



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. CECILIA

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Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 5:00 pm

Sunday..... 8:30 & 11:00 am

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.....8:00 am

Tuesday..... 7:00 pm

Holy Days.....8:00 am, 12:15 & 7:00 pm

Confessions (*Sacrament of Reconciliation*)

Saturdays..... 3:45 - 4:30 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday..... 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Thursday..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday.....9:00 am - noon

Parish Office is closed on Fridays during July and August.

Closed Saturday/ Sunday/ Holidays/ Holy Days

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday evening after the 7:00 pm Mass until 9:00 in the chapel. Eucharistic Adoration for Respect Life Intentions is held every Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Church.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are held on the Fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm or during a Sunday Mass. Attendance at a pre-baptismal class is required. Arrangements may be made by contacting the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Arrangements can be made anytime for the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office when someone is looking to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Marriage Arrangements: Arrangements for marriage must be made at least one year in advance of the wedding. Engaged couples must comply with all marriage preparation programs that are required by NJ Bishops. Please call to make an appointment with the parish priest to begin marriage preparation.

Religious Education Classes: The Religious Education program at St. Cecilia parish is committed to faith formation and formal training of children. The goal is to inspire and motivate children to develop love of the Father, have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ with guidance and knowledge of the Holy Spirit. We will build an understanding of the basic beliefs in the Roman Catholic faith and lay the foundation and encouragement to carry those beliefs to the community.

The preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is incorporated over a period of three years for grades 6-7-8. Parish service hours are a sacramental requirement.

Please visit the parish web pages for information regarding the specific times and locations, or email DRE@stceciliaparish.net.

Sponsors & Godparents: The following are the mandated requirements to be a sponsor/Godparent at St. Cecilia parish:

- ✦ If married, the marriage MUST be valid within the Catholic Church
- ✦ At least 14 years of age
- ✦ Received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- ✦ Attend Mass regularly on Sundays (or Saturday evening) and Holy Days of obligation
- ✦ Receive the Sacrament of the Church regularly

Sponsors and Godparents must be an active parishioner and be attending Mass for at least 3 months to be eligible.

Parish Membership

Any new family who has moved into the parish area, and adult children 18 years of age and older, are invited to register as parishioners. The definition of an active parishioner is: One registered, attending Mass weekly and contributing to the support of the church.



April 7, 2019
5th Sunday of Lent

Intentions - week of April 8, 2019

- MONDAY** **Weekday – Consolata Fathers**
8:00 A.M. Alice & Mike Tomaselli r/o Mary Marschall
- TUESDAY** **Weekday – Fr. Charlie**
7:00 P.M. Angie Schibbaro r/o John & Beverly Schwab
- WEDNESDAY** **Weekday - Fr. Charlie**
8:00 A.M. Clara McFerrin r/o Karen Shannon
- THURSDAY** **Weekday - Fr. Charlie**
8:00 A.M. Fred Kwiatkowski r/o St. Cecilia Columbiettes
- FRIDAY** **Weekday - Fr. Charlie**
8:00 A.M. Adam Kaliski r/o Perla Wee
- SATURDAY** **Vigil Mass – Fr. Charlie**
5:00 P.M. Elizabeth Bognar r/o Ilona Gundersen
- SUNDAY** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Fr. Charlie**
8:30 A.M. Mass for the People
11:00 A.M. Laura Fimbel r/o Joe & Karen O’Leary & family

Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers: Grace

Lanza, Louis Higley, Robert Cleary, Denise Pedersen, Joseph Thomas, John Anthony Criscuola, Barbara McLaughlin, Edward Jurewicz, Molly Barry, Valerie Dietrich, Jim Waltzak, Jack Ruggiero, Monica Spengler, John Troendle, Brother Carmen Ciardullo, Rafael Bautista,

