Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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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

EUCHARISTICADORATION  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.

RECTORY  32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840
Office Hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Phone  732-548-0100
Emergency Phone  732-710-1416
Website  www.StFrancisCathedral.org
Live Stream  http://cvp.telvue.com/player?id=T05325

SCHOOL  528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL
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: Pam Gendlek - pzbgendlek@comcast.net
  - Cathedral Choirs: Thom DeLessio: tdelessio@diometuchen.org, 548-0100 x 235 Folk - Steve Kirbos - steve@kirbos.net;
  - 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: Angela Kelly/ Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
  - Knights of Columbus: KoC3272.webs.com
  - Legion of Mary: Fri. 11:00am - Rod Altz (548-0100)
  - Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnr3561@optonline.net
  - Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
  - Moms’ Group: Tom Thomas-sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
  - Mens’ Group: Sandra Spinelli: sandra@spinelli.us
  - 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, 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

MONDAY, December 11 - Pope Saint Damasus I
7:00am  -Teodoro Trillana r/o Family
8:00am  -Jesus Delfin Reyes r/o Dela Cruz Family
12:10pm -Maureen Murphy Handerhan r/o Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00am  -In Thanksgiving r/o Isidro Vasquez & Family
8:00am  -Sophia Konick r/o Son Kevin Konick
12:10pm -Irene Mackowsky r/o Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kalicun

WEDNESDAY, December 13 - Saint Lucy
7:00am  -Gertrude Abbruzzese r/o Dennis Reilly
8:00am  -SFC Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:10pm -Caterina DeBartolis r/o La Vecchia Family

THURSDAY, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross
7:00am  -Conor McCadden r/o McCadden Family
8:00am  -Ann Burke Denes r/o Stelle Gadek
12:10pm -Anne Schrage r/o Licameli Family

FRIDAY, December 15
7:00am  -Anne Oghia r/o Husband Hady
8:00am  -George Ralph Huneycutt r/o Wife Anna
12:10pm -Tom Salagaj r/o Wife
*7:30pm -Simbang Gabi

SATURDAY, December 16 - Saint Juan Diego
8:00am  -Edwin John Rodriguez r/o Olga Rodriguez & Daughters
5:00pm  -Deceased of Pereira, Fernandes, Baptista Families r/o Pereira Family
7:00pm  -Joan Stone r/o Flanigan Family

SUNDAY, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
7:30am  -Ruth Bridges r/o Wendy DiMaggio
9:00am  -Altz Family Living & Deceased r/o Rod & Dolores
10:30am -John Riggio r/o Christine & Bill Riggio
Noon    -Florence & Dale Meek r/o Family

The Sanctuary Candles for this week
have been donated
In Thanksgiving
for 45 years of Marriage
by Bill & Margaret Manza
(in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of
Mario Sillari
by Joan Sillari
(in The Lady Chapel)
Serving Overseas: In Bulgaria: John Paul Moore II; and for all those serving in Covert Operations

Sick: Fred Radlmann, Barbara Getty, Carol Capriglione, Juan DeIsasi, Peter Maduri, Joseph Papa, Yolanda Hernandez, Patricia Wakeman, Brother of Eric Lignell, Geraldine Yavor, Beverly Cotton, Kathy Carroll, Joe Kaczynsky, Nicholas DiStefano, Donna Kenny, Sharon Sweeney, Elizabeth Murray, Kevin Penny, Kathleen Cremone, April Quinn, grandson of Sue & Bill Martin, Janice Grigo, Amy Olegario

Deceased: William Delgado, Paul DuBois, Marcelle Eckert

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

God’s Plan for Giving

Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 11/12:

- Envelopes & Loose Cash: $17,373
- Electronic Offerings: $8,068
- Total: $25,441
- Retired Religious Collection: $4,986

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

Eucharistic Adoration

If you like to pop into the Chapel whenever the Spirit moves you, would you prayerfully consider signing up an hour each week? Keep Jesus Company and help assure that Eucharistic Adoration remains ongoing at Saint Francis Cathedral parish.

