



# 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*

## *First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2020*



## *Upcoming Events*

### *March*

**50<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> Dance**  
Saturday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Hall

**St. Patrick Dance**  
Saturday, March 14, 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Hall

**CYO Banquet 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Sunday, March 15, 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Hall

**Lenten Reflections**  
With Bishop Samuel Jacobs  
March 16 - 18

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



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## Clergy

Rev. John Rozembajgier, JCL. frjohn@marymotherofgod.org  
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## 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).

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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 \$10,848.00 for the Ordinary Collection and \$3,066.00 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, March 2, BL. Charles the Good**

7:30 PM Memorial Society Mass

**TUESDAY, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel**

8:30 AM Szigethy Family  
r/o Isabella M. Pakozdi

**WEDNESDAY, March 4, St. Casimir**

8:30 AM Antonia Javier and Niño Bartolome  
r/o Angelita Bernardo

**THURSDAY, March 5, St. John Joseph of the Cross**

8:30 AM Greg Gratzel  
r/o Karen and John Leyendecker

**FRIDAY, March 6, St. Colette**

8:30:AM Msgr. Liam Minogue  
r/o Loretta Lesser  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 7, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**

8:30 AM Francis Franzese  
r/o Hubert and Roseann Mertes  
5:00 PM Helen M. Oles  
r/o Angie Bernardo and Bern Oles  
6:30PM Alma de Manuel Valverde  
r/o Rosi

**SUNDAY, March 8, St. John of God**

7:30 AM For the People of the Church  
9:00 AM Sophie Lacko  
r/o Gorka and Westover Family  
10:30 AM Gertrude Moore  
r/o Karen Power  
12:00 NOON Lilliam Orosz  
r/o Veronica Collingwood

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

## 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 Malandruccho*
Dylan Braunstein *	Marietta Manalang*
Barbara Burke	Janry Manalang*
Bonnie Cellilli*	Anna Mastrobuono
John Christ*	Timothy Mullins*
Eileen Cohen	Tom Mullins*
Paul Constantino	Lucy Muzzipapa*
Bob Conquest*	Connie Niper*
Enrique Curbelo	Martin Noll*
Barbara Dachowski	Ralph Joseph Novi*
Rafael De Los Santos*	Gertrude O'Reilly
Margaret Duffy*	Frances Palombo*
Janet Edwards	Louis Palombo*
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	Sam Sponenberg*
Jacqueline Hatcher	Naomi Shuyama*
Edward Hayden	Marilyn Solimine*
Ann & Michael Hochreiter*	Gail Soroka*
Frank Ippolito	Rosalie Stainner*
Ryan Edward Kelly	Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket
Bertha Kubis	Irene Walsh
Shirley La Rosa	Russell Wardlow
Elise Lawler	Charles Warshefski
Prima Te Lim	Laura Young

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

### Sanctuary Candles

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Church will be lit this week for Fr. Roch Ciandella at the request of Ites Family.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for God's Blessing on the kind and caring people of the 1,000 Hail Mary Prayer Group at the request of Phyllis Fariello.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Josephine Ann Diehl at the request of Bernice and Ed Gorka.

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).

## This Week's Daily Bible Reading

**Sunday**

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7;  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11

**Monday**

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18;  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday**

Is 55:10-11;  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**

Jon 3:1-10;  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday**

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25;  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**

Ez 18:21-28;  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**

Dt 26:16-19;  
Mt 5:43-48

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## First Sunday of Lent

“For if by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification, come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all. So through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.”

## First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

## Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore.”



## 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. JG. 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
Rev. 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
Mr. Ban Thien "Joseph" Ho	Mr. Ngu Quoc "Peter" Tran
Mr. David Keyes	Mr. Michael Wood
Rev. Mr. Thomas Lanza	Mr. Gregory Zannetti



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*Pope Francis*

*“Lent”*

*“Disconnect from TV, smart phones and connect to the Gospel in Lent”*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Lent is a time to disconnect from cell phones and connect to the Gospel,” he said, recalling that when he was a child there was no television, but his family would make a point of not listening to the radio.

“It is the time to give up useless words, chatter, rumors, gossip, and talk and to speak directly to the Lord,” he said, it is a time in which to dedicated ourselves to an ecology of the heart.

In a world in which we often struggle to distinguish the voice of the Lord, Jesus calls us into the desert and invites us to listen to what matters, Pope Francis explained. And he recalled that when the devil tempted Him, Jesus replied “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

Thus the desert, represented by the journey of Lent, he continued, is a place of life, a place in which to dialogue in silence with the Lord who gives us life.

The Pope also reflected on how an important part of our Lenten desert experience is the practice of fasting, which trains us to recognize, in simplicity of heart, how often our lives are spent in empty and superficial pursuits.

“Even today, close to us, there are many deserts, many lonely people: they are the lonely and the abandoned. How many poor and old people live near us in silence, marginalized and discarded,” he said.”

