



Mary, Mother of God Church

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Welcome to Our Parish Family!

It is our hope that you will find our church a place of beauty and peace, nurture and comfort, faith and love.
We pray that within our church you will experience our good and gracious God in Jesus Christ.

Parish Mission Statement

To grow and develop our faith through word and sacrament as a people of God, loving each other,
inspired by the love of God for us. "Love one another as I have loved you." - John 13:34

The Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2020



Upcoming Events

January Events

Food Bank
Weekend of Jan. 18 & 19, 2020

**Special Needs
Awareness Mass**
Sunday, Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church
35 Mountain Avenue,
Somerville, NJ

Office Closure
The Parish Office will be closed
on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Office of Human Life
and Dignity, Rally for Life**
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 9:30 a.m.
Trenton, NJ

Please see inside the bulletin or
our website for further
information.



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Clergy

Rev. John Rozembajgier, JCL. frjohn@marymotherofgod.org
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Church

Mary, Mother of God Church is open daily from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.

Iglesia

La iglesia, Maria, Madre de Dios está abierta diariamente de 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. para la oración y la meditación.

Daily Mass

Monday: 7:30 p.m. with Miraculous Medal Novena.
Tuesday through Saturdays: Rosary is prayed at 8:00 a.m., Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel.

Misa Diarias

Lunes, 7:30 p.m. con Novena a la Medalla Milagrosa.
Martes a Sábados: Rezo del Rosario a las 8:00 a.m., Misa a las 8:30 a.m. seguido rezo a la Divina Misericordia. Misa diaria celebrada en la Capilla.

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 12:00 p.m.
Weekend Masses are celebrated in the Church.

Misas de Fin de Semana

Vigilia del sábado: 5:00 p.m. Misa Español: 6:30 p.m.
Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.- Liturgia de los niños, 12:00 p.m. y sábados 6:30 p.m.
Misa de fin de semana is celebrada en la iglesia.

Holy Day Mass

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.
Holy Day: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Misas de día Preceptos

Vigilia: 7:00 p.m.
Día sagrado: 7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. y 7:00 p.m.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m. or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

Confesiones/Reconciliación

Sábados al final de la Misa en Español o para hacer una cita llamar a la oficina Parroquial.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9:00 a.m. through Sunday 10:00 a.m.

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

Viernes de 9:00 a.m. a domingo 10:00 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:15 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
(closed 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)
Monday evenings: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Oficina Parroquial

Lunes a Viernes: 9:15 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
(cerrado 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)
Lunes de 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office

Please call Deacon Chris Conroy in the Religious Education Office at 908-874-8604 or email him at Dre@marymotherofgod.org to register your child(ren).

Educación religiosa (Catecismo)

Para más informes Diacono Chris Conroy a DRE@marymotherofgod.org O llamar 908-874-8604

Pre-School/Kindergarten Enrichment

Our dedicated and knowledgeable faculty are committed to providing a quality experience focused on faith, family and community. Please call the Parish Office to register your child(ren).

Pre-School y Kindergarten Enrichment

Nuestros expertos y dedicados profesores están comprometidos a proporcionar una experiencia de calidad centrada en la fe, la familia y la comunidad. Llame a la oficina parroquial para registrar a su(s) hijo(s).

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Sacramental Information

Baptisms

Would you like to have your child Baptized? If your child is under the age of seven and you would like your child to be Baptized in the Faith, please call Ms. Veronica Collingwood at the Parish Office or email her at admin@marymotherofgod.org to make arrangements. Arrangements are required at least three weeks in advance to schedule Baptisms. Baptisms are celebrated every Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Baptism Godparents

One must be at least 14 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the Church. This is especially important if you wish to be a Godparent for Baptism. It takes six months of attending Mass to be eligible for this privilege.

Penance/Reconciliation

Would you like to clean your heart and soul and begin a new journey with Christ? We invite you to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at the times specified in the front of this bulletin.

