Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
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Deacon Emeritus Guido J. Brossoni
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;
Thursday  7:30 pm Communion Serv. monthly
Saturday  8:00 am

MORNING PRAYER Monday-Friday 7:40 am

EUCARISTIC 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.

32 Elm Avenue  *  Metuchen, NJ  08840

SCHOOL  528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ  08840
Barbara Stevens, MS, Principal (548-3107)
Website  www.StFrancisCathedralSchool.org
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 Onerfer 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 Gendleeks-pzgendleks@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: Fri. 11:00 a.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-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 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)
  - Interfaith Network of Care (Volunteers for homebound/caregivers)
  - Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Clifford Jenkins r/o Howard & Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am - Sophia Konick r/o Ann & Jim Reilly
10:30am - Anne Oghia r/o Son, Christopher Oghia
Noon - Edward & Kevin Blash r/o Doherty Family

MONDAY, February 13
7:00am - Carmela D’Amico r/o Family
8:00am - Patricia Sacco r/o Mom
12:10pm - Helen & Walter Zamorski r/o Family

TUESDAY, February 14 - Saint Cyril & Saint Methodius
7:00am - Msgr. Dominic A. Turtora r/o Cathedral
8:00am - Dorothy Radlmann r/o Family
12:10pm - Doris Davey r/o Eileen Kuchar & Family

WEDNESDAY, February 15
7:00am - Marianna Pugliese r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
8:00am - Ne Thi Nguyen r/o Ann & Jim Reilly
12:10pm - (Liv.) Int. Ernie Gutierrez r/o Family

THURSDAY, February 16
7:00am - Vincent DeAndrea, Jr. r/o Bob & Dee Sneddon
8:00am - Benigno Balbido r/o Marisa Plaras
12:10pm - Mae & Charles A. Barker, Sr. r/o Charles A. Barker, Jr.

FRIDAY, February 17 - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
7:00am - Janet Winkler r/o Son Kurt Winkler
8:00am - Helen Batchelor r/o Jadwiga Puchacz
12:10pm - Jennie Battaglia r/o Ann & Paul Battaglia

SATURDAY, February 18
8:00am - Stanley Aleski r/o Ann Marie Aleski
5:00pm - Bill Zatorski r/o Bea & Family
7:00pm - C.E. Dominic r/o Shirley & Sylvester Fernandez

SUNDAY, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Margaret Yaros & Mary Noll r/o Jerry & Marlene Yaros
9:00am - Walter & Agnes O’Neil r/o Terry Kohl
10:30am - Jessica Rosamilia r/o Rosamilia Family
Noon - Annabelle August r/o Carol August

The Sanctuary Candle for this week
has been donated
in loving memory of
Barbara Meehan
by The Kwiatkowski Family
(in the Cathedral)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; and for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Helena Weidlocha, Dolores Schneller, Sister of Ron Seppi, John Degnan, Marissa Rose Tufaro, Margaret Cirillo, Brother-in-Law of Deacon Frank Cammarano, Margaret Finnegan, Marguerite Labadessa, Mother of Kathy Beck

...and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

Can We Find Peace Amid The Conflict?

In today’s readings we are reminded that the Lord calls each of us to be at peace with one another. Is there someone you know who is not baptized, or who has been baptized into another Christian tradition, who would like to hear more about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church and this message of peace? Sessions exploring these and other faith issues in relation to our Catholic belief are held every Monday evening, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm. To come to a session does not require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith Family. These sessions are meant to help people to decide whether or not they wish to form a closer relationship with God/Jesus through the Catholic Church. Just suggest that they Come and See.

For more information call RCIA – 732-562-1990 x1633.

FYI: Valentine’s Couples Retreat at Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer, Feb. 14, 5:30 - 9:00pm, $80/couple, 908-753-2091.

“Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy.” -- St. Ambrose
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

February is Catholic Press Month. Please use your tithing envelopes, or your e-Giving, to donate to our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit. Thank you.

~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; MSYG Valentine Dance takes place in the CYO from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

~MONDAY: Members of the parish Prayer Shawl will gather at 7:00pm in the Solarium.

~TUESDAY: ~Today is Valentine’s Day. Love one another. Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the JPII Room. Following prayer is Rosary Making.

~WEDNESDAY: MOMS’ Group meets from 9:15 - 11:00am in the Mary Room/St. Francis Room; Summer Camp Information Meeting takes place at 7:00pm in the Community Room; Bereavement session begins at 7:00pm in the Solarium/Joseph Room.

~THURSDAY: Bible Study takes place at 1:00pm & 7:30pm in the JPII Room; Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

~FRIDAY: SFCS Snow Date for New Family Registration from 9:00 - 11:30am & 1:00 - 2:00pm in Community Room; Legion of Mary at 11:00am in the JPII Room.

