



Mary, Mother of God Church

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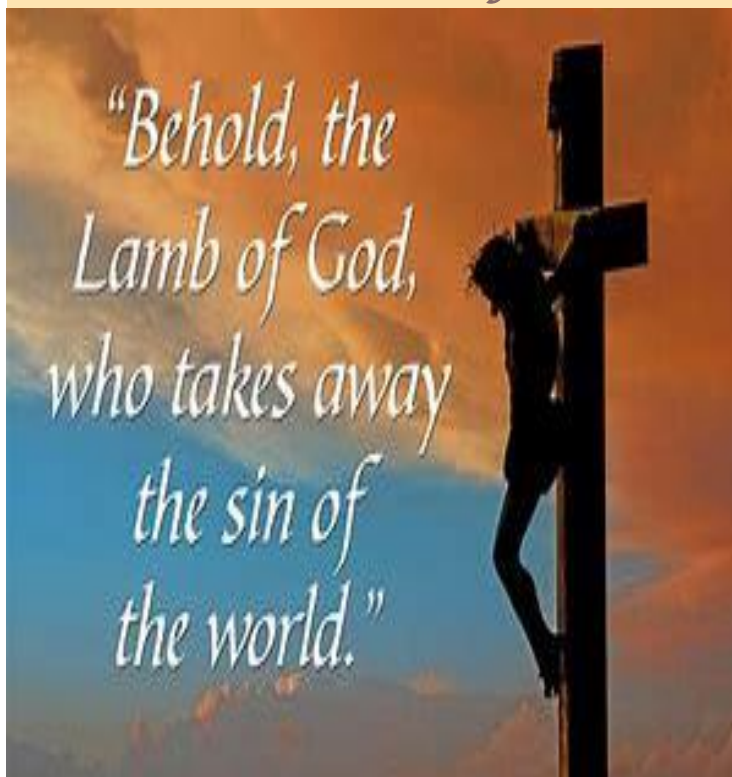
Welcome to Our Parish Family!

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2020



Upcoming Events

January Events

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

Women's Group
Prayer and discussion
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Hall

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

Discipleship Holy Hour
Thursday, Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m.
Church and Holy Spirit Hall

Blessing of Bibles
Jan. 25 & 26 after all Masses



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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.

Weekly Offering

The totals of last week's collections were \$10,440.00 for the Ordinary Collection and \$2,234.00 for the Building Fund. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Parish family! If you would like to begin On-Line Giving, please see the Home Page of our website.

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, January 20, St. Sebastian

9:00 AM Benjamin Lesser
r/o Loretta Lesser

TUESDAY, January 21, St. Agnes

8:30 AM Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Falcioni
r/o Son, Guy R. Falcioni

WEDNESDAY, January 22, St. Marianne Cope

8:30 AM Eileen Leyendecker
r/o Ted and Alice Hannan

THURSDAY, January 23, St. Vincent Pallotti

8:30 AM Angelina Maresca
r/o Maria Maresca

FRIDAY, January 24, St. Francis de Sales, Dr. of the Church

8:30:AM Sharon Stroka
r/o Barbara Gural

SATURDAY, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 AM Drew Bernard
r/o Robert Purcell
5:00 PM Joann Rozembajgier
r/o Fr. John Rozembajgier
6:30PM Alma de Paolino y Carmen Jimenez Vega
r/o Su Familia

SUNDAY, January 26, St. Timothy

7:30 AM Betty McCarthy
r/o Hedy and Reyna Post
9:00 AM Mary Carpenter
r/o Patricia Perrine
10:30 AM The People of the Church
12:00 NOON Angelina Varelli
r/o Dcn. Sal and Melody Bonfiglio

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers.

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1
Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1, 9-10
Mk3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Acts 22:3-16;
Mk 16:15-18

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

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

Sanctuary Candles

The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph candles in the Church will be lit this week for the deceased of the Parish.