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Contact Marie D’Amico: dghmad@aol.com/732-906-6537.

“Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.”

–Saint Lucy

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: Memorials in the name of loved ones 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 are also available. Please inquire at the Rectory Office at 732-548-0100 x210.

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.

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.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

--THIS WEEKEND: **Scrip** will be available for purchase after Masses; **Baby Bottle Blessings** will take place. Empty baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses and we ask that you fill them with spare change/money. Proceeds will benefit **Life Choices Resource Center** in Metuchen.

--SUNDAY: Knights of Columbus Community Pancake Breakfast from 8:30am - noon in the Community Room; **Filipino American Community** will gather in the Community Room for their Christmas Party from 2:00 - 6:00pm.

--MONDAY: **Advent Penance Service** at 7:00pm in the Cathedral; **Catechist Training**, 7:00pm in the Joseph Room; Members of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meet at 7:00pm in the Solarium.

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

--WEDNESDAY: **MOMS’ Group** meets at 9:30am, Mary Room/SFR; **SPCS Christmas Program** at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

--THURSDAY: **Body of Christ Prayer Group**, 8:00pm, Community Room.

--FRIDAY: **Legion of Mary** meets at 11:00am in the JPII Room; The first Mass of this year’s **Simbang Gabi Novena** will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Fellowship follows, CCR

--NEXT SUNDAY: **Family Centered Religious Ed** at 9:15am in the Community Room; A **mandatory First Communion Parents Meeting** will be held at 5:00pm in the Community Room.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to **water the plants** during the Christmas season should call the Rectory: 732-548-0100.

--Memorializing a **Hymnal** is a great Christmas present. It honors the person memorialized and brings joy to recipient. It is a gift that keeps on giving. Contact the Rectory (548-0100).

--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.

**Banns of Marriage**

I  Marie Sharlow/Michael Beyer

**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. Please plan to join us tomorrow evening.

**2018 calendars** are available at Cathedral entrances. We are grateful to **Costello-Runyon Funeral Home** and to **Flynn & Sons Funeral Homes** for their kindness in providing the calendars for our parishioners.

**Baby Bottle Blessings:** This 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 **January 7**. Proceeds will benefit **Life Choices Resource Center** in Metuchen. Please pray for the women/children who will be helped by your donations.

**Community Christmas Breakfast**

St. Francis Knights of Columbus is holding its annual **Pancake Breakfast with Santa today, 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.

Keep up with Bishop Checchio Around the Diocese by going to the **Diocesan Website**: http://diometuchen.org/bishop/.
CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS
This time of year becomes stressful as we prepare for Christmas. However, today’s gospel challenges us with the prophet’s call to prepare the way of the Lord. If you, or anyone you know, would like to learn more about Jesus, and the Christian message of Christmas, come to an RCIA Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions are opened to anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH Sacraments of Confirmation AND Eucharist. For more information, call RCIA at 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Many Thanks...
Members of the Rosary Altar Society thank all who donated or worked or helped in any way with their recent Thanksgiving Bake Sale. The event was very successful thanks to the generosity of so many.

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.

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 (today 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!”

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.

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.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: If you are interested in serving at a Mass on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, please sign up in the Priests’ Sacristy. Regular Mass assignments will be in place for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24) and Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 30/31).

Marriage Encounter
Why not give your spouse the perfect Christmas gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It is the perfect present to show you really 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.

Garden of Mary’s Children
Engraved pavers for the Garden of Mary’s Children and the Memorial Pathway are available for purchase for a limited time. 4X8 bricks are $100; 8X8 bricks are $150. Forms are available in the pamphlet racks at the Cathedral entrances. Orders must be received by January 2nd. Dedication of these bricks will be in the spring - the date has yet to be determined. Please contact Katie Barnes (732-603-8946) if interested.
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” —Mark 1:3

GOD'S DELAY
In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"
And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

NEWS OF COMFORT
In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations.

Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.
Youth Group News

–Dec. 10: No Meeting this weekend in honor of Sister Maria Lan’s 25th Jubilee. All MSYG and HSYG members congratulate Sister and thank her for her time and caring and kindness. Please pray for Sister Maria Lan and thank God for her goodness to all of us.

–Dec. 22: MSYG Christmas Dance, 6:30 - 9:00pm in the CYO. HSYG members can earn Service Hours. Buy gifts for Mom&Dad. Raffles and Surprise Raffle. Cost: $12 or $15 at the Door.

–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 42 inches.

–Dec. 30: Six Flags Holiday in the Park Family Trip on Saturday. Cost, which includes rides and shows: $65 after 12/9. Season Passholders Only: $30 after 12/9. More than one million glittering lights and also delicious seasonal treats ans entertainment. Bring extra money for dinner and other attractions that may require an additional fee.

“Courage is like muscle. We strengthen it by use.”

–Ruth Gordon

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.

Music at St. Mary’s Presents Handel’s Messiah!
St. Mary Chamber Orchestra and Choral Society’s annual presentation of George Fredrik Handel’s Messiah will be performed on Saturday, December 16 at 7:00pm at St. Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy. The conductor of this timeless oratorio is Maestro Christopher Deibert. It will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and their parts. Admission is Free; $15 suggested donation.

Anyone wishing to bring up the gifts during the Offertory of the Mass (especially if the Mass Intention is for a loved one) should see one of the Ushers before Mass.

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:

**Frit., Dec.15 7:30pm St. Francis Cathedral**
Sat., Dec. 16 6:00pm St. Anthony, Port Reading
7:30pm St. Thomas, Old Bridge
7:30pm Sacred Heart, So. Plainfield
Sun., Dec.17 4:00pm O.L. Victories, Sayreville
7:30pm O.L. Fatima, Piscataway
7:30pm St. Bernadette, Parlin
7:30pm St. Augustine, Kendall Park
Mon., Dec.18 7:00pm Queenship Mary, Plainsbor
7:30pm St. James, Basking Ridge
7:30pm St. Helena, Edison
Tue., Dec. 19 7:30pm St. Matthias, Somerset
7:30pm St. Cecilia, Monmouth Jct.
8:00pm St. Ann, Raritan
Wed., Dec. 20 7:30pm O.L. Mt. Virgin, Middlesex
7:30pm Annunciation, Bloomsbury
7:30pm St. Ambrose, Old Bridge
7:30pm St. Bartholomew, E.Brums.
Thu., Dec. 21 7:30pm Corpus Christi, So. River
7:30pm St. Cecilia, Iselin
7:30pm St. Bernard, Bridgewater
Fri., Dec. 22 7:30pm St. Frances Cabrini, Pisc.
7:30pm St. Mary Church, Alpha
7:30pm St. James, Woodbridge
7:30pm St. James, Woodbridge
Sat., Dec. 23 7:30pm St. Matthew, Edison
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.

Mother Seton High School Scholarship Exam
for incoming freshmen
Wednesday, December 13 at 12:00pm
For more information please visit motherseton.org or call the Admissions Office 732-382-1952

**Lighting The Advent Wreath**

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| E-mail address __________________________ |

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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.

–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. Please wrap and mark man or woman. Suggested: socks, toiletries, large print books/cards, rosary beads, candles, homemade cookies in reusable 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.

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

Become An Apostle of Prayer
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.

Be A Greeter! Come 15 or 20 minutes before Mass to greet fellow parishioners/visitors. We strive to have someone at each of the three main Cathedral entrances. You know what it’s like to feel like an “outsider”. Bring Christ to others. All you need is a friendly smile and handshake. You choose the Mass you want to attend. If you would like to share your smile with others, contact Susan/Bob Riolo (548-0326).