

CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

May 29, 2022 · Seventh Sunday of Easter



Ascension of the Lord

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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.....8:00 am
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 .



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CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Debbie Schurko, PCL x226
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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)

EUCARIST 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.

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, VG
Rector

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jay Alquiros
Parochial Vicar

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Deacon

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Deacon Retired

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CONFIRMATION

The eighth grade children of our Parish will receive their Confirmation on May 27th & May 28th. Please pray for them as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.



DIOCESAN PENTECOST VIGIL

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Seeking to be renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Metuchen will again host a Pentecost Vigil, which will be held in person this year on Saturday, June 4 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Worship, music, prayer, confession, and witnesses will be dispersed throughout the evening until midnight.

Schedule of main events and keynotes:

- 5 p.m. - Vigil Mass with Bishop Checchio
- 6 p.m. - Dinner will be served directly following the Mass
- 7:30 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8 p.m. - Talk by Fr. Luke Mary, CFR
- 9 p.m. - Talk by Allan Wright, Principal of Koinonia Academy
- 10 p.m. - Talk by Fr. Mike Tabernero
- 11 p.m. - Talk by Megan Vantslot,
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Midnight - Benediction

While the Pentecost Vigil will go from 5 p.m. until midnight, participants are welcome to come and leave at any time or to stay for the entire event.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and Builds Catholic Communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Metuchen to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message.

Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.uscch.org/ccc

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATION

Bishop Checchio and the entire diocese would like to invite you to attend the Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour are Deacon Ronal Romario Vega Pastrana who will be ordained a priest on the following day and the sanctification of all priests of our diocese.

Also, we would like to invite you to the Priesthood Ordination, which will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon Ronal Romario Vega Pastrana as a priest for service in our diocese. I hope that you will make every effort to be with us; you are welcome to attend in person or on live stream.



SUPPORT SEMINARIANS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SEMINARY, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY GOLF OUTING AND DINNER

Tuesday, June 21 - Cedar Hill Country Club, Livingston, NJ

Golf 11:00 Registration 12:45 Shotgun – Cocktail Reception and Dinner 5:30 pm.

Golf \$450/per (includes Dinner) - Dinner \$200/per person

Enter the 50/50 Raffle \$10/Chance 3 winners (25%, 15%, 10%)

Tickets/Information online shu.edu/Breslin or call 973-275-2479 email Michael.burt@shu.edu

WE HAVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MAY 29, 2022 • SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Both the First Reading and today's Gospel draw our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples just before ascending to the Father. In the First Reading, from Acts, He tells them (and us) "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Then in the Gospel, from Luke, we read, "Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. In the use of Time, we can ask ourselves if we are keeping the particular prayer commitments we have made. If so, have I noticed a deepened closeness to our Lord and an increase in virtue in my daily life? Perhaps I have let one or two of my "holy habits" go by the wayside. Then simply re-commit to them. Or maybe my prayer commitments have become routine and I could carry them out more intentionally once again. Maybe my schedule has changed and I need to establish a new time to pray.

In the use of Talent, have I stayed faithful to the ministry commitments I made? How is my attitude towards serving? Am I joyful and humble about the work I am doing? How has my serving of others changed and blessed me? Finally, let's take a look at our use of Treasure. Have I been generous in my financial giving? If so, have I noticed a deepening trust in God's care for me? Have I become a little more detached from the pull of materialism that surrounds us all in this day and age?

A stewardship way of life is challenging because it is counter-cultural to put God and others before ourselves. But that is precisely why this way of life is such a powerful witness to the message of the Gospel. And we can embrace this way of life with great confidence and joy because we are not expected to do this on our own. Our Gospel passage today tells us we are "clothed with power from on high." Whether it is as small a detail as finding a new prayer time, or as big as changing career paths to be more available to loved ones, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to show us the way. On this Feast of the Ascension, take the time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

- Acts 2: 1-11
- Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
- 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13
- Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



CIVIL OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY



We remember and honor those who fought for our country.

On Monday, May 30th, one Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. After Mass the Cathedral will be closed. Please pray for our veterans, living and deceased and give thanks for their service.

*The Rectory office will be closed.

LADY CHAPEL HOURS

The Lady Chapel will be closed on Monday May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

The Chapel will re-open on Tuesday, May 31st 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

If you are in need of food, call (732) 548-0100 x225, Social Concerns on Monday to schedule an appointment to pick up food Tuesday-Thursday.



