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. 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; 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

- Advocates for Disabled: Jane Conlon & Janet Oнуfer 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-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 Ciasco/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-sfprayerette@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, March 19 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:30am    - Ben Yaros r/o Jerry & Marlene Yaros
9:00am    - Eleanor Morrissey Kelly r/o Joan & Frank Belmont *1st Scrutiny*
10:30am   - Jessica Rosamilia r/o Rosamilia Family
Noon      - Sr. Mary Carmel & Sr. Paul Gabriel r/o Licameli Family
MONDAY, March 20 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am    - Ted Dachowski r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am    - Patricia Sacco r/o Mom
*9:00am   - *School Liturgy*
12:10pm   - Stanley Piatek r/o Family
TUESDAY, March 21
7:00am    - Philip Yacovino r/o Lorraine Carniglia
8:00am    - John Mahon r/o Kathleen
12:10pm   - Andrew Villani r/o Frances
WEDNESDAY, March 22
7:00am    - (Liv.) In Thanksgiving r/o Isidro Vasquez & Family
8:00am    - Rose Morelli r/o Esther & Jim Hughes
12:10pm   - Antonio Roubo r/o Family
THURSDAY, March 23 - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
7:00am    - (Liv.) Int. Carol & Robert Brown r/o Fran Carey
8:00am    - Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners
12:10pm   - Gloria Govelitz r/o S. F. Rosary Altar Society
FRIDAY, March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero
7:00am    - Larry Tynday r/o Carolyn & Ralph Quaglia
8:00am    - Emil DePasquale r/o Pat Morgan
12:10pm   - Pasquale “Pat” Sardone r/o Wife
SATURDAY, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord
8:00am    - Joseph Divito r/o Anne & Steve Curto
5:00pm    - Robert Flaherty r/o Kenny Family
7:00pm    - Walter & Rosemary Mackowsky r/o Ken & Irene Daly *2nd Scrutiny*
SUNDAY, March 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30am    - Tommasina Calello r/o Serafino Calello
9:00am    - Halina Nowakowski r/o Husband Marian
10:30am   - Marion Janis r/o Terry Kohl
Noon      - Robert Flaherty r/o Louise DeCourcey & Beth DeCourcey Kocot

The Sanctuary Candle for this week
has been donated
in loving memory of
Bonnie Semple
by The Sneddon & Killean Family
(in the Cathedral)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; and for all those serving in Covert Operations
DECEASED: Fr. John’s nephew Mohan, Brother of Pat Walsh, Marguerite McCabe, Shawn Juchnewicz, Father of Jackie Duddy, Father of Judy Thomas, Mother of Judy Granelli

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. Please enclose in an envelope with information and place in collection basket or mail or bring to the Rectory.

–Msgr. Behl St. Francis School Endowment and The St. Francis Scholarship Fund: Memorial gifts may be made to either if 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.

Youth Group Teen Travel Camp
-Youth Group Teen Travel Camp 2017 for 6 - 8 graders. All days begin with 8:00am Mass in Cathedral in modest attire. Included is transportation, lunch, drink, snacks. Bring extra $. 
WEEK 1 - June 19 - June 23. Fee: $400/week or $85/day or $350/week or $75/day with Season Passes. Return form and non-refundable $50 deposit by April 15 - after 4/15 $25 late fee. Monday - Morris Museum; Tuesday - Foodbank; Wednesday - Anastasia Show in NYC; Thursday - Plant vegetables/peach tree in Milford/Pittstown; Friday - Six Flags & Safari, Jackson.
WEEK 2 - July 10 - July 14. Fee: $400/week or $85/day or $350/week or $75/day with Season Passes. Return form and non-refundable $50 deposit by April 15 - after 4/15 $25 late fee. Monday - Hurricane Harbor; Tuesday - Intrepid Sea, Air, Space Museum NYC; Wed’day - Plant vegetables in Milford/Pittstown; Thursday - Willie Wonka Show in N YC; Friday - Elijah’s Promise in am & movie or bowling in pm.
WEEK 3 - August 7-11. Fee: $400/week or $85/day or $350 /week or $75/day with Season Passes. Return form and non-refundable $50 deposit by April 15 - after 4/15 $25 late fee. Monday - Harvesting Time in Milford/Pittstown; Tuesday - Veteran’s Home in am & Outlet Mall in pm; Wed’day - Guggenheim Museum, NYC; Thursday - Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton; Friday - Six Flags & Safari.
Call Sister: 732-770-2506 or 732-548-0100 x306.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Tithe
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 3/12:
Envelopes & Loose Cash   $18,644
Electronic Offerings $ 7,014
Total $25,658

