



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

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Upcoming Events

October

Family Memorial Christmas Trees

Reserve your tree now. Form can be found on page 10 of the bulletin.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4. Blessing of the Animals will take place after the 11:30 a.m. Mass by the Parish Center.

Fall Fest 2020

Flea Market Celebration

Sunday, October 25, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Halloween costume contest, awesome prices, games, crafts, and food. See bulletin for additional information.

Veteran's Day Mass

Reserve the date. We will celebrate our Veteran's on Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m. with a special Mass. Additional information to follow.



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Clergy

Rev. John Rozembajgier, JCL. frjohn@marymotherofgod.org
Rev. Alex Carles, fralex@marymotherofgod.org
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Dcn. Christopher Conroy, deaconchris@marymotherofgod.org
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Parish Staff

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Mrs. Darlene Machala, office@marymotherofgod.org
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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 Church.

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 iglesia.

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and Liturgy of the Word,
11:30 a.m.
Weekend Masses are celebrated in the Church.

Misas de Fin de Semana

Vigilia del sábado: 4:30 p.m. Misa Español: 6:30 p.m.
Domingo: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and Liturgia de los niños
11:30 a.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: 2:30-3:30 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.

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
Alcoholics Anonymous Adoration
Adopt-A-Senior
Adult Choir
Altar Servers
Art & Environ. Committee
Audio & Visual Committee
Babysitting
Bereavement
Bible Study
Charismatic Group
Children's Liturgy
Circle of Friends
Coffee Social
Collection Counters
CYO-Athletic Association
Drug/Narcotics Anonymous
Entertainment Committee
Extraordinary Ministers
Finance Council
Folk Group

Food Pantry
Giving Tree
Hispanic
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Lazarus
Liturgical Committee
Men's Group
Mothers Prayers
Music/Choir
Pastoral Council
Prayer Group
Prayer Shawl Group
Respect Life
Readers
Religious Education R.C.I.A.
Rosary Altar Society
Social Concerns
Thanksgiving Food Baskets
Ushers
Women's Group
Youth 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 \$9,314.00 for the Ordinary Collection and \$1,877.00 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, October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

7:30 PM Memorial Society Mass

TUESDAY, October 6, St. Bruno

8:30 AM Gregory Matejek
r/o Knights of Columbus #1432

WEDNESDAY, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 AM Rolando Gaspar
r/o Lolita Nomorosa

THURSDAY, October 8, St. John Leonadi

8:30 AM Patricia Gaspar
r/o Lolita Nomorosa

FRIDAY, October 9 St. Denis & Companions

8:30 AM Steve Bogner
r/o Isabella M. Pakozdi

SATURDAY, October 10, St. Francis Borgia

8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
r/o Barbara Gural
4:30 PM For the People of the Parish
6:30 PM Por el alma de Huber Rojas Campos
r/o Marjourie

SUNDAY, October 11, St. John XXIII

7:30 AM Peter Maresca
r/o Maria Maresca
9:30 AM Maria Ngo Thi Khiem
r/o The Chirinos Family
11:30 AM The McSweeney Family
r/o Terry McSweeney
Theresa Westcott
r/o Mary Angello

Memorial Society Members

Peter Blazejewski, Walter Blazejewski, Sr., Wian Coetzer, Vincent Costello, Randy Cutlip, Ralph Fariello, John and Marie Gaw, William Paul Gnirrep, Gloria and John Harrison, James Heffler, Stella Jannetti, William Lynch, Gaspar Madrazo, Jr., Joseph Novi, Joseph M. Novi, John and Kay Petrosino, Nicholas Samardge, Elvira and John Shaughnessy, Jim and Patsy Walsh. Deceased Members of Brand, Kelly, Klug and Mullins Families, Caranci, Neri, and Tober Families, and the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday
Is 5:1-7;
Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

Monday
Gal 1:6-12;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday
Gal 1:13-24;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday
Gal 3:1-5;
Lk 11:5-13

Friday
Gal 3:7-14;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday
Gal 3:22-29;
Lk 11:27-28

Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:

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

Stacey Bailey*
Pat Bancroft*
Nati Benavente*
Bill Berg*
Dylan Braunstein *
Betty Buettner*
Michelle Burd*
Grace Burns*
Peter Byra*
Mark Caloza*
Rubin Cardona*
Amily Carpentier*
Bonnie Cellilli*
Brian Cellilli*
Melanie Cellilli*
Morgan Cellilli*
Frankie Chiocciariello*
Bob Conquest*
Edward Davis*
Linda Demchik*
Wayne DiCenzo*
Andrea Doyle*
Margaret Duffy*
Alex Esolda*
Barbara Falencki*
Marie Felber*
James Fitzpatrick*
Claire Fortmiller*
Courtney Freeman*
Robert Fricke*
Connie Gacek
Beth Gaspar*
Rey Gaspar*
Rodney Gaumer*
Bill Grau*
Nancy Greggo*
Ann & Michael Hochreiter*
Dawn Huffman*
Cheryl Kovach*

