



# 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

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021



## Upcoming Events

### Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9:30 p.m. Tenebrae

### Good Friday

#### The Passion of the Lord

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
(English & Spanish).  
3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
(English).  
8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
(Spanish).

### Easter Sunday

#### The Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. - Church  
9:30 a.m. - Church  
9:40 a.m. - Gym  
11:30 a.m. - Church  
11:40 a.m. - Gym



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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

Vígil: 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](mailto:Dre@marymotherofgod.org) to register your child(ren).

## Educación religiosa (Catecismo)

Para más informes Diacono Chris Conroy a [DRE@marymotherofgod.org](mailto: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).

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021**



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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](mailto: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](mailto:RCIA@marymotherofgod.org).

## *Información Sacramental*

### *Bautismo*

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

### *Bautismo, Requisitos de los Padrinos*

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

### *Confesiones/Reconciliación*

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

### *Sagrada Eucaristía*

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

### *Visitas Domiciliarias*

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

### *Confirmación*

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

### *Patrocinadores de confirmación*

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

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

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

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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](mailto:admin@marymotherofgod.org) to make arrangements.

## Permanent Deacons, Priesthood or Religious Life

If you are considering a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate, Priesthood or Religious Life and would like more information and resources to properly discern, please contact Fr. John Rozembajgier at the Parish Office or email him at [frjohn@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:frjohn@marymotherofgod.org). You are also encouraged to contact Fr. Maurizio at [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org).

## Registration

New families or adults 18 and over, who have moved into the parish boundaries of Mary, Mother of God Church, are invited to stop by the Parish Office to complete a new parishioner form. Additionally, let us know if you move from the Parish.

## Donation by Electronic Giving

Mary, Mother of God Church offers parishioners the opportunity to make Online Church contributions. Log onto our website: [www.marymotherofgod.org](http://www.marymotherofgod.org), scroll down, click *Online Giving*. You will be connected to a secure site to enter your information. Thank you for your continued support!

## Ministry Information

If you and or your ministry would like to place an advertisement or announcement in the bulletin, please submit your information via email to [office@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:office@marymotherofgod.org) at least 14 days prior to your required date of publication. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee that your ad or announcement will be included in the bulletin. We also reserve the right to enhance, redraft or otherwise alter your submission at our own discretion. We will so advise you and your ministry.

## Parish Ministries

1000 Hail Mary Prayer Group	Food Pantry
Alcoholics Anonymous	Giving Tree
Adoration	Hispanic
Adopt-A-Senior	Interfaith Hospitality Network
Adult Choir	Lazarus
Altar Servers	Liturgical Committee
Art & Environ. Committee	Men's Group
Audio & Visual Committee	Mothers Prayers
Babysitting	Music/Choir
Bereavement	Pastoral Council
Bible Study	Prayer Group
Charismatic Group	Prayer Shawl Group
Children's Liturgy	Respect Life
Circle of Friends	Readers
Coffee Social	Religious Education R.C.I.A.
Collection Counters	Rosary Altar Society
CYO-Athletic Association	Social Concerns
Drug/Narcotics Anonymous	Thanksgiving Food Baskets
Entertainment Committee	Ushers
Extraordinary Ministers	Women's Group
Finance Council	Youth Group
Folk Group	40 & Over Men's Physical Fitness

## Matrimonios

La política común del matrimonio requiere que los arreglos con la iglesia sean al menos un año antes de la fecha del matrimonio y antes de que se hagan planes sociales. Ya sea la novia o el novio debe ser un feligrés registrado. Por favor llame a la Sra. Veronica Collingwood en la oficina parroquial o por correo electrónico a ella en [admin@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:admin@marymotherofgod.org) para hacer los arreglos.

## Los Diáconos Permanentes, el Sacerdocio o la Vida Religiosa

Si usted está considerando una vocación al diaconado permanente, al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa y desea más información y recursos para discernir adecuadamente, póngase en contacto con el p. John Rozembajgier en la oficina parroquial o por email a [frjohn@marymotherofgod.org](mailto:frjohn@marymotherofgod.org). También le animamos a ponerse en contacto con el p. Maurizio en [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org).

