

# CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

January 14, 2024 • *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## Mass

Saturday *Vigil*..... 5:00 pm

Sunday..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Monday-Friday..... 7:00, 8:00 am, 12:10pm

*Rosary at 8:30 and 11:45 am*

Saturday..... 8:00am

.....*Rosary at 8:45 am*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... 1:00-2:00 pm

*or by appointment (732-548-0100)*

All Masses are available  
to view live stream.

To access the link, visit the  
home page of our parish website .



*Watch us Live!*

Cathedral Family,

Well, I am watching out my window at the Christmas trees being removed. It feels sad. Yet, it is necessary to keep moving into the year God has given us-- Ordinary Time had begun. The Christmas season is to prepare us more fully to engage the full mission of Christ in our own lives and in the Church and world. The lighted trees were a remarkable witness to the Light of Christ. Thank you to all who memorialized trees for loved ones. The lights will be prepared for next year. We remain grateful to Costello-Runyan Funeral Home for their ongoing commitment of sponsoring our tree lights. The trees will now be ground into mulch and returned to local places to be used in parks and trails. But the Christmas mystery is to remain enlightening our vision to see our ordinary lives in a supernatural light.

This weekend we will recommission those who read the Word of God in the Liturgy. We know them as "Lectors," or more properly by their designated title of "Reader of the Word." We are blessed that week after week, at all of our Masses, we have men and women from our congregation who generously prioritize the schedule of preparing and proclaiming the Word of God in the gathering of the Church. It is a sacred moment. The Liturgy of the Church teaches us that when the Word is proclaimed in the Liturgy that the Reader "lends their voice to that of Christ Himself." It is Christ who is proclaimed and is the proclamation. The Scripture says that "faith comes through hearing." The proclaimed Word makes all the difference to strike our heart with the Holy Spirit when we hear it. A big encouragement of the Second Vatican Council was to have the lay faithful "prepare for Sunday by reading in advance and praying with the Sunday Scriptures." So, do you pray with the Sunday Scriptures? It is easy to find online. We are in Year B. Next Sunday will be the Third Sunday of the Year. Try it just once and see the difference your Sunday experience will become! Maybe spend some time with the family discussing what you think the readings mean beforehand. Then after Mass discuss on the car ride home what you learned about the readings. I encourage any people who may feel called to participate in our Ministry of Reader. You can let us know in the parish office. We are always in need of more Readers. I am very grateful to Mr. Boris Moczula who is the coordinator and trainer of our program. He will be delighted to inform you of the process of becoming a Reader of the Word of God at the liturgy. Please pray for our Readers that the Lord may bless their efforts and make their voice His own as they proclaim Him to our Assembly.

This Friday we will make our way to Washington, DC for the March for Life. Please join us! Contact Kara in the office. Our Mass will be at 6:30 am that morning. There will be no 7 am Mass on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. This next Sunday January 21, at 12 noon, Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Mass in honor of Respect Life. Bishop has asked for nominees to honor from the parishes of the Diocese who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the mission and cause of life. From our Cathedral of St. Francis parish---Christine Riggio will receive that honor. She has been a tireless witness for the cause of life. She works at Life Choices and is always ready to offer her assistance, prayers and support in regard to all efforts for life. Thank you Christine and may we all recommit ourselves to being people of life in an age that is growing darker with the shadows of death. May every life be loved and cherished from conception to natural death.

The Gospel today makes fresh the call of the disciples. The call is always serious business. As personal and direct as the Lord was with those first called, it is with each one of us. Our baptism is where it all began. This week, where is the Lord prompting you to go deeper? To allow more of your heart to be seen by Him? Christmas continues in our daily lives...