Holy Eucharist

We invite you to participate in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist daily at the times specified on the front of this bulletin. If you have not had the opportunity to make your Holy Eucharist, please contact Ms. Veronica Collingwood at the Parish Office or email her to make arrangements. We welcome second graders and also children who have not received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Communion Calls & Anointing for the Sick

Would you or your loved one like to receive Holy Communion and or the Anointing of the Sick? Please contact the Parish Office when someone is sick or shut-in, even for a few weeks; Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick will be ministered to them.

Confirmation

Would you like to receive your Confirmation? Would you like your children to be Confirmed? We invite you to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Ms. Veronica Collingwood at the Parish Office.

Confirmation Sponsors

One must be at least 14 years old, registered as an adult and be confirmed in the Catholic Church. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized by the Church. This is especially important if you wish to be a Sponsor for Confirmation. It takes six months of Mass attendance to be eligible for this privilege.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or are you a Catholic who was baptized but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? If so, please contact Ms. Betty Buettner at the Parish Office or email her at RCIA@marymotherofgod.org.

Información Sacramental

Bautismo

Los bautismos se celebran el tercer domingo del mes a las 1:30 p.m. Por favor llame a la Sra. Veronica Collingwood en la oficina parroquial o por correo electrónico a admi@marymotherofgod.org para hacer los arreglos. Se requieren arreglos con al menos tres semanas de anticipación para programar bautismos.

Bautismo, Requisitos de los Padrinos

Debe tener 14 años de edad, estar registrado como adulto y ser confirmado en la iglesia católica. Si usted está casado, su matrimonio debe ser reconocido por la iglesia. Esto es especialmente importante si desea ser un padrino de bautismo. Se necesitan seis meses de asistir a la Misa para ser elegibles para este privilegio.

Confesiones/Reconciliación

Los invitamos a participar en la penitencia y reconciliación todos los sábados al final de la Misa en Español o para hacer una cita llamar a la oficina Parroquial.

Sagrada Eucaristía

Los invitamos a participar diariamente en la Sagrada Eucaristía en los tiempos especificados en el frente de este boletín. Si no has tenido la oportunidad de hacer tu Santa Comunión, por favor pasa por la oficina parroquial.

Visitas Domiciliarias

A enfermos y ancianos para recibir Eucaristía en sus hogares. Por favor contactar con Rafael Soto 908-310-4073.

Confirmación

¿Le gustaría recibir su confirmación? ¿Quiere que sus hijos sean confirmados? Te invitamos a participar en el Sacramento de la confirmación. Por favor contacte a la Sra. Veronica Collingwood en la oficina parroquial.

Patrocinadores de confirmación

Uno debe tener 14 años de edad, estar registrado como adulto y ser confirmado en la iglesia católica. Si usted está casado, su matrimonio debe ser reconocido por la iglesia. Esto es especialmente importante si desea ser patrocinador de la confirmación. Se necesitan seis meses de asistir a la Misa para ser elegibles para este privilegio.

Catecismo para adultos/RCIA en español

Usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en convertirse en miembros de la iglesia católica? ¿Es usted un católico que se bautizó pero nunca recibió los sacramentos de la reconciliación, la Santa Comunión o la confirmación? Si es así, comuníquese con: Mr. Luis Gill 908-642-4481.

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Marriages

The common policy for marriage requires that arrangements with the Church be made at least one year before the date of marriage and before any social plans are made. Either the Bride or Groom must be a registered parishioner. Please call Ms. Veronica Collingwood at the Parish Office or email her at admin@marymotherofgod.org to make arrangements.

Permanent Deacons, Priesthood or Religious Life

If you are considering a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate, Priesthood or Religious Life and would like more information and resources to properly discern, please contact Fr. John Rozembajgier at the Parish Office or email him at frjohn@marymotherofgod.org. You are also encouraged to contact Fr. Maurizio at vocations@diometuchen.org.

Registration

New families or adults 18 and over, who have moved into the parish boundaries of Mary, Mother of God Church, are invited to stop by the Parish Office to complete a new parishioner form. Additionally, let us know if you move from the Parish.

Donation by Electronic Giving

Mary, Mother of God Church offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions. Log onto our website: www.marymotherofgod.org, scroll down, click *Online Giving*. You will be connected to a secure site to enter your information. Thank you for your continued support!