e-Giving
Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. To sign up, go to http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect/
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

—THIS WEEKEND: Diocesan Spring Collection to aid Catholic Relief Services and National Black & Indian Missions will be taken; Rosary Altar Society will host a Saint Patrick Bake Sale. Please bring your donations starting with 5:00pm Mass. Try their tasty treats and your Irish eyes will be smilin’. Scrip will be available for purchase.

—SUNDAY: First Scrutiny, 9:00am Mass; Welcome Reception for new parishioners will be held in the Community Room after noon Mass. MSYG Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, CYO.

—MONDAY: Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary. The students of SFCSchool will participate in a School Liturgy at 9:00am. All are welcome to pray with them.

—TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the JP II Room. Following prayer is Rosary Making; Men’s Group meets at 7:30pm in the JP II Room.

—WEDNESDAY: M O M S’ Group meets from 9:15 - 11:00 am in the Mary Room/St. Francis Room; Bereavement continues at 7:00pm in the Solarium/JR.

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

—FRIDAY: Legion of Mary will meet at 11:00am in the JP II Room; Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:50pm and 7:30pm; YG Living Stations Practice, 5:00 - 7:00pm in Church.

—SATURDAY: Girl Scouts meeting to discuss Religious Awards will take place 8:00am - 2:00pm in the Solarium/ Joseph Room. Second Scrutiny, 7:00pm Mass.

—NEXT SUNDAY: Boy Scouts, 1:30 - 6:00pm in SOL; HSYG meeting from 6:30-8:00pm in the SJB Rm.

—NEXT WEEKEND: Tickets are available for this year’s Tricky Tray Car Raffle - Cost is $25.

—Easter Flower Envelopes are available at the Cathedral entrances. Donations may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or simply as a gift to the Cathedral. Please be sure to indicate your intention on the envelope.

From Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen:

Dear St. Francis Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your amazing support of our baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser held in December, 2016. Because of your generosity, we raised $6,527! We are so grateful for your friendship and support!

Rest assured that when a mother chooses life, she has an army of angels like St. Francis Cathedral behind her. You have helped to provide FREE pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, adoption information and referrals along with material aid to mothers and families in difficult times. Your donations are helping us thrive so that we can serve families and save babies, lending a hand of hope and friendship while building up a culture of life, right here in our own back yard. May God bless you always and everywhere! We appreciate you!

Your friends at Life Choices Resource Center

“No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others...if you do no good for others, you do nothing great.”

—St. John Chrysostom

From St. Francis Cathedral Community of Filipino-Americans

Dear Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski,

We wish to thank you for your leadership over the various ministries of Saint Francis Cathedral and your valuable service to our parish, diocese and community. One particular service that is close to the hearts of our parishioners/members that helped enrich our spiritual journey, is that of the Music Ministry.

In appreciation, the Saint Francis Cathedral Community of Filipino-Americans is enclosing a check for $1,000 as its donation in support of this wonderful service being provided by this Group.

Sincerely,
Gil Vendiola, President
Evelyn Tamayo, Treasurer

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.
Bishop’s Annual Appeal  
_Ambassadors for Christ_

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop’s Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

Youth Group News

–Mar. 19: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO, Lenten Prayer and write cards for children in the hospital.
–Mar. 24: Living Stations practice, 5:00 - 7:00pm in Church.
–Mar. 25: Both YG visit Children’s Hospital at St. Peter’s
–Mar. 26: HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, JP11 Room, Lenten Prayer - 7 Sorrows of Mary.
–Mar. 31: Living Stations practice, 5:00 - 7:00pm in Church.
–April 2: Catholic Youth Spirituality Day, at Immaculata High School, Somerville,10:00am - 6:00pm, Mass at 5:00pm. The day will feature _Hard As Nails Ministry_ and its co-founder Justin Fatica will speak. Cost: $25 includes lunch. Sr.Maria Lan at 732-770-2506/smlorchid@hotmail.com.

