



# 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 Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020



## Upcoming Events

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#### Diaper Drive

Annual Super Bowl Diaper Drive  
Feb. 1 and 2, please drop off  
diapers after all Masses.

#### World Marriage Day

Saturday, Feb. 8  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.,  
Catholic Church of Saint Ann,  
45 Anderson St., Raritan.

#### Open House

Preschool & Kindergarten Enrichment  
Thursday, Feb. 13  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Parish Center.

#### IHN Hosting Week

Feb. 23 - March 1, 2020  
Volunteers needed, see bulletin  
for additional details.



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## Clergy

Rev. John Rozembajgier, JCL. frjohn@marymotherofgod.org  
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## Parish Staff

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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).



# *The Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020*

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frjohn@marymotherofgod.org). You are also encouraged to contact Fr. Maurizio at [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:frjohn@marymotherofgod.org). También le animamos a ponerse en contacto con el p. Maurizio en [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto: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](http://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 \$10,797.00 for the Ordinary Collection and \$3,254.00 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, February 3, St. Blaise & St. Ansgar

7:30 PM Memorial Society Mass

### TUESDAY, February 4, St. Joan of Valois

8:30 AM James and Sarah Walsh  
r/o Jim and Pat Walsh

### WEDNESDAY, February 5, St. Agatha

8:30 AM Living Intentions for Alba Gomez  
r/o Family

### THURSDAY, February 6, St. Paul Miki

8:30 AM Doris Liguori  
r/o Cathy Hydzik

### FRIDAY, February 7 St. Moses

8:30:AM Terez Pakozdi  
r/o Isabella M. Pakozdi  
7:00 PM Holy Hour

### SATURDAY, February 8, St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 AM Living Intentions for Edward Vitez  
r/o Veronica Collingwood, sister  
5:00 PM Rosemarie Tchorz  
r/o The Tchorz Family  
6:30PM La Santissima Trinidad  
r/o La Familia Shuyama Gomez

### SUNDAY, February 9, St. Apollonia

7:30 AM Auriemma Family  
r/o Richard and Dee David  
9:00 AM Howard and Elinor Perrine  
r/o Patricia Perrine  
10:30 AM Jack Julius  
r/o Kathy and Joe Nardini  
12:00 NOON For the People of the Parish

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially, Joseph Curattalo.

## This Week's Daily Bible Reading

### Sunday

Mal 3:1-4;  
Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40

### Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13;  
Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25,  
30-19:3;  
Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17;  
Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12;  
Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

Sir 47:2-11;  
Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13;  
Mk 6:30-34

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

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 John Hendricks at the request of Maureen and Family.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for Eileen at the request of Bob McDonald and Sue Gomez.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Eileen McDonald at the request of Irene Molitoris.

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 Presentation of the Lord*

"Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen Christ of the Lord. He came in the spirit into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus...he took Him into his arms and blessed God..."

### *First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4*

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger "to prepare the way" and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

### *Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18*

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also afraid.

### *Gospel: Luke 2:22-40*

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus "is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel." Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.



### *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.	Cdr. Robert Unizkiewicz U.S. Navy
Lt. Col. Christopher M. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	Lt. Kiel Von Khan U.S. Navy
Maj. Jennifer Brown, U.S. Army	Lt. JG. Laura Krause U.S. Navy
Lt. Nicholas Bierwirth, U.S. Army	Chief Jeffery Strauch, U.S. Navy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Erin Moore, U.S. Army	Chief Kevin Von Khan, U.S. Navy
Sgt. David Perez, U.S. Army	SR Anthonia M. Ibirongbe U.S. Navy
SPC. Christopher LaZaro U.S. Army	SA Maximilian Franer U.S. Coast Guard
S/Sgt. Jared A. Carluen U.S. Air Force	

### *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	

## *The Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020*



*Pope Francis*  
*The Beatitudes*

*The Beatitudes are a message  
for humanity*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today we begin a new series of catechesis on the Beatitudes in Matthew’s Gospel. Jesus’ teaching provides a kind of “identity card” for Christians. Like Moses on Sinai, Jesus gives these “new commandments” from a hillside. He does not impose them but instead proposes them as the path to true happiness in the future that God promises to his faithful people. Each Beatitude is composed of three parts: the opening word “Blessed”, followed by the situation in which those who are called blessed find themselves – poor in spirit, mourning, thirsting for justice – and finally the reason for which they are blessed. The Beatitudes teach that we are blessed not by our present situation, but rather by the new condition that is ours by God’s grace. This first sermon of Jesus thus presents eight “doors” through which we can encounter the power of God’s love to transform our lives and history. The Beatitudes point us beyond our limitations, tears and failures towards that Paschal joy born of Christ’s own victorious passage from death to life.