Stephen Soehngen, Ron Lewis, Helen Morris, John Milano, Samantha Blodgett, Anne Cacavio, Helen Kelleher, Grace Smink, Paul Seidel, Susan Capellupo, Margaret Fimbel, Kenny O’Connor, Augustine Nieves, Gladys Milazzo, Arlene Bellinger, Joyce Valenti, John Smyth, Dan Farago, Bill Sharp, Susan Marantz, Maryann Hughes, Michael Banko, Mary Elizabeth Clark, Jake Holmes, Marie Valenti, Diane Brennan, Lil White, Liam Robilotto, Cheryl Salus, Joseph Longo, Fe Abila, Colleen Lettieri, Evan Wadyka, Cody Salus, Rosalind Henry, Joey Schilling, Michelle Leblanc, Emma Fernandez, Thomas Farrell, Noel Galang, Brian Fisher, Bradley Opdyke, Lynn Killmurray, Kristen Herman, Vanina Jean-Claude, Peg Gray, Marie Valenti, Gloria Franklin, Christine Thomas, Debbie Pernal, Freddy Oliveria, Mike Duca, Jay LaRusso, Gary Johnson, Carlos Maldonado, Robert Carapiet, Paula Hoy, Jeanette LeBlanc, George Currie, Carmen Hernandez, Peggy Schiller, Kim Borredon, John Gambatese, Jackie Pang, Charles Micale, Cole Joannette, Joseph Tete, Stevie Skaats, Leo & Catherine McKernan, Taryn Wrotny, Tom Montemarano, Robin Reifinger, Russell Smith, Al Lusch, Bob Ulshafer, Christopher Duffet, Brandan Novak, Joe Biddle, Stephen Szackas, Sonya Hall, Brian Gomm, Lina Cicchetti, Diane Hurley & Betty Jones.

Please Pray for Those in the Military: Richard

Melendez, Brian Hopkins, Eddie Israel, Bryan Kelly, Thomas Matsay, Evan Ruffini, David Novak, Matthew Frank, Jamie Ruzycski, Christopher Williams, Patrick Hurley, Nicholas DiGiralmo, Justin Burgos & Neil Hart.



Chrism Mass

Monday April 15, 2019 – 4:00 PM

On Monday, April 10, 2017 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 parish 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 in the ancient, grace-filled **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.**



St Cecilia parish congratulates
 Rachel Cusumano & Peter Tumulty

and

Emily Taylor & Christopher Greco
 on their recent weddings.

May God bless you as you start your lives together.



Baptisms

The St. Cecilia Parish Community wishes to welcome, with great joy, our newly baptized: Jocelyn Rose & Kayleigh Dee Lawler.

St. Cecilia Parish Lenten Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

The power of the Way of the Cross is that we are invited to place our own struggles, loneliness and sufferings within the passion of Jesus.

During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross each **Friday evening at 7:00 PM**. This year we are pleased to announce that the liturgies will be led by various ministry groups of our parish. The schedule is:

DATE	MINISTRY	THEME
April 12, 2018 Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent	Columbiettes	Stations of the Cross with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Please make praying the Way of the Cross with us an important part of your Lenten Preparation. Please also feel free to invite whomever you think would be interested in participating in this prayerful reflection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN DINNERS

Join us during Lent on Fridays, thru April 12th for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. A light meal will be served in the parish hall from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
 During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
 Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
 Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
 Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
 May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
 Amen.



Holy Week Schedule 2019

CHRISM MASS – Monday, April 15
St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen 4:00 PM

SEDER MEAL - Wednesday, April 17
St. Cecilia Parish Community Hall 6:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 18
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 19
Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY – Saturday, April 20
The Great Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 21
Mass at 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon



Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A Readings

Reading 1 [EZ 37:12-14](#)

Thus says the Lord GOD:

O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Reading 2 [ROM 8:8-11](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel [JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45](#) or [JN 11:1-45](#)

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."
When Jesus heard this he said,
"This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples,
+Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to

meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise."

Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her,

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,

"Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord, by now there will be a stench;

he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them,

"Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 7, 2019

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I know you will agree that among our greatest assets in this diocese is our faithful priests. The Diocese of Metuchen currently has 29 retired diocesan priests. Just imagine how many masses, baptisms, and confessions we have celebrated with them. They have blessed us, mourned with us, and ministered to us throughout our lives. Because they devoted their lives to the services of God and the Diocese of Metuchen we have been the recipients of their sacramental and pastoral care. Wherever I go on parish visits, I hear about and can sense your great love for our priests. As I think back on my own life, I see my own faith has been remarkably shaped by the priests who ministered to me and my family while growing up. Good and faithful priests bring joy to the Church.

