



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2020



Upcoming Events

May

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is closed until further notice.

Confirmation Liturgies

May 7 Confirmation liturgies will be rescheduled to a later date.

Rosary Altar Society

Designer Bag Bingo

Event has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date.

Marianist Family

Retreat Center

July 13 - 18, 2020

Weekly Contribution

Envelopes

As a reminder please continue to mail in or drop off your weekly offering envelope. Your support is much appreciated and needed.



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Clergy

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

Registración

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 \$7,200.00. for the Ordinary Collection and \$1,053.00 for the Building Fund. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Parish family! If you would like to begin On-Line Giving, please see the Home Page of our website.

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, May 4, St. Florian

7:30 PM Memorial Society Mass

TUESDAY, May 5, St. Hilary of Arles

8:30 AM Hubert Mertes, Sr.
r/o Hubert and Roseann Mertes

WEDNESDAY, May 6, St. Dominic Savio

8:30 AM John & Nellie Bevan
r/o Families

THURSDAY, May 7, St. Rose Venerini

8:30 AM Julio Romano & Victoria Valencia
r/o Angelica Bernardo

FRIDAY, May 8, St. Peter of Tarantaise

8:30:AM Kenneth Tillman
r/o The Persico Family

SATURDAY, May 9, St. Pachomius

8:30 AM William D. Hernandez
r/o Daughter, Maria Greco
5:00 PM Regina Mc Sweeney
r/o Son
6:30 PM Por el alma de Wilberth Soto
r/o Familia Soto

SUNDAY, May 10, St. Damien of Molokai

10:30 AM All Mothers
Alice Lesser
r/o Loretta Lesser
Lynette Fabrocini & Anna Cellilli
r/o Philomena & Tom Cellilli, Jr.
For the People of the Parish

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially Miguel Victor Ramirez Dolores, Richard Hann, Gloria Harrison, Helen Izzo, Margaret Mc Grath, Yolanda Miksztal, Luis Mora, Margarette Mulrooney, Jeanette O'Rourke, Peter Vano, Barbara Volker and Jim Weidenfeller.

Memorial Society Members

William Paul Gnirrep, John Harrison, James Heffler, William Lynch, Joseph Novi, Elvira and John Shaughnessy. Deceased Members of Brand, Kelly, Klug and Mullins and Families, Caranci, Neri and Tober Families. The Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1
Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18;
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26;
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33;
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52;
Jn 14:7-14

Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:

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

Lita Angeles
Mary Auletta
Stacey Balley*
Nati Benavente*
Bill Berg*
Dylan Braunstein *
Rubin Cardona*
Bonnie Cellilli*
Frankie Chiocciariello*
Eileen Cohen
Bob Conquest*
Enrique Curbelo
Barbara Dachowski
Rafael De Los Santos*
Andrea Doyle*
Margaret Duffy*
Janet Edwards
Alex Esolda*
Charlie Filipowicz*
James Fitzpatrick*
Fernando Fonesca
Claire Fortmiller*
Christine Fraedheim
Dottie Freda
Courtney Freeman*
Connie Gacek
Lita De Gil*
Anthony Gionataiso
George Goceljak
Paul & Connie Gomez
Carolyn Griffin
Daniel Guguski
Jacqueline Hatcher
Edward Hayden
Ann & Michael Hochreiter*
Frank Ippolito
Ryan Edward Kelly
Bertha Kubis

Elise Lawler
John Leyendecker
Prima Te Lim
Ralph Lombardi
Patricia Lorenzetti
Myla & Jabez Canto Loteria*
Dominick Malandrucchio*
Marietta Manalang*
Janry Manalang*
Anna Mastrobuono
Timothy Mullins*
Tom Mullins*
Connie Niper*
Martin Noll*
Ralph Joseph Novi*
Gertrude O'Reilly
Frances Palombo*
Louis Palombo*
John Perri*
Ines Pitaro*
John Puia
Alyssa Ribiero
Mary Rizzo
Hank Rozembajgier*
Lisa & Jack Rygiel
Nick Samardge*
Patricia Sanguiliano*
Rafael Delos Santos
Rosa Maria Santos
Edward Schadle
Barbara Scheerer
Helen Shelton*
Naomi Shuyama*
Marilyn Solimine*
Rosalie Stainner*
Alexandra & Maryjo Stricket
The Marsh Family*
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 for Anthony Gerard Corona at the request of Anthony J. Corona.

