Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

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**SCHOOL**  
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**BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

- Saturday Vigil 5:00 and 7:00 pm  
- Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am; 12:00 noon

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

- Vigil 5:00 pm  
- Feast Day 7:00, 8:00 am; 12:10, 7:00 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

**MORNING PRAYER**  
Monday-Friday 7:40 am

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
7:00am—11:00pm (Monday—Friday) Lady Chapel - Parish Center

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Penance)**

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

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

BAPTISM: 1:30pm 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 needed for sponsorship certificates and, possibly, the administration of some sacraments.
Masses For The Week...

SUNDAY, March 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:30am  - Benedict Yaros r/o Jerry & Marlene
9:00am  - Salvatore D’Amico r/o Family
10:30am - Bill Zatorski r/o Ann & Jim Reilly *Third Scrutiny*
Noon   - Anne Krokosz r/o Janice Ratcliffe

MONDAY, March 19 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00am  - Podeszwa Josef r/o Malinowski Family
8:00am  - Augusto Alcid r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario
12:10pm - Frank Colasuonno r/o Family

TUESDAY, March 20
7:00am  - Patricia Sacco r/o Mom
8:00am  - William Tomko r/o Fred & Mary Carpene
12:10pm - Stanley Piatek r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, March 21
7:00am  - Philip Yacovino r/o Family
8:00am  - Andrew Villani r/o Aunt
12:10pm - John Mahon r/o Kathleen Mahon

THURSDAY, March 22
7:00am  - Ted Dachowski r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am  - Anna Gurovich r/o Family
12:10pm - Dolores Romeo r/o Mary & Paul Kelton

FRIDAY, March 23 - Saint Turibius
7:00am  - Carol & Robert Brown r/o Fran Carey
8:00am  - Robert Paccioretti r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kaczynski
12:10pm - Helen Vanella r/o Anna Eosso

SATURDAY, March 24
8:00am  - Irene Wilson r/o Irene Chester *Presentation of the Creed*
5:00pm  - Antonio Roubo r/o Family
7:00pm  - Maureen Murphy-Handerhan r/o Sister & Brothers

SUNDAY, March 25 - Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
*7:00am  - Tommasina Calello r/o Serafina Calello
*8:30am  - Lenny Klein r/o Mimi & Chris Blejwas
10:30am - (Liv.) Int. Freis Family r/o Sr. Marlene Cunningham
*12:30pm - Helen Miller r/o Rosa & Pasquale Calello

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

Tom Zondlo
by Dorothy Yuhasz & Family
(in the Cathedral)

in loving memory of

Anne Krokosz
by Bernadette & Bill
(in The Lady Chapel)
SERVING OVERSEAS: In Bulgaria: John Paul Moore II; and for all those serving in Covert Operations


DECEASED: Eduardo Quesaya Ramirez, Alexander Korch, Fr. Demetrius Wysochansky, Mother of Michael Conroy, Father of Christine Jurcsek

...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:

– The 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 also are available. Please inquire at the Rectory Office at 732-548-0100 x210.

– 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.

Knights of Columbus Comedy KNight
Our St. Francis Knights of Columbus are hosting a Comedy KNight on Thursday, March 22, proceeds from which will benefit our Cathedral Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. Doors open at 7:00pm and the show starts at 7:45pm at the KofC Hall, 24 Patrick Street, Edison. This is a BYOB event and light refreshments will be served. This event is for those 21 years and over. Headline Comedian Doug Karpf will be joined by Grisel Cabrara and Don&Chrisiane Staffin. They have performed at Catch a Rising Star, Dangerfield’s, Caroline’s, Broadway Comedy Club and so many other places. Cost: $20 in advance; $24 at the door. Seating is limited. RSVP to Steve at: sjurcsek@yahoo.com. Come on out and support the Knights and SFC Organ Fund.

Summer Camp 2018 Has Arrived!
Camp will run for eight weeks from June 18 to August 10. Our program is open to all children ages 4 - 13. Campers will go on weekly trips, participate in daily activities and swim at the Metuchen Pool twice a week. They will also participate in arts& crafts, Gym, Computers and outdoor play. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rizzo at 732-548-3107 / RizzoM@stfranciscathedralschool.org.

Attention Altar Servers: There will be Sign-Ups for all the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Contact Deacon J.P. Saggese at jpsaggese@verizon.net.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Tithing
Thank you for your generosity the weekend of 3/11:
Envelopes & Loose Cash $18,233
Electronic Offerings $ 8,446
Total $26,679

e-Giving: Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at:
http://www.stfranciscathedrals.org/FaithDirect/
Upon entering the Cathedral, please be kind enough to turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

Parish Notes...