Ministry Information

If you and or your ministry would like to place an advertisement or announcement in the bulletin, please submit your information via email to office@marymotherofgod.org at least 14 days prior to your required date of publication. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee that your ad or announcement will be included in the bulletin. We also reserve the right to enhance, redraft or otherwise alter your submission at our own discretion. We will so advise you and your ministry.

Parish Ministries

1000 Hail Mary Prayer Group	Food Pantry
Alcoholics Anonymous	Giving Tree
Adoration	Hispanic
Adopt-A-Senior	Interfaith Hospitality Network
Adult Choir	Lazarus
Altar Servers	Liturgical Committee
Art & Environ. Committee	Men's Group
Audio & Visual Committee	Mothers Prayers
Babysitting	Music/Choir
Bereavement	Pastoral Council
Bible Study	Prayer Group
Charismatic Group	Prayer Shawl Group
Children's Liturgy	Respect Life
Circle of Friends	Readers
Coffee Social	Religious Education R.C.I.A.
Collection Counters	Rosary Altar Society
CYO-Athletic Association	Social Concerns
Drug/Narcotics Anonymous	Thanksgiving Food Baskets
Entertainment Committee	Ushers
Extraordinary Ministers	Women's Group
Finance Council	Youth Group
Folk Group	40 & Over Men's Physical Fitness

Matrimonios

La política común del matrimonio requiere que los arreglos con la iglesia sean al menos un año antes de la fecha del matrimonio y antes de que se hagan planes sociales. Ya sea la novia o el novio debe ser un feligrés registrado. Por favor llame a la Sra. Veronica Collingwood en la oficina parroquial o por correo electrónico a ella en admin@marymotherofgod.org para hacer los arreglos.

Los Diáconos Permanentes, el Sacerdocio o la Vida Religiosa

Si usted está considerando una vocación al diaconado permanente, al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa y desea más información y recursos para discernir adecuadamente, póngase en contacto con el p. John Rozembajgier en la oficina parroquial o por email a frjohn@marymotherofgod.org. También le animamos a ponerse en contacto con el p. Maurizio en vocations@diometuchen.org.

Registación

Cualquier familia nueva o adulto mayor de 18 años, que se haya trasladado a los límites parroquiales de la iglesia de María, Madre de Dios, se invita a pasar por la oficina Parroquial para completar una nueva forma de feligreses. Por favor notifiquenos si se mueve.

Donación Electrónicamente

La iglesia María, Madre de Dios ofrece a los feligreses la oportunidad de hacer contribuciones de la iglesia en línea. Inicie sesión en nuestro sitio web: www.marymotherofgod.org, desplácese hacia abajo, haga clic en online Giving. Usted estará conectado a un sitio seguro para ingresar su información. Gracias por su apoyo continuo!

Ministry to the Poor

St.. Vincent de Paul Society

We help those who are experiencing financial difficulties with food, clothing, shelter, rent, PSE&G and water bills. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

Ministry to those that are pregnant and/or thinking of an abortion

We are building a culture of Life through prayer and action serving our community, state and country. We pray and serve along with the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center, by helping those in crisis pregnancies and mothers in need. Please contact 908-256-8121 (24-hour hotline).

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

Our Priests, Deacons and or Extraordinary Ministers visit those who are sick. If you know of someone that is seriously ill or hospitalized, please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Offering

Thank you very much for your generosity and continued support of our Parish family! Christmas collection for the period were in excess of \$51,000.

