



Mary, Mother of God Church

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Welcome to Our Parish Family!

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

Parish Mission Statement

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

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2020



Upcoming Events

March

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

CYO Banquet 8th 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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Church

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

Iglesia

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

Daily Mass

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

Misa Diarias

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

Weekend Mass

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

Misas de Fin de Semana

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

Holy Day Mass

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

Misas de día Preceptos

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

Penance/Reconciliation

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

Confesiones/Reconciliación

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Oficina Parroquial

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

Religious Education Office

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

Educación religiosa (Catecismo)

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

Pre-School/Kindergarten Enrichment

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

Pre-School y Kindergarten Enrichment

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

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Sacramental Information

Baptisms

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

Baptism Godparents

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

Penance/Reconciliation

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

Holy Eucharist

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

Communion Calls & Anointing for the Sick

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

Confirmation

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

Confirmation Sponsors

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Información Sacramental

Bautismo

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

Bautismo, Requisitos de los Padrinos

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

Confesiones/Reconciliación

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

Sagrada Eucaristía

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

Visitas Domiciliarias

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

Confirmación

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

Patrocinadores de confirmación

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

Catecismo para adultos/RCIA en español

Usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en convertirse en miembros de la iglesia católica? ¿Es usted un católico que se bautizó pero nunca recibió los sacramentos de la reconciliación, la Santa Comunión o la confirmación? Si es así, comuníquese con: la Sra. Rosi Castro al teléfono 908-698-2944

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Marriages

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

Permanent Deacons, Priesthood or Religious Life

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

Registration

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

Donation by Electronic Giving

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

Ministry Information

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

Parish Ministries

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

Matrimonios

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

Los Diáconos Permanentes, el Sacerdocio o la Vida Religiosa

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

Registación

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

Donación Electrónicamente

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

Ministry to the Poor

St.. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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

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

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

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

Weekly Offering

The totals of last week's collections were \$15,159.00 for the Ordinary Collection and \$3,916.00 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 9, St. Frances of Rome

7:30 PM John and Leona Coabey
r/o Daughter, Christine Coabey

TUESDAY, March 10, St. John Ogilvie

8:30 AM Xuan Li
r/o Angelina Bernardo

WEDNESDAY, March 11, St. Constantine

8:30 AM Luis Benavente
r/o Mary Lawler

THURSDAY, March 12, St. Fina

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

FRIDAY, March 13, Bl. Agnello of Pisa

8:30:AM Angelina Maresca
r/o Maria Maresca
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 14, St. Matilda

8:30 AM Gerald O'Leary
r/o The Gubitusa Family
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish
6:30PM Alma de Maria Isabel Solis
r/o Familia Soto

SUNDAY, March 15, St. Louise de Marillac

7:30 AM Deceased members of Hopton & Spencer Family
r/o John & Margaret Hopton
9:00 AM Norma and John Conroy
r/o Den. Chris and Annette Conroy
10:30 AM Joan and Kevin Cooney
r/o Loretta Lesser
12:00 NOON Living Intentions of Yoshi Shuyama
r/o Family

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially Rose Cartaxo and Irene Walsh.

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4; 2
Tm 1:8-10;
Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10;
Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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
Stacey Balley*	Myla & Jabez Canto Loteria*
Nati Benavente*	Dominick Malandruccho*
Bill Berg*	Marietta Manalang*
Dylan Braunstein *	Janry Manalang*
Rose Buettner*	Anna Mastrobuono
Barbara Burke	Timothy Mullins*
Bonnie Cellilli*	Tom Mullins*
Eileen Cohen	Lucy Muzzipapa*
Paul Constantino	Connie Niper*
Bob Conquest*	Martin Noll*
Enrique Curbelo	Ralph Joseph Novi*
Barbara Dachowski	Gertrude O'Reilly
Rafael De Los Santos*	Frances Palombo*
Margaret Duffy*	Louis Palombo*
Janet Edwards	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
Conne 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 God's Blessing on the kind and caring people of the Prayer Chain & Prayer Group at the request of Phyllis Fariello.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for the Living intentions of Violet at the request of Phyllis Fariello & Ted Stray.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Elise Lawler 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.

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Second Sunday of Lent

“Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works, but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Jesus Christ.”

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: “This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him.”



Please Remember the Military in Your Prayers:

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

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

Lt. Col. Kathryn E. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	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 nd Lt. Erin Moore, U.S. Army	Chief Jeffery Strauch, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Katherine M. Janiec 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
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



*Pope Francis
Pray for Iraq*

Pray for war-torn Iraq

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Addressing the crowds in St. Peter’s Square for the General Audience, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to the people of Iraq and said he is praying for the country.

In his greetings to the Arabic pilgrims, the Pope said he welcomed the faithful from Syria, Egypt, the Middle East and especially those from Iraq.

He addressed the Iraqis directly saying: “I say to you, citizens of Iraq, I am very close to you. Your country is a battlefield with wars on each side.”

