



# 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

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2020



## Upcoming Events

### Foodie Fundraiser

Youth Group Service Work Camp  
Five Guys - Feb. 23  
See insert for details

### Bring women together in Prayer

Women are invited to begin their  
Lenten Journey with Deacon Sal.  
Wednesday, Feb. 26 following  
Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass  
St. Francis Hall

### IHN Hosting Week

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

### Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, Feb. 25  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Hall

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



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## Clergy

Rev. John Rozembajgier, JCL. frjohn@marymotherofgod.org  
Rev. Alex Carles, fralex@marymotherofgod.org  
Rev. Sean Broderick, frsean@marymotherofgod.org  
Dcn. Salvatore Bonfiglio, deaconsal@marymotherofgod.org  
Dcn. Christopher Conroy, deaconchris@marymotherofgod.org  
Dcn. James McCormick, deaconjake@marymotherofgod.org

## Parish Staff

Ms. "Ronnie" Collingwood, admin@marymotherofgod.org  
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Mr. Steve Kirbos, music@marymotherofgod.org  
Mr. Nick Greco, folkgroup@marymotherofgod.org

## 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](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 \$13,274.00 for the Ordinary Collection and \$4,811.00 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 24, St. John Theristus

7:30 PM Kenneth Mills  
r/o Patricia Perrine

### TUESDAY, February 25, St. Tarasius

8:30 AM Lillian Mathews  
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tulanowski

### WEDNESDAY, February 26, St. Isabel of France

6:30 AM Prayer Service with Ashes  
7:00 AM Aleksandra Halat  
r/o Jennifer Halat  
12:10 PM Ralph Fariello  
r/o Wife and Family  
4:00 PM Prayer Service with Ashes  
7:00 PM For the Priest of the Parish, Fr. John, Fr. Alex and Fr. Sean  
r/o Mai and William

### THURSDAY, February 27, St. Leander of Seville

8:30 AM Raymond Vallillo  
r/o Mr. and Mrs. David Braun

### FRIDAY, February 28, St. Hilary, Pope

8:30 AM John and Julianna Stroka  
r/o Barbara Gural  
7:00 PM Birthday Celebration (Chapel)  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

### SATURDAY, February 29, St. Oswald

8:30 AM Ralph Fariello  
r/o Dcn. Chris and Mrs. Annette Conroy  
5:00 PM Ralph Fariello  
r/o Wife and Family  
6:30 PM Por el alma de Bolivar Fonceca  
r/o Oldemelia George

### SUNDAY, March 1, St. David

7:30 AM Marie Pennington  
r/o Richard Pennington  
9:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
10:30 AM McDermott Family  
r/o Terry McSweeney  
12:00 NOON Commerton Family  
r/o Peggy

## Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:

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

Lita Angeles  
Mary Auletta  
Nati Benavente\*  
Bill Berg\*  
Barbara Burke  
Bonnie Cellilli\*  
John Christ\*  
Eileen Cohen  
Paul Constantino  
Bob Conquest\*  
Enrique Curbelo  
Barbara Dachowski  
Rafael De Los Santos\*  
Margaret Duffy\*  
Janet Edwards  
Christine Esposito  
Alex Esolda\*  
James Fitzpatrick\*  
Fernando Fonesca  
Christine Frauedheim  
Dottie Freda  
Courtney Freeman\*  
Connie Gacek  
Anthony Gionataiso  
George Goceljak  
Paul & Connie Gomez  
Carolyn Griffin  
Daniel Guguski  
Richard Hann  
Jacqueline Hatcher  
Edward Hayden  
Ann & Michael Hochreiter\*  
Frank Ippolito  
Ryan Edward Kelly  
Bertha Kubis  
Shirley La Rosa  
Elise Lawler  
Prima Te Lim

