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Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.  
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Deacon Emeritus Ed Olegario, M.D.

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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.
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Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, December 3 - *First Sunday of Advent*
7:30am  - Tommasina Calello r/o Serafino Calello
9:00am  - Mary, Walter & Frank Niedbala r/o Bixel Family
10:30am - John Joyce r/o Wife
Noon    - Shirley Hruby r/o Licameli Family

MONDAY, December 4 - *Saint John Damascene*
7:00am  - Glenn Franklin Van Ess r/o John & Dana Kuchar
8:00am  - James Gannon r/o Velona Family
12:10pm - Christina Voceвowicz r/o John & Johnny

TUESDAY, December 5
7:00am  - Maureen Scala r/o Adinolfe Family
8:00am  - Sam Singer r/o Jo Flanigan & Family
12:10pm - Daniel Kuhn r/o Wife

WEDNESDAY, December 6 - *Saint Nicholas*
7:00am  - John Granelli r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am  - Cecil Dominic r/o Shirley & Sylvester Fernandez
12:10pm - Anthony & Gloria Licameli r/o Licameli Family

THURSDAY, December 7 - *Saint Ambrose*
7:00am  - Dr. Terry Baker r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am  - Giuliana Velona r/o Nicole, Robert, Gabriella
12:10pm - Jessica Rosamilia r/o Grandparents

Immaculate Conception - Friday, December 8 - Holy Day
Vigil - THU: 5:00pm - Flaviana Faylon r/o Diawatan Family
7:00am  - Kathryn Sneider r/o Popino Family
8:00am  - Emil DePasquale r/o Cummings Family
12:10pm - Marilyn Dunne r/o Husband Frank Dunne & Family
7:00pm  - Giuliana Velona r/o Grammy Joan

SATURDAY, December 9 - *Saint Juan Diego*
8:00am  - Jonathan Yuhas r/o Bill & Margaret Manza
*10:30am* -(Liv.) Sr. Maria Lan Nguyen 25th Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass
5:00pm  - Conor McCadden r/o Tom, Zach, Jordan, Joe & Billy
7:00pm  - Berty Carey Fernandes r/o Pereira Family

SUNDAY, December 10 - *Second Sunday of Advent*
7:30am  - (Liv.) Int. Howard Lishinsky r/o Eileen Lishinsky
9:00am  - Lydia & Vincent DeAndrea r/o Bob & Dee Sneddon
10:30am - Carl Kohl III r/o Wife Terry
Noon    - Elizabeth Murphy r/o Murphy Family

The Sanctuary Candles for this week
have been donated (in the Cathedral)
in loving memory of

*Joseph DiLeo*
by *Peter & Barbara Barnes*

in loving memory of

*Anna Maria Teresa Tjahjaningsih*
by *The Swan Family* (in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Bulgaria: John Paul Moore II; and for all those serving in Covert Operations

SICK: Carole Capriglione, Beverly Cotton, Kathy Carroll, Joe Kaczynsky, Nicholas DiStefano, Donna Kenny, Sharon Sweeney, Elizabeth Murray, Kevin Penny, Kathleen Cremone, Ralp Labadessa, Joseph Nunes, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin, Janice Grigo, Amy Olegario

DECEASED: Paul DuBois, Nelson Alvarado, Marcelle Eckert
...and all those recommended in the Book of Intentions

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing
Thank you for your generosity on recent weekends:
Nov. 19: Envelopes & Loose Cash $17,749
   Electronic Offerings $8,068
   Total $25,817
Nov. 26: Envelopes & Loose Cash $19,053
   Electronic Offerings $8,444
   Total $27,497
Campaign for Human Development $4,519
   e-Giving: Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at: http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/FaithDirect/

New Jersey’s Adoption Law Has Changed
Since January 1, 2017, adoptees and certain relatives have been able to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order. The birth certificate will include the names of the birth parents who placed children for adoption unless a birth parent requests their name be omitted. Birth parents who wish to preserve their privacy must submit a Request Form to the New Jersey Department of Health. The form can be obtained by calling 866-649-8726 x582. The Catholic Church has always supported reunions between adoptees and birth parents, if such reunions were by mutual consent. The Church continues to do so through its Catholic Charities agencies. If you know individuals that could be affected by the changes to the NJ Adoption Law, please alert them. Need assistance? HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