He said he is praying for the war-torn nation and recalled his intention to visit: “I pray for you and pray for peace in your country that I had planned to visit this year.”

And the Pope encouraged the faithful of Iraq to devote time to meditate on the Word of God, to participate in the Sacraments, to fast and to pray in order to renew their relationship with God and with their neighbor.

"At the beginning of Lent," he said, "I would like to wish for you all a time of conversion, of inner renewal and of personal and spiritual growth."

March 3, 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, part II*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

One of the greatest signs of life and hope in the Church is the presence of vocations, especially to the priesthood. We are blessed that 22 men have responded to God’s call and are currently studying to serve the Church of Metuchen. This is the largest group of men preparing for priesthood for our diocese in more than 25 years. This means that despite the many challenges of our days, these men are saying “yes,” but we need to support them. Currently, our budget to educate and care for our seminarians is a significant and increasing line item, but a great privilege for us to do so. Indeed, this puts a strain on balancing our budget but a strain we thank God for!

Our parishes, Catholic schools and religious education programs, our youth ministry programs and the Catholic Center for Campus ministry at Rutgers are all concrete places where our young people can encounter the living presence of Christ; your generosity makes this all happen. Our financial resources must be properly stewarded, in order to keep a vital presence for youth to know they are loved by Christ and His Church.

This report is only a snapshot of the various means and ways that we express our solidarity in Christ in our local Church. In the midst of our challenges, I have great hope and confidence that we are rising to the occasion, just as the many good and faithful people of past generations of Catholics have done for the love of Christ and His Church. You can be sure that I take none of our blessings for granted. I am fully aware of the sacrifices that you, our good people of our parishes, make in order to make Christ known and loved in our world, and for that you have my heartfelt thanks!

Please know of my ongoing gratitude, prayers and love for all of you. It remains one of the greatest blessings of my life to serve you, as your bishop, in this beautiful Church of Metuchen.

May Mary, Our Mother of Guadalupe, intercede for us and help us to Light a Fire of Faith in the Heart of our world.”



Parish Survey Results and Reflection

As we continue to share the results of the survey, this week we will focus on “Worship as a Family”. Please take a few moments to read the response and reflection question.

Among those who responded in our survey, 86% of people said: “I like to worship as a family in the Eucharist.”

Reflection:

Take a moment to reflect on the following:

How has worshipping together as a family helped your family grow closer together in God?

Next week topic...

“How we develop and grow in our relationship with God. ”

Rice Bowl

Second Sunday of Lent
Meet Trinh

Trinh’s family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

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 on March 7 & 8. Please see website for additional information.

St. Joseph Seniors, Raritan

Monthly Bus Trip

Atlantic City Casinos

Third Tuesday of the Month; Bus leaves 9:00 am SHARP! Bus leaves from the Raritan Mall Parking lot on Route 206 & Orlando Drive (opposite car wash). Seats open! Must be 21 & over. For more information and to reserve a seat, call John Hudak at (908) 725-0051.

The St. Timothy and St. Teresa Awards

The St. Timothy and St. Teresa Awards are diocesan awards given each year to high school teens who have demonstrated exemplary leadership, service and living as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for others.

- Jessica Krok and Brendan O’Kane were awarded the prestigious diocesan St. Timothy awards
- Jacob Miller won the elite diocesan St. Teresa award

This is the first year Mary, Mother of God ever nominated someone for the St Teresa award!



We are most proud of our three award winners!

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8, 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 908.644.7420
o 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

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 Escamilia 908-268-3293.

Apelación Anual del Obispo 2020

Sigamos Adelante en la Fe: La Gracia en Acción

El veinticuatro por ciento - \$1.7 millones de dolares- de los fondos que se recauden en la Apelación Anual del Obispo 2020 serán destinados a Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Metuchen. A través de más de 100 programas, Caridades Católicas brinda asistencia a los más necesitados. Si usted, aún no ha hecho su contribución a la Apelación Anual del Obispo, tendrá la oportunidad de hacerlo en la Parroquia el fin de semana del 21 y 22 de Marzo, el cual ha sido designado como **El fin de semana de la Apelación Anual del Obispo**. Ayúdenos a alcanzar la meta y completar el 100% de participación de los feligreses. Cada contribución, no importa la cantidad, es importante y muy apreciada.

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**

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

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

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

Second Sunday of Lent / Matthew 17:1-9

During the transfiguration, Jesus appeared white as light, with Moses and Elijah. Peter, James and John were frightened when they heard the voice of God and Jesus **lent** them support as He touched them and replied, "Rise, and do not be afraid." Mt 17:7

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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.

WEEK
2

Dear God,
This week I...

LEND
for
LENT

Love,

Examples

- Give a hug
- Tell a family member you love them
- Smile at someone new

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Jesus understands the feeling of fear. Knowing His disciples are in need of comfort, He reaches out to them.

Do you know someone in need of comfort? Do your best to lend them support. Write your lend/lent actions in the space on the cross. Color in the cross.

