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. John Werner Parochial Vicar
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, 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.

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 sacra ments.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, November 19 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am  -(Liv.) Int. Sherri Miller & Susan Resavy r/o Jerry & Marlene Yaros
9:00am  -Nicholas Cotton r/o Family
10:30am -Marie Dunzello r/o Frank & Joan Belmont
Noon    -Anthony Stavola r/o Daughter Lucille

MONDAY, November 20
7:00am  -Pontoriero Family Deceased r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
8:00am  -Hon. Joseph A. Suozzi r/o Christopher Fusco
12:10pm -In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rule r/o Gloria Cosare & Family

TUESDAY, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am  -(Liv.) Int. Sr. Lynn Marie & Sr. Michaelita r/o Kevin Konick
8:00am  -Peggyann Tuma r/o Mrs. Heisler
12:10pm -Rita Fredericks r/o Raymond Fredericks

WEDNESDAY, November 22 - Saint Cecilia
7:00am  -Kathryn Sneider r/o Popino Family
8:00am  -Father of Jennifer Dowd r/o Paul & Jacqueline Murphy
12:10pm -David Casper r/o Kara Kwiatkowski & Family

THURSDAY, November 23 - Pope St. Clement I - Thanksgiving Day
*9:00am  -Living & Deceased SFC Parishioners

FRIDAY, November 24 - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
*9:00am  -Pura & Angel Acab r/o Mrs. Bernard Smith, Eileen & Veronica Smith

SATURDAY, November 25 - Saint Catherine of Alexandria
8:00am  -Legion of Mary Deceased r/o Current Members
5:00pm  -Antonio Roubo r/o Family
7:00pm  -Irene Mackowsky r/o Michele & Bob Simkovich

SUNDAY, November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
7:30am  -Calello Family Deceased r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Calello
9:00am  -(Liv.) Special Intention r/o Rod & Dolores Altz
10:30am -Michael & Mary Rapach r/o Maureen Rapach
Noon    -Julius Bonk r/o Wife & Family

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

Joseph Costello
by Peter & Barbara Barnes
(in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of

Tracy Lochli Schrader
by Kathy Byram
(in The Lady Chapel)

“One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.”

--Saint John of Avila
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Bulgaria: John Paul Moore II; and for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Paul DuBois, Florence Morrison, Sister of Louise DeCourcey, Mother of Mitzy Budiano Firmansjah, Nina Laskowski, Eileen Dugas

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

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

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.

SFC Knights of Columbus thank parishioners for their generosity in the recent collection for God’s Special Children. $1,900 was raised and 100% of it will be given to the Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi. Thanks for helping us help others.

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.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

–THIS WEEKEND: Campaign for Human Development Collection will be taken to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people to help themselves. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins; SFCS HSA Super 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be available after Masses. Please support our school.

–SUNDAY: Thanksgiving loaves will be blessed today. During the few days before Thanksgiving, volunteers will distribute them to those with heavy crosses, to the recently bereaved and to the homebound. Please pray for recipients of these loaves; Family Centered Religious Ed at 9:15am in the Community Room; World Day of the Poor at 5:00pm in the Cathedral; MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO.

–MONDAY: Catechist Training at 7:00pm in Joseph Rm.

–TUESDAY: Prayer Group at 1:00pm in Joseph Room.

–WEDNESDAY: Students of SFCS will participate in a Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 9:00am in the Cathedral; The Rectory Office will close at 12 noon; in the Lady Chapel, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at the usual time on Wednesday, 11:00pm. The Lady Chapel will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will re-open on Friday morning at the usual time, 7:00am.

Conor Classic Basketball Tournament takes place at 7:00pm in the CYO.

–THURSDAY: One Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am by Bishop James Checchio. The traditional blessing of the bread and wine that will be served at your Thanksgiving table will take place at this Mass. The Rectory Office will be closed. We wish all parishioners, their families and friends, a Blessed Thanksgiving.

–FRIDAY: The Lady Chapel re-opens at 7:00am; one Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9:00am. Rectory Office will be closed.

–NEXT WEEKEND: Mount St. Mary House of Prayer Calendar Raffle. Take a chance and support the Sisters.

Banns of Marriage

III Daphne Monteau/Parnel Charlotte, Jr.