Ralph Lombardi  
Patricia Lorenzetti  
Myla & Jabez Canto Loteria\*  
Dominick Malandrucchio\*  
Marietta Manalang\*  
Janry Manalang\*  
Anna Mastrobuono  
Timothy Mullins\*  
Tom Mullins\*  
Lucy Muzzipapa\*  
Martin Noll\*  
Ralph Joseph Novi\*  
Gertrude O'Reilly  
Frances Palombo\*  
John Perri\*  
Ed Pierce  
Ines Pitaro\*  
John Puia  
Alyssa Ribiero  
Mary Rizzo  
Lisa & Jack Rygiel  
Nick Samardge\*  
Patricia Sanguiliano\*  
Rafael Delos Santos  
Rosa Maria Santos  
Barbara Scheerer  
Helen Shelton\*  
Sam Sponenberg\*  
Naomi Shuyama\*  
Marilyn Solimine\*  
Gail Soroka\*  
Rosalie Stainner\*  
Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket  
Irene Walsh  
Russell Wardlow  
Charles Warshefski  
Laura Young

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially, John Christ.

*All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks*

## This Week's Daily Bible Reading

**Sunday**  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1  
Cor 3:16-23;  
Mt 5:38-48

**Monday**  
Jas 3:13-18;  
Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**  
Jas 4:1-10;  
Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday**  
Jl 2:12-18; 2  
Cor 5:20-6:2;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**  
Dt 30:15-20;  
Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**  
Is 58:1-9a;  
Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**  
Is 58:9b-14;  
Lk 5:27-32

## Sanctuary Candles

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Church will be lit this week for Living Intentions of Patricia Walsh at the request of Family.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for the Living intentions of Patricia Walsh at the request of Family.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week in thanksgiving for God's blessing at the request of Edward and Marian Gano.

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](mailto:office@marymotherofgod.org).

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### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord... Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

### First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

### Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”



### 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 Uniszkievicz U.S. Navy
Lt. Col. Christopher M. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	Lt. Anthony P. Jenkins U.S. Navy
Maj. Jennifer Brown, U.S. Army	Lt. Kiel Von Khan U.S. Navy
Lt. Nicholas Bierwirth, U.S. Army	Lt. J.G. Laura Krause U.S. Navy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Erin Moore, U.S. Army	Chief Jeffery Strauch, U.S. Navy
Sgt. David Perez, U.S. Army	Chief Kevin Von Khan, U.S. Navy
SPC. Christopher LaZaro U.S. Army	SR Anthonia M. Ibirongbe U.S. Navy
S/Sgt. Jared A. Carluen U.S. Air Force	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*

*Blessed are the meek*

*Meekness unites us,  
anger drives us apart*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Beatitudes, we now consider the third Beatitude: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Mt 5:5). Scripture uses the term “meek” for the poor and the dispossessed of the land. Jesus’ statement that the meek will inherit the earth can thus seem contradictory. Yet the Lord tells us that the meek will inherit the earth.

The Beatitude ultimately points us to the heavenly homeland promised to the children of God. For Jesus, the meek are those who have learned to guard the territory of their relationship with God and preserve his gifts of peace, mercy and fraternity. Sin can destroy this inheritance, for the hatred and division that flow from sin are destructive. Meekness, on the other hand, preserves this inheritance, enables it to grow and wins the hearts of others by love, kindness and friendship. By imitating the meekness of Christ, may we help to extend his kingdom and come to receive the inheritance promised to us by the Beatitude.”

*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*



*Help promote, protect sanctity of  
all human life, part II*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This Year of Service will be an opportunity for our parishes to partner with the local pregnancy help centers and other agencies to assess, expand and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. Based on a recent national survey, we know that more than 500,000 women are helped through a network of more than 2,700 pregnancy help centers across the nation. We know that more than 150,000 low-income mothers deliver their babies at our Catholic hospitals each year, including at our own Saint Peter’s University Hospital in New Brunswick. We also know that tens of thousands of pregnant and parenting moms are helped through our Catholic Charities programs. While these numbers are encouraging, women are still turning to other places for help in their time of need. We need to do more, and I believe we are able to do more.

Our abortion-healing ministries, most often called Project Rachel or Rachel’s Vineyard, remind us of the tragic results for those who have experienced abortion such as intense grief, depression, drug and alcohol abuse and broken relationships. Not only does a baby die in abortion, but women and men are deeply wounded. The Our Hope after Abortion National website now averages over 93,000 unique visits per month. Again, we need to do more. We need to let our legislators and state government officials hear our voices clearly on these issues as lives depend upon it.