--THIS WEEKEND: Rosary Altar Society is hosting a Saint Patrick Bake Sale; Bishop’s Appeal In-Pew Weekend; Scrip is available.

--SUNDAY: Third Scrutiny will be celebrated during 10:30am Mass; a party to celebrate the end of CYO Basketball season will be held from 4:00 - 6:00pm in the CYO; HSYG Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, St. John Bosco Room.

--MONDAY: Parish Lenten Retreat at 7:00pm in the Cathedral; Baptismal Seminar at 7:45pm in the Mary Room for those who have registered; Catechist Training, 7:00pm, Joseph Room.

--TUESDAY: Prayer Group meets at 1pm, JPII Room; Parish Lenten Retreat at 7:00pm in the Cathedral; Men’s Group meets at 7:30pm in the Solarium.

--WEDNESDAY: MOMS’ Group meets at 9:15am in the Mary Room/SFR; Paris Lenten Retreat at 7pm in Cathedral; Bereavement concludes at 7:00pm in the Joseph Room; Charismatic Pastoral Team, 7:30pm, JPII.

--THURSDAY: Bible Study of Untold Blessings continues in the JPII Room at 1:00pm or 7:15pm as you prefer; Body of Christ Prayer Group meets at 7:30pm in Community Room.

--FRIDAY: Legion of Mary meets at 11:00am in the JPII Room; Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:50pm. Join us as we journey with Christ to Calvary; SFCSchool Stations will be prayed at 1:30pm; YG Living Stations practice at 5:00 - 7:00pm in church; Mary’s Way of the Cross will be prayed in the Cathedral at 7:30pm.

--SATURDAY: Presentation of the Creed during 8am Mass; Vigil Masses at usual times, 5:00 and 7:00pm.

--SUNDAY: Palm Sunday Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:30am; 12:30pm; Parish Youth Groups present The Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join us as we pray, reflect and meditate on the love Jesus has for us.

--NEXT WEEKEND: The second collection is for the Fund for Retired Diocesan Priests. Show your love for our retired priests, and for our current priests whom will one day be retired, through your generosity to this collection.

--Easter Flower Envelopes are available at the Cathedral entrances. Donations may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or simply as a gift to the Cathedral. Please be sure to indicate your intention on the envelope.

Cathedral Lenten Retreat

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, March 19, 20 & 21 at 7:00pm in the Cathedral, Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, will speak to us about The Transforming Power of Authentic Love. Have you ever longed for something “more” in your life? Would you like Jesus to encounter you in a deep way this Lent? During this mission, Sister Miriam will help us delve into powerful truths of Christ’s love for us, His desire to heal us and set us free, and how He empowers us to bring His love to others. Through Scripture, catechism, art, and beauty, we will journey to the heart of our deepest desire: communion with the One who loves us. Sister Miriam is quite an engaging speaker with a powerful message to deliver. In addition to speaking, she works on Steubenville Conferences, Focus’SEEK Conference, National Catholic Youth Conference and the USCCB Catholic Convocation to name a few. She is the author of Loved As I Am and has her own podcast: AbidingTogetherPodcast.com. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear Sister speak. She has a lot to say!

God’s Blessings on everyone who attended the 24 hour adoration. Our Cathedral Parish had a wonderful response to the invitation from our Holy Father and Bishop Checchio to take part in such a great world-wide observance. Thank you also to Monsignor Joseph Celano, Father John Werner and Father Dawid Wejnerowski for hearing many hours of many confessions. God reward them for their charity. --Msgr. Bob Zamorski

CHRISM MASS

On Monday, March 26 Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each priest receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340 - 397] began this custom - - which we now call the Chrism Mass - - in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at SFC at 7:30pm.

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**2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**  
*Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*  

This weekend, our parish observes *Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God’s love and power to burn more brightly in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission.

**Mary’s Way of the Cross**  

Come join us on this solemn journey as seen through the eyes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus as she follows her Son on His way to Calvary. Feel prayerful repentance and grateful redemption as we walk Jesus’ last steps. Feel Mary’s sorrow, confusion and helpfulness, as well as her ever-present faith and unwavering loyalty while she witnessed her Son’s intense suffering. It will take place in the Cathedral on Friday evening, March 23 at 7:30pm.

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**Catholic School 2018-2019 Tuition Assistance**  
**Online Application Process OPEN**  

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **Saturday, March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English & Spanish. Families that need help completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the **two Application Workshops**, which will be held in 2 locations.

Visit [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance/Workshops](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance/Workshops).