APARTMENT NEEDED

Parishioner looking to rent a two bedroom apartment, a condo or a house around Metuchen-Edison areas. Please contact Social Concerns Office at (732) 548-0100 x225.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

On September 24, 2022, the Diocese of Metuchen will conclude its year-long 40th Anniversary celebration with a diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

As we hope this to be a joyous celebration of our diocesan anniversary, we hope to have many Catholics from our diocese in attendance as possible. The Cathedral is chartering a bus for this event. More information and materials will be forthcoming.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

JOIN THE SOCIAL CONCERNS PROVIDE-A-MEAL COMMITTEE!

Our members provide home cooked meals to the Ozanam Family Shelter every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. If you or anyone you know would like to bring Christ's happiness and joy in the lives of those in need, please contact Social Concerns at (732) 548-0100 x225 for more information and to sign up.

We look forward to hear from you! Peace!

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF- STEP II

The bereavement monthly group meeting, Step II: Journey through Grief- **CANCELED**. Will not meet on Tuesday June 7th, in the community room from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

This session is for anyone who has suffered a loss and is in the healing process and/or who has gone through our weekly bereavement process. These sessions are open to: all parishioners and non parishioners, to all other religious denominations or to anyone who is interested.

There is no fee; pre-registration is required. You may contact Jessie Flynn directly at (732)895-2563, Marybeth Connolly at (732)512-8901 or Danielle Velona (732) 662-9406.



PAINTING LESSONS WITH FR. ROY

DISCOVER THE ARTIST IN YOU!

June 18, 2022 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Francis Cathedral. Registration is \$40., includes canvas & paints.

To register please use the QR code or go to <https://www.priestbrush.com>.

For more information please email Jlagir1@gmail.com



FULL TIME JOB OPENING AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

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Responsibilities:

Performing clerical functions such as data entry, filing, bookkeeping, and office equipment operations.

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Requirements:

This job requires an intermediate knowledge of Windows and Microsoft Word and Excel, utilization of site specific statistical, financial and analytical software, and the ability to work as part of a team.

To learn more about Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, please visit our web site: www.ccdom.org. Resumes can be mailed to Catholic Charities, DOM, 319 Maple Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Dear Cathedral Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I begin my letter to you after reading and hearing the tragic news of the shooting in Uvalde Texas. Such an enormous tragedy of unspeakable pain and sadness at the destruction of innocent children's lives and the teachers who tried to protect them. May the merciful love of God triumph in the darkness and bring healing, hope and peace that the world cannot give.

This weekend we are celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord---the moment when Jesus, after spending 40 days in His resurrected state---returns to the Father while the angels shouted for joy! He returns to the Father completing His earthly mission----and before He leaves---He commissions the first apostles---and now us---to keep doing what He came to do---namely to go into the whole world and make disciples of all the nations! The Church is born with a "missionary" mandate.

Do you realize you have a mission? It is very important and very personal. Only you will know what it is. Are you praying to fulfill it? We cannot without supernatural help---which we know are the Sacraments of the Church---the very life of God given to us for the sake of salvation. The journey begins at baptism---when original sin is washed away and the Father Son and Holy Spirit come to dwell in our soul. This "indwelling" is the basis for our holiness---and our call to become "more" every day in Him.

We celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for ninety-eight of our 8th graders this past Friday night and Saturday morning. You remember that the Rite of Confirmation completes or "seals" the gifts we received in baptism and the life of the Holy Spirit intensifies within us to prepare us for "mission" as witnesses to Christ---and a missionary for God's love in the world. We must pray for the young newly confirmed that they will come to a deeper knowledge and love of God through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Of course Sacraments are not magic. We have only to look to see how many people receive Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, yet never claim the gifts; essentially living like anyone else who has never received a Sacrament.

This is why faith is so critical. Faith is a gift and we can only pray for it, receive and be thankful for it. We can make "acts of faith," by telling God we believe in Him and telling others we believe in Him. (By the way, that is why we say the Creed at every mass). We need living faith---which keeps us in contact with the living God. Praying for our young people is what will help them the most right now. They need to see and encounter a community of disciples that are fully alive in Christ. This is why we need to prepare for Pentecost this coming Sunday.

