



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*

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 29, 2020

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Upcoming Events

March

Parish Office Hours
Until further notice the Parish
Office is closed.

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

Marianist Family
Retreat Center
July 13 - 18, 2020

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).

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 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 \$5,035.00. for the Ordinary Collection and \$930.00 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 29, 2020

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, March 30, St. Peter Regulatus

7:30 PM Robert "Bud" Daley
r/o Dcn. Jake & Mrs. Mary McCormick

TUESDAY, March 31, St. Benjamin

8:30 AM Joseph Alvara
r/o Michelina Viscido

WEDNESDAY, April 1, St. Hugh of Grenoble

8:30 AM Virginia Previty
r/o Laura Addison

THURSDAY, April 2, St. Francis of Paola

8:30 AM Rosario Labao
r/o Angelita Bernardo

FRIDAY, April 3, St. Richard of Wyche

8:30:AM Richard Bevan
r/o Jim & Pat Walsh

SATURDAY, April 4, St. Isidore, Dr. of the Church

8:30 AM Doris & Dominic Liguori
r/o Cathy Hydzyk
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish
6:30PM Por el alma de Lorenza Luna & Celia Ramos
r/o Gloria Ramos

SUNDAY, April 5, St. Vincent Ferrer

7:30 AM Rose and Pat Genco
r/o Josette Genco
9:00 AM Joe Paulino
r/o Sue Paulino
10:30 AM Anthony Ziolke
r/o Art and Rosalie Stainer
12:00 NOON Mary & Joseph Commerton
r/o Peggy

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers.

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14;
Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9;
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28;
Jn 11:45-56

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*	Ines Pitaro*
Fernando Fonesca	John Puia
Christine Frauedheim	Alyssa Ribiero
Dottie Freda	Mary Rizzo
Courtney Freeman*	Lisa & Jack Rygiel
Connie Gacek	Nick Samardge*
Anthony Gionataiso	Patricia Sanguiliano*
George Goceljak	Rafael Delos Santos
Paul & Connie Gomez	Rosa Maria Santos
Carolyn Griffin	Barbara Scheerer
Daniel Guguski	Helen Shelton*
Richard Hann	Sam Sponenberg*
Gloria Harrison*	Naomi Shuyama*
Jacqueline Hatcher	Marilyn Solimine*
Edward Hayden	Gail Soroka*
Ann & Michael Hochreiter*	Rosalie Stainer*
Frank Ippolito	Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket
Ryan Edward Kelly	Barbara Volker*
Bertha Kubis	Irene Walsh
Shirley La Rosa	Russell Wardlow
Elise Lawler	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 God's blessings of guidance and protection of Jacob Miller at the request of Phyllis Fariello.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for the intentions of the Hurley Family at the request of Fran Hurley.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for the living intentions of the Murphy Family at the request of the Anna Murphy.

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

"I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you in your own land, thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord... If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead, will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the spirit dwelling in you."

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.



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

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Pope Francis

*Solemnity of the
Annunciation*

*“we are called to live the
fullness of life”*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Twenty-five years ago, today, on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Saint John Paul II issued his Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* on the value and inviolability of human life. The Gospel of life lies at the heart of Christ’s message, and resonates in a particular way in the current context of a pandemic that threatens the human family. With gratitude I call to mind the quiet witness of the many people who today are doing all they can to help the sick, elderly, poor and lonely. They are putting the Gospel of life into practice, like Mary who accepted the angel’s message and then went to visit her elderly kinswoman Elizabeth. The life we are asked to promote and protect is no abstract idea but becomes real flesh and blood in the unborn child, the terminally ill, the refugee and the outcast. The Church feels in the depths of her heart every threat to human life, for each person is unique and unrepeatable, in need of solidarity and fraternal love. Today, I renew the appeal made by Saint John Paul II, to “respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this way will you find justice, development, freedom, peace and happiness!” (*Evangelium Vitae*, 5).

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

March 25, 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*

*Social media sites keep faithful
informed, connected*

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In recent weeks, much of our attention has been focused on the spread of the coronavirus. We have been following the updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and have been working closely with our state and county officials. A Coronavirus Task Force has been formed. It is headed by our chancellor who will work with clergy, staff and civil authorities to monitor the progress of the virus and implement best practices for our schools, parishes, and our diocesan center in dealing with COVID-19.