In His peace,  
Father Christy



# CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

548 Main St. Metuchen, NJ 08840

## DIRECTORY

### Parish Office

Address.....45 Library Place  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
Office Hours.....Monday-Friday  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Phone.....(732) 548-0100  
Emergency Phone ..... (732) 710-1416  
Website .....stfranciscathedral.org  
Email .....info@stfranciscathedral.org

### ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

#### **Blue Ribbon School**

Address..... 528 Main Street  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
Principal ..... Jay Locquiao, x238  
Phone. . . . . (732) 548-3107  
Website... stfranciscathedralschool.org

#### **Home School Association**

HSA@stfranciscathedralschool.org

### PARISH CENTER

Address ..... 45 Library Place  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
Phone .....**(732)548-0100**

#### **Religious Education**

Debbie Schurko, PCL..... x226  
Meghan Moran, Assistant..... x222

#### **Social Concerns**

Bidgie Williamson ..... x225  
Hours.....Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## WELCOME

### **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE**

Thank you for joining us for Mass today.  
We are so thankful for the Catholic  
community we have here at St. Francis  
and we're glad you are a part of it,  
whether it be in the Cathedral or via  
livestream ([www.stfranciscathedral.org](http://www.stfranciscathedral.org))

### **EUCCHARIST FOR SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

For those unable to physically come to  
Mass, we bring the Eucharist to you.  
Please call the rectory at (732) 548-0100  
and arrangements will be made.

### **NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

For those interested in registering with  
our parish, please complete the form in  
our parish office or on our website at  
[stfranciscathedral.org/register](http://stfranciscathedral.org/register).

### **MARIAN NOVENA & ROSARY**

Join us Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass  
as we pray the Marian Novena and  
Rosary. We encourage all to come, even  
if it is only for one Saturday.

## CLERGY

**Most Rev. James F. Checchio,**  
JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

**Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD**  
Bishop Emeritus

**Very Rev. Timothy A. Christy**  
Rector

**Rev. Jay Alquiros**  
Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Justin Akkara, CMI**  
Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Roy Quesea**  
In Residence

**J.P. Saggese**  
Deacon

**Rick Fortune**  
Deacon

**Kenneth T. Hamilton**  
Deacon

**Guido J. Brossoni**  
Deacon Retired

**Ed Olegario, M.D.**  
Deacon Retired

THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS CAN BE REACHED  
BY CONTACTING THE RECTORY OFFICE AT  
(732) 548-0100

## STAFF

**Kara Kwiatkowski, x210**  
Managing Director

**David Liantonio, x233**  
Business Manager

**Christopher Deibert, x235**  
Director of Sacred Music

**Linda Dalton, x227**  
Sacristan

**Cheryl Saggese, x307**  
Lazarus Ministry

**Sarah Hollcraft, x306**  
Youth Ministry

## CONTACTS

**Richard Fuchs**  
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Janet Onufer Michael**  
Advocates for Disabled

**Boris Moczula**  
Lectors

**Tom Hansen**  
Ushers

**Marie D'Amico**  
Legion of Mary

**Kathy Divorkin**  
Rosary Altar Society

**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Elaine Yunker**  
Respect for Life

**Pamela Gendlek**  
Body of Christ Prayer Group

**Patricia Bixel**  
Msgr. Richard A. Behl Endowment

## THE WAY OF BEAUTY IN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

All sessions are on Saturday mornings and will begin with breakfast following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and will conclude by 11:30 a.m. All parishioners are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

January 27 **The Beauty of the History of the Mass** - Rev. Timothy Eck, II Director of the Office of Divine Worship, Diocese of Metuchen.

February 17 **The Beauty of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mass and other Liturgies** - Very Rev. Jeffrey M. Calia, C.O., Provost, The Oratory of Saint Phillip Neri, Raritan, New Jersey

## MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

We are blessed to be able to journey together again this year to be witnesses to God's precious gift of Life in all its stages. There are still plenty of seats available for our pilgrimage to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life. The March is on Friday, January 19, rain /shine (or snow). There will be a Mass at 6:30am at the Cathedral. The bus will depart at 7:00 am from Library Place. Refreshments will be provided on the bus. We will make one rest stop each way. You are welcome to bring lunch or purchase something at the rest stop.

The cost this year will be \$25 per person. Contact Kara Kwiatkowski, [info@stfranciscathedral.org](mailto:info@stfranciscathedral.org). Reservations will be on a first come/first served basis.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. The Cathedral will close immediately after.

