

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

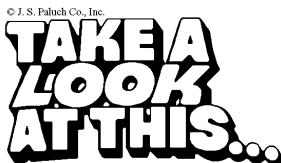
MORNING PRAYER Monday-Friday 7:40 am

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Parish Served By

Executive Assistant: Kara Kwiatkowski
Religious Education: Debra Schurko, PCL (548-0100 x226)
Business Manager: David Liantonio
Pastoral Council: Ed Williamson, Chairman
Finance Council: George Trapp, Chairman
Social Ministry: Josepha Flanigan (548-0100 x225)
Coordinated Ministries: Cheryl Saggese (632-9564)
Music Ministry: Thomas DeLessio, (548-0100 x235)
Youth Ministry: Sr. Maria Lan Nguyen
CYO Coordinator: SFCYOCoordinator@gmail.com



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-pzgendlek@comcast.net
-Cathedral Choirs: Folk - Steve Kirbos - steve@kirbos.net; Thom DeLessio: 548-0100 x 235
-Eucharistic Adoration: Marie D'Amico - dghmad@aol.com
-Evangelization: Ralph Quaglia-rquaglia19@gmail.com
-Filipino/American Families: Gil Vendiola & Helen Vendiola (548-0100)
-Greeters: Robert/Susan Riolo (548-0100)
-Home School Assn. Co-Presidents: Angela Kelly/ Brooke Garcia - HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org
-Knights of Columbus: KofC3272.webs.com
-Legion of Mary: Wed. 7:00 p.m. - Rod Altz (548-0100)
-Marriage Encounter: Russ and Janet Baker - jnrbaker@optonline.net
-Marriage Prep: Pam Schleck-schleckfamily@gmail.com
-Mens' Group: Tom Thomas-sfc.mensgroup@gmail.com
-MOMS Group: Sandra Spinelli (548-0100)
-Parish Historical Guild: Rod Altz (548-0100)
-Parish Prayer Tree: Belinda Coakes-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, August 13 - *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am -Peggyann Tuma r/o John & Jeanie Danner
9:00am -Patricia Slagada r/o Mr. & Mrs. Georgette
10:30am -Lewis Strand r/o Frank & Joan Belmont
Noon -Margaret Cammarano r/o Family

MONDAY, August 14 - *Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

7:00am -Eleanor Bordieri r/o Tony & Kathy Bordieri
8:00am -Anna Marie Aleski r/o Anne Eosso
12:10pm -Diego Lumauig r/o Lumauig Family

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, 5:00pm - Kathryn Fallon r/o Louise Ray

TUESDAY, August 15

7:00am -Patrick Coakley r/o Jerry & Marlene Yaros
8:00am -Bernard, John & Peter McGivney r/o Bern Bransfield
12:10pm -(Liv.) Special Intention r/o Frances Villani
7:00pm -(Liv.) Int.Deacon Guido & Mary Brossoni r/o Rod & Dolores Altz

WEDNESDAY, August 16 - *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

7:00am -Teresa Nguyen r/o Family
8:00am -James Keane, Jr. r/o Mr. & Mrs. William Young & Family
12:10pm -Stephen Sullivan r/o Bordieri Family

THURSDAY, August 17

7:00am -Msgr. Richard A. Behl r/o Deacon Ed & Amy Olegario
8:00am -Msgr. Michael J. Alliegro r/o Cathedral
12:10pm -Stephen Roth, Jr. r/o Jim & Agatha

FRIDAY, August 18

7:00am -Robert Luczak r/o Russ & Janet Baker
8:00am -Emil DePasquale r/o Wife Miriam DePasquale
12:10pm -Amelia Mamrak r/o John & Janice Grigo

SATURDAY, August 19 - *Saint John Eudes*

8:00am -Edwin John Rodriguez r/o Olga Rodriguez & Daughters
5:00pm -Michael & Jennie Donofrio r/o Daughter Rosemarie Schwarzman
7:00pm -Margaret & George Burke r/o Manza Family

SUNDAY, August 20 - *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am -James Palumbo r/o Anne & Steve Curto
9:00am -Mary Reilly r/o Reilly Family
10:30am -Halina Nowakowski r/o Husband Marian
Noon -Yolanda Avaltroni r/o Family

The Sanctuary Candles for this week
have been donated in the Cathedral
in loving memory of *Irene Wilson*
by **Samson Wealth Management Group**

in honor of
Sharon Tony & Jimmy
by their Mother **Sara Francis**
in The Lady Chapel