The weekend of March 7-8, a diocesan statement on the precautions we implemented to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 was read at all Masses. In the prayers for the faithful, all who have died from or been affected by the virus were remembered. Last Friday, we announced further changes to contain the coronavirus. These changes were shared with our parishes and sent to the media. They can also be found on page 5 in this issue of “The Catholic Spirit.” They were posted, too, on our social media, so if you regularly visit our Facebook page you would have been among the first to learn about the changes.

In times like this, I am grateful that we have an effective social media presence. Created in 2014, our social media includes Facebook and Twitter accounts, both of which are primarily used to inform, connect and engage our faithful. We also now are on Instagram, a social media platform used mainly to share photos. What we are able to achieve on these sites is real-time news. When we make an announcement of any importance, like on the coronavirus, it is quickly posted on our Facebook account and if you follow our diocese, you are one of the firsts to receive the news.

Two years ago, we were able to hire a full-time Media Content Specialist, Gerald Wutkowski, Jr., who works with Tara Smith, our Associate Director of Communications, and since then our social media following and engagement has more than doubled. This is wonderful news, as it particularly reaches out to our young, even those whom we might not see regularly in Church activities, or like now when COVID-19 is keeping people away from their parish.”



Parish Survey Results and Reflection

To culminate this time of survey reflections, this week's reflection is on healing through Jesus Christ. Please take a few moments to read the response and reflection question.

Among those who responded in our survey, 80% said "Our parish has helped me to find further healing in Jesus Christ through my prayer and worship."

Reflection:

Take a moment to reflect on the following:

How can we help others to experience the presence of Jesus Christ today?

Next steps with survey...

Over the next few months the Survey Committee and Pastoral Council will be discerning how we can respond to the needs provided in the parish survey.

We will continue to communicate with you through the bulletin and website.

Parish Office

As per Governor Murphy Executive Order, the Parish Office will be closed until further noticed. These are challenging times for all of us, especially your church, which relies on your generous contributions. For those that are able, please note that your weekly offerings can be mailed to the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support, may God and our Blessed Mother watch and protect you, your family and love ones.

Rice Bowl

Fifth Sunday of Lent Opportunity to Dream

Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The Rosary Altar Society

Designer Bag Bingo

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

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 or email: mfrc@capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 29, 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.

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 Zaira & 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

Las confesiones son sólo por apetección.

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

Según la Orden Ejecutiva del Gobernador Murphy, la Oficina Parroquial permanecerá cerrada hasta el proximo aviso. Son tiempos difíciles para todos nosotros, especialmente su iglesia, que depende de sus generosas contribuciones. Para aquellos que puedan, tenga en cuenta que sus ofertas semanales se pueden enviar por correo a la Oficina Parroquial. Gracias por nuestro continuo apoyo, que Dios y nuestra Santísima Madre os vigilen y protejan a ustedes.

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

Children's Corner

Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent / John 11:1-45

Jesus is called by Martha & Mary with news their brother Lazarus is very ill. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Jesus loved His friends deeply and was so saddened by their grief, He cried. Jesus called upon His Father, who raised Lazarus, much the same as Jesus will rise Easter morning!

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Lent

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

lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

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Dear God,
This week I...

LEND
for
LENT

Love,

Examples

- Make a special card for someone who is sad or sick.
- By yourself, or with family members, write a "Thank you Jesus, for Loving Me" prayer. Read it each day from now until Easter.
- Plant some seeds in a cup or planter, giving it water & sun daily. In a few days, you too will witness the miracle of new life. Your new sprouts should be ready by Easter to give as a loving gift.

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In the past weeks of Lent we have seen a lending of physical, emotional, spiritual and healing support. With the rising of Lazarus, Jesus' friends experiences all of these comforts, and many people became believers.

Lent is nearing the end. Using these remaining two weeks of Lent, think about how much Jesus loves us, and pass this love on to others. **Lend** your talents to an activity that will comfort someone. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.