Steubenville... A weekend getaway for high school teens (8 - 12 grade), highly recommended, inspirational, grace-filled gathering of 5,000 youth from all over U.S.. It will be held at St. John’s University (8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens NY 11439) on _July 21-23, 2017_. Cost for the weekend prior to May 1 is $310; after May 1 it is $335.Cost includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, coach bus, tips. **Non-Refundable Deposit: $50 immediately** to save your space. Pay monthly: $100 by 3/20; $100 by 4/01, $135 4/20. Provide email/phone # to Sr. Maria Lan for permission slip. View inspirational website: https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/conf-nyc.

_The Paschal Meal_

A Re-Enactment of the “Seder” in the context of the Last Supper will be held in the Community Room on _Tuesday of Holy Week (April 11)_ at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate a living Passover Meal - like that attended by Jesus and His Apostles. Share with your Parish Family an evening of food and prayer. Reservations are necessary (use form below). Minimum donation: $8/Adults, $5/children under 12. If you can _volunteer_ to help, phone Aileen McGuire (732- 494-7080). _Attention Teenagers:_ If you need Service Hours, your help with this event will be greatly appreciated. Phone Mrs. McGuire for the details.  

Tear off and return to Rectory (or place in Collection Basket).  

**THE PASCHAL MEAL**

Name______________________________
Phone No.__________________________
Adults_____________________________
Children___________________________
Amount enclosed $__________________

Bishop James Checchio has recently written a Pastoral Letter, “_Lighting a fire in the heart of our world._” It is a reflection of his pastoral visits to parishes, schools and other institutions throughout our diocese, and of his conversations with the people he met therein. Please read Bishop’s letter in _The Catholic Spirit_ or online at:  

A short video message from Bishop Checchio about this letter is available for viewing at:  

_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. Dates are: _today, 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. 

_Please Support Our School_

SFCS will _Raffle a 2017 Ford Mustang_ at our annual Tricky Tray on May 19. Tickets are $25 and will be on sale in the breezeway after Masses on select weekends. Tickets are also available at the Rectory and School Office. All proceeds will profit SFCSchool and its students. 

_Sail Away Tricky Tray_

The St. Francis Cathedral School HSA announces the 20th Annual Tricky Tray, “_Sail Away._” to be held _Friday, May 19_ at the NJ Convention Center, Edison. All proceeds will benefit our school. Tickets go on sale for school families on March 17; for the general public on March 27. Admission is $35. Please see blog on school website, www.stfranciscathedralschool.org for more information.

The grand prize this year will be a 2017 Ford Mustang! Raffle tickets will be sold in the breezeway after select Masses in March, April and May and will also be available for sale at the Rectory or the School Office during business hours. Questions should be directed to trickytray@stfranciscathedralschool.org.
“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
–Romans 5:8

THIRST
Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

THIRSTING FOR UNITY
In today’s Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?” But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.
Senior Bible Study Classes

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love, the post-synodal document of Pope Francis, has been the topic of study and discussion all over the world. The biblical; basis of this document will be the focus of this series, presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig, Consultant to the Formation and Leadership Office and Fr. Abraham Orapankal, Director of the Family Life Office. It will take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center on the following Wednesdays: March 22; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3,10. Registration fee: $5 per session. For additional information, call 732-562-1990 x1705/x4573.

Mary's Way of the Cross

Come join us on this solemn journey as seen through the eyes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus as she follows her Son on His way to Calvary. Feel prayerful repentance and grateful redemption as we walk Jesus’ last steps. Feel Mary’s sorrow, confusion and helpfulness, as well as her ever-present faith and unwavering loyalty while she witnessed her Son’s intense suffering. It will take place in the Cathedral on Friday evening, April 7 at 7:30pm and all are welcome.