New Parochial Vicar

Bishop Checchio has assigned Father Dawid Wejnerowski to our parish as Parochial Vicar. Ordained four years for the Diocese of Metuchen, Father Dawid currently serves at Saint Bartholomew Church in East Brunswick. He will begin on Monday, November 27th. We are grateful to our Lord and to Bishop Checchio for providing us with an additional priest to replace Father Antony.

World Day of the Poor - November 19, 2017

“Let us love, not with words but with deeds.”

At the end of the 2015 - 2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis established the “World Day of the Poor,” a new celebration to be held annually on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. All of the faithful are invited to join Bishop Checchio at Evening Prayer for the first World day of the Poor today, November 19 at 5:00pm in the Cathedral. This will be an occasion for our community to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel and an opportunity for those who work to aid, care for and comfort those in greatest need to be affirmed, inspired and sent forth with a renewed commitment to building a “culture of encounter” and bringing people together across differences with tenderness and solidarity. Please consider attending!

Light The Advent Wreath

Parishioners are invited to light the Advent Wreath before Mass at Saturday Vigils and Sunday Masses during the season of Advent. Individuals, families, organizations, engaged couples, et al are welcome to volunteer. Please specify your choice of date and time by circling the form below. Please return the form to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket.

If you have further questions, phone the Rectory at 548-0100.

Thank you for volunteering.

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2nd Annual CONNOR Classic
Please come join us on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00pm at the CYO where there will be basketball games featuring current CYO high school players, CYO Alumni and Men’s Sunday Night players. These games are in honor of Conor McCadden. All donations go toward the Fuccile Foundation which does much for families whose lives have been touched by tragedy. Questions: contact eustaceb@mail.sacredheart.edu or mscull9@yahoo.com.

THE CARE OF GIFTS ENTRUSTED TO US
Our gospel today reminds us that we are stewards of God’s gifts. Our spouses, children, friends, neighbors, fellow workers are all gifts that come from God and they have been entrusted to us. In the end, we decide how we will care for these gifts, or use them. Is there someone in your life who has been inquiring about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church? Do you care enough about them to invite them to an RCIA Inquiry Session where their inquiries can be addressed? Invited are: all who are unbaptized, all who have been baptized into another Christian denomination and all who have been baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. No commitments are required. For more information, all RCIA at 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Union Catholic High School Scholarship Exam
for incoming freshmen
Saturday, December 2 at 9:00am
OR
Sunday, December 3 at 1:00pm
There is No Make-Up for this exam
908-889-1600 x302 or 328
website: http://unioncatholic.org/admissions
Exam Fee: $30

Disaster Relief
In the wake of the recent hurricanes that devastated Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Florida, Louisiana and Texas, and the deadly earthquakes in Mexico, Bishop Checchio has asked that the diocesan-wide Disaster Relief Collection be extended to support the relief and recovery efforts in the affected communities.

You may donate online at http://diometuchen.org or write a check made payable to “Diocese of Metuchen” with “Disaster Relief” in the memo line and mail to: Disaster Relief Donation, Diocese of Metuchen, P.O. Box191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Please give generously, as your means allow, to help our brothers and sisters who are most in need at this time. The Diocese will accept donations through Thanksgiving, November 23. All monies collected will be used to assist victims of these recent natural disasters, who continue to be in need of our prayers. Thanks to all who have already contributed.

Rosary Altar News
After attending 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 3, Rosarians will gather in the Solarium for their meeting. Afterwards they will go to Charlie Brown’s for their annual Christmas Lunch. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the Social Concerns Ministry. The Rosarians wish all a Blessed Christmas.

Marriage Encounter
In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Worldwide 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 January 26 – 28, 2017. Phone 732-904-9636 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Before setting the reception date, contact Margaret Manza (548-0100 x212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.
“Blessed are you who fear the Lord.”
–Psalm 128:1a

GET READY

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent. Therefore, to devote time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor relented a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end times, if we should take them to heart. What should we do when we hear that the day of the Lord will come upon us "like a thief at night"? (1 Thessalonians 5:2) Does this mean we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when He returns?
Christmas Party
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is hosting a Christmas Party for children and young adults with special needs and their families/caregivers on Saturday, December 17, 1:30 - 3:30pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Ctr, Piscataway. Please contact us ASAP so we can reserve a space for you at catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com or 732-765-6432.

If any parishioner would like to give a gift to a child or young adult with a disability, please bring your marked gift to Social Concerns in the Parish Center or place it under our parish Giving Tree which will be available in our main lobby starting Thanksgiving weekend (next weekend).