The Parish Office will be open the rest of the week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The lady will open at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Michael Sotack / Elizabeth Zielinski





AT ST. FRANCIS  
PRESENTS

**GREG GIANNASCOLI  
& RON STABINSKY**  
MARIMBA & PIANO



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 • 7 PM**  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
548 MAIN STREET • METUCHEN, NJ  
Very Rev. Timothy A. Christy, Cathedral Rector  
Christopher M.C. Delbert, Executive Director  
\$20 Suggested Donation • General Seating  
Parking and Entrance on Library Place  
Light Refreshments Afterwards



Visit us online at:  
[HTTPS://WWW.STFRANCISCATHEDRAL.ORG](https://www.stfranciscathedral.org)

Event funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners through a grant awarded to the Middlesex County Cathedral and Arts Trust Fund.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ**

## Come Pray a ROSARY for LIFE

with Bishop James F. Checchio

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**  
at **1:00 PM**

MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE, NJ

### IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 PM  
(369 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ)

There is a 12:10 PM daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend.  
For more information, please contact [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)





## MASS INTENTIONS



Watch us Live!

### SUNDAY • January 14

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am.....Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners  
9:00 am.....Rob Pero r/o Sue & Claude Marcassoli  
10:30am.....Edward & Anita Perrone r/o Marty & Mary Ellen  
.....Malague  
12:00 pm.....Renald Sugatan r/o Adora Sugatan

### MONDAY • January 15

9:00 am.....Bill & Maryanne Murphy r/o Paul & Jackie Murphy

### TUESDAY • January 16

7:00 am.....Dr. Karen Schupak r/o Gloria B. Cosare  
8:00 am.....Art Paltz r/o Christopher Deibert  
12:10 pm.....Members of the Horan Family r/o Pat Walsh

### WEDNESDAY • January 17

#### St. Anthony Abbot

7:00 am.....Edward P. Piderit r/o Maureen Alvidrez  
8:00 am.....Marie & Jerry Waggoner r/o Miriam DePasquale  
12:10 pm.....Mary & Clair Bixel r/o The Bixel Family

### THURSDAY • January 18

7:00 am.....Teresa Bolido r/o Husband  
8:00 am.....Harry Wehringer r/o Son, John  
12:10 pm.....Frank Belmont r/o The Swan Family

### FRIDAY • January 19

6:30 am.....Frank J. Carniglia r/o Family  
8:00 am.....Harriet Scherrbaum r/o Dcn. Rick & Evie Fortune  
12:10 pm.....Robert Taylor r/o Patti & Rich Ackerson

### SATURDAY • January 20

8:00 am.....Katherine McGrath r/o Dcn. Guido & Mary  
5:00 pm.....Virginia A. Leck r/o Monica & Holly Rebovich

### SUNDAY • January 21

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am.....Joseph M. Saggese r/o Jerry Yaros  
9:00 am.....Living & Deceased St. Francis Parishioners  
10:30am.....Maciej Cibar r/o The Sneddon Family  
12:00 pm.....Lynda Tomcsik r/o Joan & John Zemkoski

The Sanctuary Candle for this week  
Has been donated in memory of

**Tess Bolido**

By Enriquez Family  
the Cathedral

In the Lady Chapel In healing of

**Thomas Sutherland**

By Family

## PLEASE PRAY

### SICK

Rod Altz  
Carlos Barrera  
Angela Bianchini  
**Bishop Emeritus**  
**Paul G. Bootkoski**  
Walter Boychick  
Patricia Bruder  
Tony Cirelli  
William Rocky Colavito  
Eileen Connelly  
Robert Cushing  
Johanna D'Albenzio  
Matthew Deibert  
Baby Mason Dent  
Timothy Dick  
Dr. Edward J. Donahue  
James Dudley  
Barbara Getty  
Shelly Greene  
Eric Griffin  
John Gustitus  
Joey Hale  
Allison Henry  
Louise M. Herber  
Billy & Lisa Hillyer  
Rita Johnson  
Lauren Kaczynski  
Caitlin Kusmick  
Elda Laredo  
Lia Leano  
Mother of Marianita  
Licameli  
Raymond LoLargo  
Marty Lonczak  
Norma Luna  
Santina Mara  
John McGuire  
Bill North  
Stephen Reilly  
Senie Reselosa  
Nuvia Reyes  
Anthony Rodden  
Eleanor Sammond  
Lucille Sayers  
Vanessa Sisk  
John Skarbek

