



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

January

Happy New Year
 from all of us at
 Mary, Mother
 of God Church

St. Joseph Holy Hour
 Thursday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Holy Hour
 February 5, 7:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**11th Annual Super Bowl
 Diaper Drive**
 February 6 & 7

**Valentine's Day is
 Every Day**
 February 12 - 14, 2021

See the bulletin for additional
 information.



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Clergy

Rev. John Rozembajger, 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 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, 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 Needy

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.

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Mass Schedule

MONDAY, February 1, St. Ansgar

7:30 PM Memorial Society Mass

TUESDAY, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 AM Frank Falco
r/o John Falco

WEDNESDAY, February 3, St. Blaise

8:30 AM Jack Hendricks
r/o Maureen Hendricks

THURSDAY, February 4, St. Joseph of Leonissa

8:30 AM Marilyn Solimine
r/o Jeff and Mary Lawler

FRIDAY, February 5, St. Agatha

8:30 AM Valarie Clark
r/o Helen Heffler
7:00 PM First Friday Holy Hour (God's Love for Us)

SATURDAY, February 6, St. Paul Miki

8:30 AM Abigail M. Cardinale
r/o The Kuhnel Family
4:30 PM Mary Bonfiglio
r/o Dcn. Sal and Melody Bonfiglio
6:30 PM Por el alma de Bernal Antonio Porras Suarez
r/o Familia Fernandez Porras

SUNDAY, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Joseph Dziedzic
r/o Donna Dziedzic
Patricia Hoffman
r/o John and Cathy Kolb
11:30 AM McSweeney Family
r/o Terry McSweeney

Memorial Society Members

Michael Adams, Lawrence Ammer, Edwin Bernardo, Salvador and Fidela Bernardo, Nieves Calindog, Anne and Dominick Cembrola, Austin I. Cullen, Mary E. Cullen, Randy Cutlip, Joseph and Cecilia Falatovich, Ralph G. Fariello, John and Marie Gaw, George M. Gulick, John and Gloria Harrison, James Heffler, Helen P. Izzo, Maria Ngo Thi Khiem, Paul and Carol Kolb, Nicanor Labao, Anthony L. Lozito, Raymond and Cecelia Luszczyk, Gaspar Madrazo, Jr., Dominic Malandrucchio, Angelina and Peter Maresca, Dennis Mc Allister, Sr., Angelina and Dominick Mossa, Joseph Novi, Joseph M. Novi, Bernard A. and Helen Oles, Richard Oles, John and Kay Petrosino, Dien and Ngo Phan, Alexander J. Pizzano, Jr., Elvira and John Shaughnessy, Marilyn Solimine, Joseph and Madaline Vitez. Deceased Members of the: Bernardo, Cesta, Muto, Panaccio, and Zannella Families, Brand, Kelly, Klug, and Mullins Families, Bryner and Zalewski Families, Capra and Pogroszewski Families, Cellilli and Fabrocini Family, Ganz and Burkepile Family, The Neri Family.
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Daily Bible Reading

Sunday
Dt 18:15-20;
1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Monday
Heb 11:32-40;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
Mal 3:1-4;
Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24;
Mk 6:7-13

First Friday
Heb 13:1-8;
Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21;
Mk 6:30-34

Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:

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

Courtney Freeman
Nancy Greggo
Frank Ippolito
Debbie Housel
Martin McNally

Lauren O'Kane
Muriel Pueyo
Clarita Ramos
Moises and Delos Santos
Carl Snipes
Helen Turner

All names will remain on the list for 4 weeks

Please Note: 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.

Sanctuary Candles

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Church will be lit this week for Thomas Cullen at the request of Violet and Ted Stray.

The St. Joseph candle in the Church will be lit this week for the sick of the Parish.

The Blessed Virgin Mary candle in the Chapel will be lit this week for Edward Gano at the request of his Wife.

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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"Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught as one having authority and not as the scribes... All were amazed and asked one another: 'What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.' His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee."

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.