Youth Group News
– Nov. 19: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO. Topic of the evening will be Thanksgiving Prayer.
– Dec. 2: Trip to the Foodbank in Hillside, 8:30am - 2:00pm, earn Service Hours.
– Dec. 3: MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO. Advent prayer and Christmas wrapping for the Sisters. Bring hard candy/chocolate and small package of tissue paper.
– Dec. 9/10 – No meetings this weekend. Sister Maria Lan’s Jubilee Day. All are invited to come to 10:30am Mass on Saturday, December 9 in the Cathedral. A light lunch will follow in the Community Room. Please pray for Sister Maria Lan and thank God for her goodness to all of us.
– Dec. 28: Time for Snow Tubing: Thursday of Christmas week, leave CYO on school bus at 1:30pm, return at 7:00pm. Go to Mountain Creek Resort, Vernon, NJ. Cost before Dec. 12: $40; after Dec. 12: $50. Bring extra money for food. NOTE: participants must be 5 years old and at least 42 inches.

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.

Confirmation Retreats
Retreats for those candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in January will take place on Saturday, December 2. Group 1 will be from 9:00am - noon; Group 2 will be from 1:00 - 3:00pm. In conjunction with the Retreat, Fr. David Skoblow will welcome the candidates for Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral as follows: Group 1 at 11:00am and Group 2 at 2:00pm. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates that they may be open and ready to receive the Holy Spirit and His gifts.

Memorial Tree Lighting
Flynn & Son Funeral Home will host its annual Memorial Tree Lighting at its Metuchen location (319 Amboy Ave.) on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00pm. Please register if you would like a holiday ornament personalized with your loved one’s name to be included on our memorial tree, and to have his or her name read aloud during the ceremony. The tree will be illuminated during the ceremony and will remain lit throughout the Christmas season. For information, please phone 732-548-2134,10:00am - 4:00p 4:00pm/: www.flynnfuneral.com/Community Events.
Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer Calendar Raffle
Tickets for a Calendar Raffle to benefit Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will be sold after all Masses next weekend, November 25/26. Tickets cost $20 for 13 chances to win from Dec. 7, ‘17 - Feb. 22, ‘18. That’s a little over $1 per chance! Prizes range from $300 to $1,000 with a total of $5,000. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the House of Prayer, which depends on the generosity of its benefactors as well as its retreats and programs. The Sisters of Mercy are most grateful for your support.

Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
732-548-0100 x225

--Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Donations for our holiday food baskets may be brought to the Cathedral entrances. Suggestions: gift card, cereal, oatmeal, hearty soups, pastas and sauce, rice, instant potatoes, vegetables, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry and apple sauce, gravy, fruit juice, sugar, powdered milk, evaporated milk, tea and coffee. Mail monetary donations to above address. Thank you.

Join us at Advent Bread and Soup Dinner
Thursday, December 7
4:00 - 8:00 p.m., Cathedral Community Room

All invited to enjoy a meal of delicious homemade soup and a bountiful assortment of breads.

Free will offering to help those in need.

Pots of Soup AND Volunteers WELCOME
please contact Social Concerns: 732- 548-0100 x225

Attn.7th Graders: Service Hours Available

--Job Bank: Elder Home Care by Kate, 908–239-2912.
Misc:Need Room to Rent, Metuchen/ Ed.732-713-0536.

SUPER 50/50 SWEEPSTAKES! Tickets: $50.00
Grand prize winner will receive 40% of winning share and 10 first prize winners will receive 1% of the winning share. Winners will be chosen at 1:30pm on Sunday, December 3rd in the Cathedral Community Room. You need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit SFCSchool.

Eucharistic Ministers - Nov. 25/26
5:00pm M. Roth, N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro, E. Munoz, J. Franklin, P. Bershak, K.Garner
7:00pm C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, E. Swan, J. M. Onufer
7:30am D. Ulbrich, C. & J. Donahue, S. Riolo, J.O’Mara
9:00am G. Monteleone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski, M. D’Amico, R. Quaglia, L. Moriarty, D. Heyden
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

Lectors - November 25/26
5:00pm: Maria Tomaro 7:00pm:Kieran Esposito
7:30am: Mary Brossoni 9:00am: Marnie Jeney
10:30am: Sr. Bridget Harakal 12:00pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - November 25/26
5:00pm Team 13 7:00pm Team 14
7:30am Team 15 9:00am Team 16
10:30am Team 17 12:00pm Team 18

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.