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

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for the sick of the Parish.

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, 'What are we to do, my brothers?' Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheep gate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."



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. Ibirongbé 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
Living the Beatitudes

“Love the world that persecutes you”

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Holy Father noted that the happiness promised in this final Beatitude is the same as that of the first: The Kingdom of Heaven. “Thus, we understand that we have arrived at the end of a unified journey” that gradually unfolded as Christ proclaimed each succeeding Beatitude, the Pope explained. “The Path of the Beatitudes is an Easter journey that leads from a life according to the world to a life according to God”.

So, the Pope said, when the world sees people living the beatitudes, there is discomfort that calls for a decision: either to be open to discussion and goodness; or “to refuse that light and harden the heart, even to the point of opposition and rage”.

He warned us, though, that hearing the final Beatitude should not lead to a self-pitying attitude, or a victim mentality. When Christians are despised by others, it is not always synonymous with persecution. Sometimes we are at fault, he said, because “we have lost the taste of Christ and of the Gospel”.

Pope Francis concluded by saying that facing exclusion and persecution, “if God grants us the grace”, will make our lives resemble the life of Christ, who for our sake was “despised and rejected by men”.

Accepting Christ’s Spirit in our lives can lead us to truly love the world, even to the point of offering our lives, “without compromising with its deceptions, and even accepting its rejection” of us. This, said Pope Francis, “is the life of the Kingdom of Heaven, the greatest joy, and true happiness.”



Prayer Intention
for May 2020
For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



Most Reverend
James F. Checchio
Bishop of Metuchen

***“One Church Together
In Prayer, Community and Hope”***

“My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Celebrating the body of Christ during the Covid-19 Crisis.

Together, we will face the coronavirus crisis with prayer, community and hope. Through these unprecedented times, we must not let a crisis of health lead to a crisis of faith, and so the Diocese of Metuchen is here to offer you spiritual support, digital community and resources to deepen your faith and friendship with Jesus even through these challenging times.

You may be home, but you’re not alone. Together, let’s step forward in faith, reminded that God is with us always.

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

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Parish Office

As per Governor Murphy Executive Order, the Parish Office will be closed until further notice. 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 over and protect you, your family and loved ones.

The Rosary Altar Society

Designer Bag Bingo

Event has been postponed and will be rescheduled to a later date.

Memorial Society

The Mary, Mother of God Memorial Society is comprised of a list of parishioners' deceased loved ones. The Mass Intention for the Memorial Society is celebrated at the 7:30 p.m. Mass on the first Monday of each month. Members are also remembered on All Souls Day. If you are interested in enrolling your loved one in the Memorial Society, please contact Veronica Collingwood in the parish office: 908-874-8220, Ext. 302 or email: admin@marymotherofgod.org.

Stewardship Reflection

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"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Catholic Charity

It's Ok to Ask for Help

Catholic Charities is accepting new referrals for counseling. For your safety and convenience, services are provided via telephone or secure, confidential video connection. You don't have to fight this battle alone. Medicaid accepted. In Somerset call: 908-722-1881

County Office of Human Services

At this time our nation is experiencing an unprecedented public health crisis due to the COVID-19 virus. The situation worldwide has required a rigorous response to slow down the spread of disease. It is important to remember that even in these times, ***you are not alone***. Support continues to be available even when it is not face-to-face. There is an entire community of call centers, text support and online support groups ready to help you or your loved ones whenever you need it.

For residents who are having difficulty coping with the COVID19 crisis, please call the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Inc. at **(877) 294-HELP (4357)** between the hours of 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. for emotional support, guidance and mental health referrals as needed.

Respect Life

Adoption: The Loving and Caring Option

In the U.S., there are approximately two million couples waiting to adopt.

Clearly, this is absolutely tragic. Many good, loving families are waiting throughout our nation for a baby whom they want to cherish, value, and raise for the rest of that baby's life.

Adoption – especially the adoption of a newborn baby – almost always involves a loving, excited couple who have dreamed for years of holding and caring for their own special treasure.

