Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

32 Elm Avenue  *  Metuchen, NJ  08840

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

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

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Rev. Antony Arockiadoss, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Werner  Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, In Residence

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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

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.

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.

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.

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**Parish Contacts**

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

- **- PARISH GROUPS -**
  - Adult Acolytes: John Grigo (548-0100)
  - Body of Christ Prayer Group: Pam Gendlek-pzdgendlek@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 Vendiola & Helen Vendiola (548-0100)
  - Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
  - Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
  - Knights of Columbus: KofC3272.webs.com
  - Legion of Mary: Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnrbaker@optonline.net
  - Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
  - Mens’ Group: Tom Thomas-sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
  - MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli (548-0100)
  - Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-sfprayer@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)
    - Intrfaith Network of Care (Volunteers for homebound/caregivers)
    - Unemployment Support Group (Networking)
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord
7:30am  - Angeline & James Monek r/o Donna Monek
9:00am  - Jack Granelli r/o Judy Granelli
10:30am  - Deacon Neil Smoyak r/o Shirley Smoyak
Noon  - Kathleen Dudeck r/o Caroline, Meghan, Maeve & Clara

MONDAY, August 7 - Pope Saint Sixtus II & Saint Cajetan
7:00am  - Liv. (Int.) Deacon Paul & Marian Licameli r/o Cenacle Group
8:00am  - Edith Altavilla r/o Joe Perrino
12:10pm  - Amelia Ciccone r/o Daughter Nina Schwarzman

TUESDAY, August 8 - Saint Dominic
7:00am  - Joyce Korn r/o Nora Kenny-Eidson
8:00am  - Ian Davideit r/o Davideit Family
12:10pm  - Michael Corrigan r/o Mary Anne Hale

WEDNESDAY, August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
7:00am  - Liv. (Int.) Sister Trinitas r/o Varco Family
8:00am  - Carol Gronroos r/o Trudy & Jim Goodwin
12:10pm  - Peggyann Tuma r/o Regan Family

THURSDAY, August 10 - Saint Lawrence
7:00am  - Anna May Moisewicz r/o Janet Moisewicz
8:00am  - Patrick Branigan r/o Art & Jane Paltz
12:10pm  - Living & Deceased Saint Francis Parishioners

FRIDAY, August 11 - Saint Clare
7:00am  - Dr. Anthony Santoro r/o Sessa Family
8:00am  - Liv. (Int.) Sister Mary Catherine r/o Varco Family
12:10pm  - Kenneth Burke r/o Wife & Family

SATURDAY, August 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
8:00am  - Catherine Breidenbach r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Monteleone
5:00pm  - Brendan Ignatius Burke r/o Mom, Dad & Brian Xavier
7:00pm  - Dave, Mary & Clair Bixel r/o Bixel Family

SUNDAY, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  - Peggyann Tuma r/o John & Jeanie Danner
9:00am  - Patricia Slagada r/o Mr. & Mrs. Georgette
10:30am  - Lewis Strand r/o Frank & Joan Belmont
Noon  - Margaret Cammarano r/o Family

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

Mary Stanowitz
by Henry & MaryAnn Cackowski
(in the Cathedral)

in honor of

Frances Villani
by Self
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; in Korea: Ryan McCadden; and for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Kathy Byram, Joyce Martin, Kathleen Lorence, Vittoria Hillis, Geraldine Yavor, Joe & Ellie Markano, Patricia Wakeman, Janice Grigo, Amy Olegario, Margaret Swarbrick, Kathy Petagna, Anna Huneycutt, Hilda & Carmine Lamberti, Joseph Girlando, Joan Sillari, Frank Dunne, Joanne Koob, Ben Aurelio, Sr., Vincent Capito, Eric Newmark

DECEASED: Frank Coleman, Betty Razal, George Terwilliger, Laszlo Varga, Venerable Raymundo

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

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Thank you for your generosity on recent weekends:

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e-Giving: Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at:
http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FAITHDIRECT

Catholic Center at Rutgers, New Brunswick
The Catholic Center at Rutgers strives to help students feel welcome and supported in an environment which is diverse, questioning and sometimes challenging to their faith. It is a home away from home where students can relax and enjoy friends, discuss issues, study and pray. During the summer months the Center (84 Somerset Street, New Brunswick) will be open Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 2:00pm and be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Mass Monday through Thursday will be celebrated at 7:30am & 12:15pm. Weekend Masses will be in St. Peter’s parish hall: Saturday: 5:00pm, Sunday: 7, 9, 11am & 8pm; The Assumption - Aug. 15: 7:30am; 12:15 & 7:30pm. Labor Dy Mass - Sept. 4: 9am in the parish hall. Confession: Saturday 11am - 12pm in CC Chapel Office or call for appointment. Summer Events will be posted on our website: www.rutgerscatholic.org.