SERVING OVERSEAS: In Germany: John-David Rizzuto; in Korea: Ryan McCadden; and for all those serving in Covert Operations

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

DECEASED: Mother-in-Law of Theresa Lambertucci, Viola Skeba, Frank Coleman, Betty Razal, George Terwilliger, Jr., Eileen Tighe, Laszlo Varga, Venerable Raymundo

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

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Tithing

Thank you for your generosity on the weekend of 8/06:

July 30: Envelopes & Loose Cash	\$18,048
Electronic Offerings	\$ 7,401
Total	\$25,449



e-Giving: Please consider using our parish e-Giving program. Sign up at:

<http://www.stfranciscathedral.org/>

FaithDirect/

Advance Directive for Health Care The Catholic Perspective

Documents which provide guidance when a person is no longer able to make health care decisions are called "advance directives." It is recommended that those completing an advance directive also appoint a health care representative who is someone who is trusted and authorized to evaluate what the patient would want and to make those health care decisions. The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides clear guidance on end of life issues. The N J Catholic Conference (NJCC) of Bishops has Advance Directives for Health Care form which reflects the Catholic perspective. Copies are available from the Respect Life Office at 732-562-1990 x1629/1543 or be downloaded from diocesan website at www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/respect-for-life/catholic-advance-directives-living-wills/or NJCC website: www.njathconf.com. Forms are also available in Spanish. *A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions* provides a clear explanation of Church's teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Go to www.ncbcenter.org for copies.

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.

Girl Scout News

Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts are invited to join our summer session to get a head start on your **Spirit Alive Award**. It will take place at the SFC Parish Center Solarium on **Sunday, August 20**, 1:30 - 5:00pm. Cost of \$5 covers snacks and beverages. **Topic: *Where Life is Taking You***. We will also begin service project planning. Contact DOMgirlscouts@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

You Have Been Called

A **Prayer Group** meets weekly to pray for the healing of our nation, that she may draw closer to Almighty God. We meet every



Tuesday after 12:10 pm Mass (approximately 1:00pm) in the Joseph Room. When we gather we pray one Rosary and one Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Please Note: This is NOT a forum for the discussion of politics. Facilitator: Eileen Lishinsky 1mayfield@optimum.net

"A good prayer, though often used, is still fresh and fair in the eyes and ears of heaven." –Thomas Fuller

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

Parish Notes...

Rectory Summer Hours

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

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

–**MONDAY:** Vigil Mass of the Assumption at 5:00pm.

–**TUESDAY:** Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses on the feast day will be celebrated at 7:00, 8:00am; 12:10, 7:00pm. The Rectory Office will be closed.



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

–**FRIDAY:** Members of the **Legion of Mary** meet at 11:00am in the JP II Room; Rectory Office closes at noon.

–**NEXT WEEKEND:** *Scrip* is available for purchase in the breezeway after Masses. Please support this fundraiser which benefits SFC School with no additional cost to the purchaser.

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

–*Sister Maria Lan*

–**Advance Notice: Parish Blood Drive** on Tuesday, August 22 from 3:00 - 8:30pm in the Community Room. Plan on giving the **Gift of Life!**

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

Baptisms

The following children were recently welcomed into our Church/Parish Family through the sacrament of Baptism:



*Zachary Austin Angel
Finn Patrick Cregg
John Matthew Curran
Rylan Brax Razal Del Rosario
Brielle Antoinette Doherty
Isaac Robert Flores
Anthony Thomas Nalepa
Kyla Raviola
Dominic Charles Santiago
Scarlett Diane Troiano
Miles Conrad Zavistoski*

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Prior to setting the Reception date, contact Margaret Manza (732-548-0100 x212) for initial information about celebrating weddings at the Cathedral. Proper preparation usually requires one year advance planning.

Golden/Silver Wedding Anniversaries

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

Give Our Catholic Schools A Try

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

If you are looking for a quality Pre School Program for your 3 or 4 year old, look no further than **St. Francis Cathedral School!** We offer a two half-day program for 3 year olds and three and five full-day programs for 4 year olds. Please call our school office at 732-548-3107.

SURVIVING A STORM

In the Gospel today, Jesus' disciples get caught in a storm while they are on a boat at sea. They are frightened, but Jesus comes to them and calms the stormy waters. Is there someone you know who is seeking help while trying to navigate the stormy seas of their life? Would they like to know the many forms His outstretched hand may take as Jesus continues to reach out to us? Invite them to our Inquiry Session, held every Wednesday evening, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Participation in a session does not require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith Family. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into a non-catholic Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation, is invited to come and inquire about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church and issues of faith. For more information call RCIA – 732-562-1990 x 1633.