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s Audience, especially the groups from the United States of America. Upon all of you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you!”

January 29, 2020

### *Prayer Intention for February 2020*

#### *Listen to the Migrants' Cries*



“We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.”

*Most Reverend  
James F. Checchio  
Bishop of Metuchen*



*Schools play vital role in  
spiritual growth of children*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, one of my great joys is to be able to spend time with the young people of our Diocese in many different settings. Each weekend, as I visit our parishes, I have the opportunity to see many families and hear from the children on any number of topics! They are always filled with questions! My visits to our Catholic schools are always a great gift that brings me joy and hope for our world.

Like many of you, our Catholic school students participated in our Year of Awakening, focusing on developing their relationships with Jesus through His Mother, Mary. On December 12, all across the Diocese, our students participated in a Consecration Prayer Service that was videotaped, placed online and shown in every Catholic school at the same time. The service enabled the students to commit themselves to deepen their relationship with Mary and her Son. In my homily at the Prayer Service, I asked them to do just one specific thing each day that is an extension of their Year of Awakening, something as simple as a “Hail Mary” as a special intention for the needs of others. I invite you to do the same! If you would like to view the Prayer Service with the students, please visit our diocesan website: [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org) or our special website dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe: [LightingHeartsOnFire.org](http://LightingHeartsOnFire.org).

The Consecration to Jesus through Our Lady of Guadalupe will continue to be a significant part of life in the schools of our Diocese. Our Catholic schools exist, primarily, to teach the Gospel message and enliven our students to have a personal relationship with Jesus who is their hope and companion for life! These schools are intended to be places where the everyday lessons of academic life are consistently taught within the context of the message of God’s love for us and our expression of that love by our actions in the world.”

# Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough

## 2020 Contribution Envelopes

The 2020 Contribution Envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup in Holy Spirit Hall. Thank you for your patience and for using the transitional envelopes in the interim.

## 2019 Contributions

The 2019 Envelope Contribution Statements have been mailed. Online contributors will also be getting a non consolidated statement; if you have any questions, please visit or call the Parish Office.

## 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.

## IHN Volunteers needed

### IHN Hosting Week of February 23 – March 1

<sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:16

As a host congregation in this national program, we are part of a network of 20+ congregations in Somerset County who take turns hosting homeless families during the evening and nighttime hours. Mary, Mother of God hosts 2 separate weeks during the year.

Our upcoming hosting week begins on Sunday evening, February 23, and ends Sunday morning, March 1.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the bedrooms (classrooms) and clean up after the hosting is over, prepare and serve the evening meal, spend time with the children, and serve as overnight host. For more information or questions about IHN at MMOG, contact [IHNMMOG@gmail.com](mailto:IHNMMOG@gmail.com).

This ministry is open to all ages, and is an especially great ministry for families.

Please consider giving a few hours of your time to this important ministry.

## Audio Visual Members

Please join our Audio/Visual Ministry which provides the Mass slides on the Church screens. Come meet our members at a table in the Gathering Space on January 25 and 26 before and after all the Masses.

We are in need of dedicated people to help with all aspects of this ministry, e.g., Computer/video, equipment/making, video slides/sound work. No experience needed. We will be there to guide you through the training process.

## In the Footsteps of St. John Paul, II

Pilgrimage to Poland and Rome, June 18-30, 2020.

Calling all last-minute pilgrims, we have five seats available. Please contact Barbara Wilson for a full color brochure at 908-421-5495.

## Spring Bible Study

### The Bible and the Virgin Mary

This study unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series, the Mary of doctrine and devotion comes alive in a powerful, new way! Twelve visually stunning sessions including video presentation and classroom discussion convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotions surrounding Mary bringing them to life in a powerful, new way.

February 18, 2020, 12 Weekly Sessions on Tuesdays at 9:00-11:00 A.M. or 7:30-9:30 P.M., Cost: \$30

Registration: February 15 & 16 before and after all Masses

## Celebrate World Marriage Day 2020

Saint Ann Catholic Regional Marriage Ministry invites adult couples who are dating, as well as engaged, newlywed and couples married several years to celebrate World Marriage Day 2020, at “Date Night for a Joyful Marriage.” Saturday, February 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and includes appetizers, dinner and dessert. BYOB. \$35.00 per couple or \$40.00 at the door. Location: Catholic Church of Saint Ann, 45 Anderson St., Raritan, N.J. 08869. For more information and RSVP call Ken and Madeline Swartz 908-872-0282.

## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

February 7, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please join us in His Presence for an Hour of Adoration with Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction, the Holy Rosary, meditations, prayers and hymns. The month of February reminds us about ‘love’. This Holy Hour will be offered in thanksgiving for God’s abundant Love for all of us.

## Parish Survey Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish survey. We had over 600 surveys completed which represents a little over 20% of registered families. Fr John, the parish staff, and ministry leadership are grateful for the many wonderful comments and suggestions provided. So many responses affirmed your desire to grow in your faith, understand at a deeper level Fr. John’s vision for the parish, and shared challenges needing to be addressed.

A small committee comprised of staff and ministry leadership are currently working on ways to implement the suggestions heard from you. Over the next few months look for updates in the bulletin and small gatherings that are intentional responses to what was in the survey.

## Open House

Preschool & Kindergarten Enrichment

February 13, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. See insert for additional information.



## The Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020

### *Avisos 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 29 de Febrero.

### *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 Bossa 908.644-7420  
Y Carolina Burgos 917.721.1363

#### **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

#### **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

#### **Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial** **Marzo 27-29 y Septiembre 25-27**

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 Zadira & 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 Escamilla 908-268-3293.

### **2020 Sobres de Contribución**

Se encuentran disponibles para recoger  
en la cafetería de la Iglesia

### **Comité del Ministerio Hispano busca Voluntario**

El comité que representa a Nuestro Ministerio Hispano frente a la comunidad Anglo, esta formado con la base de ayudar en las necesidades espirituales de nuestra comunidad latina , así como Sacramentos (bautismos , primeras comuniones , confirmación y matrimonio y unción de enfermos), Registraciones Parroquiales e Intenciones de Misas, Grupos de Oraciones y Apoyos Espirituales y formación de Servidores que apoyen al desarrollos de nuestra misa en Español (lectores , ministros eucarísticos, y acomodadores ) y otras actividades festivas. NADA DE ESTO PODRIA SER FACTIBLE SIN EL APOYO DE VOLUNTARIOS DE PARTE DE LA COMUNIDAD, por ente si Ud. desea participar , ayudar o simplemente mas informes sobre el comité o los diferentes grupos por favor comuníquese con cualquier integrante al final de misa o con Ismael Escamilla 908-268-3293 y/o Rafael Soto 908.310.4073. Gracias y los esperamos!

#### **Película Pro-Vida “Unplanned” en Español.**

La Diócesis de Metuchen te invita a ver la película “No planeado”, para conocer la verdadera cara del aborto, las consecuencias del aborto, y el poder de la oración y la sanación.

Idioma: Español; Fecha: Febrero 15 de 2020; Hora: 7:00 pm  
Lugar: Immaculata High School – 240 Mountain Avenue,  
Somerville, NJ 08876. Entrada gratuita

Clasificación de la Película: R (Menores de 17 años deben estar con la supervisión de los padres o de un adulto responsables)

Información: 732-243-4573 o al correo electrónico  
[lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:lescobar@diometuchen.org)

### **IHN necesita Voluntarios**

#### **IHN Albergara la Semana Febrero 23 – Marzo 1**

Comenzando el Domingo a la noche y terminando el siguiente domingo en la mañana. Buscamos voluntarios preparar los dormitorios y limpieza una vez terminada la semana , preparación de cenas , pasar tiempo con nuestros albergados y sus niños así como anfitriones que puedan pasar la noche . Para mas informaciones sobre IHN at MMOG, contact [IHNMMOG@gmail.com](mailto:IHNMMOG@gmail.com). Este ministerio esta abierto a todas las edades y especialmente para familias, por favor considere donar unas horas a este importante ministerio. Mas informes en Español con Miriam Balbiani telf. 908.256.3032

#### **Anuncios en el Boletín**

Si desea anunciar en el boletín algún evento relacionado con nuestra comunidad parroquial por favor mande un email con la información a mas tardar el día lunes del fin de semana que desea publicar su anuncio.

[businessmanager@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:businessmanager@marymotherofgod.org)



**Mary, Mother of God**

**Preschool and Kindergarten Enrichment**

**908-874-8489**

**PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN**  
**ENRICHMENT**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Held in the preschool classroom AND classroom 4 & 5 of the  
Parish Center building.**

**Parents and children are invited to tour our classrooms, meet the  
teachers, and find out more about our programs.**