## 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](http://www.marymotherofgod.org), desplácese hacia abajo, haga clic en online Giving. Usted estará conectado a un sitio seguro para ingresar su información. Gracias por su apoyo continuo!

## Ministry to the 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.

# ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021***

## ***Mass Schedule***

### ***MONDAY, March 29, St. Ludovico of Casoria***

7:30 PM For all Priests of Mary, Mother of God

### ***TUESDAY, March 30, St. Peter Regalado***

8:30 AM Joseph Falatovich  
r/o Carol and Robert Luszc

### ***WEDNESDAY, March 31, St. Stephen of Mar Saba***

8:30 AM Alexander Pizzano  
r/o Jean Balestire

### ***THURSDAY, April 1, Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper***

8:00 AM Rosary and Morning Prayer  
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Last Supper  
9:30 PM Tenebrae

### ***FRIDAY, April 2, Good Friday-The Passion of the Lord***

8:00 AM Rosary and Morning Prayer  
Day 1-Divine Mercy Novena  
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)  
3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)  
8:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

### ***SATURDAY, April 3, Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil***

8:00 AM Rosary and Morning Prayer  
Day 2-Divine Mercy Novena  
11:00 AM Blessing of Food  
8:00 PM For the People

### ***SUNDAY, April 4, Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord***

7:30 AM Fr. Dan Cullen  
r/o The Cullen Family  
9:30 AM Lynn Leyendecker (Church)  
r/o The Leyendecker Family  
Raymond Rensin (Church)  
r/o Joe and Dolores Wehner  
9:40 AM Salvatore Rubino (Gym)  
r/o The Morgan Family  
Anthony Ziolk (Gym)  
r/o Art and Rosalie Stainner  
11:30 AM Gloria Hernandez (Church)  
r/o Melba Bossa  
11:40 AM Irene Schadlex (Gym)  
r/o Daughter, Cindy Gaughan

Please keep all those listed above in your prayers, especially Gerri Divine, Anita Klein, Jeanne Mc Dermitt, and Anthony Tabash.

## ***This Week's Daily Bible Reading***

**Sunday**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23;  
Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21

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

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

**Wednesday**  
Is 49:8-15;  
Jn 5:17-30

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

**Friday**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14, 16;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

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

## ***Please Remember the Following in Your Prayers:***

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

Sionee and Marlon Abalos  
Cheryl Bocra  
Nancy Class  
Lee De Gironimo  
Courtney Freeman  
Nancy Greggo  
Megan Gutschmidt  
Thomas Holland  
Judy Mandia  
Martin Mc Nally

Joseph Mupo  
Sean O'Connell  
Muriel Pueyo  
Clarita Ramos  
Holly Schreiber  
Carl Snipes  
Anthony Szyszkiewicz  
Juan Velasco  
Dong Villarin

*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 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.

***Mary, Mother of God Church Website: [marymotherofgod.org](http://marymotherofgod.org)***



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

### ***Fourth Sunday Of Lent***

“God who is rich in mercy because of his great love for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved... For by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not from you, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one can boast. For we are his handiwork created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.”

### ***First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23***

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God’s temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren’t killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

### ***Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10***

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God’s mercy and love for us.

### ***Gospel: John 3:14-21***

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

### ***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 Wyszkiwicz 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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. Navy
Sgt. David Perez, U.S. Army	BM3 Maximilian Franer U.S. Coast Guard
SPC. Christopher LaZaro U.S. Army	

### ***Witness to My Faith Journey***

I have learned to experience God in endless ways. He is the one who has subtly throughout my life created key moments in my journey with Christ. While He has not always been a priority, I always felt His presence. He has not given up on me. Jesus persisted by placing in my path people of faith and opportunities to imitate Christ through love, prayer and giving. I learned that God has given me graces, charisms, and does not want me to be a conformist: “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” Romans 12:2. He wants me to ponder as to what is my purpose on earth, and to follow Jesus, as well as prioritize Him in my daily life.