Opportunities For Memorials
Did you know that in addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

– Altar Flowers: Available weekly in The Cathedral at the High Altar for memorials, weddings and other occasions. (Please contact the Rectory for details and availability.)

– Sanctuary Candles: available weekly in The Cathedral and The Lady Chapel. (Donation: $20. Enclose in envelope with information and place in collection basket or mail to Rectory.)

– Msgr. Behl St. Francis School Endowment and The St. Francis Scholarship Fund: Memorial gifts may be made to either of these funds which are used to enhance the academic excellence of the parish school and offer tuition assistance. Please inquire at the parish or school office for further information.

– 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 of these opportunities, please phone the Rectory at 732-548-0100 x210.

Host An International Student
Princeton Educational Services, an agency that places international students from China at high schools in the United States, has 4 English-speaking students who will be attending Wardlaw-Hartridge School in the fall. International students want to be immersed in American life and become family members of caring host families while pursuing their education here. Host families can learn about another culture first hand and leave a life-long impression on the young visitor. Those willing to host a student will have to provide a safe and suitably furnished bedroom, 2 meals a day on school days and 3 meals a day on weekends and school holidays, and necessary transportation. To become a host family, you have to fill out an application form and meet with a local coordinator and then you will get a matched student. A monthly stipend of $1,100 is offered for your services. If interested, visit the website: http://pedus.org/host-family-recruitment.html or you can phone Princeton Educational Services at 609-416-1316.

“When I die, God won’t measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.”

–Anonymous
Parish Notes...

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**Rectory Summer Hours**
Throughout the summer, the Rectory Office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00am - 5:00pm; on Fridays from 9:00am - noon.

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--**TUESDAY:** Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room.

--**THURSDAY:** Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

--**FRIDAY:** Members of the Legion of Mary meet at 11:00am in the JPII Room; Rectory Office closes at noon; This is the last day of Summer Camp for this summer.

--**NEXT SUNDAY:** The Filipino-American Community will gather in the Solarium at 1:00pm.

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Registration Forms for Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group are in the pamphlet racks at the Cathedral entrances. Registration will be accepted from June through the end of October. No Registrations will be accepted after October 31, 2017. Thank you, parents, for all your support! --Sister Maria Lan

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--**Advance Notice:** Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14 at 5:00pm. Masses on the feast day will be celebrated at 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10, 7:00pm. The Rectory Office will be closed on August 15.

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**FYI: Scout troop leaders** must email Mrs. Kara Kwiatkowski at kkwiatkowski@stfranciscathedral.org their requests for using Parish facilities for the upcoming school year. Troop leaders using the CYO Upper Rooms must submit their requests to: SFCYOCoordinator@gmail.com. Having met on a certain day/time last year does not guarantee the same day/time for next year.

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**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.

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**Banms of Marriage**

III Gina Keane/William Young
Leslie Cardello/Gabriel Pagano

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**Golden/Silver Wedding Anniversaries**
Couples observing 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries are cordially invited to celebrate with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows at a special Evening Prayer Service celebrated by Bishop James Checchio here in the Cathedral on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Application forms may be secured by contacting your parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: http://diometuchen.org/one-25th-50th-anniversary/. Kindly note that this form can be typed on and printed out but cannot be forwarded. If you wish to keep the information, it must be SAVED AS a word document in your computer. Forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by the Parish Office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration, Friday, September 1st. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed. For additional information, please call the Family Life Office (732-562-1990 x4573)/ mfonseca@diometuchen.org.

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**Give Our Catholic Schools A Try**
Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Metuchen link living our faith with academic excellence. It’s a proven formula that leads to success in the classroom and in life. If you are new to this area or desire a faith-filled school experience for your child, we invite you to learn more about the Catholic school advantage. In the Diocese of Metuchen, we are proud to offer 23 Catholic elementary schools and four Catholic high schools located throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Enrollment is available for students in Pre-k through Grade 12. Learn more and find a complete list at: http://diometuchen.org/schools

If you are looking for a quality Pre School Program for your 3 or 4 year old, look no further than St. Francis Cathedral School! We offer a two half-day program for 3 year olds and three and five full-day programs for 4 year olds. Please call our school office at 732-548-3107.
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 **August 13**. The hour will include praise, worship and faith sharing. Fellowship will follow at a local restaurant (persons will be responsible for their own meal). Plan to join us. For information, contact Mary Ann Giannone: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