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:

–Advent Wreath & Stand: Available to memorialize or honor a loved one. Please contact the Rectory Office for details (732-548-0100).
–Altar Flowers: Available weekly in the Cathedral at the High Altar for memorials, weddings and other occasions. Please contact Rectory Office for details.
–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 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: Cathedral Pipe Organ Restoration Fund: Memorial gifts may be made to support the restoration of the Cathedral pipe organ. Memorial pipes of various sizes are available for $100, $300, $500, or $1,000. Major gift opportunities also are available. Please inquire at the Rectory Office at 732-548-0100 x210.

A “New Evangelization” Course
The Diocese of Metuchen offers a course, Fire Upon The Earth, to form people for the mission of evangelization. The classes take place monthly on Saturdays from 9:00am - noon through May/June, 2018 at the Pastoral Center in Piscataway OR at St. Joseph Church, Washington, NJ. The course gives s basic introduction to evangelization from the Catholic perspective and works to both inform the participants about evangelization and transform them into evangelizers. An evangelistic Retreat is incorporated into the content. Registration is required. Info: contact the Office of Evangelization at 732-562-2469 or email evangelization@diometuchen.org or go to www.diometuchen.org/evangelization. Fee of $100 includes course materials and Retreat in January.

Youth Group News: Sr. Maria Lan and the HSYG and MSYG are very thankful to Msgr. Zamorski, SFC parishioners and Youth Group Families for supporting their recent Turkey Drive. On November 11, 71 turkeys were collected and delivered to Immaculate Conception Parish, Bronx, NY. On Thanksgiving Day, 500 needy people had a great Thanksgiving dinner served to them by the good people of Immaculate Conception Parish. All donations are greatly appreciated.
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

―THIS WEEKEND: Help Religious Communities - “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good work of their elders!

Boys Scout Troop 17 hosts annual Poinsettia Sale. Please stop by the breezeway and bring home a beautiful plant to usher in the Christmas season.

―SUNDAY: After attending 10:30am Mass, Rosary Altar Society members go to Solarium for their meeting. Christmas Lunch follows at Charlie Brown’s; the SFCS Super 50/50 Raffle Drawing will take place at 1:30pm in Community Room. MSYG, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO.

―MONDAY: Catechist Training, 7:00pm in the Joseph Room.

―TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1:00pm in the Joseph Room; Journey Through Grief II meets at 7:30pm, Solarium.

―WEDNESDAY: Provide-A-Meal & Social Concerns meet at 7:00 and 7:30pm respectively in the Solarium; CYO Board Meeting at 8:00pm in the CYO.

―THURSDAY: Advent Bread & Soup Dinner, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Community Room; Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm; SFCS HSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm, School; Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, Community Room.

―FRIDAY: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses on the feast day will be celebrated at 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10, 7:00pm. Rectory Office closed; Lady Chapel open; Sisters of Christian Charity renew their vows at 8:00am Mass (see pg. 6).

―SATURDAY: A Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 25th Jubilee of Sister Maria Lan will be celebrated at 10:30am. A reception will follow in the Community Room. All are invited.

―NEXT SUNDAY: Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast from 8:30am - noon in the Community Room; Filipino American Community meets at 1:00pm in the Solarium; MSYG, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO.

―NEXT WEEKEND: Baby Bottle Blessings - please fill empty bottles with money to help expectant mothers and their babies (see next column); Scrip will be available for purchase.

Baby Bottle Blessings: Next weekend, December 9/10, empty baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses. We ask that you fill them with spare change/money during the Christmas season and return by Jan. 7. Proceeds will benefit Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen. Please pray for the women/children who will be helped by your donations.

The Blessing of the outside Creche and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on the Cathedral Plaza, immediately following 7:00pm Mass on Friday. Refreshments will be served. Bring children for the Sing-A-Long of Christmas Carols.

Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24
4:00 p.m. (Children’s Liturgy)
6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
10:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
10:30 p.m. Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, Celebrant/Homilist

Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

New Year’s (Mary, Mother of God)
Eve: Sunday, December 31
No Vigil Masses
Day: Monday, January 1
Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Please check the Parish Bulletin for any changes in the daily Mass schedule/devotions during the Christmas season.