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**Steubenville…**  

A weekend getaway for high school teens (8 - 12 grade), highly recommended, inspirational, grace-filled gathering of 5,000 youth from all over U.S… Ours will be held at St. John’s University (8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens NY 11439) on **July 20-22, 2018**. Cost for the weekend prior to May 15 is $375; after May 15 it is $400. Cost includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, coach bus, tips, conferences. Leave CYO parking lot at noon on Friday, 6/20 and return 2:30pm on Sunday, 6/22. Parents, please encourage your child to join us to build his or her relationship with Jesus! Steubenville helps to ensure that all teens have an encounter with the God who loves them through Gospel message, prayer and fellowship. Provide email/phone # to Sister Maria Lan for permission slip. View [https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth](https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth).

**Rosary Altar Day of Recollection:** On Tuesday, **March 27** from 9:00am - 3:00pm, members of the Rosary Altar Society will meet in the Solarium. Breakfast will be served. **Sr. Maria Lan** will present “Mary Did You Know?” A donation for the day is $10. Participants will attend 12:10pm Mass in the Cathedral; luncheon at Charlie Brown’s at 1:30pm is optional. Call Carmela Guarnera: 732-549-7587.

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**St. Patrick Bake Sale**  

The members of our Rosary Altar Society will host a St. Patrick Bake Sale on the weekend of **March 17/18**. Donations of Irish soda bread and other baked items are greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the breezeway starting with 5:00pm Saturday Mass. We ask all parishioners to support our efforts and purchase our tasty treats.

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**Paschal Meal**  

A Re-Enactment of the “Seder” in the context of the Last Supper will be held in the Community Room on Tuesday of Holy Week (March 27) at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate a living Passover Meal - like that attended by Jesus and His Apostles. Share with your Parish Family an evening of food and prayer. Reservations are necessary (use form below). Minimum donation: $8/Adults, $5/children under 12. If you can volunteer to help, phone Aileen McGuire (732-494-7080).  

**Attention Teenagers:** If you need Service Hours, your help with this event will be greatly appreciated. Phone Mrs. McGuire for the details.

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**THE PASchal MEAL**

| Name |  
| Phone No. |  
| Adults |  
| Children |  
| Amount enclosed $ |  

Tear off and return to Rectory or place in Collection Basket.
"I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

–Jeremiah 31:33

THE NEW COVENANT

Today’s first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.
Easter Egg Hunt
Our Youth Groups will host the Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers to 10-year-olds on Easter Sunday after the 12:30pm Mass. There will be 3 spots for egg hunting this year: lawn adjacent to Rectory driveway - ages 1 through 3; Garden of Mary’s Children - ages 4 - 6; Convent backyard - ages 7 - 10. Bring your own basket for collecting eggs. Children will be directed to their age-appropriate location for finding eggs. Please Remember: Egg hunting does not begin until 12:30 Mass has been dismissed! Call Sister Maria Lan at 732-770-2506.

Marriage Encounter
The holy season of Lent is not a time for enjoying gifts. Why not give your spouse a gift that he or she can enjoy when Lent is over and we are celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord? Treat your spouse to a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Such a weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The Next WWMER is April 20 - 22, 2018. 732-904-9636/ www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org.

Youth Group News
--NJ Catholic Youth Rally: On Sunday, May 20 our Youth Groups will be going to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson for the Youth Rally. We leave the CYO parking lot at 9:00am and return at 8:00pm. NJYR Package A includes Transportation, Admission, Wild Safari, Bounce back ticket, All-you-can-Eat Buffet for $65 before April 28/ $70 after April 28 (saves you $130). Season Pass Holder Package B includes All-you-can-Eat Buffet, Bounce back ticket for $35 before April 28/$40 after April 28. Season Pass Holder Package C is without meals for $25 before April 28 ($25 after April 28. Everyone must attend Sunday Mass with the Youth group on that day! Call Sr. Maria Lan: 732-770-2506.

--Gazillion Bubble Show, The Next Generation: On Thursday, April 5, travel by train to NYC, 9:15am leave CYO, return 7:00pm. The SHOW is at 11:00am 340 West 50 street, NYC. Cost: $55 before March 22; $60 after March 22. First Come, First Served - Only 25 tickets available.

Bible Study -- Untold Blessing
A new Bible Study is underway. Bishop Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He lays out 3 paths to holiness: Finding the Center, Knowing You’re a Sinner, and Realizing Your Life is Not About You. He shares practical approaches to enhance the journey along these 3 paths. Listen to Bishop Barron’s suggestions as you join us on Thursdays after the noon Mass or at 7:15pm in the downstairs meeting rooms of the Parish Center. Pat Morgan (732-548-9743) will lead afternoon sessions and Art Paltz (732-494-5221) will lead the evening sessions.