Kevin Speckin  
Maryann Sullivan  
Elizabeth Lyons Sweatman  
Veronica Tan  
Danielle Velona  
Patricia Wakeman  
Tom Welsh  
Dorothy Yuhasz

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Phyllis Cirelli  
Brian Cirri  
Barbara Getty  
Eugenie Hamilton  
John Langan  
Lynn Penny  
Dennis Reilly  
Michael Rubarski  
Frank Rubino  
Barbara Samsoe  
Helen M. Schmieder  
Rhoda Varga

### PRAYER TREE:

Submit requests via email:  
[Prayers@stfranciscathedral.org](mailto:Prayers@stfranciscathedral.org) or go to [stfranciscathedral.org/prayer-tree](http://stfranciscathedral.org/prayer-tree)  
We will pray for your requests for two weeks.  
Updates are always appreciated.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Every Wednesday  
following 12:10p.m.  
Mass; we gather to pray  
the Rosary.  
Please joins us inside the  
Cathedral, in front  
nearest the sanctuary.  
The Rosary begins at  
1:00p.m. All are welcome

## GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Even if you are not enrolled in eGiving, you can make a **one-time gift** by using the QR code or by going to:

<https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/give>

Those who prefer to send in their gifts, please mail to or drop off at Parish Office.

### Tithing Week of December 24, 2023

\$11,908. FAITH DIRECT (EGIVING)

\$12,022. IN PEW/MAIL/DROP OFF

Total Tithing = \$23,930



CATHEDRAL OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

PRESENTS OUR INAUGURAL

SNOW BALL

DINNER/DANCE

FEB

SATURDAY

3

6:30 PM

2024

**\$50**

per person (21 and over)\*

Tickets will be sold in the breezeway after all Masses this weekend as well as the next two weekends,

January 20, 21, 27 & 28

Or you can purchase tickets at the Parish Office,  
45 Library Place from 9:00-5:00 p.m.  
during the week.

No Refunds unless Dance is Canceled • Music: DJ Jeanmarie • Catering: Leon's Catering  
\* \$20 tax-deductible • All proceeds go to Cathedral Concerts at St. Francis, the Cathedral  
Sacred Music Program, and the Cathedral Liturgy Office

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE - A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### *Rooted and Radiant: A Study of Colossians*

*Rooted and Radiant* was written for any woman who wants to live her life grounded in Jesus Christ. In this Bible study, we learn the book of Colossians verse by verse. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Through this Bible study, we dive deep into understanding who Jesus is and what that means for us. We learn how to abide in the wisdom of Christ to navigate the ever-increasing demands and messages of our culture, and what it means to live in the freedom of Christ and how to continually set our minds on Him.

*Rooted and Radiant* is ideal if you want to...

\*Know Jesus as He is

\*Know how to stay faithful in the middle of a culture that is constantly telling you that Christ is not enough

\*Know how to sift through the modern messages that are being thrown at you

\*Be able to compare the glamour of the world to the infinite value of "being in Christ"

### Six Weekly sessions:

**Option A- Mondays:** 7- 8:30pm

(Feb. 5, 12, 26 & March 4, 11, 18)

**Option B- Tuesdays:** 10 -11:30 am

(Feb. 6, 13, 27 & March 5, 12, 19)

There is a suggested donation of \$30 to cover the costs of the Study Guide Book, shipping, & hospitality.