I encourage you to come to the Great Pentecost Vigil next Saturday night---Bishop Checchio will celebrate and then---we will keep Vigil---with prayer---songs and inspirational talks---along with priests hearing confessions---until midnight. I encourage you to pray this prayer everyday with living faith---cut it out and paste it on your mirror or refrigerator---or someplace you will not forget to say it---but say it by putting your heart in it---we need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit---a living choice to welcome and live by the Spirit in order to be fully alive in our Christian life.

O Holy Spirit, Divine Consoler! I adore You as my Triune God.

I bless You by uniting myself to the praises You receive from the angels and saints.

I offer You my whole heart, and I render You heartfelt thanks for the gifts You have bestowed on me, and unceasingly on the whole world.

You are the author of all supernatural gifts---and who did enrich with immense favors upon the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

I renounce all my sins and attachment to evil and choose to accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every aspect of my life---Baptize me in your bath of graces so I may sing God's praises now, and for all eternity.

Have a blessed week---You are the apple of God's eye! He loves you so much---so live like a son or daughter of God.
Father Christy

MASS INTENTIONS

WATCH
US
LIVE



SUNDAY • May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter— Ascension of the Lord

7:30 amDeceased Members of the Tufaro Family r/o Children
9:00 am.....Delia Basilio r/o Tan Family
10:30 am.....Mr. & Mrs. Albert V. Belmont r/o Frank Belmont
12:00 pm.....David Burr r/o Cummings Family

MONDAY • May 30 - Memorial Day

9:00 am.....Living & Deceased St. Francis Cathedral Parishioners

TUESDAY • May 31

7:00 am.....Grace Ward r/o Her Cousins
8:00 am.....Regina McKigney r/o Bill & Margaret Manza
12:10 pm.....(Liv.) Joachim & Marianita Licameli r/o Marian Licameli

WEDNESDAY • June 1

7:00 am.....Joseph & Marie Tufaro r/o Scasserra Family
8:00 am.....Elaine Onufer r/o Cathy & Tom
12:10 pm.....Phillippa O'Connor r/o Passannante Family

THURSDAY • June 2

7:00 am.....Cordero/Gimenez Family r/o Rene Cordero
8:00 am.....Maryann Scudero r/o SFCS HSA
12:10 pm.....Benedicta Ouano Muller r/o May Castaneda

FRIDAY • June 3

7:00 am.....Sr. M. Trinitas r/o The Varco Family
8:00 am.....Catheline Fortuna r/o Fortuna Family
12:10 pm.....Theresa Fernandes r/o Pereira Family

SATURDAY • June 4

8:00 am.....Joseph Boyle r/o Marie & Nancy
5:00 pm.....Carol Formisano r/o Paul & Jackie Murphy

SUNDAY • June 5

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 amMarie Tufaro r/o Roger & Donna Tufaro
9:00 am.....Diane Sheets r/o Genevieve Kirchner
10:30 am.....Ann Bonk r/o Family
12:00 pm.....Herminia Labao & Florita Quilingan r/o Jasmine Almeda

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

Dr. Eugene Tyrell

By Keating Family
In the Cathedral

In the Lady Chapel In memory of

Isidro Cruz

By Benito Tironella

PLEASE PRAY

SICK

Clarissa "Claire" Angeles
Angela Bianchini
Walter Boychick
Arturo Bustria
Jim Capriglione
Tracey Coleman
Eugene Corrigan
Dr. Susan Dube
Dr. Edward J. Donahue
James Dudley
John Grigo
Rosanne Guarnieri
Joey & Mia Hale
Allison Henry
Joe Kaczynski
Lauren Kaczynski
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Bob Kudlacik
Adrianna Fay Kuritz
Mother of Marianita Licameli
Marian Licameli
Norma Luna
Marie Elaine Mackiewicz
Julie Maurer
Louise Melencio
Katie Michael
Josephine Napolitano
Alfonso Nuesa
Eleanor Sammond
Edmund Scattaglia
John Skarbek
Elizabeth Smith
Kevin Sullivan
Eileen Swan
**FOR THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED**
Steven Baldiviezo
Felisa Cabella
Joseph Lochley
Andrew Matulonis
Muriel Nicosia
Dr. Anthony Passannante
Francesca Pontoriero
Elsa Pozada
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Dolores Tagliarini

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sfprayertree@msn.com.
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requests for two weeks.
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appreciated.

