



# Mary, Mother of God Church

157 South Triangle Rd, Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
Parish Office Telephone: 908-874-8220; Fax: 908-874-4183

Website: [www.marymotherofgod.org](http://www.marymotherofgod.org)  
Email: [Office@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:Office@marymotherofgod.org)

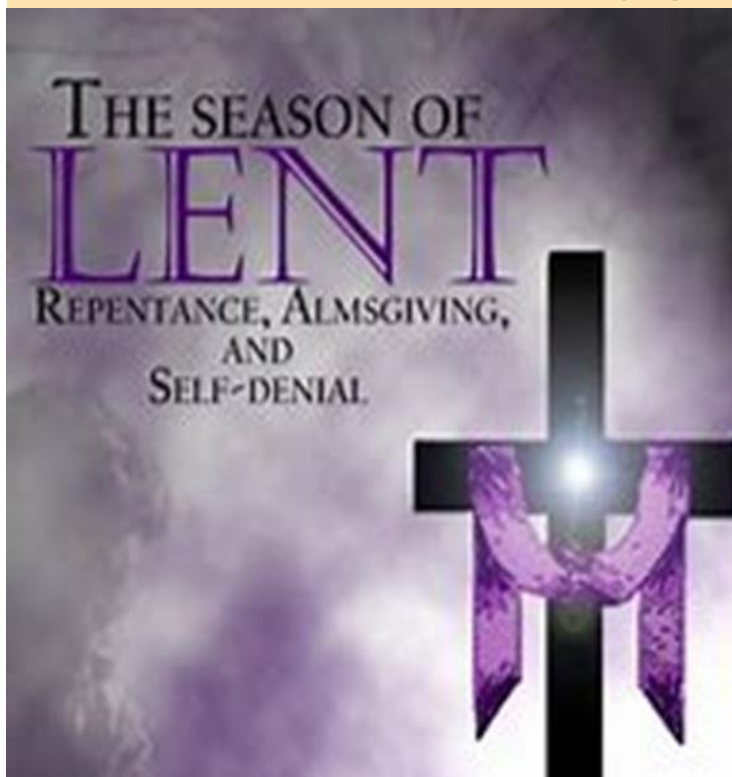
## Welcome to Our Parish Family!

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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020



## Upcoming Events

### March

**Parish Office Hours**  
Mar. 18 - Apr. 3, 2020  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon  
Monday evening hours are  
canceled until further noticed.

**Rosary Altar Society**  
**Designer Bag Bingo**  
May 16, 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Spirit Hall.

**St. Ann Open House**  
Raritan, NJ  
March 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
April 21, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Marianist Family**  
**Retreat Center**  
July 13 - 18, 2020

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



Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough

# Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough



## Clergy

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

## Parish Staff

Ms. "Ronnie" Collingwood, admin@marymotherofgod.org  
Mrs. Darlene Machala, office@marymotherofgod.org  
Mr. Peter Tabernero, businessmanager@marymotherofgod.org  
Mr. James Masciotta, maintenance@marymotherofgod.org  
Dcn. Christopher Conroy, deaconchris@marymotherofgod.org  
Mrs. Kelly Longobardi, preschool@marymotherofgod.org  
Mr. Steve Kirbos, music@marymotherofgod.org  
Mr. Nick Greco, folkgroup@marymotherofgod.org

## Church

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

## Iglesia

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

## Daily Mass

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

## Misa Diarias

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

## Weekend Mass

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

## Misas de Fin de Semana

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

## Holy Day Mass

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

## Misas de día Preceptos

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

## Penance/Reconciliation

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

## Confesiones/Reconciliación

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

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

## La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

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

## Parish Office Hours

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

## Oficina Parroquial

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

## Religious Education Office

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

## Educación religiosa (Catecismo)

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

## Pre-School/Kindergarten Enrichment

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

## Pre-School y Kindergarten Enrichment

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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020

### *Sacramental Information*

#### **Baptisms**

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

#### **Baptism Godparents**

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

#### **Penance/Reconciliation**

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

#### **Holy Eucharist**

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

#### **Communion Calls & Anointing for the Sick**

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

#### **Confirmation**

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

#### **Confirmation Sponsors**

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

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

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

### *Información Sacramental*

#### **Bautismo**

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

#### **Bautismo, Requisitos de los Padrinos**

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

#### **Confesiones/Reconciliación**

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

#### **Sagrada Eucaristía**

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

#### **Visitas Domiciliarias**

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

#### **Confirmación**

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

#### **Patrocinadores de confirmación**

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

#### **Catecismo para adultos/RCIA en español**

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

# Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough

## 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 \$6,148.00. for the Ordinary Collection and \$1,597.00 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.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020

