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Bishop of Metuchen

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

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Rev. Gerard Paderon, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Kavas, Parochial Vicar
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WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Vigil 5:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

HOLY DAY MASSES
Vigil 5:00 pm
Feast Day 7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10, 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday 7:00, 8:00 am;
12:10 pm (Rosary 11:45 am)
Thursday 7:30 pm Communion Serv. monthly
Saturday 8:00 am

MORNING PRAYER Monday-Friday 7:40 am

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00am—11:00pm
(Monday—Friday) Lady Chapel - Parish Center

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)
Saturdays 1:00-2:00 pm and 6:00-6:30 pm
or by appointment.
NEW PARISHIONERS are welcome to register by completing a form available in our Parish Office as soon as possible after moving to the area.

EUCHARIST FOR SICK/HOMEBOUND: Phone Rectory (548-0100) and arrangements will be made.

BAPTISM: 1:30 pm by appointment only (most Sundays)
Baptismal Seminar: Pre-registration is required. Attendance during pregnancy is preferable. 7:45 pm, Rectory Meeting Room.

MARRIAGE: Registered parishioner(s) preparing for marriage should contact the rectory one year in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Mon, Thurs: 4:00 - 5:05 pm.; Tuesday evening: (8th grade) 6:30 - 7:35 pm.

MARIAN NOVENA/ROSARY: Saturdays after 8:00 am Mass.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Those wishing to learn more about/be received into the Catholic Faith - please phone 548-0100. (Sara Sharlow).

SPONSORSHIP: Active practice of the faith, together with registration, is necessary for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.

Parish 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: PamGendlek-pzgendlek@comcast.net
-Cathedral Choirs: Folk - Steve Kirbos - steve@kirbos.net; Thom DeLessio:548-0100 x 235
-Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D'Amico - dghmad@aol.com
-Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia-rquaglia19@gmail.com
-Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendola & Helen Vendola (548-0100)
-Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
-Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Jenn Cascio/Kathleen Gwozdz - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
-Knights of Columbus: KofC3272.webs.com
-Legion of Mary: 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)
- Intrafaith Network of Care (Volunteers for homebound/caregivers)
- Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
*7:00am - Conor McCadden r/o McCadden Family
*8:30am - Bernard & Mary McGivney r/o Bern Bransfield & Family
10:30am - Frank Kreiger r/o Kara Kwiatkowski & Family
*12:30pm - Joseph Wojciechowski r/o Family

MONDAY of HOLY WEEK - April 10
7:00am - Maria Brosconi r/o Deacon Guido & Mary
8:00am - Theresa Perrino r/o Family
*7:30pm - *Mass of Chrism & Priestly Commitment*

TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK - April 11
7:00am - Robert Flaherty r/o Mr. & Mrs. Louis Salerno
8:00am - Stanistalia Podeszwa r/o Family
12:10pm - Kerry May r/o Joan Schurmann

WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK - April 12
7:00am - Regina Licameli r/o Cathedral
8:00am - Joseph Timothy Momot r/o Lucille Momot Tagie
12:10pm - Walter & Helen Zamorski r/o Family

See Page Four for complete Holy Week and Easter schedule

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


DECEASED: Brother-in-Law of Fr. Gerry Paderon, Irene Wilson, Elizabeth Sequeira, Ana Cecilia Riera, Dolores Romeo, Raymond Langbein, Brother of Doris Rossi, Elizabeth Tremmel, Danielle Canton Sozio, Brother of Pat Walsh, Marguerite McCabe, Shawn Juchnewicz, Father of Jackie Duddy

...and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions
Passion (Palm) Sunday - Holy Week - Easter

Passion (Palm) Sunday
--Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. (Choir) and 12:30 p.m.;
--10:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass
  Blessed Palm will be distributed and The Passion according to Saint Matthew will be proclaimed at all Masses.
--7:00 p.m. Living Stations of The Cross - presented by Youth Groups in the Cathedral.