Myla & Jabez Canto Loteria*
Dominick Malandrucco*
Marietta Manalang*
Janry Manalang*
Judy Mandia*
Anna Mastrobuono
Dennis Mc Allister, Jr. *
Joe Messina*
Christine Metzger*
Mother Teresa of the Divine Love
Timothy Mullins*
Joyce Nelson*
Connie Niper*
Martin Noll*
Ralph Joseph Novi*
Dennis O'Dea*
Gertrude O'Reilly
Frances Palombo*
Louis Palombo*
John Perri*
Carol Petrosino*
Ines Pitaro*
Gale Plúhar
Muriel Pueyo*
Carol Quinn*
Alyssa Ribiero
Hank Rozembajgier*
Lisa & Jack Rygiel
Eric Sales*
Rizchille G. Sanglay*
Patricia Sanguiliano*
Sister Geraldine Schultz*
Helen Shelton*
Naomi Shuyama*
Carl & Marjorie Snipes*
Rosalie Stainner*
Deborah Tchorz-Mignella*
The Marsh Family*
Diane Wieckowski*

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 Norma P. Revilla at the request of Barbara Cutlip and Muriel Pueyo.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for Marilyn Simonetti at the request of Violet and Ted Stray.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Fr. Rock Ciandella at the request of his sister, Judy.

The Altar Flowers week in the Church tis week will be in memory of Eileen MacDonald (First Anniversary) at the request of Helen Stradl, Irene Molitoris, and Susan Gomez.

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"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received, and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest."

Please Remember the Military in Your Prayers:

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

Lt. Col. Kathryn E. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	Cdr. Robert Uniszkiwicz 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:

Rev. Mr. Jun Joseph Alquiros	Mr. Larry Magdasoc
Mr. Marco Barcenas	Mr. Dawid Malik
Rev. Mr. Ariel Bautista	Mr. Jacob Miller
Br. Steven John Bolton, C.O.	Mr. Jerome Ocampo
Mr. Jonas Jara-Diaz	Mr. Ronal Vega-Pastrana
Mr. Anthony Echezona	Mr. Ai Van "Peter" Phan
Rev. Mr. Timothy Eck II	Mr. Thomas Pluhar
Mr. Randy J. Gamboa Espinoza	Mr. James Promos
Mr. Ban Thien "Joseph" Ho	Mr. Patrick Rasimowicz
Mr. Luis De Jesus	Mr. Flavio C. Rojas-Enciso
Mr. Justin Lang	Mr. Ngu Quoc "Peter" Tran
Mr. Jose Lim	Rev. Mr. Gregory Zanetti

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.



"If indeed 'the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,' the Church 'cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.'"¹ So writes Pope Francis, quoting Pope Benedict XVI.

Our nation faces many political challenges that demand well-informed moral choices:

- The ongoing destruction of a million innocent human lives each year by abortion
- Physician-assisted suicide
- The redefinition of marriage
- The excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, harming the environment as well as the poor
- Deadly attacks on Christians and other religious minorities throughout the world
- Efforts to narrow the definition and exercise of religious freedom
- Economic policies that fail to prioritize the needs of poor people, at home and abroad
- A broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis
- Wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity.²

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to

human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena.'"³ The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include **human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.**⁴

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness. . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The *Compendium* continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception

as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 27). Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society."⁵

Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities—in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.⁶ The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.⁷

The Common Good

The common good is comprised of “the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.”⁸

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if **human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met**. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by **respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers**. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to **care for God's creation**, which Pope Francis refers to in *Laudato Si'* as “our common home.”⁹ We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an “ecological debt” (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an “ecological conversion” (no. 219), by which “the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]”.¹⁰ Indeed, this concern with “natural ecology” is an indispensable part of

the broader “human ecology,” which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

Solidarity

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are *all* really responsible for *all*.” It is found in “a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to ‘lose oneself’ for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to ‘serve him’ instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage.”¹¹

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the **preferential option for the poor and vulnerable**. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

Notes

- 1 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 183.
- 2 This specific list of issues is taken from the Introductory Note to *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015. For a fuller consideration, see the second document in this series, “The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: Part II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles” (2016), and the full statement of the bishops’ *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2015.
- 3 *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 221.
- 4 These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.
- 7 *Centesimus Annus*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae*, nos. 4-6.
- 8 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 164
- 9 *Laudato Si'*, no. 77.
- 10 *Laudato Si'*, nos. 219 and 217.
- 11 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part II of II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles

This brief document is Part II of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.