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, January 13, St. Hilary of Poitiers

7:30 PM Eileen Leyendecker
r/o Nancy Gratzel

TUESDAY, January 14, St. Felix of Nola

8:30 AM Endre Pakozdi
r/o Isabella M. Pakozdi

WEDNESDAY, January 15, St. Paul the Hermit

8:30 AM Stanley J. Nicewicz
r/o The Lozito Family

THURSDAY, January 16, St. Fursey

8:30 AM Julia Pastor & Dinah Relano
r/o Angelita Bernardo

FRIDAY, January 17, St. Anthony

8:30:AM James Ajamian
r/o The Majka Family

SATURDAY, January 18, St. Volusian

8:30 AM Charles Addison, Sr.
r/o Laura Addison
5:00 PM Gary Elbert
r/o The Elbert Family
6:30PM Alma de Gerardo Secura
r/o La Familia Jimenez Perez

SUNDAY, January 19, St. Fillan

7:30 AM The People of the Church
9:00 AM Carol Kolb
r/o John and Cathy Kolb
10:30 AM Frank Whitney, Sr.
r/o Stella Whitney
12:00 NOON Lowell Barton
r/o Mary Angello

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially Lucy Muzzipapa.

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7;
Acts 10:34-38;
Mt 3:13-17

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1;
Mk 2:13-17

Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:

We ask God's blessing for the strengthening and healing of our sick and homebound.

Lita Angeles	Ralph Lombardi
Mary Auletta	Patricia Lorenzetti
Nati Benavente*	Dominick Malandruccho*
Bill Berg*	Marietta Manalang*
Barbara Burke	Janry Manalang*
Bonnie Cellilli*	Anna Mastrobuono
John Christ*	Lucy Muzzipapa*
Eileen Cohen	Martin Noll*
Paul Constantino	Ralph Joseph Novi*
Bob Conquest*	Theresa O'Brien
Enrique Curbelo	Gertrude O'Reilly
Barbara Dachowski	Frances Palombo*
Rafael De Los Santos*	Sue Paulino*
Margaret Duffy*	John Perri*
Janet Edwards	Ed Pierce
Christine Esposito	Ines Pitaro*
Alex Esolda*	John Puia
James Fitzpatrick*	Alyssa Ribiero
Fernando Fonesca	Mary Rizzo
Christine Frauedheim	Lisa & Jack Rygiel
Dottie Freda	Nick Samardge*
Courtney Freeman*	Frank Sanchez
Connie Gacek	Rafael Delos Santos
Anthony Gionataiso	Rosa Maria Santos
George Goceljak	Barbara Scheerer
Paul & Connie Gomez	Helen Shelton*
Carolyn Griffin	Naomi Shuyama*
Daniel Guguski	Marilyn Solimine*
Richard Hann	Gail Soroka*
John Harris	Rosalie Stainer*
Jacqueline Hatcher	Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket
Edward Hayden	Barbara Volker
Ann & Michael Hochreiter*	Irene Walsh
Frank Ippolito	Russell Wardlow
Pamela Kaye	Charles Warshefski
Ryan Edward Kelly	Amanda Wendt
Bertha Kubis	Laura Young
Shirley La Rosa	
Elise Lawler	

All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.

Sanctuary Candles

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Church will be lit this week for Stanley J. Nicewicz at the request of The Lozito Family.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for Elsie Doria at the request of Violet and Ted Stray.

The candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for the sick of the Parish.

If you would like to request a sanctuary candle in the Church and or Chapel, please contact the office at 908-874-8220 or email office@marymotherofgod.org.

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The Baptism of the Lord

“You know the word that he sent to the Israelites, as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, “This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him.”



Please Remember the Military in Your Prayers:

Let us remember the men & women from our parish serving in our nation's Armed Forces.

May God bless them and keep them in His loving arms.

Lt. Col. Kathryn E. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	Sgt. David Perez, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Christopher M. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	SPC. Christopher LaZaro U.S. Army
Maj. Jennifer Brown, U.S. Army	Chief Jeffery Strauch, U.S. Navy
Lt. Nicholas Bierwirth, U.S. Army	Chief Kevin Von Khan, U.S. Navy
Cdr. Robert Uniszkiwicz U.S. Navy	S/Sgt. Jared A. Carluen U.S. Air Force
Lt. Kiel Von Khan U.S. Navy	SR Anthonia M. Ibirongbe U.S. Navy
Lt. JG. Laura Krause U.S. Navy	SA Maximilian Franer U.S. Coast Guard

Prayer for the Poor

God of Justice, open our eyes to see you in the face of the poor. Open our ears to hear you in the cries of the exploited. Open our mouths to defend You in the public squares as well as in private deeds. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to You. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

God of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these individuals find lasting health and deliverance and so join us in thanking You for all your gifts. Amen.