Monday of Holy Week
--Mass Schedule (7:00, 8:00 a.m.)
--7:30 p.m. - Mass of CHRISM and Priestly Commitment (Celebrant/Homilist: Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen)

Tuesday of Holy Week
--Regular Mass Schedule (7:00, 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.)
--7:00 p.m. Parish Seder Meal (Community Room)

Wednesday of Holy Week
--Regular Mass Schedule (7:00, 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.)
--SFCS School Prayer Service (11:00 a.m.)

Holy Thursday
--9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Presider: Rev. Gerry Paderon, Parochial Vicar
  Eucharistic Adoration in Lady Chapel concludes at 6:00 p.m.
--7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Procession and Adoration Vigil at Repository until 11:00 p.m.
  (Celebrant: Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen
  The Great Easter Fast for the sacred Triduum begins after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

--Good Friday (A Day of Fast and Abstinence) Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena, prayed daily beginning today after Morning Prayer, will conclude on Saturday, April 22 after 8:00 a.m. Mass.
--9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer - Presider: Rev. John Kavas, Parochial Vicar
--12:00 Noon - 2:45 p.m.: Three Hours Meditations, “Tre Ore” (Homilists: Deacons of the Parish,
  Theme: “The Seven Last Words of Christ”)
--3:00 p.m.: Solemn Liturgical Service - The Passion and Death of Our Lord
  (Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen)
--7:30 p.m.: Stations and Veneration of the Cross until 9:00 p.m.
--8:00 p.m.: “The Passion of Christ and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with an evidence-based Analysis of the Wounds and Death of Jesus,” led by F. F. Primich, M.D. in the Cathedral Community Room.

Holy Saturday (Fasting until the Great Easter Vigil - No Confessions)
--9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena -Presider: Deacon J.P. Saggese
--1:00 p.m.: Blessing of Food - CYO Hall
--8:05 p.m.: The Great Easter Vigil (Celebrant and Homilist: Most Rev. James F. Checchio,
  Bishop of Metuchen)

Easter Sunday
--Masses at 7:00 a.m. followed by Divine Mercy Novena, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Choir), 12:30 p.m.

Easter Monday Lady Chapel reopens at 7:00 a.m.; Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Divine Mercy Novena.
Easter Tuesday through Saturday Masses at 7:00, 8:00 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.; Divine Mercy Novena after 12:10 p.m. Mass.


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**Let’s Not Forget**

**Annual Collection for Retired Priests**

The second collection **this weekend**, Palm Sunday April 8/9, is for the **Fund for Retired Diocesan Priests**. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 26 retired priests, as well as for our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let’s not forget.

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**SUNDAY**: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am; 12:30pm; Youth Group Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in Church. All are invited to join our youth for this special living devotion.

**Religious Education** classes will not be held this week and next in observance of Holy Week and Easter.

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**MONDAY**: Parish Seder Reservations Deadline at mid-morning; **No 12:10pm Mass**; the **Mass of Chrism and Priestly Commitment** will be celebrated at 7:30pm.

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**TUESDAY**: Rosary Altar Day of Recollection, 9:00am, in Solarium; **Parish Seder Meal**, 7:00pm, Community Room.

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**WEDNESDAY**: Prayer Service for SFCS students, 11:00am

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In observance of Easter, the **Rectory Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and EasterMonday**.

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**HOLY THURSDAY**: **Morning Prayer**, 9:00am; the **Blessed Sacrament** in The Lady Chapel will be **reposed** at 6:00pm and **Exposition** will resume on Easter Monday at 7:00am; **Mass of the Lord’s Supper** at 7:30pm and the great Easter fast begins. From the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening until the celebration of the Paschal Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the **Easter Fast** should be observed; Following Mass of the Lord’s Supper, **Adoration at the Repository** until 11:00pm.

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**GOOD FRIDAY**: A day of **fast and abstinence** (abstaining from meat and meat products starting at age 14); **Morning Prayer**, 9:00am, after which **Divine Mercy Novena** begins and will be prayed daily through Saturday, April 22; **Tre Ore**, noon - 2:45pm; **Passion and Death of Our Lord**, 3:00pm; **Holy Land Collection**: Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm followed by an analysis of the wounds of Jesus by F.F. Primich, M.D. in Community Room.