This Lenten journey has been an opportunity for me to reconnect and give more of myself to Jesus Christ through thoughtful and inward focused prayer and journaling. My passion to reconnect with Jesus Christ has helped me to increase my prayer time. I start my day in silent prayer and then move into reflection of the daily Gospel. In my time of prayer, I always ask the Holy Spirit to help deepen my spiritual connection with Christ. This has helped me to see how the Holy Spirit truly does work in our lives.

I have always had a deep devotion to the Rosary. It helps me to reflect on the mysteries of our Lord and His life. This love of the Rosary was instilled in me by my grandmother who practiced her faith with a profound love for our Blessed Virgin Mary. I cherish these memories greatly!

I also have a practice of finding time to pause throughout the day to speak with Christ. When I do this, I give thanks for the many blessings of the day and ask Jesus to provide for those who are in need. I use both formal prayer, informal ways, as well as reciting an Our Father in the moment.

Right now, my prayer time in the evening concludes with the consecration of St. Joseph. I am using the book the parish provided for reflection and journaling as well as sharing in a discussion with the family on what I have contemplated throughout the day.

My prayer time has slowly been increasing. This time of prayer is important to me because I wholeheartedly desire to know Him more and understand what it means to follow Him, so that I may deepen my relationship with Jesus Christ during this Lenten season and beyond. I pray that by sharing my own experience, it may inspire or encourage you to take one small step in your own prayer life.

Maria Cristina Antonio

## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021*



*Pope Francis*

*"Trinity"*

*"Prayer opens us to the Trinity"*

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"It is Jesus who opened up Heaven to us and projected us into a relationship with God," Pope Francis said at Wednesday's General Audience. "Jesus has revealed to us the identity, this identity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." It is only through Jesus that we have the "courage" to believe in a God that loves humanity, the Pope said. We see the love of God in the parables of the merciful father and of the shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep. But, Pope Francis said, "We would not have been able to conceive or even comprehend such stories if we had not met Jesus."

*"What kind of God is prepared to die for people? What kind of God loves always and patiently, without demanding to be loved in return? What God accepts the tremendous lack of gratitude of a son who asks for his inheritance in advance and leaves home, squandering everything?"*

It is through His life, and His willingness to die for us, that Jesus shows us "the extent to which God is our Father... the paternity that is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." We cannot comprehend the mutual love of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Trinity, Pope Francis said, and without Jesus, we would not have been able to begin to understand "that this divine love would expand, landing on our human shore."

Quoting the [Catechism](#), Pope Francis explained, "The sacred humanity of Jesus is therefore the way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray to God our Father." This, he said in conclusion, "is the grace of our faith. We truly could not have hoped for a higher vocation: the humanity of Jesus is made available to us the very life of the Trinity."



*Prayer Intention  
for March 2021*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

*Most Reverend*

*James F. Checchio*

*Bishop of Metuchen*



*"Lent is time to renew encounter with  
Lord, be like Christ "*

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Just a few days ago, we entered into the season of Lent — a time which calls us to sanctify our lives and unite ourselves more deeply with Christ through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But it is also a season which leaves us ripe for renewal; a time in which we renew our encounter with Christ and give witness to His word, as well as mindfully participate in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, so that we may conform our lives to be more like His.

