowds to the Cathedral. It’s wonderful to welcome family and friends back home for Christmas but it can also pose some challenges due to constraints of time and our limited parking. We hope that these suggestions will help make things run more smoothly. Plan to arrive early for all the liturgies (especially the 4:00pm and 6:00pm Masses). Or better yet come to the 8:00pm Mass and avoid the crowds. The doors will open at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve. Do not reserve seats with coats, umbrellas, arms, legs etc. The ushers need to seat all who arrive on a first come, first served basis. Theirs is a daunting task and they deserve our full cooperation. Once the Cathedral is full to capacity we will not be able to admit any further worshipers. Please note that there will be no Mass downstairs in the Community Room. The Service of Lessons and Carols will begin at 10:00pm immediately followed by the last Mass of the night. With everyone’s cooperation, our Christmas Liturgies can be peace-filled and joyful as they are meant to be.

Discerning The Priesthood?
Are you, or do you know someone, who is considering a vocation to the Priesthood? The St. John Vianney House of Discernment is having meetings this fall and winter, 7:30-9:00pm to assist you in your journey. The remaining dates and topics follow:
Dec. 28: “Celibacy, Chastity, Charity and Cheerfulness”
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 today, Dec. 18 from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm 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.

Marriage Encounter
For a truly meaningful and long-lasting Christmas present, why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? Such a weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The Next WWMEW is January 13 - 15, 2017. Phone 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Online Catholic Gift Store
Ready, Set, SHOP!
Yes, SHOP! We have our very own Online Catholic Gift Store! With over 20,000 products, you can shop for everything Catholic from the #1 Catholic store on the Internet, The Catholic Company. Best yet, we receive a percentage of the purchase you make. So just go to our parish homepage on the web and click the SHOP NOW button to start your Catholic shopping experience.

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Contact Margaret Manza (548-0100 x 212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.

EMMANUEL – GOD IS WITH US!
The good news proclaimed today, is that Jesus, God’s promise, takes flesh in the womb of Mary. Joseph’s unwavering faith allows him to believe the angel that appears to him in a dream. The child in Mary’s womb is to be called Emmanuel – God is with us. Do you wonder why Mary would risk everything to say “yes”? Do you wonder why Joseph would believe a dream? Would you like to know this Emmanuel better? Inquiry sessions exploring these and other faith issues in relation to our Catholic belief are held each 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 or 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.

Give A Gift That Keeps On Giving
SUBSCRIBE TO A HYMNAL
With Christmas approaching, why not consider giving your loved ones a lasting tribute by subscribing to a Parish Hymnal in their honor. Our parish “Gather” hymnals include most of the hymns currently in use at the Cathedral as well as many newer mainstream compositions. Also included are the people’s responses of the current edition of the Roman Missal. These books are available as memorials for the deceased, tributes for the living or simply as a gift to our parish at a cost of $20.00 per book. Please place the form below in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory if you would like to subscribe to one. Please circle:

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Come, Lord Jesus!
“They shall name Him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us’.”

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel. Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel. Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

EMMANUEL

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that person. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one's mission, even one's very being.

The amazing name "Emmanuel" was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means "God is with us." God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.
**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:

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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.

### Cathedral Christmas Concert

Looking for a way to begin the New Year by sharing in an experience that draws family a little closer? Enjoy the angelic harmonies of the St. Francis Cathedral adult, youth, children and handbell choirs at their annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, January 8** at 6:30pm. With an entertaining mix of new songs and Christmas favorites, expect the whole family to feel their hearts warmed and spirits lifted. No tickets are required but a free will offering will be taken. This year’s concert is performed in memory of Msgr. Behl. Net proceeds will be divided evenly between music ministry and The Monsignor Richard A. Behl Endowment Fund of St. Francis Cathedral School. See [http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/](http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/) or call 732-548-0100 x235.

### Homebound? Assisted Care Facility?

Do you know of any parishioners that have moved to a local assisted care facility, or are homebound? Please let us know by phoning the Rectory. This will allow us to assist them with any spiritual needs they may have. Our priests are available for administering the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist would be happy to bring them Eucharist. Maybe they would just like a friendly visitor. We are here: 732-548-0100 x307.

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### Pro Life Corner: Rally for Life

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Respect for Life office will be running a **bus trip to Trenton** for the Rally for Life on Monday, January 23, 2017. This event is for those whose schedules do not permit an entire day in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 27. **There are two different days this year because of the timing of the Presidential Inauguration.** Passengers must reserve their seats for the bus ride which is free of charge. Travelers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center, Piscataway at 9:30am. The Rally at the NJ State House begins at 11:00am and ends at 1:00pm. The bus will return to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 & 2:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org/ 732-562-1990 x 1543 or x1629.

### Christmas is Coming

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

— Lucien Deiss, CSSp

### FYI:

From time to time we receive complaints regarding the fact that parishioners disregard parking regulations in the neighborhood adjacent to the Cathedral. Complaints have ranged from blocking sight-lines at intersections and blocking fire hydrants to blocking residents’ driveways. Neighbors report that this disregard does indeed correspond to Cathedral events and that it becomes worse when Cathedral events are occurring. **During liturgical celebrations this Christmas season,** we ask you to be respectful of our neighbors and be sure to obey parking regulations as they are set forth by the Borough of Metuchen. Failure to do so may result in ticketing.

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### SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**March for Life, Washington, D.C.**

Elaine Yunker: 732-754-3692

Accepting Reservations at this time
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.

―Much thanks to St. Francis Cathedral School Families for their generous donations of warm hats and gloves/mittens for those in need.

JOB BANK: 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. Licensed Real Estate Agents needed, Realty World, Edison, part time or full time, call 800-541-1999 or email:rwamerica@aol.com.

R-E-G-I-S-T-E-R: New Parishioners - - and those who have not already registered - - are asked to come in or phone Rectory. Without such registration, sponsorship certificates, etc., may not be issued.

Plan Ahead! 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 the Diocesan Center Chapel, Piscataway. The next one will be on January 8. The hour will include praise and worship, faith sharing and guest speakers. Reconciliation available. For info, Mary Ann Giannone: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.


SUN: -Christmas Breakfast, 10:00am - 12:30pm, CCR
NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK
TUE: -Prayer Grp., 1pm, JPII; Rosary making follows
WED: -Legion of Mary, 7:00pm, JPII
FRI: -SFCS Prayer Service, 9:00am
-Simbang Gabi Mass, 7:30pm
SAT: -Christmas Eve - No morning Mass
-No Confessions
-Vigil Masses at 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:30pm
SUN: -Christmas Day - Nativity of Our Lord
-Masses at 8:00, 10:00am; 12:00noon

Eucharistic Ministers - December 24/25

Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be filled by Sign-Up Sheets in the Priests’ Sacristy.

Altar Servers - December 24/25

Altar Servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be filled by Sign- ups with Deacon J.P. Saggese at: jpsaggese@verizon.net.

Retrovaille - - Ministry to Couples in Troubled Marriages

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Are you bored? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrovaille is sponsored by the Family Life Office/ Diocese of Metuchen to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. A French word meaning “rediscovery,” Retrovaille helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love that brought them together in the first place. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - - then the Retrovaille program may help you. It consists of a weekend experience, Friday night to Sunday afternoon, for couples (no group discussions) and six follow-up sessions. Durig the weekend, presentations are made by three married couples and a priest. Techniques of communication that enable a couple to examine their relationship are presented. Phone the Diocesan Family Life Office (732-243-4573. Call the McTagues (evenings - 732-583-4468) or the Colasuonnos (days -732-236-0671). Next Session: February 10 - 12, 2017.