Religious Education News

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

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

“A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.” –Anonymous

Young Adult Holy Hour

Young adults aged 18 - 39 are invited to a Young Adult Holy Hour on the second Sunday of the month at 6:00 - 7:00pm at the Diocesan Center Chapel, Piscataway. The next one is **tonight, August 13.** The hour will include praise, worship and faith sharing. Fellowship will follow at a local restaurant (persons will be responsible for their own meal). Plan to join us. For information, call Mary Ann Giannone: mgiannone@diometuchen.org.

Cultural Mass

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

Sisters of Mercy Golf Classic

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



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Mother Seton Gala Evening

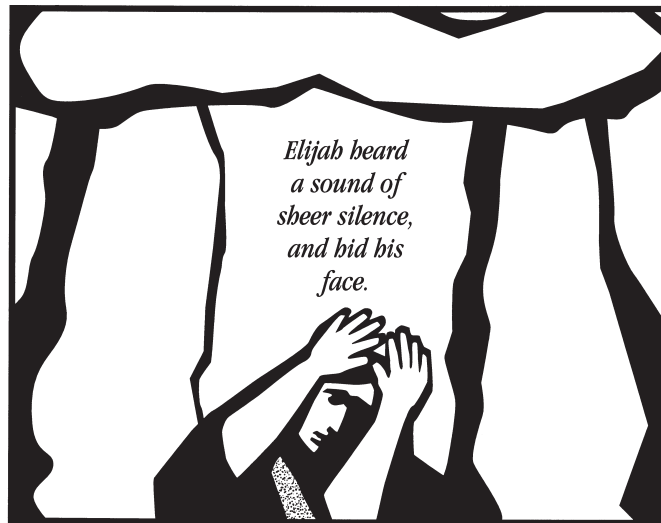
Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark announces the 2017 Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition. Alumnae, family and friends are invited to attend. The festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, a pasta station and carving station. A Silent Auction is also planned. The event will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

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

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” –Theodore Roosevelt

*“Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.”*

-- Psalm 85:12



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PRESENCE

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Retrovaille - - Ministry to Couples in Troubled Marriages

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? You Can Help Your Marriage. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Are you bored? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrovaille** is sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen to help couples through difficult times in their marriages. A French word meaning "rediscovery," *Retrovaille* helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that brought them together in the first place. It affords the couple the opportunity to examine and strengthen their relationship in a non-threatening faith environment. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - - then the *Retrovaille* program may help you. It consists of a weekend experience, Friday night to Sunday afternoon, for couples (no group discussions) and six follow-up sessions. During the weekend, presentations are made by three married couples and a priest. Techniques of communication that enable a couple to examine their relationship are presented. All inquiries are confidential. Phone the Diocesan Family Life Office (732-243-4573) or Tom & Pat McTague (evenings - 732-583-4468) or Rich & Annette Colasuonno (732-236-0671). **Next Session: September 15 - 17, 2017.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17

SFC Parish Picnic

Burgers, hot dogs, games, activities, a DJ

Come for the Fellowship, Food & Fun

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.

St. Francis Cathedral School

Tentative Calendar 2017 - 2018

Please Note **School Hours: 7:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

30, 31 **AUGUST** - In Service - **No School**

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day - **No School**
- 5 **School Opens** for 1st - 8th grades. **Noon dismissal**
Before & After Care begins
- 6 1st day Pre-K & K; **Full Day** Pre-K - 8th grades
- 6 Hot Lunch Program begins
- 8 **Noon dismissal**
- 13 Middle School Back-to-School Night - 7pm
- 20 K - 5 Back to School Night - 7pm

OCTOBER

- 6 **Noon dismissal**
- 9 Columbus Day -**No School**

NOVEMBER

- 21 **Noon dismissal**-P/T Conf
- 22 **Noon dismissal**
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday
No School

DECEMBER

- 8 Immaculate Conception - **No School**
- 22 **Noon dismissal**
- 25-29 Christmas Holiday - **No School**

JANUARY

- 1 **No School**
- 2 School Re-opens
- 5 **Noon dismissal**
- 15 M.L. King, Jr. - **No School**

FEBRUARY

- 2 **Noon dismissal**
- 16 Spirituality Day
No School
- 19 President's Day -
No School