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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“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said. ‘Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... I did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he be made known to Israel. I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him... ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’”

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”



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 Unizskiewicz 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	



Pope Francis

*Welcoming with a
motherly heart*

*Even if Church is persecuted and
chained, it never tires of welcoming*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Pope continued by saying that, “Paul announces the kingdom of God and tries to open his interlocutors to faith in Jesus...” “Since not everyone is convinced, said Pope Francis, “he denounces the hardening of the heart of God’s people, the cause of their condemnation and celebrates with passion the salvation of nations which show themselves to be sensitive to God and capable of listening to the word of the Gospel of life.” At this point in the narrative, the Pope pointed out, “Luke concludes his work by showing us not the death of Paul but the dynamism of his sermon, of a Word that “is not chained”. “Paul does not have the freedom to move but is free to speak because the Word is not chained - but is a Word ready to be sown with full hands by the Apostle, he explained.

Pope Francis said, that Paul does this “with all frankness and without impediment’ in a house where he welcomes those who want to receive the proclamation of the kingdom of God and to know Christ. This house open to all hearts in search is the image of the Church which, though persecuted, misunderstood and chained, never tires of welcoming with a motherly heart every man and woman to proclaim to them the love of the Father who made himself visible in Jesus.” At the end of the Audience, Pope Francis in greetings to Arabic speaking pilgrims said, “Don’t hold back the fear of making mistakes and fear of taking new paths, because our poverty is not an obstacle, but a tool...because God’s grace loves to manifest itself precisely in weakness.”

January 15, 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



*May others come to know Jesus,
His peace through us*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany, I started a week retreat together with the bishops of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Be assured that I am praying for you during my retreat, but I also ask that you pray for me, too. The Epiphany was a great day to begin a retreat, a longer period of intense prayer.

Christmas reminded us to open our hearts more fully to Christ. To accept His precious gift, God Himself, coming to share in our humanity, so that we can share in His divinity. It is by our living like Christ, but also sharing Him with others that we encounter and live with each day that they can receive the great gift of peace which only He can give and help our world become the way God desires it to be.

Our God comes to us at Christmas as a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, calling us out of ourselves as only babies and children can do. Each year, the nativity scene calls us to ponder the Law of the Gift written on the human heart by the God who is Love. As Christmas is about God’s search for us, the Epiphany is a time to look at our response to Him, our learning to live in the world as He did many, many years ago. That’s what the Magi were doing, searching for God and His peace in their lives, striving to honor Him and learn from Him, as they turned over their gifts and them-selves to Him. It is in our accepting the Christ child and learning to live in His way that our world is made a clearer reflection of Him, and peace will come to us not only now, but forever.

We have so many things that disturb our peace, just watching the news over these past weeks with the attacks on our Jewish brothers and sisters so nearby us, and the disturbances and violence going on in the Middle East. In our own personal lives, we have things that disturb our peace, too, illnesses and the deaths of loved ones, addictions, all types of abuses, problems at work or school, relationship problems, the list can go on and on. It is no wonder that so many, from our youth to our elderly, are searching for peace.”

January 7, 2020

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Reflection on Father John's Pastoral Letter

By Don Thorsen - Mary, Mother of God Bible Study; Men's Group
Last November Father John's Pastoral letter exhorted us, the family of Mary, Mother of God, to improve our relationship with God through consecration to the Blessed Mother and allowing her to be both our teacher and guide to her son, Jesus Christ, to seek in Jesus the love, joy, and hope that can only be found in Him, and to live our life in the love of the Holy Trinity as part of the family of God and, in doing so, become true disciples of Jesus of Nazareth.

While being both encouraged and challenged by Father's letter, I was particularly struck by how his discussion of discipleship echoed my own experience in joining the Mary, Mother of God family. And that is what I want to focus on here.