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available at Cathedral entrances for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas decorations. These donations may be made in memory of or in honor of a loved one or simply as a gift to the Church. Please indicate your intention on the envelope. The list will be published during the Christmas season.
Advent Parish Penance Service
On Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral, Msgr. Joseph Celano will preside at our Advent Penance Service. As a Missionary of Mercy, Msgr. Celano has faculties imposed on him by Pope Francis to preach on Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Penance. Monsignor’s homily is sure to be relevant and moving. Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us.

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 16, 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 is available in our main lobby.

Pro Life Corner
Save The Date: Friday, January 19, 2018
March for Life
Washington, D.C.
Elaine Yunker: 732-754-3692
Accepting Reservations at this time
Bishop James Checchio will concelebrate the Youth Rally & Mass for Life in Washington, D.C. This Mass will be held at the Capital One Arena at approximately 6:45am, prior to the March for Life. Anyone wishing to attend must request tickets through the Respect for Life Office (732-562-1990 x1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org).

Rosary Altar News
After attending 10:30am Mass today, 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.

The Sisters of Christian Charity will be renewing their holy vows at 8:00am Mass on Friday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast holds special meaning for their community and it is tradition to renew vows on this day. Please join the Sisters in prayer as they strive to offer themselves more completely to Christ.

Light The Advent Wreath
Parishioners are invited to light 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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St. Francis Cathedral
Maintenance/Custodian Job Available
The Maintenance/Custodian position is essentially a handyman position responsible to undertake upkeep and repair tasks on both the interior and exterior of the St. Francis Cathedral property and school. The candidate for this position should be a self-starter and an initiator who is well organized with strong general repair skills. A keen eye for detail and physical stamina are valued greatly in this job. Interested individuals should forward a resume to the Rectory Office to the attention of David Liantonio.

Altar Server News
We welcome 17 new Altar Servers to our Server family. We give thanks to God for their desire to serve at the Altar during Holy Mass. May almighty God bless them and their families now and always. Welcome, Simone Bertocci, Brandon Cremone, Aaron Fernandez, Sophia Gallego, Toby Garcia, James Hoebich, Abigail Hogan, Sean Hohmann, Meredith Inverso, John Kelly, Matthew Pinto, Thomas Piovoso, Aiden Quinn, Francis Regis, Neddy Rossi, Rocco Santamassino, Ceci Terracina, Jack Valenzuela.
Watch!

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that Day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work--the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

God Has a Different Plan

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.
Compassionate Friends...
A bereavement support group for those mourning the loss of a child. Its mission is to assist grieving families following the death of a child of any age, from any cause. Annually, on the second Sunday of December (Dec. 10th this year), at precisely 7:00 p.m. in every time zone, a candle is lighted by each family that has lost a child, in his or her remembrance. This effort is coordinated in a worldwide effort. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lighted in the next, creating a 24-hour wave of light that encircles the globe. The motto of the group: “...that their light may always shine!”

Counseling Services Available
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, offers Counseling & Wellness Services. Individual and family therapy is available for children and adults. If you, or someone you know, is in need of counseling, or has been impacted by addiction, we can help. Make an appointment by calling 800-655-9491.

Correction: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in the Cathedral by Bishop James Checchio on Friday, January 26 at 7:00pm.

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 - 4:00pm: www.flynnfuneral.com/Community Events.

Men’s Group News
We will be gathering for a Christmas Social at Charlie Brown’s, Plainfield Road, Edison on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30pm. Old and new members are invited. For information, contact Tom Thomas at 732-692-4819 or on Facebook at SFC.MensGroup.

Marriage Encounter
In this season of love and giving, why not give your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It is the perfect Christmas gift to show you care. 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 732-904-963 or visit www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for registration and information.

Community Christmas Breakfast
The Knights of Columbus Council is holding its annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 10 from 8:30am - 12:00 noon in the Community Room. Please bring an unwrapped toy which will be donated to Social Concerns for needy children at Christmas. Cost for breakfast is $5 per person. All profits will be donated to St. Francis Social Concerns. Pictures with Santa are encouraged, so bring your cameras! We hope you can come celebrate the spirit of this Holy Season with us and support a great cause. For more information, contact John Iacona:732-754-9479.