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.	T/Sgt. Jared A. Carluen U.S. Air Force
Lt. Col. Christopher M. Wagner, U.S. Marine Corps.	Cdr. Robert Uniszkiewicz U.S. Navy
Maj. Jennifer Brown, U.S. Army	Lt. Anthony P. Jenkins U.S. Navy
CPT. Hunter Mancini 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 Kevin Von Khan, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Katherine M. Janiec U.S. Army	SR Anthonia M. Ibirongbe U.S. Army
Sgt. David Perez, U.S. Army	BM3 Maximilian Franer U.S. Coast Guard
SPC. Christopher LaZaro U.S. Army	

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

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Pope Francis

"God's Grace"

*"Christian unity achieved only
through God's grace"*

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As Christians around the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' invitation to overcome discord and sow reconciliation. Speaking in the catechesis portion of his weekly General Audience, the Pope reminded everyone that Jesus did not command His disciples to be united, but rather prayed that they might be. This, said the Pope, "means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Unity is above all a gift, a grace to be requested through prayer."

"To pray means to fight for unity," said the Pope. This means fighting against the discord and division which the devil seeks to sow by magnifying the defects and mistakes of others in our eyes. God, however, offers another path. "He takes us as we are, different, sinners, and nudges us towards unity." So, Pope Francis invited everyone to sow unity in our homes and workplaces with the tools God has given us: "prayer and love."

Finally, Pope Francis reflected on the theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit." "The root of communion and love is Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always," he said. By seeking unity, we find that Christians of other confessions are gifts from God. "Let us begin to pray for them and, when possible, with them," concluded Pope Francis. "We will thus learn to love and appreciate them."

January 20, 2021

*Prayer Intention
for January 2021*

For a Life of Prayer



We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Most Reverend

James F. Checchio

Bishop of Metuchen



*"You're never too old to
reach out to young"*

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

When writing I generally try to reach as broad an audience as possible, but, as we begin this new year, I'd like to address myself to those who feel they are growing old. "Aren't we all growing old?" you might wonder. Well, yes and no! Although Pope Francis often expresses his esteem and appreciation for the elderly, he also speaks of "growing old" as something to avoid at all costs. He refers to a certain kind of aging: "growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure," of being "encased in the past," and letting one's horizons shrink.

In his book on aging, "Sharing the Wisdom of Time," the pope laments older people who have become cynical. "They become unwilling to share their experience," he writes. "They look down on young people. They are always complaining. They cannot share wisdom. They can only look back fruitlessly on earlier times." At the same time, Pope Francis affirms the Biblical admonition to "to accept the authority of those who are older" (1 Pet 5:5). "The Bible never ceases to insist that profound respect be shown to the elderly, since they have a wealth of experience," he writes. "In the silence of their heart, they have a store of experiences that can teach us not to make mistakes or be taken in by false promises." "Jesus tells us that the wise are able to bring forth from their store things both new and old (cf. Mt 13:52)," Francis continues. Herein lies the key to aging without growing old — to remain flexible, to accumulate wisdom and to know how to bring forth from one's store both old and new.

We tend to choose our friends from those like us The older we get, therefore, the more twenty-somethings seem foreign to us, and we to them, unless we make concerted attempts to bridge the gap." Twenty-somethings are showing us just how foreign we are to them.

In this new year, let's shake off whatever is weighing us down and limiting our horizons so that we can reach out with open arms and hearts to welcome the younger generations into the Church and to show them how much God loves them and is waiting for them."

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Remembering Your Loved Ones (Living or Deceased)

In addition to Mass Intentions, Mary, Mother of God Church offers many options for remembering your loved ones, whether they be living or deceased. These options include:

- ♦ Enrollment in the Memorial Mass Society (Deceased.)
- ♦ The Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp – Church (Living or Deceased.)
- ♦ The Blessed Mother Sanctuary Lamp – Chapel (Living or Deceased.)
- ♦ The St. Joseph Sanctuary Lamp – Church (Living or Deceased.)

Yet another option would be the Altar Flowers (Living or Deceased) in the Sanctuary of the Church.

Please call the Parish Office at 908-874-8220, Ext. 302 for additional information if interested.

Valentine's Day is Every Day

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

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11th Annual Super Bowl Diaper Drive February 6 & 7

Our annual diaper drive is next weekend (Feb 6th/7th). Your donations of diapers (all sizes) wipes, and baby care items (wash, shampoo, lotion, bottles, formula,) will benefit local charities whose need is greater than ever!

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With the pandemic keeping us indoors, now more than ever people are resorting to on-line shopping. Amazon through its charitable site, provides an opportunity for a percentage of sales to go to Mary, Mother of God.