Part I of the summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, considered the core principles that underlie Catholic engagement in the political realm. Part II is a consideration of the process by which these principles are applied to the act of voting and taking positions on policy issues. It begins with the general consideration of the nature of conscience and the role of prudence. The application of prudential judgment does not mean that all choices are equally valid or that the bishops' guidance and that of other church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, Catholics are urged to listen carefully to the Church's teachers when they apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations.

How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

A Well-Formed Conscience

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act..... [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

The Virtue of Prudence

The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage, which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. At times, Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build, through moral means, a more just and peaceful world.

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life including genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As St. John Paul II said, "The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment."¹ The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights such as a right to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work.

Avoiding Two Temptations

Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, environmental degradation, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care or housing, pornography, human trafficking, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty,

or unjust immigration policies are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

Making Moral Choices

The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.¹

What Public Policies Should Concern Catholics Most?

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect **human life**—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.
- Protect the fundamental understanding of **marriage** as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman

as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.

- Achieve comprehensive **immigration** reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome **poverty** and ensure access to and choice in **education**, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Ensure full conscience protection and **religious freedom** for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.
- Provide **health care** while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of **unjust discrimination**.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of **military force**—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
- Join with others **around the world** to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

Notes

1. *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52.

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Pope Francis
"All Together"

"The only way out of the current crisis is all together "

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"Today, this lack of respect of the *principle of subsidiarity* has spread like a virus. Let's think of the grand financial assistance measures enacted by States. The largest financial companies are listened to rather than the people or the ones who really move the economy," he said.

He also turned his thoughts to the current race for a cure for the new coronavirus noting that "the large pharmaceutical companies are listened to more than the healthcare workers employed on the front lines in hospitals or in refugee camps. This is not a good path." Reflecting on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, in which the apostle says that all the parts of the body are necessary and that those parts that may seem the weakest and least important, in reality, are the most necessary (*1 Cor 12:22*), Pope Francis said that only by implementing the principle of subsidiarity will we all be able to assume our role for the healing and destiny of society.

"Implementing it gives *hope* in a healthier and more just future. Let's construct this future together, aspiring to greater things, broadening our horizons and ideals," he said. Pope Francis recalled previous catechesis in which solidarity was upheld as a way out of the crisis, but he pointed out "this path of solidarity needs *subsidiarity*. In fact, there is no true solidarity without social participation, without the contribution of intermediary bodies: families, associations, cooperatives, small businesses, and other expressions of society." During the lockdown, he recalled, the spontaneous gesture of applauding for doctors and nurses began as a sign of encouragement and hope.

September 23, 2020

Prayer Intention for October 2020

The Laity's Mission in the Church



We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Most Reverend

James F. Checchio
Bishop of Metuchen



"Catholic schools in diocese are communities of love, faith, Part-II"

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Likewise, our seminarians have all returned to their seminaries now, too. We currently are sending our seminarians to Immaculate Conception Seminary and St. Andrews College Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, as well as at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. We are blessed with good seminarians giving themselves fully to their human, intellectual, pastoral and spiritual formation so that they are prepared to serve our diocese as your future priests. We had nine new seminarians accepted this year, which is truly a blessing from God. Ten years ago, we had eight seminarians in our diocese, but now have 25 men preparing to be priests. which is very exciting.

Educating our seminarians is expensive and even takes a toll on our diocesan budget, but it is a challenge we are grateful to embrace. If you would like to sponsor one of the seminarians, please let us know! We would be grateful for the relief on our diocesan budget as we face so many challenges this year with the pandemic and have had to readjust our diocesan budget to live within our means. Our good candidates for the permanent diaconate are likewise beginning their classes, remotely, as this new year begins. And I had the privilege just this month to receive the vows of a new sister for our diocesan religious community, the Sisters of Jesus our Hope. This is truly good news and a young woman from St. Augustine of Canterbury in Kendall Park just professed her vows as a Sisters of Christian Charity. I know we can count on your prayers for all of these men and women. God still calls, but it is up to us to help our young listen to Him!