MARCH

- 2 **Noon dismissal**
- 28 Student Spirituality Day - **Noon dismissal**
- 29-30 **School Closed**

APRIL

- 2-6 Easter Holiday - **No School**
- 13 **Noon dismissal**

MAY

- 4 **Noon dismissal**
- 25 Professional Day - **No School**
- 28 Memorial Day - **No School**

JUNE

- 7 8th Grade Graduation
- 8 K Graduation; Pre-K 4 Yr. Formal Promotion
- 11 New K & Pre-K Orientation
- 12 DARE Graduation
- 13-14 **Noon dismissal**
- 15 **Last Day** - 10:30am dismissal

Please Note: Some Noon dismissals are on **Fridays**

Social Concerns

45 Library Place - Metuchen 08840 - Parish Center

732-548-0100 x225

–**Food Collection Last Weekend:** Thank you to all who regularly donate to keep our **Food Pantry** well stocked for the needy. Hunger does not go away just because it is summertime. Students seeking service projects often conduct Food Drives; we welcome all.

–We are grateful to the **Metuchen Elks** for their generous food donation for the needy. May God bless you for your caring and generosity.

–**School Backpacks** are requested for our annual distribution to children and families in need. Backpacks may be filled with some of the following: binders, filler paper, folders, notebooks, day planners, pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers. Please drop off at Social Concerns in the Parish Center (548-0100 x225). Your generosity to this effort every year is very much appreciated.

–**Blood Services Reports a BLOOD SHORTAGE!** Keeping our blood supply healthy **takes all types**. There is no substitute for human blood. One person in three will need blood some time during their lifetime. Blood lasts only 42 days, so it has to be replenished constantly. Your donation is critically important.

–**What Does It Take To Be A Blood Donor?** Blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. Sixteen-year-olds must present signed parental consent form, go to www.nybloodcenter.org to obtain the form. People aged 76 and older can donate blood if they meet all criteria and present a physician’s letter each year. Our **next Parish Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, August 22**, 3:00pm - 8:30pm in the CCR.



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

JOB BANK: Certified Nurse’s Assistant seeking morning home care, call Social Concerns (732-548-0100 X225); woman seeking position as **live-in**, call Soc.Con. **Diocesan Position:** Administrative Position in the Office of Worship, assisting the director in preparing diocesan liturgical celebrations. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Catholic who has communications and organizational skills and computer proficiency. Cover letter/resume: HR@diometuchen.org. **Misc.: Woman seeking home** in 2-family house with private entrance and cooking facilities, Soc. Con. (732-548-0100 x225).

W-E-E-K-A-T-A GLANCE

SUN: -Filipino-American Community, 1:00pm, SOL
 MON: -Vigil Mass of the Assumption, 5:00pm
 TUE: -Feast of the Assumption - holy day of obligation
 Rectory Closed
 THU: -Body of Christ Prayer Group, 7:30pm, CCR
 FRI: -Legion of Mary, 11:00am, JPPII
 -Rectory closes at noon
 Next Weekend: *Scrip*
Advance Notice: Parish Blood Drive, 8/22, 3:30 - 8:00pm, CCR

Eucharistic Ministers: August 19/20

5:00pm: N. Davis, M. DePasquale, M. & A. Quizon, E. & J. Lyons, J. Bundoc, K. Garner
 7:00pm: E. Gutierrez, J. Pasquale, N. Cadorna, E. Lishinsky, C. Roberts, C. Evangelista
 7:30am: C. Kozak, D. Monek, B&R.Cushing, T&J Sharlow
 9:00am: M. Kushnerick, D. Heyden, J. Morrison, M.D’Amico, E. Fortune, G.Montealeone, A.Major, S/MSantangelo
 10:30am: P.Bixel, E. Beyers, J. Kelly, R. Bonk, S. Francis, B&E Williamson, A. Bianchini
 12:00pm: K. Manchery, P. Morgan, T./N. Rossi, A. McGuire, R. Cron, E & T. Pana, M. Licameli

Lectors: August 19/20

5:00pm: Larry McHugh 7:00pm: Jack Swartz
 7:30am: Eileen Lishinsky 9:00am: Elizabeth. Rooney
 10:30am: B. Moczula & M. Varley
 12:00pm: Maureen Kelly Cranley

Altar Servers - August 19/20

5:00pm	Team	10	7:00pm	Team	12
7:30am	Team	13	9:00am	Team	14
10:30am	Team	15	12:00pm	Team	16

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