



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*

Third Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2020



Upcoming Events

March

Lenten Reflections
With Bishop Samuel Jacobs
March 16 - 18

Circle of Friends
Thursday, March 19
Holy Spirit Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Bishop's Annual Appeal
In-Pew Weekend
March 21 & 22

Food Pantry
Weekend of March 21 & 22

Rosary Altar Society
Designer Bag Bingo
April 25, 6:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Hall.

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 \$17,857.77 for the Ordinary Collection and \$4,374.77 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 16, St. Abban

7:30 PM Helen L. Turner
r/o Helen A. Turner

TUESDAY, March 17, St. Patrick

8:30 AM McSweeney Family
r/o Terry McSweeney

WEDNESDAY, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 AM Stanley & Genevieve Gruchawka
r/o Barbara Gural

THURSDAY, March 19, St. Joseph

8:30 AM Ann D. Tao
r/o Huyen D. Diettrich

FRIDAY, March 20, Bl. John of Parma

8:30:AM Frank and Anna Gill
r/o Barbara Gural
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 21, St. Enda

8:30 AM Michael Tymon
r/o James & Denise Shaffer
5:00 PM John & Mary Harrington
r/o Patricia Perrine
6:30PM Aniversario de Boda de Rafael Soto y Maylim
Vega, 20 años
r/o Familia Soto

SUNDAY, March 22, St. Lea

7:30 AM Eva M. Young
r/o Jo Donnelly
9:00 AM Lynne Leyendecker
r/o John and Family
10:30 AM Nellie Lynch
r/o Helen A. Turner
12:00 NOON For the People of the Parish

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially Ann Marie Collom and Kent Aldin Egoz.

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7;
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Friday

Hos 14:2-10;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6;
Lk 18:9-14

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	Cindy Martin*
Bonnie Cellilli*	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*
Alex Esolda*	John Perri*
James Fitzpatrick*	Ed Pierce
Fernando Fonesca	Ines Pitaro*
Christine Frauedheim	John Puia
Dottie Freda	Alyssa Ribiero
Courtney Freeman*	Mary Rizzo
Connie Gacek	Lisa & Jack Rygiel
Anthony Gionataiso	Nick Samardge*
George Goceljak	Patricia Sanguiliano*
Paul & Connie Gomez	Rafael Delos Santos
Carolyn Griffin	Rosa Maria Santos
Daniel Guguski	Barbara Scheerer
Richard Hann	Helen Shelton*
Jacqueline Hatcher	Sam Sponenberg*
Edward Hayden	Naomi Shuyama*
Ann & Michael Hochreiter*	Marilyn Solimine*
Frank Ippolito	Gail Soroka*
Ryan Edward Kelly	Rosalie Stainer*
Bertha Kubis	Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket
Shirley La Rosa	Irene Walsh
Elise Lawler	Russell Wardlow
Prima Te Lim	Charles Warshefski

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 the 20th anniversary of Helen L. Turner at the request of Daughter, Helen.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for Catherine G. Condon at the request of Violet & Ted Stray.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Peter & Hedwig Blozejewski at the request of Family.

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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Third Sunday of Lent

“Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God’s sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, “Give me this water, sir...”. Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.



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 Uniszkiewicz 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

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Pope Francis
Fourth Beatitude

Every human person has a thirst for God

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Beatitudes, we now turn to the fourth Beatitude: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Mt 5:6). Jesus speaks not only of hungering and thirsting for personal and social justice, but also points to a deeper yearning for righteousness in the eyes of God. Psalm 63 expresses this thirst thus: “O God, you are my God, I pine for you; my heart thirsts for you” (v.1). Saint Augustine puts it similarly: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you” (*Confessions*, I, 1). This desire lies within every human heart and finds its fulfillment in Christ, who through the paschal mystery has reconciled us to the Father and calls us to share with everyone the Good News of our justification. The Beatitude promises us that by promoting justice in this highest sense, we will find true satisfaction, for our thirsting for righteousness will be quenched by the love God pours out upon his children.

I greet the English-speaking faithful joining us through the media, as we continue on our Lenten journey towards Easter. Upon all of you and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you!”

March 11, 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

Move heart closer to Christ *during holy time of grace*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am not sure if Pope Francis got his idea for the theme of his Lenten message for this year from my episcopal motto, but he has certainly made my task of writing my own message to you much easier! After much prayer and thought, I chose the phrase that Saint Paul used in his Second Letter to the Corinthians — “Be reconciled to God” — as the motto for my episcopal service. It was a phrase that kept coming back to me in the Year of Mercy in which I was ordained your bishop. It is an encouragement that really sums up the season of Lent, doesn’t it? We are called to return to God with our whole hearts and assist others in doing so as well.