## Mass Schedule

### **MONDAY, March 23, St. Turibio of Mogrovejo**

7:30 PM Harold Tober  
r/o Regina Neri

### **TUESDAY, March 24, St. Aldemar**

8:30 AM Mary Marques  
r/o Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fessak

### **WEDNESDAY, March 25, The Annuciation of The Lord**

8:30 AM Richard Tomko  
r/o Dcn. Jake and Mrs. Mary McCormick

### **THURSDAY, March 26, St. Margaret Clitherow**

8:30 AM Dennis McAllister  
r/o Grace McAllister

### **FRIDAY, March 27, St. Rupert**

8:30:AM Adele Langon  
r/o Rita Khoury

### **SATURDAY, March 28, St. Venturino**

8:30 AM Angelina Franzese  
r/o Hubert & Roseann Mertes  
5:00 PM Anna & Onafrio Tagliareni & Family  
r/o Anthony & Marie Tagliareni  
6:30PM Por el alma de Jose Ermino Vega  
r/o Familia Soto Vega

### **SUNDAY, March 29, St. Berthold**

7:30 AM Harold Tober  
r/o Regina Neri  
9:00 AM Michael Braun  
r/o Patricia Perrine  
10:30 AM Peggy Wantrobski  
r/o Stella Whitney  
12:00 NOON For the People of the Parish

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially Beatrice Blasi, Andrew Ductor and Gail Soroka.

## This Week's Daily Bible Reading

### Sunday

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;  
Eph 5:8-14;  
Jn 9:1-41

### Monday

Is 65:17-21;  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12;  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10;  
Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday

Ex 32:7-14;  
Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

Wis 2:1, 12-22;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

Jer 11:18-20;  
Jn 7:40-53

## Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:

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

Lita Angeles Mary Auletta Stacey Balley* Nati Benavente* Bill Berg* Dylan Braunstein * Rose Buettner* Barbara Burke Bonnie Cellilli* Eileen Cohen Paul Constantino Bob Conquest* Enrique Curbelo Barbara Dachowski Rafael De Los Santos* Margaret Duffy* Janet Edwards Alex Esolda* James Fitzpatrick* Fernando Fonesca Christine Frauedheim Dottie Freda Courtney Freeman* Connie Gacek Anthony Gionataiso George Goceljak Paul & Connie Gomez Carolyn Griffin Daniel Guguski Richard Hann Jacqueline Hatcher Edward Hayden Ann & Michael Hochreiter* Frank Ippolito Ryan Edward Kelly Bertha Kubis Shirley La Rosa Elise Lawler Prima Te Lim	Ralph Lombardi Patricia Lorenzetti Myla & Jabez Canto Loteria* Dominick Malandruccho* Marietta Manalang* Janry Manalang* Anna Mastrobuono Cindy Martin* Timothy Mullins* Tom Mullins* Lucy Muzzipapa* Connie Niper* Martin Noll* Ralph Joseph Novi* Gertrude O'Reilly Frances Palombo* Louis Palombo* John Perri* Ines Pitaro* John Puia Alyssa Ribiero Mary Rizzo Lisa & Jack Rygiel Nick Samardge* Patricia Sanguiliano* Rafael Delos Santos Rosa Maria Santos Barbara Scheerer Helen Shelton* Sam Sponenberg* Naomi Shuyama* Marilyn Solimine* Gail Soroka* Rosalie Stainner* Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket Barbara Volker* Irene Walsh Russell Wardlow 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 in thanksgiving for the Fr. John and God's continued blessings on him at the request of Phyllis Fariello.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for Ralph Fariello at the request of wife and sons.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Don & Jeanne Hurley at the request of the Hurley 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](mailto:office@marymotherofgod.org).

## Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough N.J.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Surely the Lord’s anointed is here before him. But the Lord said to Samuel: ‘Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart...’ Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in his hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the Spirit of the Lord rushed on David.”

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

### Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.