In a time when we are physically distant from one another, when we have faced individual sufferings and sufferings as a universal Church, when we have lost more than 400,000 of our American brothers and sisters to the coronavirus — it seems only right that we would long to be united in the Eucharist, by which we are united to Christ, the whole Church, and all the faithful departed. The Eucharist is "a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1323)

My brothers and sisters, our path to the cross is certainly winding. It seems especially so when we are faced with challenges, as we all have been throughout this pandemic, and when we, as a Church, were called to acknowledge and reconcile the past failings of the Church's leaders with the release of the Holy See's "McCarrick Report." This report, although much anticipated, was nonetheless gut-wrenching, disappointing and disgusting when released, a reminder to us of how much damage has been done to the Body of Christ, especially to those abused and taken advantage of through a series of failures that we must be ever vigilant to never allow to happen again. As I did last year and will continue to do, as part of my own commitment to this necessary healing of past abuse in the Body of Christ, I will continue to make known to you the needed steps that we take to be transparent and forthright in the protocols and policies that help ensure integrity on every level of our diocesan life."

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

### *Lenten Schedule*

#### **April 1, Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper**

8:00 AM Rosary and Morning Prayer  
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9:30 PM Tenebrae

#### **April 2, Good Friday-The Passion of the Lord**

8:00 AM Rosary and Morning Prayer  
Day 1-Divine Mercy Novena  
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)  
3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)  
8:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

#### **April 3, Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil**

8:00 AM Rosary and Morning Prayer  
Day 2-Divine Mercy Novena  
11:00 PM Blessing of Food  
8:00 PM For the People

#### **April 4, Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 AM Church  
9:30 AM Church  
9:40 AM Gym  
11:30 AM Church  
11:40 AM Gym

### *2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal*

#### **Transformed by Christ Body and Blood**

##### **Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church**

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the essential role of the *Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication* as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

### *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!

### *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.

### *Life-Giving Wounds Retreat*

#### **For adult children of divorce or separation**

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April 17 & 24, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come for a better understanding of the wounds caused by your family's breakdown, and how to heal from them. Virtual, with an in-person Mass on May 1. To register please visit: [www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](http://www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce). For more information please contact: Cristina D'Averso-Collins [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

### *Social Media Volunteer*

#### **Mary, Mother of God Church and Gemini Entertainment**

We are looking for a volunteer who has experience with Facebook and Instagram and knowledge of internet functionalities for special projects that take place during the year. The individual will be working on an hourly basis three days a week depending on their schedule. The training will take place in the Gemini Entertainment studio in Somerville NJ. After the training has been completed, project work can conveniently be done from home. If interested, please call the office studio at (908)823-4647 or email [comediangemini@yahoo.com](mailto:comediangemini@yahoo.com) for more information.

### *Laptop Computer and iPad Donations*

If anyone has the means to donate a laptop computer and an iPad please contact the Parish Office. The laptop and iPad would be very useful for our Parish Outreach Ministry to help with evangelization and other parish ministry meetings on campus.

### *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.

WEEK ENDED	COLLECTION			FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	ORDINARY	2ND	WEEKLY	
02/28/21	9,897	1,939	11,836	-53%
03/7/21	18,341	3,549	21,890	-12%
03/14/21	11,184	2,250	13,434	-46%
03/21/21	15,530	2,841	18,371	-27%
4-Week Total	54,952	10,579	65,531	-34%
4-Week Avg	13,738	2,645	16,383	-34%

*Mary, Mother of God Church Website: [marymotherofgod.org](http://marymotherofgod.org)*



## ***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021***

### ***Avísos Parroquiales***

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

### ***Grupos de Oraciones***

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

#### **Carismático “María te invita conocer a Jesús”**

Todos los martes a las 7:00 p.m., Virtual via Zoom

Mas informes con Juana Marín 908-531-1493

#### **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***

#### ***Personal e Iglesia***

#### ***Asistencia Espiritual***

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 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 Escamilla 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

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### ***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.

### ***Avísos Semanales***

#### **Rezo del Viacrucis en Español**

Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma a las 8:00 pm en la Iglesia  
Se rezará el Viacrucis en Español empezando el Viernes 19 de Febrero. Te esperamos!

Si desea dirigir el Rezo puede comunicarse con Rafael 908-310-4073

### ***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 Amazon Smile:

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- Elige una organización caritativa para recibir donaciones, o busca la caridad de tu elección.
- Seleccione su organización benéfica.

### ***Sítio 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>



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