~NEXT WEEKEND: The annual diocesan Winter Collection will be taken at all Masses. This collection benefits the Campaign for Human Development and the Church in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (for dioceses where parishes are so far apart that priests cannot get to every parish each weekend. They must rely on lay leadership and need funds for lay minister training and catechesis). Please be generous in supporting these vital works.

Scrip will be available for purchase. Please support this fundraiser which benefits SFCSchool.

Dear Parish Family,

On Friday, January 27, our bus of 54 people, 18 of which were students, headed to Washington, D.C. for the 44th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. As always, it was a prayerful, peaceful March and this year we were so blessed to have Vice President Pence, KellyAnn Conway and Cardinal Dolan speak to well over half a million people who came from all over our country and the world to stand up for babies in the womb.

I offer my extreme gratitude to Monsignor Bob who sponsors this trip every year and for always keeping all God’s children and our ProLife Ministry in his prayers. So many people were involved in the success of this trip and I extend my gratitude to: Maureen Cummings and her daughter Mary Kate (for organizing the Rachel Rosary and the 20/20 presentation), Carolyn Roberts and Millie Porpora (for overseeing the student registrations), Angelika Lignell and her daughter Sarah (for the 54 handmade scarves) and Kara, Billy, Katie (Religious Affairs Rep.) and Will Kwiatkowski for always supporting this ministry and saying “yes” to God.

As Vice President Pence said at the March, “Life is Winning in America.”

~Elaine Yunker
SFC Pro Life Rep

This weekend the Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of Sophia Konick by her son Kevin Konick

Catholic School 2017-2018 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than Friday, March 31, 2017. Applications are available in English & Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the 5 Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in Feb.and March by going to www.dimetuchen.org/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.
Saint Francis Cathedral School
Registration for 2017 - 2018

The information below is for “New Families” to our school - - Pre-kindergarten - 7th grades. Please share this information with interested families. This applies to our current pre-k families as well. Thank you.

Daytime Registration for New Families to our School took place on Friday, February 10, 2017. If you have missed the date and would like to register, Evening Registration is available:

EVENING REGISTRATION - Tuesday, February 21
6:00 - 7:30pm Pre-K - 7th Grades
Registration held in the Cafeteria - Community Room

SNOW DATE: Tuesday, February 28, same time and place as February 21.

SFCSchool Msgr. Richard A. Behl Endowment Fund
This fund supports current and future students of SFCSchool. The endowment fund annual report was recently included with a weekly bulletin. If you missed it, copies can be found at all entrances of the church. Please pick up a copy to see all of the wonderful things happening at our school. Please consider making a donation to the endowment fund to help support future generations of students. Thank you for your support. –John P. Franklin, Jr.
SFS Class of 1971

Marriage Encounter
No reason why Valentine’s Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A 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 April 28 - 30. Visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org /732-904-9636.

Patriotic Program
On Wednesday, February 22, students of SFCSchool will honor current and former servicemen and servicewomen at their Patriotic Assembly in the Community Room at 7:00pm. If you would like us to recognize your service, or that of a family member, please call Mrs. Millie Porpora at the school office (732-548-3107) with information including your name, branch of service, rank and conflicts in which you served. Please join us.

You’re Invited!
Life Choices Resource Center’s
Annual Charity Banquet

“Grace & Glory”

Sunday, February 19, 2017 (4pm-8pm)
Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

INSPIRATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Rev. Stephen Imbarrato “The Protest Priest”

Tickets are $65.00 per person
For more information call: (732) 516-0911
Or Download a Reply/Sponsor Form
@ www.LifeChoicesRC.com
Booster & Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

A Special Book For Sale
A special book is for sale at the Rectory for $15. It’s entitled The Lighting of the Watch Fires. Written by Msgr. John B. Szymanski, it tells the story of the HOW and the WHY of the founding of Diocese of Metuchen and how St. Francis Church became a Cathedral. The Diocese just celebrated its 35th anniversary. The book also contains the chronicles of the first five years of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Religious Education News
Family Centered Religious Ed takes place today, February 12 at 9:15am in the Community Room. This month’s speaker is Allan Wright, the author of Praying, Reflecting and Sharing the Faith with the Questions of Jesus. Throughout the four Gospels Jesus asks over 100 questions. Allan Wright will speak about a few of these questions and how they can ignite and challenge our faith. All parishioners are welcome.
“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.”

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

Reflecting on God's Word: We live in a country where we prize our freedom, cling to our right to choose, and even define our homeland as "the land of the free." Today's scriptures remind us that along with rights come responsibilities. We are to respond to our God who made us and calls us to be a people of the new covenant, ratified by the saving death of God's Son on the cross. "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you," says Ben Sira (Sirach 15:15). For the Jewish people the law was a blessing and those who chose to keep the law would be blessed with life. That choice is still before us today.

