



The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be coming to St. Jude Parish this Friday, December 7 to Sunday December 9.

“Our Lady of Guadalupe, we entrust ourselves to you during the upcoming year of preparation for consecration in the Diocese of Metuchen. You are the patroness of the Americas and we ask you to intercede for our country, our diocese and our families. Draw each one of us to your Son, Jesus, Amen.”

Many miracles are attributed this Image. The image will be present for the Vigil mass of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 7 at 7:30 PM and the morning mass on Saturday December 8 at 9:00 AM and the Sunday masses. We are blessed to honor the Blessed Mother through this miraculous image.

GUEST SPEAKER

Hernando Patino MD

Sunday, December 9 from 2:45 PM – 4:45 PM,

Hernando Patino MD, a diaconate candidate and member of the Diocesan Consecration Team has devoted over a year to the study of the historical context and key messages of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego in 1531. His presentation will include: listening to the call from God, evangelization, the role of a lay person, enculturation, human dignity, Mary as consoler of afflicted in the new world, caring for the sick and the elderly, pro-life and the unspoken language of Juan Diego's tilma. In addition, he will explain two questions relevant to today's world: Where am I? Where are you going?

Lighting Hearts on Fire

A Year of Spiritual Awakening for Consecration For the Diocese of Metuchen

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Jesus through Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. A year of Spiritual Awakening as a year-long preparation process launches on

Wednesday, December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, during Evening Prayer with Bishop Checchio at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30pm. Carpool from St. Jude Parish leaves at 5:30 PM



All of the faithful are invited to attend. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully. For more info go to:

www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com

Augustinian Recollect Sisters' Baked Goods Sales

The sisters will be taking orders for the annual Christmas Baked Goods Sales after masses on December 1, 2, 8, and 9. Baked goods include: small and large tray of cookies, orange cake, rolls, and banana bread. The baked goods will be delivered to St. Jude Church on December 15 and 16 for pickup after the masses. Please make checks payable to: Augustinian Recollect Sisters. The sisters will also accept prayer requests and donations. You may send your prayers and donations to: 20 Manunka Chunk Rd, Belvidere, NJ 07823, or drop it off during ordering of the baked goods. For information please contact Robert Ho, (908) 382-1525, email: rhmt1998@gmail.com

Courage

If you are struggling with unwanted same-sex attraction and seek confidential, Catholic pastoral care, call **Courage: 732-562-2476,**

or e-mail couragecni@gmail.com.

Support for family members, call **EnCourage: 732-248-9460.** See the website at Couragerc.org

Remediation expense

The total remediation expense paid out as of November 14 is \$77,245. What remains is the expense and work for installing a septic tank.

Funds raised towards these expenses

We are grateful for the offerings given through Pic-an-Envelope which raised \$25,867 as of November 26. Another offering was made for the Remediation/Septic expenses of \$250.00. Thank you.

How can you help?

More donations are welcome to help cover this expense. Just put remediation on envelope and send in or put in collection. Check bulletin for upcoming Pop Up Thrift Shop and also St. Jude Gift Card and Gift Certificate Tricky Tray. The proceeds for these events will help with these expenses.



Clothing and Shoes Donation Bins

Please consider supporting our poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are located in many parishes of the Diocese including St. Jude Parish, Blairstown, NJ, **located near the St. Jude Giving Tree Preschool building.** If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.