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 Application Workshops, which are being held in locations within the Diocese in March. Go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance and follow the Workshops link.

Men’s Group News

Come together with parish men of all ages to share and discuss topics pertinent to our Catholic faith. Form or re-establish friendships through Jesus Christ. Old and new members are invited to our next meeting: Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30pm in the JPII Room of the Parish Center. For additional information, contact Tom Thomas at 732-692-4819 or at Facebook@SFC.MensGroup.

“A mountain shames a molehill until they are both humbled by the stars.” –Old Adage

Lenten Opportunities

We are in the midst of the Lenten Season. These weeks are a time of preparation for Holy Week and the great Feast of the Resurrection. Take advantage of the many opportunities offered at the Cathedral for spiritual renewal.

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday, 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10pm; Saturdays at 8:00am.

Lenten Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday, 7:40am.

Rosary: Monday - Friday, 11:45am; Saturday, 8:45am, preceded by Novena to Our Lady.

Bible Study: Thursdays, 1:00pm & 7:30pm, JPII Room

Eucharistic Adoration: Lady Chapel, Monday through Friday, 7:00am - 11:00pm.

Friday Stations of the Cross: 12:50pm and 7:30pm; April 7 at 7:30pm is Mary’s Way of the Cross.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 1:00 - 2:00pm & 6:00 - 6:30pm or by appointment; not on Holy Saturday, April 15.

Living Stations of the Cross: Presented by the Youth of the Cathedral Parish on Palm Sunday, April 9, 7:00pm

R.C.I.A.

This week at the 9:00 am Mass, the first of three scrutinies will be celebrated with the Elect of our parish, SARAH JENSEN. She will be baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass. The scrutinies afford the Elect and the community the opportunity to examine our hearts and minds by the light of the gospel. Scrutinies are intended to heal what is weak, defective and sinful, and to protect the elect from temptation and to strengthen them in Christ. The first scrutiny focuses on the gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well. That gospel story allows us to encounter the sins that prevent us from quenching our thirsts with the “Living Water”, who is Jesus our Redeemer. Please pray for Sarah as she journeys towards baptism. Next Saturday we will celebrate the second scrutiny at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Please remember to pray for our Elect/Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. If you have not had an opportunity to select an Elect or Candidate to spiritually sponsor during Lent, please take one of their prayer cards which are at the doorways of the Church. A small note, or card, indicating your support, will help make them feel welcomed into our community. Bring it to the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket, addressed to the name of the Elect or Candidate c/o R.C.I.A.

A light reception will follow the Easter Vigil to welcome those who will be initiated into our Catholic family. All are invited! We would greatly appreciate any donation of cookies, brownies, or finger cakes for the reception. Please call Sara Sharlow @ 732-562-1990 x 1633 if you would like to contribute to the celebration. It would be a nice gesture of welcome for the new members of our family.

“An adage holds that a mountain shames a molehill until they are both humbled by the stars.” –Old Adage
–Thank you to all who regularly donate to keep our Food Pantry well stocked for the needy. Consider making this gift a part of your Lenten routine.

Join us at the Lenten Bread and Soup Dinner

Thursday, March 30
5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Cathedral Community Room

Come and enjoy a meal of delicious homemade soup and a bountiful assortment of breads.
All Are Invited To Attend!
Free will offering for those in need.
Pots of Soup AND Volunteers WELCOME
Please contact Social Concerns 548-0100 x225

–Middlesex College Open House on Sunday, April 2, 10:00am - 1:00pm in West Hall. Learn about our 88 degrees, go on campus tours, meet faculty and staff, learn about financial aid opportunities. Register at MCCOPENHOUSE.COM.

–Mark Your Calendar: Parish Blood Drive - Tuesday, April 25, 3:00 - 8:30pm. Give the Gift of Life! Walk-In Welcome.