St. Pio Comes to Diocese of Metuchen
Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his passing. This special occasion will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday, April 17, beginning at 9:00am, when veneration of the relics will begin. Relics include St. Pio’s glove, a lock of his hair, cotton gauze with St. Pio’s blood stains. At 12:10pm, our usual weekday Mass will be celebrated. At 1:00pm, Most Rev. James F. Checchio will conduct a Prayer Service, after which veneration will continue all afternoon and early evening. At 7:00pm, a Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated by Cathedral Rector, Msgr. Robert J. Zamorski; Fr. Timothy A. Christy, Diocesan Vicar for Evangelization and Communications, will be homilist. Try to arrange your schedule to accommodate such a wonderful event!

RCIA
This weekend, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the third of three scrutinies will be celebrated with DANA ABBEY, the elect of our parish, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass. Today's scrutiny calls upon the elect, and the community to examine the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil and to proclaim the power of Jesus Christ to remove the stones that hold us back from life, to break the ties that bind us, and to set us free to live life fully. Please remember to pray for our elect, DANA, as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We invite you to spiritually sponsor DANA during Lent. Please take one of her prayer cards which are at the doorways of the Church. It would be very much appreciated, if you sent DANA a small note or card indicating your prayers. Address it with her name, c/o RCIA, and deliver it to the rectory, or drop it in one of the collection baskets.

Very often, when a new family moves into a neighborhood, we welcome them with a plate of cookies, or a cake. DANA, a new Catholic will be moving into our parish family. We’d like to welcome her at a parish reception, to be held after the Easter Vigil Mass. All are welcome. Can you bring a token of welcome with you – a plate of brownies, cookies, or finger cake? Please call Sara Sharlow at 732-562-1990 x 1633 to volunteer. Thank you!!!

Now that Easter is coming, isn't there someone to whom you can tell the Good News. Invite them to an RCIA Inquiry Session, where they will hear more of the Good News and about the Catholic Faith family who is trying to live the Good News. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received both Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are invited. Call Sara Sharlow at the above number.
Social Concerns
45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center
548-0100 x225

Food Pantry: Please continue to donate to keep our Food Pantry well stocked for the needy. Consider making this gift a part of your Lenten routine.

First Holy Communion Day is coming up. We are requesting First Communion dresses and suits for families in need. Veils, tights, socks, prayer books and rosaries are also appreciated. Make a difference in a child's life on this very important day! Call Social Concerns: 732-548-0100x225.


Travel Opportunities
--Poland's Best with Fr. Joseph Kubiak, August 9 - 18, 2018, $2,950 from Newark includes airfare, sur-charges, taxes, hotels, meals, entrance fees. St. John Vianney Church at 732-574-0150.
--Faith and fun-filled Trip to Eastern Canada this summer, led by Fr. Jim Badeaux of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church. Fly from Newark. Call 908-725-0615 for information.

Life Choices Peer Counselor Training
Are you a good listener? Have a good perception of people? Do you believe life has value, from conception to natural death? You can be the instrument of God's love to someone in need. Life Choices is a Pregnancy Help Center that assists women and families faced with an unexpected pregnancy. Consider joining us for our Spring Training Sessions (4 classes over 8 weeks) which will take place from April 4, 2018 through May 19, 2018 on a Wednesday evening or a Saturday morning (you choose the day). There is a cost of $20 for The L.O.V.E. Approach manual. Additional materials will be provided. If you are interested in participating in a ministry that is challenging but also fulfilling and rewarding, please call Carolyn at 732-548-0100 x225 or email: lifechoices@optonline.net to learn more. The rewards you receive will surprise you! Join us for an Introductory Meeting April 4,7:00 - 9:30pm ORApril 7, 9:30am - 12:00pm.

Please Note Mass Time Changes for Palm Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers -March 24/25
5:00pm M. Roth, N. Hamilton, D. Reilly, C. Tomaro, E. Munoz, J. Franklin, P. Bershak, K.Garner
7:00pm K. Konick, C. Saggese, R. & K. Aiello, E. Swan, J.M.Orufer
7:00am D.Kovach,D.Ulbrich,C/J.Donahue,S Rilojo,J.O’Mara
8:30am G.Monteleone, A. Cirelli, B. Zatorski, M.D’Amico, R.Quaglia, D. Heyden
10:30am M. Conroy, B. Coakes, R. Baran, F. Corrente, J.& J Grigo, D. Papppaldo, J.Bundoc, E.Beyers
12:30pm M.Licameli, M/ JHernandez, J/ Rbaker,K Manchery

Lectors - March 24/25
5:00pm: Maria Tomaro 7:00pm:Kieran Esposito
7:00am:Mary Brossoni 8:30am: Marnie Jeney
10:30am: Sr.Bridget Harakal 12:30pm: Dawn Gomes

Altar Servers - March 24/25
5:00pm Team 25 7:00pm Team 1
7:00am Team 2 8:30am Team 3
10:30am Team 4 12:30pm Team 5