AND ALL THOSE
RECOMMENDED IN THE
BOOK OF INTENTIONS

PRAY THE ROSARY

Every Wednesday
following 12:10PM Mass,
parishioners gather on
the plaza in front of the
Cathedral to pray the
Rosary. Their prayerful
intention is for COVID-19
vaccines to be approved/
swiftly administered; for
the health and healing of
those afflicted with the
virus; for those who have
lost their lives and for
their loved ones who are
bereaved; for the safety
and welfare of our
country. All 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 Rectory Office.

Tithing Week of May 15, 2022:

\$ 11,204. Faith Direct (eGiving)

\$ 12,289 In pew/mail/drop off

Total Tithing = \$34,697

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

One of the most enduring images of American folklore is the cowboy hero riding off into the sunset - all alone. Our culture promotes an ideal of rugged individualism. However, happy and effective living is impossible without graceful interactions with other people. Feeling lonely is painful. We are born to love and be loved. Jesus tells us that Christians are known by their love and interconnectedness in caring relationships. When we love one another, we not only share one another's burdens, we share one another's blessings, strengths, and joys as well. If you, or anyone you know, would like to hear more about Jesus' teachings and the Catholic Faith Family, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information call Sara: RCIA at (732)742-1567.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

We are taking registration for our **Traditional Weekly Program** - Grades 1 through 8 and our **Monthly Family Centered Program** - Grades 1 through 8. Registration Forms are available online at www.stfranciscathedral.org. Our classes fill up quickly, so register early. If you have any questions please call the Religious Ed. Office at (732)548-0100 x. 226 or e-mail religioused@stfranciscathedral.org. New Families will need to provide a copy of the new student's Baptismal Certificate along with their registration forms.

HELP NEEDED

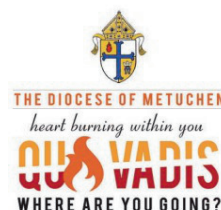
We are seeking parishioners who are able to share their faith in an enthusiastic and engaging way to serve as catechists in all models of our Religious Education programs. Training available. For information please call the Religious Ed. Office at (732)548-0100 x. 226 or e-mail religioused@stfranciscathedral.org



QUO VADIS WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

You are invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarian and faith-filled teens your own age. July 19-22 2022.

The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sport and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information please email quovadi@diometuchen.org



SFCS SUMMER CAMP 2022 - WE ARE EXCITED AND WE JUST CAN'T HIDE IT!

SFCS Summer Camp 2022 is ready to welcome you back for 8 weeks of summer fun! Our program begins on June 20 and runs through August 12, 2022.

We are open to campers ages 4-14 and offer a wide variety of activities for your camper to enjoy! We are adding new programs to our summer program and keeping our favorites. We are currently accepting applications for this upcoming summer and look forward to welcoming your camper to SFCS summer camp!

Please reach out to Mrs. Rizzo at (732) 548-3107 or via email at rizzom@stfranciscathedralschool.org for more information. All information for camp is available on our website: stfranciscathedralschool.org



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

On Sunday, June 5, Rosary Altar Society members will attend 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Afterwards, they will meet in the Solarium for their monthly meeting followed by an ice cream social. Anyone interested in finding out what we do are always welcome to come to our meetings. The Rosarians wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Summer.



WE PRIORITIZE SAFETY

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

CONTACT THE DIOCESAN RESPONSE OFFICER:

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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Contact the Director of Religious Education, Debra Schurko at (732) 548-0100 x226 or her assistant, Meghan Moran at (732) 548-0100, x222.

ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

St. Francis Cathedral School creates a Catholic atmosphere where children are challenged to develop respect, justice, and responsibility while growing intellectually and spiritually into leaders of the 21st Century. Contact Principal Ann Major at (732) 548-3107.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

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 Rectory Office for details.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Available weekly in the Cathedral and The Lady Chapel. Donation: \$20. Enclose in an envelope with information and put in collection basket or mail or bring to Rectory.

ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL FUNDS:

Memorial gifts may be made to the MSGR. RICHARD A. BEHL ENDOWMENT FUND to enrich the academic excellence of our parish school, offer tuition assistance through the ST. FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND and to the PHYLLIS WALKER MEMORIAL FUND to enhance the school library and educational tools used for our students. Please inquire at the parish office or school office for further information.

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