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**HOLY SATURDAY**: **Morning Prayer**, 9:00am followed by Divine Mercy Novena; **Blessing of Food**, 1:00pm, CYO; The Great Easter Vigil, 8:05pm; **No confessions** on Holy Saturday.

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**EASTER SUNDAY**: Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am; 12:30pm; **Easter Egg Hunt** after 12:30pm Mass.

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**Banns of Marriage**

I

Laura Sharlow/Connor Chapkowski
Kimberly Manual/Chris Edra

II

Lauren Acevedo/Juan Guerra
Cassie Doherty/Heath David
Alicia Flannery/Scott Finley

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**Chrism Mass**

On **Monday, April 10** at 7:30pm, Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom - - which we now call the Chrism Mass - - in his Cathedral in Milan. These holy oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of Confrimandi, the hands of a Priest at his ordination, the head of a Bishop at his ordination and the altar and walls of new churches. At this Mass all Priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His people; the Bishop and all priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to attend this ancient, grace-filled celebration at the Cathedral.

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**Divine Mercy Novena**

Beginning on Good Friday, and continuing through Saturday, April 22, our parish will join in praying a novena of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, it will follow morning prayer. On Easter Sunday it will be prayed after the 7:00am Mass. On Monday it will be prayed after 9:00am Mass; on Tuesday through Friday it will be prayed at 12:50pm. On Saturday, April 22, it will be prayed after 8:00am Mass and will conclude. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, there will be a 3:00pm service (**Not A Mass**) at the Cathedral. We hope our parishioners will avail themselves of these many opportunities for God’s grace and mercy.

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**Easter Flower Envelopes** are available at the Cathedral entrances. Donations may be made **in honor of or in memory of** a loved one, or as a gift to the Cathedral. Please be sure to **indicate your intention** on the envelope. Anyone who can **help take care of the Easter flowers** should call the Rectory Office at 732-548-0100 x210.
2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal  
*Ambassadors for Christ*

It’s not too late to participate in the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. In addition to our parish goal, we are looking to achieve our non-monetary goal of 100% participation. A gift from every household, no matter the size, will make a powerful statement about our commitment to our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift today. Mail your pledge to: Bishop’s Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or give online at [www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

As of 3/30/17, the BAA St. Francis Cathedral Totals are:
- Goal: $343,000
- Pledges: $282,538.27
- Paid: $242,576.35
- Donors: 612
- % Pledged to Goal: 82.4%

As of 3/30/17, the BAA Diocesan Totals are:
- Goal: $7,000,000
- Pledges: 6,399,466.19
- Paid: $5,212,713.85
- Donors: 19,936
- % Pledged to Goal: 91.42%

Thank you for joining us as *Ambassadors for Christ* with your gift to the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

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 takes place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center on the following Wednesdays: April 12, 19, 26; May 3,10. Registration fee: $5 per session. For additional information, call 732-562-1990 x1705/x4573.

Bishop Ahr H.S. Lenten Offering

You are invited to a Simple Soup Supper on Tuesday, April 11 from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the BGA cafeteria. Following the meal, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Little Theatre at 7:00pm. So we can prepare food for the correct number of people, please phone 732-549-1108 x648 and let us know the number of people who will be attending. There is no cost, but a **free will offering** will be accepted and given to Elijah’s Promise and TASK, both soup kitchens where BGA students volunteer.

“Love of our neighbor is included in the love of God.”  
–St. Thomas Aquinas

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Youth Groups will host the Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers to 10-year-olds on **Easter Sunday after the 12:30pm Mass.**

There will be 3 spots for egg hunting this year: lawn adjacent to Rectory driveway - ages 1 through 3; Garden of Mary’s Children - ages 4 - 6; Convent backyard - ages 7 - 10. Bring your own basket for collecting eggs. Children will be directed to their age-appropriate location for finding eggs. **Please Remember: Egg hunting does not begin until 12:30 Mass has been dismissed!** Call Sister Maria Lan at 732-770-2506.