For the majority of diocesan priests, retirement at the age of 75 ends administrative responsibilities, but not their priestly ministry. In a number of parishes, our retired priests continue to celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our active priests. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also continue to support the people of God through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, April 13 and 14, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge those priests who have faithfully served our diocese by responding to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. This collection assists our elderly priests by helping to provide them with a monthly pension. It also subsidizes the operation of the Maria Regina Residence where 10 of our retired priests are currently living.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service as well as make it possible for us to continue to properly care for them. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. We depend on your prayerful support in order to accomplish the work of the Gospel in our challenging times.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

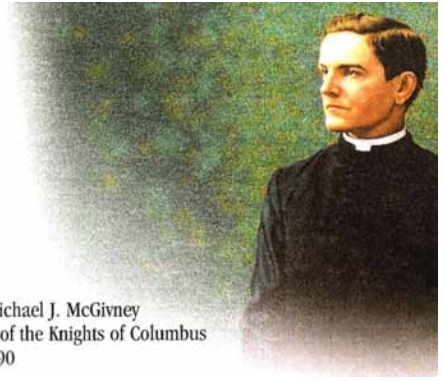
Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



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What we do as Knights... Locally, our Council takes an active role in the Catholic Community of St. Cecilia through a variety of events and activities. We sponsor Italian Night in October, Retro Night in January, the Annual St. Patrick's Dance in March, and Lenten Suppers in conjunction with Stations of the Cross. For the children of the parish we host Breakfast with Santa and the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday each year, as well as a Communion Breakfast.



Throughout the year, we assist in preparing the church for the major Holy Days of Christmas and Easter by setting up the outward signs of our Faith: the Nativity Scene and the Three Crosses. We encourage our young adults to take part in these events to learn the value of working with others while gaining service hours toward Confirmation.



In the larger community of South Brunswick, we are visible through our Citizens with Needs Drive that is held each April, our Annual Charity Golf Outing to support the Knights/Family in Need Fund, Blood Drives and the Annual Veterans Breakfast. Whenever requests are made for help, we make the effort to step up and aid those in need without counting the cost.

What we do as Parishioners... Many members of the Knights are also active in volunteering to assist during Mass as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, or Usher. Others volunteer as teachers in the Religious Education Program. Yet through all our work as Knights, our members remain focused on our families.

What we ask of members... Time is one of the most valuable commodities we have in life. As a member of our Council, *we ask only that you volunteer your time at one event during the year.* For some events, this is as little as one hour for setup. For other events, it may be a couple of hours for cooking, serving, or helping fellow parishioners. Your effort to help us is a great way to enrich your Catholic spirituality while cheerfully giving back to our local parish and community. It is a great way to make new friendships! Why not become a member and add your enthusiasm and drive to our organization?



JOIN US!

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Steve Bove, Membership Director, at (732) 984-8803. Or, via email at kofcmembership7046@gmail.com.

New and Transfer members are always welcome!!!

St. Cecilia Seder Meal

April 17th at 6:30 pm



It is time to look forward to the miracle of our salvation, through the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through the commemoration of the Passover meal, a prototype of the Mass, we celebrate our salvation as a people. Starting with the first to believe in one God, the Jewish nation was the keeper of God's promise and of God's word in the Torah. From these roots, came Jesus, with His message of hope and forgiveness. We participate in His sacrifice through the Paschal meal we celebrate in the Mass. The Paschal meal is in fact the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his friends at the Last Supper. Our parish Seder is a revisiting of the Passover meal, with prayer, song, and food honoring our Jewish roots and our Catholic faith.

Please come to the Seder. You will learn much about your faith, and be able to pass it on to your children. All are welcomed to this FREE parish event. Since seating is limited, we ask that you sign-up with the volunteers at the back of church after mass. The Seder will begin at 6:30 pm in St. Cecilia hall; potluck drop-off will be at 6:00 pm. We could use help setting up tables, arranging the Seder plates, and serving food. If you can assist, please give you name and number to the sign-up volunteers.

We hope to see you there.

The Cup of Blessing, the Cup of Remembrance

The seder celebration is the feast of freedom from slavery of the Israelites from their Egyptian captors for 400 years. The Israelites, as the modern Jews of today, kept alive the faith that God would send a Messiah to save their people and restore their nation. We as Catholic Christians know that God sent his Son, Jesus, the Messiah or Anointed One, to save us for all time, and to restore us to life by his sacrifice on the cross. Four cups of wine are poured and shared during the seder meal. Jesus himself partook of the seder meal at the Last Supper, we celebrate as the initiation of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. We celebrate the seder meal at every mass. The cup of thanksgiving at the seder meal praises God, "King of the Universe" for all our abundant blessings. The "cup of remembrance" commemorates the story of God's people and their struggle to maintain their faith to the One, True, God through its prophets, leaders, crises, indifference, and cruelty. It highlights how the people had to leave in haste, with only the clothes on their backs and some unleavened bread to eat on the way. Think about today, how many people are displaced by war, are refugees of political persecution, of economic starvation, marching to some unknown end to the hope of a better life. Think of Darfur, Crimea, Cosovo, Lampedusa, Cuba, even hurricane Katrina. How could these people survive without faith? The second cup commemorates this. The third cup is the cup of praise and blessing to God for redeeming us, and for making us his people. At the Last Supper, it was the at the third cup of the seder that Christ consecrated the cup as his own Blood, and the unleavened bread or matzo, as his own Body. The fourth cup is the cup of Elijah, the prophet. Elijah, who was raised up to heaven, body and soul, is believed to accompany the Messiah at his second coming. This cup is left unconsumed, in that the hope that the prophet will come to the table and join us at the end of the age.



