Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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

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

Francis McGinley 1982
NEW PARISHIONERS are welcome to register by completing a form available in our Parish Office as soon as possible after moving to the area.

EUCHEARIST 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.
**Masses For The Week...**

**SUNDAY, January 8 - Epiphany of the Lord**
- 7:30am - James Schleck r/o Flanigan Family
- 9:00am - Ann Manos r/o Jack Salata
- 10:30am - Robert Flaherty r/o Gerard Bargoud
- Noon - (Liv.) Int. Paul R. Licameli r/o Licameli Family

**MONDAY, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**
- 7:00am - Helen Leone r/o Gerry & Joe Monteleone
- 8:00am - Robert Walsh r/o Virginia Walsh
- *9:00am - *School Liturgy*
- 12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Isabella Gutierrez r/o Grandma

**TUESDAY, January 10**
- 7:00am - Angelina Laterza r/o Popino Family
- 8:00am - (Liv.) Int. Roseann Chester r/o Kevin & Lynn Penny
- 12:10pm - Mary & Andrew Piatek r/o Family

**WEDNESDAY, January 11**
- 7:00am - Jack Peterson r/o Family
- 8:00am - Catheline Fortuna r/o Ila & Ray Fortuna
- 12:10pm - Francesco & Caterina Pontoriero r/o Calello Family

**THURSDAY, January 12**
- 7:00am - Rev. Msgr. Armando Perini r/o Sister Michaelita
- 8:00am - Benito Chan r/o Daughter Margaret
- 12:10pm - Maureen Murphy Handerhan r/o Mom & Dad

**FRIDAY, January 13 - Saint Hilary**
- 7:00am - Gen Pfister r/o Life Choices
- 8:00am - Robert Counterman r/o Kevin & Lynn Penny & Johnsons
- 12:10pm - Angelo Nicholais r/o June Vaganek & Edward Gabelmann

**SATURDAY, January 14**
- 8:00am - Anthony & Mary Manieri r/o Family
- 5:00pm - Manuel Pena r/o Lumauig Family
- 7:00pm - Margaret Burke r/o Manza Family

**SUNDAY, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 7:30am - Angeline & James Monek r/o Donna Monek
- 9:00am - Halina Nowakowski r/o Husband Marian
- 10:30am - Deacon Neil Smoyak r/o Shirley Smoyak
- Noon - Debby Winslow r/o Wood Family

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

**Msgr. Richard A. Behl**
by SFC Rosary Altar Society
(in the Cathedral)

...in loving memory of

**Msgr. Richard A. Behl**
by John & Faith Murphy
(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: Robert Bubser, Jacqueline Hlavsa, Rose Gaven, Frank Fanelli, William Fitzgerald, Jane Hoebich, Ricardo Rincon, and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

Oppunities 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 you are interested in any one of these opportunities, please phone the Rectory at 732-548-0100 x210.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Tithing
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of Jan.1:
Envelopes & Loose Cash $16,038
Electronic Offerings $5,359
Total $21,397

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

Youth Group News
– 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.
– Jan. 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - no meeting.
– Jan. 20: Family Mardi Gras Bingo Night, 6:00 - 9:00pm, Community Room. By Reservation Only. $35 for a family of 4 includes 4 bingo sheets p/p and your choice of non-spicy New Orleans food or pizza/hot dogs. Free beads from New Orleans for everyone. Don’t miss this annual night of fun for the whole family.
– Jan. 21: Elijah’s Promise soup kitchen, New Brunswick, 10:00am - 2:00pm, lunch afterward.
Rent-A-Teen-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.
Parish Notes...

—SUNDAY: Rosary-Altar Society members will attend 10:30am Mass and then meet in the Solarium; Family Centered Religious Education takes place 9:15 - 11:30am in the Community Room; Filipino-Americans at 1:00pm in SOL; Annual Christmas Concert tonight at 6:30pm in the Cathedral. Come and enjoy this outstanding performance.

—THIS WEEKEND: We ask that you return filled Baby Bottles to help babies and mothers in need. Please continue to pray for them.

—Monday: The students of SFCSchool will participate in a School Liturgy at 9:00am. All are welcome.

—TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm, JPII Room. Following prayer is Rosary Making for anyone interested; Men’s Group meets at 7:30pm in the JPII Room.

—WEDNESDAY: SFCSchool Open House from 9:00 - 10:30am; Mass will be celebrated at the Senior Residence at 1:30pm; Mandatory Confirmation Practice from 4:00 - 6:00pm in the Cathedral; Legion of Mary meets at 7:00pm in the JPII Rm.