Prayer for Respect Life

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever-new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives, and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Prayer For Priestly Vocations

Almighty and Eternal God, in Your unfailing love You provide ministers for Your Church. We pray that more men may hear Your call to serve the Church of Metuchen as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve Your people. May their lives and service as Men of the Eucharist call Your people to respond to the presence of Jesus Christ so that we may all be reconciled to God, announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Please Remember the Seminarians of the Diocese of Metuchen in your Prayers:

Mr. Jun Joseph Alquiros	Mr. Jose Lim
Mr. Ariel Bautista	Mr. Ronal Vega-Pastrana
Mr. Triana Beltran, C.O.	Mr. Ai Van "Peter" Phan
Br. Steven John Bolton, C.O.	Mr. Andrew Prickel
Mr. Jordan Drevelus	Rev. Mr. Gustavo Rodriguez
Mr. Timothy Eck II	Rev. Mr. Gilbert Starcher
Br. John Fredy	Mr. Ngu Quoc "Peter" Tran
Mr. Ban Thien "Joseph" Ho	Mr. Michael Wood
Mr. David Keyes	Mr. Gregory Zannetti
Rev. Mr. Thomas Lanza	

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Pope Francis

*Prayers for
Australia*

I am close to the Australian people

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Pope Francis asked for everyone “to pray to the Lord to help the people [of Australia] in this difficult time” as major fires rage across the nation. Addressing Australian speaking pilgrims at the General Audience, the Holy Father said, “I am close to the Australian people”. Major bushfires have broken out around Australia, with more than 10.3 million hectares (25.5 million acres) of land burned in recent weeks. More than twenty people have lost their lives in the fires.

Earlier this week, the president of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, issued a statement about the “unprecedented” crisis facing the country. Like Pope Francis, he too called for prayer, noting that “A genuine Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action”.

Archbishop Coleridge announced that the Bishops Conference is preparing a national response to the fires, including assistance to those affected by the fires, collaboration with aid agencies, and a special collection to be taken up this weekend. “With broad and deep roots across the nation”, the Archbishop said, “the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.”

January 8, 2020

*Prayer Intention
for January 2020*

Promotion of World Peace

“We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.”



Most Reverend

James F. Checchio

Bishop of Metuchen



*Bishop discusses state of Diocese with
Pope and Vatican officials*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On Nov. 24, Bishop James F. Checchio arrived in Rome on his first “ad limina” visit. While the bishop helped to coordinate the last two “ad limina” visits by the United States Bishops while he was serving on the staff of the Pontifical North American College, this was the first time he participated as a bishop. According to Canon Law every five years every bishop is required to go to the Vatican to report on the status of his diocese. It is also a time for the bishops, the successors of the Apostles, to pray at the tomb of St. Peter and St. Paul.

During his “ad limina” pilgrimage, Bishop Checchio met with Vatican officials to discuss the diocese’s quinquennium report, participated in a meeting with Pope Francis, and concelebrated at Masses in the four major basilicas: St. Peter’s, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major.

The bishop said the highlight of his “ad limina” visit came on Thanksgiving Day when he joined the other bishops from New Jersey and Pennsylvania for a conversation with Pope Francis. “The Holy Father was very alert, attentive and personal,” recalled Bishop Checchio. “We were all able to ask questions and the Pope responded to each one. There were a lot of pastoral topics discussed, outreach to people, the importance of Catholic schools, as well as the sex abuse crisis, but we were asked to respect the confidentiality of the meeting, so I won’t say any more.

“In remarks during the meeting, the Holy Father did have a message for us bishops. He said we should be close to God through our prayer and personal life, close and accessible to our priests, and close to our people.

In a summary of the 150-page report, it was noted that since the diocese’s last quinquennium in 2011, two significant events have occurred. In 2013, Pope Francis was elected, and in 2016, Bishop Checchio was installed as the fifth Ordinary of the Diocese of Metuchen. Both had a major impact on the Church of Metuchen.”