Daddy - Daughter Luau Night

Saturday, May 11

St. Cecilia Parish Hall

6:30pm - 8:30pm



Join us for a night of dancing, games, food, and so much more!

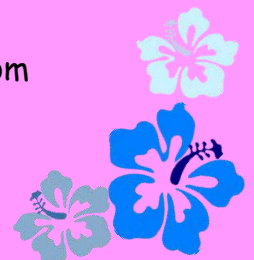
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When: Saturday - May 11, 2019

Where: Chapel at St. Cecilia Church
10 Kingston Lane
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Schedule:

8:00 am - Opening Prayers by Host family/group

8:30 am - 20 Petitionary Prayers with 100 Hail Mary for each Petition. *Prayers will be done continuously until all petitions are completed*

3:00 pm - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

5:00 pm - Holy Mass

Please bring your personal
petition/intention
or
drop it in the Prayer Petition Box

For further information, please call Romy @ 732-329-6475

You can come anytime and stay as long as you desire.

Won't you come and spend time in prayer with Our Mother Mary?

(Future dates are: 8/3/19, 10/5/19, 1/4/20)



Stewardship

A Way of Life

April 7, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

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Interested in becoming a Catholic?

~ R C I A ~

Is God calling you to become a member of His church? If you are interested in learning about the process of becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

Columbiettes Scholarship Opportunity

If you are a young lady graduating high school and continuing on to college, as well as a member of St. Cecilia's parish family, then you are eligible to apply for the Columbiette "Student Good Citizen Award". We are seeking students with strong academics, who also demonstrate leadership, a patriotic spirit, and/or service to their church and community. If you are interested to learn more, please contact Mrs. Bogнар at bbognar4@verizon.net

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them, O Lord

We remember Elaine M. Lorenzo who entered into her eternal reward during the month of march. Please keep Elaine and her family in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Throughout our lives we often find ourselves, loved ones, or friends in need of prayers. The St. Cecilia Prayer Group is committed to praying for all your special intentions. You can request prayers through the prayer box at the back of the church. The Prayer group will pray for your intentions as requested. The wooden prayer box will be brought up weekly with the Offertory Gifts during the weekend masses. Please know that your prayer requests will be kept confidential and that you will be prayed for.

Coffee Time this Sunday

Won't you join us and share a cup of coffee or tea, have something sweet to eat and a chance to chat with your fellow parishioner? Coffee Time *this* Sunday is hosted by St. Cecilia's Knights of Columbus.



Don't forget:
Religious Education Classes
this
Monday and Wednesday
4/8 4/10



Looking Ahead to Summer??

Mark your calendars ...Camp St. Cecilia will take place July 15 – July 19. Watch upcoming bulletins for more info.

Gluten Intolerance / Celiac Sprue

We know that those who live with gluten intolerance, especially Celiac Sprue disease, have special needs when it comes to receiving the Eucharist. Several parishioners have already spoken to us about this condition, and we have made special arrangements so that they are not deprived of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

Due to this condition, those affected are unable to receive the consecrated host at Communion because the gluten in the wafer would do damage to their small intestines and cause even potentially life-threatening conditions in the most serious cases. It is estimated that 1 in 133 people live with this condition, but the great majority - over 90% - are undiagnosed. For more information:

www.csaceliacs.org/ceeliac_defined.php

If you or someone in your family live with this condition, please see Fr. Charlie either before or after Mass, or at the Parish Office to find out how we can help you participate fully in the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Complaints of Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or someone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse by first contacting local or state law enforcement and the county Prosecutor's Office, and then by alerting the Diocese of Metuchen through the Office of Child and Youth Protection online

at youth.protection@diometuchen.org or by calling (732) 562-2440 • Cell: (908) 930-4558

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