Simbang Gabi... is a Philippine tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent Masses to heighten our preparation of the celebration of Our Savior’s birth. Simbang Gabi is coordinated by the Filipino Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen and is offered at various churches as follows:

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There will be an early morning Mass (Misa de Gallo), Dec. 16 - 24 at 5:00am at St. Ladislaus Church, 40 Plum Street, New Brunswick. Direct questions to Rev. Roberto Coruna (908-479-4905). All are welcome to celebrate Simbang Gabi.

Practicing Hope As An Everyday Prophet
Advent invites us to be successors of John the Baptist by practicing simplicity, solitude and prophetic action. This program will be presented on Wednesday, December 6 from 5:30 - 9:00pm at Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung. A light supper is included in the donation of $45 - $55, as you are able. The topic will be covered by Rev. Anthony Randazzo, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Westfield.
Social Concerns

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

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Christmas Food Baskets: Donations for our 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.

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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

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The Sharing Tree is located in the Cathedral vestibule throughout Advent. It is decorated with symbols representing antiphons prayed at Advent Evening Prayer. Please take a symbol and fulfill the request printed on the card. Gifts for patients at Roosevelt Care Center and Care One, The Highlands may be placed under the Sharing Tree. Suggested: socks, toiletries, large print books/cards, rosary beads, candles, homemade cookies in reusuable container, sugar free or regular candy, magnifying glass, sweater, sweatshirt, etc. Gifts for newborns and infants may be placed under the sharing tree. Clothing, blankets and especially diapers are very much needed by those who are struggling this Christmas season.

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Altar Servers: December 9/10

5:00pm Team 9 7:00pm Team 10
7:30am Team 11 9:00am Team 12
10:30am Team 13 12:00pm Team 14

Dec.7 5:00pm Vigil: Team 7  Dec. 8 7:00pm Feast: Team 8

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W-E-E-K-AT-A-GLANCE

This Weekend: Retirement Fund for Religious Boy Scouts Poinsettia Sale

SUN: -Rosary Altar at 10:30 Mass, Meeting in Sol; afterwards Christmas Lunch at Charlie Brown's
-Super 50/50 Drawing, 1:30pm, CCR
-MSYG Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm, CYO

MON: -Catechist Training, 7:00pm, JR
TUE: -Prayer Group, 1:00pm, JR
-Journey Through Grief II, 7:30pm, SOL

WED: -Provide-A-Meal&Soc.Concerns, 7&7:30, SOL
-CYO Board Meeting, 8:00pm, CYO

THU: -Advent Bread& Soup Dinner, 5 - 8:00pm, CCR
-Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception, 5:00pm
-SFCS HSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm, School
-Body of Christ Prayer Group, 8:00pm, CCR

FRI: -Feast of Immaculate Conception - Holy Day
-Sisters Christian Charity renew vows, 8am Mass

SAT: -Sr. Maria Lan 25th Jubilee Mass, 10:30am;
-Reception follows, CCR

SUN: -K of C Community Breakfast,8:30-noon, CCR
-Filipino-American Community, 1:00pm, SOL

Next Weekend: Baby Bottle Blessings - Scrip

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Eucharistic Ministers: December 9/10

5:00pm: K.Konick, E. Dick, E. Yunker, L. Dalton, N. Davis, C. Tomaro, K. Garner, P. John
7:00pm: M. Brosconi, R &K Aiello, D. Reilly, D. Zensky
F./M. Firmansjah
7:30am: S&D Kovach, A. Ferrara, A. McCadden, D.Monek
9:00am: M.A. & R. Lawyer, R. Altz, A. Major, K.Kwiatkowski, J. Morrison, K. Schreck
10:30am:R/M.Fuchs, R. Bonk, J.&J. Grigo, J. Bundoc, F. Belmont, R. Baran, F. Corrente, M. Garni
12:00pm:K. Bautista, D. Rossi, J.&R.Baker, C&C Evangelista

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Lectors: December 9/10

5:00pm:Kieran Esposito 7:00pm: Paul Zensky
7:30am:Ralph Quaglia 9:00am: James Dudley
10:30am:Marty & MaryE.Malague 12:00pm:CatherineBarron