December 18, 2019

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Employment Opportunity

Pre-School Head Teacher

Mary, Mother of God Preschool is looking for a head teacher who can enhance the learning environment for our students. The ideal candidate for this position enjoys working with children, has a degree in early childhood education or related field and has previous experience working with children. If you are interested in joining our team, we encourage you to apply. Please send your resume to: businessmanger@marymotherofgod.org

Pilgrimage

In the Steps of St. John Paul II

June 18-30, 2020

It is not too late to join the family of Mary, Mother of God Church to partake in this extraordinary experience of walking in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II with Fr. John Rozembajgier. You can get a full color brochure by contacting Barbara Wilson at [908-421-5495](tel:908-421-5495), or picking one up at the rectory, email address: babs61956@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Mission

To make and donate **Prayer Shawls** to bring comfort and joy to expectant mothers (especially in the pregnancy aid centers), to comfort the lonely in our nursing homes, to those needing physical and emotional warmth with life-threatening illnesses, and to anyone who could benefit from the love and prayerful wishes with which each is made.

NEEDED

This is a volunteer group that supply their own yarn and would appreciate your donations of NEW yarn, or monetary donations so they may purchase the new yarn. A donation basket will be placed in the Gathering Space starting 1/11/2020 to place the yarn. We ask that monetary donations be brought or sent to the office with **Attention: Prayer Shawl**. The basket will be available for the month of January and February.

Special Needs Awareness Mass

Sunday January 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ

For more information please contact Regina Tegglar (908) 963-8473 or Jeanine Cavanagh at (908) 725-1112 x 1126.

Welcome to our Church Community December Baptized Babies

Linnea Annabella Salmeri
Liam Christopher Salmeri
Leo Brown Senerohia



Thank You

Fr. Alex, Fr. Sean, and I send our sincerest thanks to you for your Christmas gifts and holiday treats. It is very much appreciated. God Bless you.

2020 Contribution Envelopes

The 2020 Contribution Envelopes are expected to arrive by mid-January and be ready for pickup by the end of January or sooner. In the interim there will be contribution envelopes available at the information desk. Please include name and envelope number so we may record your offering appropriately.

2019 Contributions

Please do not call the office. 2019 Statements will be mailed to all parishioners no later than January 31, 2020. If you donate through On-Line Giving, please visit our website and follow the instructions provided to obtain your total.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Are you looking for quiet prayer time with the Lord? If you hear the Lord calling, the Adoration Ministry is looking for Sunday coverage from 2:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. Contact Ms. Helen Heffler at 908-359-8975.

Food Bank

January's Food Pantry Collection will be held the weekend of January 18 & 19. Please drop off non-perishable food items in Holy Spirit Hall by 1:00 p.m. The Wishing Well will be available in the church entranceway for those interested in making a check or cash donation to this worthy cause.

Bus Trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton Wednesday, January 22, 2020

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Special Second Collection

Foundation for Catholic Education
January 18 and 19, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2020

Avísos Parroquiales

A los nuevos feligreses por favor registrarse visitando la Secretaría durante horas de oficina y/o asistir a la próxima reunión de Registración Parroquial, durante el Café social ofrecido en español los últimos sábados del mes, después de misa. Próximo Registro Parroquia 25 de enero.

Grupos de Oraciones

Invitamos a todos los feligreses a participar o unirse a los grupos parroquiales hispanos de nuestra parroquia.

Carismático “María te invita conocer a Jesús”

Todos los martes a las 7:00 p.m., en La Capilla
Mas informes con Francisco Marin 732-496-0744

Las Mil Ave María

Primer Sábado de cada mes a las 9:00 a.m.
en la Capilla frente al Santísimo Sacramento.
Mas informacion con Ana 732-648-8215

Rosario Al Divino Niño

Todo tercer miércoles del mes a las 7 p.m. en
la Capilla. Mas información con Melba Boza

La Virgen María Visita Los Hogares

Durante todas las misas hispanas tendremos la imagen de la Virgen dispuesta a visitar los hogares latinos por una semana, acompañando su presencia con el rezo diario del Santo Rosario. Si está interesado en llevar a la Virgen a su Casa por favor registrar el nombre de su familia al final de cada misa. Más informes con Walter Jiménez 908-421-4853.