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

You Have Been Called
A **Prayer Group** meets weekly to pray for the healing of our nation, that she may draw closer to Almighty God. We meet every Tuesday after 12:10 pm Mass (approximately 1:00pm) in the Joseph Room. When we gather we pray one Rosary and one Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Please Note: This is NOT a forum for the discussion of politics. Facilitator: Eileen Lishinsky 1mayfield@optimum.net

McAuley Hall Health Care Center
McAuley Hall is a 74-bed, five star skilled nursing facility located off Highway 22 West in Watchung. All rooms are private and have ample closet space. Skilled nursing, as well as physical, occupational, speech and restorative therapies are on site. There is an activities schedule which is varied. We are a faith centered facility offering Catholic Mass 6 days per week. We accept Commercial and Private Pay as well as Medicare and Medicaid programs. If you have any questions, or would like a tour of our facility, please call our Admissions Department at 908-754-3663.

Traveling? If you are heading out for a weekend trip or going away on an extended vacation, you can retrieve information nationwide about times of Masses, Church location, telephone/fax numbers and handicapped accessibility by going to a great website: Masstimes.org. You can also find out this information by looking in the **Yellow Pages** under “Churches - - Roman Catholic.”

Religious Education News
The Religious Education **Office has moved.** Although it is still in the Parish Center, its location has changed. Please access the Religious Ed Office through the main entrance on Library Place.

Religious Education needs volunteer catechists to help share our faith with students. Catechist training will be provided. If you are available to assist us on Monday or Thursday from 4:00 - 5:05pm, or once a month at our Family Centered on Sunday morning, call Religious Education Office at 732-548-0100 x226.

AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION
There are moments in our lives when we have a glimpse of what God is truly like. He has the power to transform the situations in our lives most needing His presence. If you know someone who is looking for God – or looking for a faith family, invite them to our Inquiry Session, held every Wednesday evening, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Participation in a session does not require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith Family. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into a non-Catholic Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation, is invited to come and inquire about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church and issues of faith. For more information call RCIA – 732-562-1990 x 1633.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
**Sunday, September 17**
SFC Parish Picnic
Burgers, hot dogs, games, activities, a DJ
Come for the Fellowship, Food & Fun

Cultural Mass
Office of Multicultural Ministry invites all to a Cultural Mass, program and dinner hosted by the Indian and Sri Lankan Apostolate and the Indian Communities of Goan, Gujarati, Mangalorean and Tamis. It will take place on **Sunday, Aug. 13**, 2:30 - 7:00pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish, North Brunswick. Celebrant will be Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Ph.D., Archbishop of Madras and Mylapore Archdiocese. Info: Charles (732 - 372-3194).

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

Peak Experiences
We cannot sustain peak experiences for too long. But we can remember them and draw on them. We can return to them when our wells are dry, our hopes flag, and our spirits wilt. The transfiguration of Jesus is a mystical, stunning experience crowded with memory and promise. The transforming experience on Mount Tabor is charged with enough insight to last a lifetime.

Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the Church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God regarding Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased..." (2 Peter 1:17) and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable...(2 Peter 1:19).

The writer of 2 Peter expresses his unshakable confidence in the triumphant coming of the Lord. He recounts the peak experience - the showing forth of God's majesty in Jesus on the mount of transfiguration - and he tells those who doubt and whose faith is shaken that the Lord most certainly reigns now and will just as certainly come in glory.

After all was said and done, it appears that Peter really understood the meaning of the Lord's transfiguration. In the second reading, the writer of 2 Peter offers the fruit of Peter's reflections. In contrast to the crackling splendor of that visionary experience, he offers the image of quiet lamplight, the steady flame tended by those who are awake and whose hope burns through the night "until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts"(2 Peter 1:19).

The reality of the life-giving Lord is inside us; we can take it along. It sustains us when we turn to the work of every day. We cannot sustain peak experiences, but we can tend the steady lamps that light our way and soften the night. The morning star flickers in our inner selves. The triumphant, risen Christ is named the morning star in the Easter Exsultet that rings out in the night and ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection. Jesus' transfiguration told us this would be so.
Retrovaille - - Ministry to Couples in Troubled Marriages
Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Are you bored? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrovaille is sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. A French word meaning “rediscovery,” Retrovaille helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought them together in the first place. It affords the couple the opportunity to examine and strengthen their relationship in a non-threatening faith environment. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - - then the Retrovaille program may help you. It consists of a weekend experience, Friday night to Sunday afternoon, for couples (no group discussions) and six follow-up sessions. 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. All inquiries are confidential. Phone the Diocesan Family Life Office (732-243-4573) or Tom & Pat McTague (evenings - 732-583-4468) or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (732-236-0671). Next Session: September 15 - 17, 2017.

Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic
The 23rd annual Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic will take place on **Tuesday, September 26** at beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club. “Fore” all the details on this event, which benefits our retired Sisters, please call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994 x4006 or email: lcavallo@mercymidlantic.org.