Yes, summer is coming to a close and much is happening within our blessed diocese, thanks to all of you and your good prayers and actions! Please keep it up! I count on your prayers for me too, as we face so many challenges in our day. God bless and keep you!

September 17, 2020

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

Fall Fest & Flea Market Celebration

Save the Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020

Please join us for our First Annual Fall Fest & Flea Market Celebration on Sunday, October 25 starting after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. There will be games, crafts, music, food trucks, costume contests with prizes, and much more. Flea market spots can be reserved for \$20 which includes two parking spaces: one for your table and one for your car. You must bring your own table and chair. Per the CDC Guidelines, masks must always be worn on campus. For more information, please contact John Lombardi from Gemini Entertainment at (908)823-4647.

Family Memorial Christmas Trees

Reserve your tree Now!

Prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to remember your loved ones at Christmas. The Christmas tree will be illuminated throughout the Christmas season from 6:00 p.m. until midnight each day through the Feast of the Epiphany in January. The hope is that our entire parish campus will be illuminated with the lights from these trees to celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ and to remember those whom we love.

The cost to memorialize one of these beautiful trees will be \$200.00, which will cover the trees, the lighting, as well as a memorial donation. The number of trees are limited so please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to remember your loved ones at Christmas and fill out the memorial reservation form enclosed and return it to the Parish Office with your check.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed in our Chapel. Presently the hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Social distancing and masks are required. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Lord!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this time of COVID-19 the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. or until the last penitent is heard. The priests will be hearing confessions in the Reconciliation Room.

Parish Office Construction

If you have been to the Parish Office you know that its been in dire need of a face lift for quite some time. Ceilings half painted, carpet worn to the plywood, lighting fixtures and furniture from the 1950's. With the generosity of the Rosary Altar Society that will be changing soon. We are in the process of upgrading our lights to LED, patching and painting the office and new carpet will be laid down. Construction is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving or sooner. From Fr. John, Fr. Alex, Fr. Sean and the office staff, we wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for their donation.

Welcome our new Baptized Babies

Joseph Adrian Mulcahey
Oliver Rudolph Bohince
Elliana Jade Giuliano
Mika Morales



Bulletin Sick List

You may have noticed that our Bulletin Sick List has been getting longer. It appears that more and more people are in need of our prayers! Beginning Sunday, October 11 the Sick List will be given a "new start." Next weekend's bulletin will list only those names that have been given to the parish office in the last month. These names, as well as any new names, will remain on the Sick List for four weeks. This time frame will be monitored more closely to enable as many people as possible to be on the list and able to receive prayers. If you see that the name of your loved one has been removed, and you desire that it be put back on the list, please contact the parish office at 908-874-8220, Ext. 302. His or her name will once again be placed on the list and will remain there for four weeks. Given the size of our parish, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Celebrating Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 15, 2020. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or emailing amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2020

Even in these uncertain and challenging days, the mission of our Church is relevant and critical to truly be Disciples of Christ and to bring Him to those that need Him the most. Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, Mary, Mother of God Church has exceeded its goal of \$166,000. Total payments were \$167,477, which represents 102.1% of our goal. Thank you, your personal commitment helped us reach our goal and will allow many programs to Step Forward in Faith and to put Grace in Action.

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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”

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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

Grupos De Apoyo y Ayuda

Personal e Iglesia

Asistencia Espiritual

Familias necesitadas de recibir asistencia espiritual
Contactar con la Sra. Roció Velazco Telf. 908-392-2756

Mary, Mother of God Liturgia para niños de 5 a 9 años

(octubre a mayo)

En el cuarto ubicado debajo de La Capilla, sábados 6:30 p.m. durante la Misa Hispana

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Es un fin de semana designado para darle las parejas casadas la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas y ayudarles a comunicarse mejor. Informes con María 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**

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

La Oficina Parroquial está abierta todos los días de 9:15 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. de lunes a viernes. Por favor, use una máscara y solo se permitirá una persona a la vez en la oficina.

Distribución de la Santísima Comunión para enfermos a los hogares

Llamar a Rafael Soto (908) 310-4073

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Todos los sábados de 2:30pm and 3:30pm o hasta que la ultima confesión sea escuchada, ambos Padre Alex and John estarán disponibles en la Iglesia.

Children's Religious Education (CCD)

Children's Religious Education (CCD), clases virtual comienzan el Martes, Octubre 6. Se necesita catequistas para los Jueves para 4th y 6th grados and Martes para 5th grado. Todas las clases son virtuales. Mas información email Dcn. Chris at dre@marymotherofgod.org

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