Grupos De Apoyo y Ayuda Personal e Iglesia

Asistencia Espiritual

Familias necesitadas de recibir asistencia espiritual
Contactar con la Sra. Roció Velazco Telf. 908-392-2756

Mary, Mother of God Liturgia para niños de 5 a 9 años

(octubre a mayo)

En el cuarto ubicado debajo de La Capilla, sábados 6:30 p.m.
durante la Misa Hispana

Más informes mbalbani@marymotherofgod.org

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Es un fin de semana designado para darle las parejas casadas la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas y ayudarles a comunicarse mejor. Informes con María Zaira & Oscar Quirós. 908-642-6644. Mas Informes 201-707-8583.

Ofrendas Semanales

Si Ud. Y Familia desea llevar las ofrendas y/o el Pan y Vino al altar para las consagración durante la misa por favor comunicarse con Ismael Escamilia 908-268-3293.

2020 Sobres de Contribución

Los sobres de Contribución 2020 se esperan que lleguen mediados de enero y estarán listos para entregarse a finales de mes o antes . De momento existen sobres de contribución disponibles en el escritorio de información , por favor incluya su nombre y numero de sobre para poder registrar su aporte apropiadamente.

Estados de Aporte de Ofrendas Semanales del 2019

Por favor no llame a la oficina, los estados serán enviados por correo regular a mas tardar a fines de mes .

Oportunidad de Trabajo

Maestra Principal del Pre-School

El Preescolar de Mary, Mother of God esta solicitando maestra principal . La/el candidato/a ideal para esta posición debe disfrutar trabajar con niños , tener titulo en educación temprana escolar o relacionado y haber previamente trabajado con niños. Si esta interesado por favor enví su curricular a businessmanger@marymotherofgod.org.

Viaje en Bus “ Rally por la Vida” a Trenton

Miércoles , Enero 22, 2020

La Dieiseis de Metuchen y la Oficina de Vida y dignidad Humana ofrecerá un viaje en bus a Trenton . E; Viaje es libre de cargos , pero limitado en espacio, por eso debe reservar su lugar . Los Pasajeros abordaran el bus en el Centro de la diocesis a las 9:30 am. El Rally State House comienza a las 11:00 a.m. y termina at 1:00 PM. Participantes podrán participar en una pequeña recepción al final. El bus vendrá de regreso al Centro de la Diocesis alrededor de las 3:00 PM. Si tiene alguna pregunta desea reservar sus asientos por favor enviar un email a amarshall@diometuchen.org o llamar 732-562-1543.

Para mas información en Español visite nuestro sitio
Marymotherofgod.org



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 12, 2020

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month we consecrated our Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe with the intention to live our faith more boldly and to use our Blessed Mother as an inspiration to accomplish great things. We now take a step forward together with a renewed sense of mission and commitment to live the Gospel message.

The work of our Catholic schools is a living example of the Gospel message. To see the students, our teachers, administrators and our principals, dedicated to education and service gives me great joy and hope that we can provide a future for our children. A future that is a demonstration of God's kingdom at work, where disciples are formed and our youth are prepared to serve the community under God's blessings of mercy and justice.

There is a special collection next weekend (January 18/19) that supports the *Foundation for Catholic Education's* annual scholarship program. This program provides needs-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Thanks to the generosity of our faithful to this collection last year we were able to provide larger scholarships to students and send over 79 children to one of our schools in September.

Your gift makes an impact and provides great promise to so many young lives. Your sacrifice makes it possible for families to send their children to a school with a safe and nurturing environment while still being provided an academically rich educational experience with an emphasis on character development.

Our children are our future and our hope. The gift of a Catholic school education can forever change a child's life. I invite you to consider supporting this effort and to please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Checchio".

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

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 26 – February 1, 2020. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/csw>.