We are to live as kin in what has been called the "kin-dom" of God. In a world that justifies preventative strikes, Jesus forbids not only killing but even getting angry and bearing a grudge. He teaches that reconciliation takes priority over worship, that the prohibition against adultery extends even to looking with lust at another, reducing a person to an object for self-gratification. Finally, he asks us not to swear but to speak with simplicity and integrity. Some might dismiss all this as impossible to achieve. But, as a young virgin was once told: "Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37).

--James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.
Summer Camp 2017

A Summer Where Friends Are Made

Camp will run for eight weeks beginning on June 19 and ending on August 11. Our program is open to all children ages 4 - 13. There will be a Camp Information Night on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm in the Community Room - please join us if you can. Campers will go on weekly trips, participate in daily activities and swim at the Metuchen Pool twice a week. They will also participate in arts& crafts, Gym, Computers and outdoor play. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rizzo at 732-548-3107 or email RizzoM@stfranciscathedralschool.org. All forms are available online at www.stfranciscathedralschool.org under the parents/students tab, then go to summer camp. Remember, spaces fill up quickly!

New Jersey’s Adoption Law Has Changed

Since January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives have been able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted. The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through its Catholic Charities agencies. If you know individuals that could be affected by the changes to the NJ Adoption Law, please alert them. Need assistance? HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

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.

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.

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 is tonight, February 12. The hour will include praise, worship and faith sharing. Fr. Mauricio Vasquez will lead a reflection on our journey with Christ. Reconciliation available. For info, Mary Ann Giannone: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

Youth Group News

–Feb. 12: MSYG Valentine Dance, 6:30 - 8:30pm, CYO. HSYG members are invited to help for service hours.
–Feb. 12: HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30pm, CYO.
–Feb. 18: Elijah’s Promise soup kitchen, New Brunswick, 10:00am - 2:00pm.

President’s Day Weekend - no meeting.
–Feb. 26: HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB - Topic: Surrender - - others before self and Christ above all.
–Mar. 3: MSYG begin Living Stations practice, 5:00 - 7:00pm. Meet in St. John Bosco Room to give out parts. Light dinner.

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.

Pro Life News:
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://wwwnjlleg.state.nj.us/districts/municipalities
Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225

--Food Collection Last Weekend: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to those in need. Students seeking service projects often conduct Food Drives; we welcome all.

“Journey Through Grief”
“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”
A program for those who have recently experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, friend or any loved one is being formed at the Cathedral. The Support Group will meet 8 Wednesdays.

DATE: February 15 TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Parish Center - Joseph Room/Solarium
CONTACT: Jessie Flynn (732-895-2563) Jo Flanigan (732-548-0100 x225)

There is no fee - - Pre-registration is required.

–We are very grateful to the parish, the families of St. Francis Cathedral School and our parish friends for the overwhelming donations to assist those in need during Christmas holidays. Thank you to SFCS Pre-K 4 for their sock collection.

–The Perth Amboy St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry would like to thank all those who have made donations to their food pantry. They currently serve over 300 families every week with supplemental groceries.

JOB BANK: Pearl Street Parking Garage seeks Attendants and Customer Service Reps at $9.50 per hour for all shifts, and Maintenance Employee fro 11:00pm - 7:00am shift, call Hector at 732-906-1661. Licensed Real Estate Agents needed, Realty World, Edison, part time or full time, email: rwamerica@aol.com or call 800-541-1999.

Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Cemeteries seeks Office Manager, email resume: HR@diometuchen.org

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark is hosting a Tea Time Gift Auction at the school on Friday, March 3. Doors open at 5:30pm. For details, visit our MSR Special Events Facebook page or giftauction@motherseton.org.

SUN: -Family Centered CCD, 9:15 - 11:30am, CCR
-Filipino American Community, 1:00pm, SOL
-YG Valentine Dance, 6:30 - 8:30pm, CYO
MON: -Prayer Shawl, 7:00pm, SOL
TUE: -Prayer Grp., 1pm, JPII; Rosary making follows
WED: -MOMS’ Group, 9:15am, MR/SFR
-Summer Camp Info Meeting, 7:00pm, CCR
-Bereavement begins, 7:00pm, SOL/JR
THU: -Bible Study, 1:00 & 7:30pm, JPII
-Body of Christ Prayer Group, 7:30pm, CCR
FRI: -Snow Date SFCS Registration, 9:00am & 1:00pm, CCR
-Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII

Next Weekend: Scrip - Diocesan Winter Collection

Eucharistic Ministers: February 18/19
7:00pm: E. Gutierrez, 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/MSantangel
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: February 18/19
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 - February 18/19
5:00pm Team 29 7:00pm Team 1
7:30am Team 2 9:00am Team 3
10:30am Team 4 12:00pm Team 5

24 Hour Prayer Line: Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour Prayer Line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431.

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.