For questions, more information or to register, contact Tina Rossi at: [tinarossi26@gmail.com](mailto:tinarossi26@gmail.com)

**Registration Closes January 22nd**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



 **St. Francis Cathedral School**  
 528 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840  
 732-548-3107 | [stfranciscathedralschool.org](http://stfranciscathedralschool.org)

# OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 2024  
 Mass @ Noon  
 Classroom Visits 1pm - 3pm

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**BOLD** youth ministry by the Trustees  
**SKI TRIP 2024**

**SKI TRIP 2024**  
**GORE MOUNTAIN, NY**  
**FEBRUARY 9TH-11TH**

**2-NIGHT SKI/BOARD PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- ROUND TRIP COACH BUS TRANSPORTATION
- 2-NIGHT HOTEL STAY AT THE HOLIDAY INN, LAKE GEORGE
- 2-DAY GORE MOUNTAIN LIFT PASS
- ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFASTS
- DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT
- BOWLING /ARCADE ON SATURDAY NIGHT
- SPECIAL GIVEAWAY!

**EARLYBIRD PRICING NOW - JAN. 12TH**

**QUAD \$450**  
**TRIPLE \$475**  
**DOUBLE \$530**

RENTALS & LESSONS AVAILABLE AT GORE MOUNTAIN

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
**VISIT: [BOLDYM.COM/SKITRIP2024](http://BOLDYM.COM/SKITRIP2024)**

QUESTIONS ABOUT BOLD? CONTACT SARAH & BRIAN AT [STFRANCIS@BOLDYM.COM](mailto:STFRANCIS@BOLDYM.COM) OR TEXT/CALL 732-482-1467



**ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS**

# TRICKY TRAY 2024

## Enchanted Gardens of Wonder

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024  
 NJ EXPO CENTER



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT,  
[HTTPS://STFRANCISCATHEDRALSSCHOOL.ORG/TRICKYTRAY](https://stfranciscathedralschool.org/trickytray)

QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL,  
[TRICKYTRAY@STFRANCISCATHEDRALSSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:TRICKYTRAY@STFRANCISCATHEDRALSSCHOOL.ORG)


# BASKETBALL

## free throw contest

Girls & Boys ages from 9 to 14 years old !

**COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE NEEDED TO ENTRY**

**DATE:** January 21st **TIME:** 9:30 AM

**LOCATION:** ST. FRANCIS CYO BUILDING  
 MAINSTREET METUCHEN, NJ

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATED TO THE CATHEDRAL - 2023

We are grateful to so many parishioners who have contributed to this year's Christmas Flowers, which add to the beauty of the Cathedral and the liturgies which take place therein.



### IN MEMORY OF

Lucy & Salvatore Alu  
Richard J. Ryan  
Monica Rhoads  
Walter Rhoads  
Ann & Harry Borik  
Rose & Gregory Ferrara  
James Fisher  
Michael Kostrey  
John Delia  
Reginia Delia  
Robert Kelly  
Doris Borrello  
Ralph Borrello  
Vera Izzo  
Mark Byelick  
Assunta Rubini  
Dan & Carol Taurone  
Jeanne Anderson  
Ernest Anderson  
Marion Becker  
Ernest Becker  
Jonathan Becker  
Baby Newman  
Newman Family  
Rizzo Family  
Thomas Thompson  
Jean & Richard Sharp  
Eleanor & Arthur Sanfilippo  
Stephen & Elizabeth  
Sennett  
Jane Muskuski  
Tito Cacao  
Eddie Cacao  
Teddy Cacao  
Mario Cicalese  
William & Catherine  
Galligan  
McCoy Family  
Rydzewski Family  
Malinowsky Family  
McDonough Family

Floyd Michel Sr.  
Mark Michel  
Marcella Pericci  
Ann Esther Quinlan Curran  
Robert Patrick Curran Sr.  
John Vincent Quinlan  
Ricciaidi Family  
Easton Family  
Jun Avila  
Marissa Vasquez  
Jose Juan Garcia  
Michell & Assunta Porfido  
Maria Rita Porfido  
Dante Della Sala  
Maria Porfido  
Mary Agnes Ruchalski  
Janice Grigo  
Walter Grigo  
T. Holey  
Anastacio Plaras  
Dionisia Plaras  
Henry Plaras  
Andres & Andresa Buaya  
Fernando Mendez  
Elizabeth & Wallace Wilson  
Jayne Wuy  
Irene Mendez  
Maximino Diawatan  
Nicetas Diawatan  
Iluminada Diawatan  
Pepito Diawatan  
Kathy Griffin McGuiness  
Keith Griffin  
John Sheehan and Parents  
Tom & Bridget  
Frank Pike  
Eleanor Zoletta  
Bert Zoletta  
Orlando Cabanday Sr.  
Sisinando & Natiividad  
Atienza