Some twenty years ago, I moved to Hillsborough and was, by any secular measure, quite successful. After all, I had a lovely daughter, a great job, a wonderful nearby family, professional prestige and no financial pressures. Sounds ideal — but it wasn't. I wasn't happy and I didn't know why. It was as if there were a hole where my heart should be, a void that was not filled by what I had achieved. I started exploring things to fill this hole, including going to weekly Mass at our parish. At the time, this and occasional "foxhole" prayers were the extent of my commitment to faith. Despite having a solid Catholic upbringing and education, I didn't associate my lack of happiness with my sorry spiritual state.

Little by little I took note of some of the parishioners I would see at Mass and appreciated how very nice they were. I marveled at their signs of deep faith and apparent happiness. As I got to know them, I learned they attended Mass much more frequently than I, made full use of the opportunity to be with God in Adoration, had deep devotion to Mary and were faithful in their participation in other Church activities, both spiritual and social. I also observed that they were very active in Church ministries, giving freely of their time and talent. And they all seemed so happy. So, I decided to become more active myself in the hope that I could be like them.

It worked! That void within me was quickly being replaced with joy and hope that I now realize only God could provide. I started going to services whenever I could, I read Scripture, even bought myself a Catechism so I could understand better what was taking place around and in me. As time went on, I understood that I had been a product of God working through His family. The people of the parish were disciples – they were living Christs in their lives. They radiated His light and that light evangelized me and brought me out of the spiritual darkness to which I had exiled myself.

Every day I thank God for the family of His Church and the joy He has brought me. I pray that I better utilize the gifts He provides through the Holy Spirit to be His disciple and to let His light shine through.

Thank You

A special thank you to the Art and Environment Ministry for all they have done during the Advent and Christmas season. 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 on the skirted table in the gathering space. Please include name and envelope number so we may record your offering appropriately.

2019 Contributions

The 2019 Statements will be mailed to all parishioners no later than January 31, 2020. It is not necessary to call the Parish Office to request one. If you donate through On-Line Giving, please visit our website and follow the instructions provided to obtain your total contribution.

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.

Mary Mother of God Women's Group

Bringing Women together for Prayer and Discussion.
Wednesday, January, 22, 7:30-9:00pm St. Francis Hall
"Praying the Stations with Mary, the Mother of Jesus",
Book by Richard Furey
Seeing through Mary's eyes what Jesus
was going through on his way to Calvary.
Presenter: Parishioner Regina Neri

Discipleship Holy Hour

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.
"To adore is to consent to letting ourselves also be transformed, converted, evangelized, so as to access our true humanity. It is a 'transforming force'"
St. John Paul II.

Blessing of the Bibles

January 25 & 26 after all Masses

On September 30, 2019, the Memorial of Saint Jerome and upon the inauguration of the 1600th anniversary of his death, Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit illis*, established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. As we take next steps toward a greater love for Our Lady's Son, the Word made flesh, please bring to the weekend Masses your personal or family Bible for a special blessing on January 25-26.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 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 .

Viaje en Bus “ Rally por la Vida” a Trenton

Miércoles , Enero 22, 2020

La Diócesis 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 diócesis 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 Diócesis 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.

Tener en cuenta

Las Oficinas Parroquiales permanencera cerrada
el Lunes 20 en observación del Dia de Martin L. King.

Bendiciones de la Biblia

En Septiembre 30, 2019, en el Memorial de Saint Jerome y en honor a los 1600th aniversario de su muerte , el Papa Francisco estableció que le Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario será dedicado a la celebración , estudio y estudio and difusión de la Palabra de Dios, por eso por favor traiga su Biblia personal en el fin de semana del 25-26 de Enero durante las misas para una bendición especial .

Para mas información en Español visite nuestro sitio
Marymotherofgod.org

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mary, Mother of God Parish
157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough

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To register, visit diometuchen.org/npm



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Ms. Mary Beth Kunde-Anderson is the director of publications at World Library Publications. She has served the Archdiocese of Chicago as director of liturgical music for the Office for Divine Worship, and she also served in the Music Office of the Archdiocese of Miami.



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