### 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. 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*

*“Mercy”*

*Make mercy the air you breathe*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The fifth beatitude, began Pope Francis, is different than the others: it is the only one “in which the cause and effect of happiness coincide”. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”, he read. Those who exercise mercy, explained the Pope, “will be shown mercy”. The theme of reciprocity we see here is not only a characteristic of this beatitude, continued the Pope. It is repeated throughout the entire Gospel. “How could it be otherwise? Mercy is the very heart of God!” he said.

The Pope then went on to mention a few examples of this reciprocity. In Luke’s Gospel, for example, Jesus teaches us that if we do not judge, we shall not be judged. This theme is also very clear in the Lord’s Prayer, continued the Pope, when we say “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Then, picking up on the Gospel of Matthew, the Pope explained: “For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins”.

The forgiveness that we give and we receive are two things which cannot be separated, said Pope Francis. But there are many people who find themselves unable to forgive. Often the evil we have received is so great that forgiveness appears as arduous as climbing a mountain, he said. Alone, he continued, we cannot mirror God’s mercy. “We need the grace of God”, he said, and we must ask for it. “If the Fifth Beatitude promises that we will find mercy, and in the Lord’s Prayer we ask for our trespasses to be forgiven, it means that we are in debt, and in need of mercy!” said the Pope.”

*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*

*Ten Things to remember for Lent*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

1. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving — as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. It’s a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days.
3. It’s a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast.
4. It’s a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive.
5. It’s about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it’s about more than self-control – it’s about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die.
6. Don’t do too much. It’s tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it’s best to keep it simple and focused.
7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them.
8. Be patient with yourself. When we’re confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated.
9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need.
10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the cross for all of us.”



# Parish Survey Results and Reflection

This week's reflection will focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ. Please take a few moments to read the response and reflection question.

**Among those who responded in our survey, 80% of people said "our parish is helping me make the Blessed Mother and Jesus Christ present in my everyday life as a true disciple."**

### Reflection:

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

How has the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ impacted your life?

### Next weeks topic...

**"Our healing through Jesus Christ"**

### *Rice Bowl*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Meet Maria Ana**

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you / we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### *The Rosary Altar Society*

#### **Designer Bag Bingo**

The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting "Designer Bag Bingo" on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 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!!

### *St. Ann Open House*

Discover how a Catholic Classical Education at **St. Ann School** can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, filled with wonder and awe for all creation.

Come to one of our **Open Houses** on **Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, April 21 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** St. Ann School is located at 29 Second Avenue, Raritan. For more information contact Kelly at (908) 725-7787 or email: [kalbright@stannparish.com](mailto:kalbright@stannparish.com).

### *Marianist Family Retreat Center*

Cape May Point, NJ

Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 22 through end of August.

**Note: there is a special week for Single-parent families, July 13-18.**

**Cost\* for the week:** \$220/p ages 8+; \$150 ages 2-7; under 2 free. \*Price includes meals, room, program, beach access and more!

Join together with other families for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities. Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours DAILY), with **ocean swimming** (beach is only 1/2 block from our house) are part of all family retreats. To sign up or for more information: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or email: [mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829.

### *Seton Hall University*

#### **iThirst Initiative presenting:**

**"Grace and Healing Understanding the Role of the Church for those Afflicted by Opioid Crisis"**

March 18, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Bethany Hall on the campus of Seton Hall. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, email [Melinda.papac-cio@shu.edu](mailto:Melinda.papac-cio@shu.edu) by March 13.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 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.

### *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**

### *Horario de la Oficina Parroquial*

18 de marzo - 3 de abril de 2020

Lunes-Viernes 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

La oficina estara cerrada los lunes por la noche.

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

# Children's Corner

## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent / John 9:1-41

In today's gospel, Jesus and His disciples came upon a man who had been blind since birth. As Jesus smeared clay into the man's eyes, He **lent** His healing powers to the blind man, and sent him to the Pool of Siloam to wash. When the man returned, his eyes were able to see, but more importantly his heart was open to believe in Jesus. Not as a sinner, as many believed, but truly the Son of God.

©2020 Bon Venture Services, LLC

### 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  
4

Dear God,  
This week I...



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Love,

### Examples

- Help look for and find a lost item.
- Find the reading glasses a senior might have misplaced.
- If traveling, read the directions for an adult driver.
- Donate used eyeglasses.

L  
E  
N  
T

Jesus told His disciples the man was born blind so the works of God could be made visible (seen) through him. Jesus also knew being blind was not easy, and the man had to depend on others at times.

Help someone understand and "see" the love of God by **lending** your services to help others. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.