February 26, 2020

*Prayer Intention  
for March 2020  
Catholics in China*



“We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.”



*Most Reverend  
James F. Checchio  
Bishop of Metuchen*

*Financial Report shows diocese’s renewed energy, focus*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In order to advance our mission, it is true that financial resources are needed. No margin, no mission as the saying goes.

It is also true that I take my responsibility to steward our financial gifts in such a way as to maximize their effectiveness for our mission. This includes examining our budgets and the ways that we use the financial gifts so generously given. In the years since my arrival we have decreased spending and operate more effectively in our diocesan offices, which support our 90 parishes and 27 schools, and I am happy to report that we have had balanced budgets for three years in a row now. In addition to so many working to trim their budgets at the diocesan pastoral center, we also had increased revenue. As you might know, our pastoral center has been reorganized in such a way that we now rent the second floor of the center to Saint Peter’s University Hospital for administrative space. This has helped to provide income which offsets the operating costs of the building. I am grateful to our Vicariate for Administration, along with thoughtful and sound advice from the Diocesan Finance Council, which has helped to make our operations sound.

We have also restructured the pastoral offices to have evangelization and mission more central to all of their initiatives and support to our parishes and schools. The Vicariate for Communication and Evangelization is tasked with promoting the message of the Church in our times with honesty, integrity and the vision of Christ’s ultimate victory over the darkness of this world. As Christians there is always hope, always a brighter tomorrow, precisely because Christ redeems the deepest disorder of the human heart.

The role of Catholic communications is always to tell the story of any event through the lens of Jesus Christ. Social media and online presence cannot be underestimated in our day, especially if we are seeking to reach our younger generations, who do not always engage with us in our Church buildings and institutions as they did in times past. Now, we must be missionaries and go to them. This is why I have directed that we increase our technology and social media to reach out in creative, beautiful and effective ways.”



# Parish Survey Results and Reflection

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing with you some of the statistical responses from the Parish Survey. The committee will be discerning ways in which we can respond to the feedback and needs of the parishioners. Please take a few moments to read the response and reflection question.

**Among those who responded in our parish survey, 88% said “I would like to grow in a deeper understanding of my faith and religion.”**

### Reflection:

**Take a moment to reflect on the following:**

How would you describe the way our parish continues to lead you into a deepened faith?

What do you seek to experience as a Catholic growing in your faith or understanding Catholicism?

### Next weeks topic...

“Worship as a Family”

### Rice Bowl

#### Hunger in our World

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, “Give them some food yourselves.” Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### 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.

### Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

Upcoming Weekend: February 21-23, 2020

For Information and to Register : Call Rich Colasuonno:

732-236-0671; or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748;

or email [3024@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org)

### Welcome to our new Little Catholics

February Baptized Babies

Teresa Grace Glowinski  
Lucas Martin Franklin Noll-Love  
Brielle AnnMarie Mueller  
Maya Crystina Mueller  
Emerson Obregon  
William Joseph Rauch



### St. Patrick's Day Dance

Saturday, March 14, 2020, Holy Spirit Hall,

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35/person, credit cards accepted. Food, music, light refreshments, Irish dancers and bag pipers. BYOB, wine and beer. Tickets on sale now in the office and after all Masses next week, March 6 & 7. Please see website for additional information.

### Stewardship Scripture Reflection

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.



## First Sunday of Lent - March 1, 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 28 de Marzo.

### *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 información 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

#### **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 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.

### *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!

#### *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, y desea recibir los sacramentos comuníquese con:

**Rosi Castro al teléfono 908-698-2944 o  
al email rosicastrovalverde@gmail.com**

#### **Vía Crucis Viviente**

Se Busca Voluntarios para participar en el Vía Crucis Viviente que organiza el Comité Hispano cada Semana Santa, si desea participar por favor comunicarse con cualquier de los integrante después de la Misa

#### **Confesiones Generales durante Cuaresma**

Martes y Miércoles

Marzo 17 y 18

de 8 a 9 pm en la Iglesia

O todos los sábados después de misa de 6.30 pm

#### **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 dia lunes del fin de semana que desea publicar su anuncio.

**businessmanager@marymotherofgod.org**

**Para mas información en Español visite nuestro sitio  
Marymotherofgod.org**

# Children's Corner

## Gospel Today First Sunday of Lent / Matthew 4:1-11

In today's Gospel the Holy Spirit and angels came to help Jesus through His suffering in the desert. Jesus spent 40 days and nights with no food or shelter and the Holy Spirit and angels **lent** Him spiritual and physical support.

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### Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

### lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

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Dear God,  
This week I...



Two horizontal lines for writing a prayer or reflection.

Love,

### Examples

Donate food to food pantry or shelter

Donate clothing or jackets

Help cook dinner

Drop a few coins in the poor box in church

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**Jesus knows how it feels to be cold and very hungry.**

Think of a way you can lend support to a cold, hungry person and write your lend/lent action in the space on the cross. Color in the cross.