—THURSDAY: Bible Study at 1:00pm & 7:30pm in the JPII Room; Body of Christ Prayer Group will meet at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

—FRIDAY: Mandatory Confirmation Practice with Sponsors at 7:00pm.

—SATURDAY: Bishop James Checchio will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on parish eighth-graders on Saturday at 11:00am. Pray that the Holy Spirit may imbue these young adults with His grace and special gifts, so that they may be Christ’s witnesses to the world. Because of the reception of the Sacrament, there will be no afternoon confessions on that day. Evening confessions will be heard at the usual time, 6:00 - 6:30pm.

—NEXT WEEKEND: Annual Together in Charity Collection will be taken at all Masses. Proceeds of this collection will help fund the Catholic Charities’ Parish Emergency Assistance Program which provides 24 hour/7days a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals/families who have serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In recent years, more than half of the parishes in our diocese have availed themselves of this program. Please read the Bishop’s letter on page 7 and give generously to this collection.

—Advance Notice: Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. One Mass at 9:00am; Rectory Closed; No School; No CCD.

Cathedral Christmas Concert
Looking for a way to begin the New Year by sharing in an experience that draws family a little closer in love, values and faith? Enjoy the angelic harmonies of the St. Francis Cathedral adult, youth, children and handbell choirs at their annual Christmas Concert tonight, 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/ or call 732-548-0100 x235.

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

Colton Joseph Campesi - Calvin Nicolas Coleman
Amelia Renata Moreno Cortes
Cormac James Erb - Evan Joseph Ferlazzo
Giovanna Angela Hajduk - Trevor James Kress
Declan Xavier O’Shea - Kristopher William Phillips
Jace Anthony Scolaro - Nicholas David Scolaro
Addison Mary Wasserman

SFCSchool Open House
For New families who are interested in our school
For Pre-K - 7th Grade Classes
Wednesday, January 11, 9:00 - 10:30am
No children since school is in session
Pre-K& Kindergarten only at 7:00pm, Parish Ctr

SNOWDATE: January 12, 2017
www.stfranciscathedralschool.org

“I am the king’s good servant but God’s first.”
--St. Thomas More
“They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”
–Matthew 2:1b

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM
The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God’s presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the World. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the World was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the highlights of my first eight months as your bishop was the two days I spent visiting all of the Catholic Charities in our diocese. I was truly inspired by the dedication and compassion shown by our Catholic Charities staff to so many people. It was very apparent during my visits that there is no “typical” Catholic Charities client. They live in every part of our diocese; they come from every background and economic strata.

A vital program of our Catholic Charities is its Emergency Assistance Program, which provides immediate assistance to individuals and families faced with sudden, unanticipated hardship beyond a parish’s capacity to meet -- from avoiding an eviction to paying a utility or medications bill to finding a clean and safe place to spend the night. Last year, Catholic Charities came to the emergency assistance of 1,271 individuals and families (including 578 children). Moreover, these requests for help came from two-thirds of our parishes -- unfortunately, a record-setting number.

In order to insure that no person or family is ever turned away in a time of crisis, the Together in Charity Collection was established several years ago. The monies realized from this collection provide the safety net for the Emergency Assistance Program when the program’s needs exceed its regular sources of funding. This year’s collection will be taken up next weekend.

No one is immune from unforeseen reversals and tragedies. With your help, however, every person in our diocese can be at peace this new year in the knowledge that, should a crisis arise, their parish and their diocese will be there to assist them.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity, and with Christmas blessings, I remain

Sincerely in the Lord,

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen
Marriage Encounter: For a truly meaningful New Year’s Resolution, one that lasts long after the champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to 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 Jan. 13 - 15, 2017, followed by April 28 - 30. Visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org/732-904-9636.

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 date and topic is:


Calling All Young Adults 18 - 39
What is your deepest desire? Is it to live a happy and meaningful life? This retreat series is for all young adults who want to live life to the fullest in peace and joy! Consisting of afternoons of prayer, each session will focus on one aspect of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Sessions take place on Sundays from 2:00 - 7:00pm at Loyola Jesuit Center, 161 James Street, Morristown. Dates are: Jan. 15, Mar. 19 and June 4. Suggested Donation for the Sunday afternoons is $10, which will help cover costs. The weekend of June 23 - 25, 2017 will end the series and more information about it will follow. Go to www.diometuchen.org/young-adult- retreats or phone 973-539-0740.