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St. Joseph Holy Hour

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Come spend the next 44 days reflecting on the life of St. Joseph. Those attending will receive a consecration booklet and instructions for the plenary indulgence. The consecration will end Friday, March 19 on the Solemnity of St. Joseph.

First Friday Holy Hour

February 5 7:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please join us in His Presence! This Holy Hour will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Exposition, Benediction, the Holy Rosary, meditations, prayers and hymns.

The month of February reminds us about 'love'.

Come join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary to give thanks for God's abundant Love for all of us.

2021 Mass Intentions

Until further notice, the 2021 Masses will continue under the COVID Revised Mass Schedule. Please check the bulletin or call the Parish Office to confirm the updated times of your Mass intentions. In addition there are weekday Mass intentions still available for 2021. Please stop by the Parish Office if interested.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place 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!

Weekly Offering

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. Please help us bridge our budget gap of \$226,000 by helping us attain our weekly collection of \$25,000. An additional \$5 to \$10 per week would help us close the gap. We Sincerely thank you for your generosity.

WEEK ENDED	COLLECTION			FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORDINARY	2ND	WEEKLY	
01/03/21	16,023	2,505	18,528	-26%
01/10/21	15,068	3,209	18,277	-27%
01/17/21	12,725	2,445	15,170	-39%
01/24/21	13,134	2,419	15,553	-38%
4-Week Total	56,950	10,578	67,528	-32%
4-Week Avg	14,238	2,645	16,882	-32%

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 31, 2021

Avisos Parroquiales

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

Grupos de Oraciones

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

Carismático “María te invita conocer a Jesús”

Todos los martes a las 7:00 p.m., en La Capilla
Mas informes con Francisco Marin 732-496-0744

Las Mil Ave María

Primer Sábado de cada mes comenzado a las 8:30 am con la Santa Misa, 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

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

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 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

Hora Santa

Los Primeros Viernes del Mes

Únase a su Santa presencia de 7:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. La Hora Santa incluye Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, Exposición, Bendición, el Santo Rosario, Meditaciones, oraciones y canto, Si esta interesado en dirigir un misterio del Rosario en Español por favor comunicarse con Ronnie Collingwood, admin@marymotherofgod.org.

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.

Avisos Semanales

Sobres de contribución 2021

Estamos en el proceso de preparación para la distribución de Sobres de Contribución del 2021. Debido a COVID 19, el P. John decidió que sería mejor y más seguro para todos si los sobres de contribución se le enviaran directamente a usted. Un cambio importante en el proceso es que en lugar de recibir una caja de sobres para el año, recibirá sobres de contribución 8 veces durante todo el año. De esta manera, si decide cambiar de sobres de contribución a Giving on-line, no vamos a tirar sobres no utilizados. Si en algún momento decide cambiar a Contribuir en línea, o desea ser colocado en el sistema de sobre de contribución, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial 908-874-8220, ext.300

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

El horario de Adoración al Santísimo Vuelve a la normalidad en la Capilla, Las horas son de 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. de Viernes y los Sábados 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Distanciamiento Social y mascararas son requeridos .

Amazon Smile

Con la pandemia que nos mantiene en el interior esta temporada navideña, ahora más que nunca la gente está recurriendo a las compras en línea. Amazon a través de su sitio caritativo, ofrece una oportunidad para un porcentaje de las ventas para ir a María, Madre de Dios. A continuación, te indicamos cómo registrarte en AmazonSmile:

- Visita smile.amazon.com.
- Inicie sesión con sus credenciales de Amazon.com.
- Elige una organización caritativa para recibir donaciones, o busca la caridad de tu elección.
- Seleccione su organización benéfica.

Sitio web de la Iglesia en Español

Nuestro sitio web esta siendo actualizado con informaciones importantes como catecismo, horarios de misa y confesiones, sacramentos y otros, por favor visítelo .

<https://marymotherofgod.org/espanol>

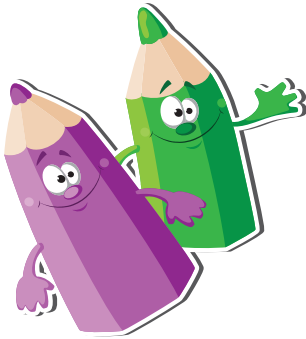
Children's Corner

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- ➔ Where can we hear the Good News?
- ➔ How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- ➔ Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?



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