God’s Plan for Giving

**Tithing**

Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 4/02:
- Envelopes & Loose Cash: $24,592
- Electronic Offerings: $7,367
- Total: $31,959

**e-Giving**

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

Msgr. Richard A. Behl Memorial Pro-Life Leadership Award

With the sad passing of Monsignor Behl this past November, a memorial pro-life leadership award has been established to honor his memory. Msgr. Behl served for many years as the Chairman of the Diocesan Commission for Pre-Life Action. His commitment to the sanctity of human life and his leadership in pro-life ministry were an inspiration to many.

Applications for the award are now being accepted. Applicants must be a Junior or Senior in High School and must be active in pro-life ministry in a leadership role. For additional eligibility requirements and application form, visit: [http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/events/](http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/events/).

The Award in the amount of $500 will be announced at our Annual Respect Life Contest Mass & Luncheon this May.
“God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.”

--Philippians 2:9

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as He enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul’s letter to the Philippians clarify His features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before His captors and persecutors; He is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before He endures His final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us “behold the Lamb of God” before we hear the story of His final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of His passion, for we — His Body through baptism, the church — now bear His face. We must, with Him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with Him, enter into His final triumph.

THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST JESUS

The Lenten cycle brings us to this "mixed" Sunday of palm branches and painful suffering. Our liturgy opens by recalling Jesus' triumphant entry along the main road into Jerusalem, then moves quickly to the back streets of betrayal and humiliation, the courtyards of torture and abandonment, the hill of execution.

Isaiah's strange and gripping "Song of the Servant of God" was to become the song of Jesus. It is the song of one who strides forward consistently in the face of criticism, even scorn: "I have not rebelled, have not turned back." It is to become our song, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

How are we to react when we hear the account of the passion and death of the Lord? Paul tells us that our attitude must be Christ's, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." We pray that we may absorb the attitude of Christ, and face life squarely in its triumph and its pain.
Rosary Altar Day of Recollection
On Tuesday, April 11 from 9:00am - 3:00pm, members of the Rosary Altar Society will meet in the Solarium. Coffee and cake will be served until 9:15am when Sr. Marie Pauline Demek, a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity, will give a presentation about her Order. A donation for the day is $10. Participants will attend 12:10pm Mass in the Cathedral; luncheon at Charlie Brown’s in Edison at 1:30pm is optional. Call Carmela Guarnera for reservations: 732-549-7587.

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. 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 missed the Camp Information Night and have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rizzo at 732-548-3107 or email RizzoM@stfranciscathedralschool.org. Forms available online at www.stfranciscathedralschool.org under the parents/students tab, then go to summer camp. Remember, spaces fill up quickly!

The Paschal Meal
A Re-Enactment of the “Seder” in the context of the Last Supper will be held in the Community Room on this Tuesday evening 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 will be taken until mid-morning on Monday. Minimum donation: $8/Adults, $5/children under 12.

Youth Group News
- April 9: Living Stations of the Cross presented by our Youth Group members tonight at 7:00pm in the Cathedral. All are invited to attend and experience this living devotion.
- June 21: Trip to NYC by train to see Anastasia at the Broadhurst Theater. Leave SFC at 9:45am and return at 4:30pm. Cost before May 11: $65 for ticket and train without meal; $85 for ticket and train with meal; After May 11: $90.00 Call Sr. Maria Lan at 732-770-2506/smlorchid@hotmail.com.
- 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 after 4/15 $25 late fee. Monday - Hurricane Harbor; Tuesday - Intrepid Sea, Air, Space Museum NYC; Wednesday - Plant vegetables in Milford/Pittstown; Thursday - Willie Wonka Show in N Y C; 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; Wednesday - Intrepid Sea, Air, Space Museum; Thursday - Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton; Friday - Six Flags & Safari. Call Sister: 732-770-2506 or 732-548-0100 x306.