On Ash Wednesday, we were invited to approach the altar to have a cross traced on our foreheads as a mark of our repentance. We were encouraged to begin anew on the road of conversion, recalling our baptismal promises by once again taking up more fully the penitential practices highlighted in our Gospel for that day: those acts of fasting, almsgiving, and more frequent prayer, which all hopefully will help us to keep our focus more on Christ.

In his Lenten message, Pope Francis wrote that we are to be reconciled to God by keeping our gaze on Christ, especially on His wounds while hanging on the Cross. Reflecting on Jesus’ wounds and His arms outstretched for us, helps us to know and experience more fully God’s Mercy. It also helps us to be sensitive to the wounds of others, and how we can be merciful to them, helping others in need, one of the marks of Lent, almsgiving.

Let’s not let this moment of grace pass us by. Generously, we should strive to take up the Pope’s call and focus more on Christ this Lent, drawing ourselves closer to Him who loves us. May this Lenten season renew our utter dependence on God so that we might strive more perfectly and faithfully to “repent and believe in the Gospel.

”This Lent, I pray that we may truly “be reconciled to God” and that He may use us to be instruments of reconciliation with one another. Blessed Lent everyone! Know of my prayers and love for you, and please pray for me, too.”



Parish Survey Results and Reflection

Moving into the third week of survey responses, we will contemplate how we develop and grow in our relationship with God.

Among those who responded in our survey, 89% said “I come to hear God while growing in relationship.”

Reflection:

Take a moment to reflect on the following:

Besides attending mass, what are some other ways you work on growing your relationship with God?

What will be a way you grow closer to God during Lent?

Next weeks topic...

“The Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ”

Rice Bowl

**Second Sunday of Lent
Meet Yvonne**

Meet Yvonne from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvonne now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Mary, Mary Mother of God. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as *Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Circle of Friends

All singles 55 and over come join us for fun and activities! Our meeting is on Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Hall.

The Rosary Altar Society

Designer Bag Bingo

The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting “Designer Bag Bingo” on Saturday, April 25th in HSH. \$35 per person in advance/\$40 at the door: Tickets will be sold after all masses starting April 4th weekend. Ticket price includes 1 full set of cards for the 10 Bingo games, dinner, dessert, soft drinks, water. Dinner brought to you by Chef Tony and Chef Joe. Bring your own appetizers. Doors open at 6pm. Dinner served at 6:30pm. Bring extra money for the amazing Basket Raffle table, Super 50/50 and to purchase extra Bingo games. Get a chance to win Michael Kors, Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger bags!!

Food Bank

March’s Food Pantry Collection will be held the weekend of March 21 & 22. Please drop off non-perishable food items in Holy Spirit Hall by 1:00 p.m. The Wishing Well will be available in the church entranceway for those interested in making a check or cash donation to this worthy cause.

Third Sunday of Lent - March 15, 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 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 March 28/29 Sept 26/27

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 Escamilia 908-268-3293.

Apelación Anual del Obispo 2020

Sigamos Adelante en la Fe: La Gracia en Acción

Ustedes han recibido la carta del Obispo Checchio invitándolos a participar en la Apelación Anual del Obispo 2020. Los Ministerios Diocesanos que se benefician con los aportes que se reciban en esta campaña, tienen un impacto directo en muchos de los feligreses de nuestra Parroquia Maria, Madre de Dios. Su contribución apoyará la formación de catequistas, jóvenes y jóvenes adultos; entre otros importantes ministerios. La ofrenda que usted hace con sacrificio, respalda nuestros renovados esfuerzos para la Evangelización y la Comunicación.

Si usted, este año no ha hecho su contribución a la Apelación Anual del Obispo, podrá hacerlo el próximo fin de semana, 21 y 22 de Marzo, el cual ha sido designado como **El fin de semana de la Apelación Anual del Obispo**. Por favor, como feligres considere contribuir a la Apelación Anual del Obispo para ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta como Parroquia. Si nosotros logramos sobrepasar la meta de la Parroquia, el 50% del monto colectado por encima de la meta, será reembolsado a la Parroquia. Más importante que cumplir la meta financiera, nuestro objetivo es alcanzar el **100% de participación** de las familias. Cada contribución, no importa la cantidad, es importante y muy apreciada. Gracias.

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 día lunes del fin de semana que desea publicar su anuncio.

businessmanager@marymotherofgod.org

**Para mas información en Español visite nuestro siti
www.marymotherofgod.org**



Lenten Mission 2020



Please come and join us for our Lenten Mission!
Bishop Emeritus Samuel G. Jacobs
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Houma Louisiana



Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Mass and Reflection on Jesus, the Lord of My Life

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Reflection on the Power of the Holy Spirit

Confessions at 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Reflection on Mission: Called to Holiness/Witness

Confessions at 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.