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

Music At St. Mary’s

Violinist Alexei Yavtuhovich and organist Shea Velloso team up for what is certain to be a memorable experience when they perform on Sunday, March 26 at 4:00pm in St. Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy. Alexei is critically acclaimed for his performances throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. Shea is a regular performer in the tri-state area, and on the radio show, Pipedreams. Admission is free; suggested donation is $15. For questions, call MASM at 732-857-0202.


This Weekend: Diocesan Spring Collection
St. Patrick Bake Sale - Scrip
SUN:  -First Scrutiny, 9:00am Mass
    -Welcome Reception, 1:00pm, CCR
    -MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO
MON:   -School Liturgy, 9:00am, SOL
TUE:    -Prayer Grp., 1pm, JPII; Rosary making follows
        -Men’s Group, 7:30pm, JPII
WED:   -MOMS’ Group, 9:15am, MR/SFR
        -Bereavement, 7:00pm, SOL/JR
THU:   -Bible Study, 1:00 & 7:30pm, JPII
        -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 7:30pm, CCR
FRI:    -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPII
        -Stations of the Cross, 12:50 & 7:30pm, Church
        -YG Living Stations Practice, 5 - 7:00pm, SJB
SAT:    -Girl Scouts, 8:00am - 2:00pm, SOL/JR
        -Second Scrutiny, 7:00pm Mass
SUN:    -Boy Scouts, 1:30 - 6:00pm, SOL
        -HSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, SJB

Next Weekend: Car Raffle Tickets

Eucharistic Ministers - March 25/26

5:00pm  N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro, E. Munoz, S. Sweeney, J. Franklin, P. Bershak
7:00pm  C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, E. Swan, J. Onufer
7:30am  D. Ulbrich, C. & J. Donahue, S. Rilo, J.O’Mara,
        9:00am G.Monte Leone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski, M. D’Amico, R. Quaglia, L.Moriarty, D. Hayden
10:30am M. Conroy, B. Coakes, R. Barnan, F. Corrente, J. & J
        Grigo, D. Pappalardo, J.Bundoc, E.Beyers
12:00pm M.Licameli, M. & J. Hernandez, J. & R. Baker,
        K. Manchery, P. Morgan

Lectors - March 25/26

5:00am: Maria Tomaro      7:00pm: Kieran Esposito
7:30am: Mary Brossoni                     9:00am: Marnie Jeney
10:30am: June & Steve Mellinger    12:00pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - March 25/26

5:00pm Team 2  7:00pm Team 3
7:30am Team 4  9:00am Team 5
10:30am Team 6  12:00pm Team 7

Community Happenings

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Eucharistic Ministers - March 25/26

5:00pm  N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro, E. Munoz, S. Sweeney, J. Franklin, P. Bershak
7:00pm  C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, E. Swan, J. Onufer
7:30am  D. Ulbrich, C. & J. Donahue, S. Rilo, J.O’Mara,
        9:00am G.Monte Leone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski, M. D’Amico, R. Quaglia, L.Moriarty, D. Hayden
10:30am M. Conroy, B. Coakes, R. Baran, F. Corrente, J. & J
        Grigo, D. Pappalardo, J.Bundoc, E.Beyers
12:00pm M.Licameli, M. & J. Hernandez, J. & R. Baker,
        K. Manchery, P. Morgan

Lectors - March 25/26

5:00am: Maria Tomaro      7:00pm: Kieran Esposito
7:30am: Mary Brossoni                     9:00am: Marnie Jeney
10:30am: June & Steve Mellinger    12:00pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - March 25/26

5:00pm Team 2  7:00pm Team 3
7:30am Team 4  9:00am Team 5
10:30am Team 6  12:00pm Team 7

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Music At St. Mary’s

Violinist Alexei Yavtuhovich and organist Shea Velloso team up for what is certain to be a memorable experience when they perform on Sunday, March 26 at 4:00pm in St. Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy. Alexei is critically acclaimed for his performances throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. Shea is a regular performer in the tri-state area, and on the radio show, Pipedreams. Admission is free; suggested donation is $15. For questions, call MASM at 732-857-0202.