Sisters of Christian Charity
June 3, 2017 will mark the 200th birthday of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt (Mother Pauline), foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity. From time to time we will offer a biographical sketch of this holy woman. Pauline was born on June 3, 1817 in Minden, Germany, the first of four children of Detmar, a Protestant and Bernardine, a Catholic. According to the prevailing law of Prussia, Pauline should have been raised the religion of her father. But risking his government career, Detmar permitted his daughter to be baptized and raised and educated as a Catholic. This was not without difficulty in a household with a high public profile. But Pauline’s mother was careful to see that love overcame all controversy.

Religious Education Registration 2017 - 2018
Registration is underway. Registration forms have been sent home with the students already, so please make sure to re-register your child(ren) as soon as possible, especially if you need a certain program model. Registration forms can also be found online at the parish website (www.stfranciscathedral.org - - click on the Religious Ed tab). If you have any questions, please call the Office at 732-548-0100 x226 or e-mail us at ReligiousEd@stfranciscathedral.org.
You Are Cordially Invited To
The Celebration at the Easter Vigil of
The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
To Be Received By
SARAH JENSEN
And the Rite of Reception into the
Full Communion of the Catholic Church of
CHRISTOPHER COMTESS,
And the Celebration of Confirmation and Eucharist
To Be Received By
JOSE VILLAR and OSCAR VILLAR
To Be Celebrated on SATURDAY, APRIL 15
At 8:05 PM

BECAUSE THE EASTER VIGIL MASS WILL INCLUDE THE ABOVE
CELEBRATIONS, IT WILL BE LONGER THAN THE NORMAL SUNDAY LITURGY
A Reception Will Follow
In The Cathedral Community Room

Please help to make the Reception special for those we are welcoming into our Parish Family by donating a plate of cookies or brownies or finger size cakes. Please call Sara Sharlow at 732-562-1990 x 1633 if you would like to donate. If you cannot come to the Celebration please consider donating anyway. We can make arrangements to pick up your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

How To Report Sexual Abuse
If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement, through the diocesan website (www.diometuchen.org) or by calling Lawrence Nagle, diocesan office of Child & Youth Protection at 732-562-2413.

Marriage Encounter
For some truly meaningful time away together, something that lasts long after the weekend is over, why not decide 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 April 28 - 30. Visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org /732-904-9636.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Prior to setting the Reception date, contact Margaret Manza (732-548-0100 x212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.

Are you dealing with a serious life-changing illness?
Then take “time out” for some spiritual renewal and attend a Gennesaret Retreat, which offers a respite, an oasis for your journey. Offered free of charge, this 3-day retreat is a time to focus on God’s love, His forgiveness and faithfulness. A medical team will visit prior to the retreat to assess your needs. All are welcome! Location: Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny on May 19, 20,21 OR Oct. 20,21,22. Call Hilare Reinold at 732-566-7237 or Linda Capobianco at 732-608-7277.

This Weekend: Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy
SUN: -Palm Sunday Masses:7:00, 8:30,10:30am;12:30pm
-Filipino American Community, 1:00pm, SOL
-Youth Group Living Stations, 7:00pm, Church
NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK
MON: -No 12:10pm Mass
-Mass of Chrism & Priestly Commitment, 7:30pm
TUE: -Rosary Altar Day of Recollection, 9:00am, SOL
-Parish Seder Meal 7:00pm, CCR
WED: -SFCSchool Prayer Service, 11:00am
THU: -Holy Thursday - Rectory & School Closed
-Eucharist in Lady Chapel reposed at 6:00pm
-Mass of Lord’s Supper,7:30pm;Adoration until 11
FRI: -Good Friday - Rectory & School Closed
-Tre Ore, noon- 2:45pm/Holy Land Collection
-Passion and Death of Our Lord, 3:00pm
-Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm
-Analysis of Passion/Death of Christ, 8pm, CCR
SAT: -Holy Saturday - No Confessions
-Morning Prayer/Divine Mercy Novena begins
-Blessing of Food, 1:00pm, CYO
-Liturgy of the Great Vigil of Easter, 8:05pm
SUN: -Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord
-Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30pm
-Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00pm, 3 locations by age
Easter Monday: One Mass at 9am; Divine Mercy Novena after