Do mothers considering abortion realize that families actually go on waiting lists to adopt newborn babies? Do they realize that some couples wait years to adopt the baby they've desperately waited to hold in their arms? Do mothers realize how many experienced parents with wisdom, resources, and plenty of love are reaching out to adopt another child — no matter his or her race, gender, or disability?

We need to let mothers know that they can handpick their babies' adoptive families. They can choose an open adoption, where they see their babies at certain times throughout the year. They can choose a partially open adoption, where they receive photos and updates about their children's lives. Or they can choose a closed adoption and give their babies completely over to their adoptive families. We must let expectant mothers know that adoption is the loving, caring option.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 3, 2020

Avísos Parroquiales

A los nuevos feligreses por favor registrarse visitando la Secretaría durante horas de oficina y/o asistir a la próxima reunión de Registración Parroquial, durante el Café social ofrecido en español los últimos sábados del mes, después de misa.

Grupos de Oraciones

Invitamos a todos los feligreses a participar o unirse a los grupos parroquiales hispanos de nuestra parroquia.

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Mas informes con Francisco Marin 732-496-0744

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Mas información con Ana 732-648-8215

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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

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Familias necesitadas de recibir asistencia espiritual
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Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial Septiembre 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**

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 vuestro continuo apoyo, que Dios y nuestra Santísima Madre os vigilen y protejan a ustedes.

Respetar La Vida

Adopción: Una Opción de Amor y Cariño

En los Estados Unidos hay aproximadamente 2 millones de parejas en espera de adopción.

Claramente, esto es absolutamente trágico. Muchas buenas y amorosas familias través de toda la nación están a la espera de un bebe a quien querer, amar y crecer por todo el resto de la vida de ese ser.

Adopción—especialmente la adopción de un recién nacido—casi siempre envuelve a una cariñosa y muy emocionada pareja que han sonado por años en cargar y amar a su propio y anhelado bebe.

Sabrán las madres que están considerando abortar que hay lista de espera para las familias buscando adoptar bebes recién nacidos? Sabrán que algunas de estas parejas han estado esperando por años tener su propio bebe entre sus brazos? Sabrán estas madres cuantos padres con mucha experiencia, sabiduría, recursos, y muchísimo amor están allí para adoptar otro niño—sin importar Su raza, género o dishabilidad?

Necesitamos dejarles saber a estas madres embarazadas que ellas pueden elegir a la familia que están dispuestas a adoptar a sus bebes. Pueden también tener una adopción abierta, donde ellas pueden ver a sus bebes en cierto tiempo durante el año. Como también pueden escoger tener una parcial adopción abierta, donde ellas reciben fotos y mantenerse al día de sus hijos vivos. O como también escoger una adopción cerrada y dar sus criaturas por completo a las familias adoptivas. Debemos hacerles ver a estas madres embarazadas, que la adopción es realmente una opción de amor y cariño.

CARES Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Did you know the CARES Act can help our local Church?

By providing key tax incentives for donors to non-profit organizations, the new legislation may encourage you to consider a financial gift to your parish, the Diocese of Metuchen or one of its entities.

- **What is the CARES Act?**

On Friday, March 27, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This is a \$2 trillion economic stimulus package legislated to provide immediate relief for nonprofits, businesses, individuals and state and local governments.

- **How does the CARES Act benefit donors to nonprofit organizations?**

The CARES Act incentivizes charitable giving from individuals and corporations by increasing tax deductions for charitable donations.

- **What are individual donor benefits?**

All taxpayers (*both those who itemize and those who use standard deduction*) can deduct up to \$300 of total charitable contributions in 2020. Prior to the CARES Act, those who use standard deduction could not deduct any charitable giving.

- **What are the additional benefits for those who itemize their taxes?**

The law lifts the existing cap on annual contributions for those who itemize their taxes, significantly raising it from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100% of adjusted gross income.

- **What are charitable giving incentives for corporations?**

The CARES Act raises the annual limit of charitable giving that corporations can deduct from 10% of taxable income to 25% of taxable income.

Food donations from corporations are raised from 15% of taxable income to 25% of taxable income.

*This communication is for informational purposes only and is not to be considered legal or tax advice.
Please consult with your accountant or tax advisor with regard to such matters.*

See the following links for the sources referenced and for more information:

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