As St. John Paul II urges, “With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our dioceses. With equal clarity and determination, we must identify steps we are called to take to serve life in all of its truth.” (EV 95). Let each of us commit ourselves to “Walking with Moms in Need — Year of Service” so that our culture may experience the power of God’s transforming love, that our parishes become “islands of mercy” and that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life. I am so grateful for all your efforts to preserve and promote the sanctity of human life and making it a priority in our diocese and state. Know of my love and prayers for you, and please pray for me.”

## Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough

### *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**

*“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.

### *Metuchen Cursillo Movement*

#### **11 Annual Encounter with Christ**

*“One Does Not Live on Bread Alone”*

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Mary, Mother of God Parish

### *Ash Wednesday*

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

6:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes (Church)

7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

(See insert for complete Mass schedule for Lent, Holy Week and Easter Week)

### *Stations of the Cross*

Each Friday evening during Lent, February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church.

### *Mary Mother of God Women's Group*

#### **Bringing Women together in Prayer**

Wednesday, February 26, 7:45p.m. -9:00p.m. St. Francis Hall  
Following 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass Deacon Sal Bonfiglio will be leading us into

*“A Lenten Journey into the Desert with Jesus”*

All women are invited

### *Pancake Dinner*

The Rosary Altar Society will host its annual  
“All You Can Eat Pancake Dinner”

Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Holy Spirit Hall.

Adults: \$7.00 in advance/\$8.00 at door

Children 12 and under: \$5.00

No takeout dinners! Tickets will be sold at all masses starting Feb. 8. Dinner includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, homemade desserts, coffee, tea and juice. CCD students are needed to bake and/or work. Please call Linda Pacifico and leave a message. 908-359-3997.

### *Hillsborough Hill School Marching Band Gently Used Clothing Drive*

The Hillsborough High School Raider Band/Guard will be holding a gently used clothing drive on **Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the entrance to the high school, 466 Raider Blvd.

Proceeds will be used to provide students an opportunity to learn musicianship, teamwork and leadership. Donations are tax deductible, and a donation receipt will be available upon request. All clothing will be given to the needy. Nothing is shredded. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions, please contact Peggy Lydon (973) 222-7139 or [usnamom@comcast.net](mailto:usnamom@comcast.net).

### *Stewardship Scripture Reflections*

**February 23, 2020 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” MATTHEW 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemies”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies.” it may soften their hearts as well.

### *Rice Bowl*

#### **We are Called**

Join our faith community – and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from an usher after Mass on February 29, 2020 or on March 1, 2020. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 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 podría 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!

### **Apelación Annual del Obispo 2020**

#### **Sigamos Adelante en la Fe: La Gracia en Acción**

Esta semana recibirá una carta del Obispo Checchio anunciando La Apelación Anual de Obispo 2020, por favor esté atento a su correspondencia. La campaña se llevará acabo nuevamente durante el tiempo de Cuaresma y nuestra parroquia podrá obtener un reembolso del 50% del monto que recuade por encima de la meta que le fue establecida.

Con su aporte a La Apelación Anual del Obispo, usted ayuda a los más necesitados en nuestra diócesis – los pobres, las personas sin hogar y aquellos que luchan con enfermedades o penas. Entre otras cosas, con su donación ayuda a los misterios pastorales con sus necesidades, apoya la formación de seminaristas y colabora con el mejoramiento del ministerio universitario en el Centro Católico en la Universidad de Rutgers. Muchos de los ministerios pastorales, educativos y de caridad de la Diócesis no serían posibles sin la generosa contribución de las familias. Por favor, sea generoso tanto como le sea posible.

### **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.



**Saturday  
March 7  
7:30-10 pm**  
Snacks and soft drinks included  
**B.Y.O.B.**  
**\$ 15 per person**  
**Dress for the era optional**  
**Holy Spirit Hall**

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**Tickets will be sold after all Masses  
Starting February 16  
Tickets will be sold at the door but for \$18 so  
get your tickets soon.**

Any questions e-mail [youthgroup@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:youthgroup@marymotherofgod.org)



**This is our HS Youth Group Fundraiser.**  
**Our goal is help subsidize our teens traveling  
this July out of state to help the needy.**



**Catholic Heart Workcamp**