Giuliana Velona  
Vincent & Lena Velona  
Ting Kiang  
Shuk Lan Koh  
Ann Bonk  
Julius Bonk  
Anna Dennis  
Phyllis Carducci  
John Carducci  
Jesse & Helen Alexander  
Dionisia Plaras  
Anastacio Plaras  
Henry Plaras  
Lilia Plaras  
Wayne Stoecker  
Ruth & Don McMahon  
Gloria & Andy Brislin  
Elizabeth Clare Koehler  
Elizabeth Santowasso  
Coogan Family  
Patsy Popola  
Chester & Irene Peters  
Uncle Fred  
Uncle Tony  
Grandpa & Grandma  
Frank  
Vera  
Pierre Takouzem  
Madeleine Koumetio  
Mr. & Mrs. Consuelo  
Napoli  
Mr. Francis Fabrizio  
Johnny Napoli  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony  
Coretta  
Mrs. Cathy Coretta  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis  
DiScallot  
Ms. Pilar Balite  
Leoncio Gutierrez  
Virginia Gutierrez  
Hilario Gutierrez

Elmer Guttierrez  
Rosa Concz  
Anna Friend  
Leo & Avis Grant  
Claudia T. Grant  
Jean Zavlachy  
Maria Ferns  
Margarete & John Gieger  
Patricia & James O'Neil  
Wallace Christine  
Celso Marno  
Juana Marquez  
Guillermo Marquez  
Zdzislaw Kwiatkowski  
Magdolena Fekete  
Frank Fekete  
Josephine Araneo  
Veronica Araneo  
Antonio S. Tonio Jr.  
Antonio A. Tonio Sr.

### GIFT OF

Mrs. Carolyn Quaglia  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Scanlon  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Decourcey  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith  
Arthur Cichy  
Dorothy Codd  
Kenrick Fortune  
Keith Koenig  
Frederick Kistowski  
Victoria Mille  
Jacqueline Rasile  
Joseph Donahue  
John Hogarty  
William Kwiatkowski  
Bernard Leano  
Kevin Penny  
Tracie Romanak  
Meredith Sappington





## RCIA

Today's readings talk to us about "call" – Samuel called by the Lord, the first disciples called by Jesus. Our God constantly calls us to enter into a personal relationship with him. In daily life, it is not so simple to hear the call of God. Sometimes others are most valuable in helping us – Eli helped Samuel, and Andrew helped his brother Simon. We invite you to Come and See how the Catholic Community can help you to respond to emptiness, or a longing to get to know God better, or a sense of being drawn to the Catholic Church. Attendance at an Inquiry Session requires NO COMMITMENT to join the Catholic Community. Inquiry Sessions are merely an opportunity to "Come and See" how the Catholic Faith Community can help you find a home in God. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are invited. For more information, call Sara at RCIA (732) 742-1567.

## WE PRIORITIZE SAFETY

### HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

Contact the Diocesan Response Officer:

(908) 930-4558 (24/7) or visit the  
diocesan website:

[diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse](http://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse)

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Experience?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone (732) 904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.



## MINISTRIES

### BAPTISM

1:30pm on Sundays by appointment only. Baptismal Seminar and Pre-registration are required. Attendance during pregnancy is preferable. Contact Madonna Razal at (732) 548-0100 x214.

### MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the Rectory Office one year in advance. Couples are required to attend Pre Cana and "God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage". Contact Angela Vanco at (732) 548-0100, x212.

### R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - Those wishing to learn more about being received into the Catholic Faith - Contact Sara Sharlow at (732) 742-1567.

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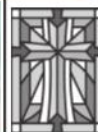
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