History of Our Diocese’s Beginnings
On November 19, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, The Lighting of the Watch Fires, this book is available for purchase at a cost of $25. Please send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

“Help another’s boat across, and lo! thine own has reached the sore.” –Old Hindu Proverb

Holy Hour for Priests
On Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 3:00pm, a Holy Hour for Priests will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. All are welcome. For more information, go to www.diometuchen.org/evangelization and click on ‘Intercessors for the Shepherds’ or phone 732-765-6438.

Retrovaille - - Ministry for Troubled Marriages
Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage. 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, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, 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. During 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.

Parish Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 17, 3:00 - 9:00pm, Community Room. There is an Emergency Shortage of blood right now! Blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. Sixteen-year-olds must present signed parental consent form, go to www.nybloodcenter.org to obtain the form. People aged 76 and older can donate blood if they meet all criteria and present a physician’s letter each year. Walk-Ins Welcome. Give the Gift of Life!

In God’s Image: Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield. Next Meeting: Jan. 11 at 7:00pm in the Annex. Open to LGBT adults 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. Contact Fr. John: 908-756-0633x125.

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

Young Adult Holy Hour tonight, January 8, 6:00 - 7:00pm at the Diocesan Center Chapel, Piscataway. It will include praise and worship, faith sharing and guest speakers. Info: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.
We are grateful to so many parishioners who have contributed to the Collection for Christmas Flowers.

**In Memory Of**

Pasquale D’Albenzio
Smith & Courter Family
Ralph & Doris Borrello
Flanigan/Radlmann Families
Tom Salagaj
Al & Louise Serio
Rose Walters
John & Elizabeth Vochecowicz
Christina Vochecowicz
Kathleen Dudeck
Thomas Thompson
Bill Bransfield
Msgr. Michael J. Alliegro
Antonio Garcia Santiago
Lucian Angelo Haid
Thomas Joseph Carey
O’Neil, Kohl & Kelly Families
Loretta Sessa
Anne Burke Denes
Elaine Comba
The Passaro Family
The Scott Family
Edwin & Margaret Romond
Joseph & Helen Haluska
Eva Erickson
John Cowhey
Filomena & Augustine Eosso, Sr
Genevieve & Joseph Fortunato

Rose Marie & Carl Lewandowski
Robert Fortunato
Sophie Campagna
Godfrey & Maria Rosa Lumiaug
Diego F. Lumiaug
Charles & Lillian Getty
Andrew J. Brislin
Stanley Laurich
Helen & Jack Murphy
Ann & Gordon Ur
Eleanor Bordieri
Msgr. Richard Behl
Theresa M. Perrino
Pasquale Sardone
The Inaugurato Family
Margaret & Louis Grobarcik
Adolph Grobarcik
Joseph Parisi
Jeffrey Dolan
The Delfini Family
Marcelino & Juaneta Gavina
Annette & Charles Spero
Sophie & Stanley Wolanski
Stanley Wolanski, Jr.
Emma O’Donnell

**Gift Of**

Halina Malinowski
Jadwiga Bukowski
Mr. & Mrs. Rusnak

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

*January 14/15*

7:00pm: E. Gutiérrez, J. Pasquale, N. Cadorna, E. Lishinsky, C. Roberts, C. Evangelista
7:30am: C. Kozak, D. Monek, M & J Cyran, B & R Cushing
9:00am: M. Kushnerick, D. Heyden, J. Morrison, M. D’Amico, A. Bianchini, G. Monteleone, A. Major, S. Santangel
10:30am: E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S. Francis, J. Bundoc, B & E Williamson
12:00pm: K. Manchery, P. Morgan, T. / N. Rossi, A. McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

**Lectors: Jan. 14/15**

Jan. 14 - 11am - Confirmation - TBD
5:00pm: Larry McHugh
7:00pm: Jack Swartz
7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am: Elizabeth Rooney
10:30am: B. Moczula & M. Varley
12:00pm: Maureen Kelly Cranley

**Altar Servers: Jan. 14/15**

5:00pm Team 28
7:00pm Team 29
7:30am Team 1
9:00am Team 2
10:30am Team 3
12:00pm Team 4

FYI: St. Joseph Retreat Center, 850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY presents Meditation Monday on January 9, 7:30 - 9:00pm at a cost of $20 and Maturing in God on Thursday, Jan. 19, 1:00 - 3:00pm at a cost of $20. Call 718-720-1097.