Mother Seton Gala Evening
Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark announces the 2017 Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition. Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend. The festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d’oeuvres, a pasta station and carving station. A Silent Auction is also planned. The event will be held on Friday evening, **September 22** from 6:30 - 10:30pm at The Westwood in Garwood. For info or to purchase tickets, contact school at 732-382-1952 x175 or email: Gala@motherseton.org.

Become An Apostle of Prayer
A 2 - 3 Minute Daily Commitment
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is seeking people to become Apostles of Prayer - - offering prayers each day for those who make requests through our 24 hour prayer line. As a member of the apostolate, you would make a commitment to pray the Prayer for Persons with Earthly Crosses, at least once a day or more often if possible. (A copy of the prayer will be sent to you.) If you are interested in participating in this prayer ministry, please contact our office at 732-765-6432/catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com. Please leave your name, telephone number and mailing address.

FYI: Immaculate Conception Church, Somerville, is hosting REBOOT LIVE! a life-changing event with internationally acclaimed speaker/author Chris Stefanik on **November 7, 2017** from 7:00 - 9:30pm. Ticket Cost:20. Info: www.reallifecatholic.com/REBOOT or call 908-725-1112.

Donate Your Vehicle
Please donate your vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. • Donated vehicles are tax deductible • Free pick-up is available • Vehicles do not need to be running
Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322 to get started.

Resources for Persons with Disabilities
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24-hour Prayer Line for those who desire prayer for special needs. Call 732-765-6431/ email:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.In addition, the Office has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page, even if you are not a member of Facebook, type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Contact Margaret Manza (548-0100 x212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.
School Backpacks are requested for our annual distribution to children and families in need. Backpacks may be filled with some of the following: binders, filler paper, folders, notebooks, day planners, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers. Please drop off at Social Concerns in the Parish Center (548-0100 x225). Your generosity to this effort every year is very much appreciated.

What Does It Take To Be A Blood Donor? 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. Our next Parish Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, August 22, 3:00pm - 8:30pm in the Community Room.

Help Support Catholic Charities: Please support our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, bedding, shoes, small household items and small appliances. A Drop Box is located in our CYO parking lot and at Edison Family Service Center, 26 Safran Avenue, Edison. Contact 1-877-343-3651.

JOB BANK: Certified Nurse’s Assistant seeking morning home care, call Social Concerns (732-548-0100 X225); woman seeking position as live-in, call Social Concerns (732-548-0100 x225).

Diocesan Position: Administrative Position in the Office of Worship, assisting the director in preparing diocesan liturgical celebrations. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Catholic who has communications and organizational skills and computer proficiency. Cover letter/resume: HR@diometuchen.org Misc.: Woman seeking home in 2-family house with private entrance and cooking facilities, Soc. Con. (732-548-0100 x225).

Community House at St. Thomas
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Old Bridge, provides a program, managed by Catholic Charities, which provides affordable, accessible housing for adults of very low income who have physical disabilities. Up to 8 physically challenged individuals live together as a group, functioning to their individual level of independence, with professional case management services provided. Call 732-251-0022 or www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org

Eucharistic Ministers - August 12/13
5:00pm: D. Dick, E. Yunker, S. Sweeney, L. Dalton, N. Davis, C. Tomaro, K. Garner, P. John
7:00pm: M. Brossoni, F/M Firmansjah, R &K Aiello, D. Reilly, D. Zensky
7:30am: S&D Kovach, A. Ferrara, A. McCadden, D. Monek
10:30am: R.M. Fuchs, R. Bonk, J.&J. Grigo, F. Belmont, R. Baran, F. Corrente, M. Garni, J. Bundoc

Lectors: August 12/13
5:00pm: John Porpora 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am: Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am: Marty & Mary Ellen Malague
noon: Catherine Murphy-Barron

Altar Servers - August 12/13
5:00pm Team 2 7:00pm Team 3
7:30am Team 4 9:00am Team 5
10:30am Team 6 12:00pm Team 7

Assumption Vigil, 5:00pm - Team 8
Assumption Feast, 7:00pm - Team 9

St. Joseph Retreat
Join us at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center, Wappingers Falls, NY on September 1, 2 & 3 for the annual St. Joseph Retreat. Come away and spend some time with Jesus. Weekend is full of activity and reflective time. There will be talks by Franciscan Friars, Group reflection, Eucharistic Adoration and Celebration, Faith Sharing, etc. $180 pp includes bus transportation, meals, private room/bath and activities. Facility is fully air conditioned and handicap accessible. For questions or registration, call 732-356-0027 or Edith Brizi at 908-581-3545.