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Roman Catholic Church

177th Anniversary

Mother Church of Elizabeth and Union County

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

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CONFESSION:

Confessions are available Saturdays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm, or by appointment.

BAPTISM (UP TO AGE 7):

English: Second Saturday of the month at 12:00pm.

Spanish: Third Saturday of the month at 12:00pm.

* Parents must meet with a priest at least two months in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Our program is for baptized children ages 6-17 who are not currently enrolled in Catholic school. **(Begins Sept, 2021):** on Sundays from 10:40am -11:45am at St. Mary's High School. Parents

must register their children at the rectory and supply a recent copy of their baptismal certificate.

Classes are in English only.

1ST CONFESSION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION:

Children complete these two sacraments in level two of our religious education program.

CONFIRMATION:

Children make their Confirmation in level eight of our religious education program.



RCIA: (Begins Sept, 2021):

Unbaptized adults or children ages 7+ may take classes for two years to prepare for their Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion.

Baptized adults ages 16+ may take classes for several months to prepare for their Communion and/or Confirmation. Those interested must speak with a priest.

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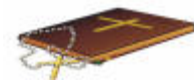
Couples who want to be married in the Catholic Church must meet with a priest at least one year in advance to make arrangements and prepare for their sacrament.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age may be anointed by a priest. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. If there is an emergency (someone is in danger of dying), please leave a message on extension 100.

VOCATIONS:

Anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life is invited to speak with a priest or call the Vocations Office at (973) 313-6190.



CONFESIONES:

Las confesiones son los sábados de 4:00pm - 5:00pm, o por cita.

BAUTISMO (Hasta los 7 años):

En inglés: Segundo sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm.

En español: Tercer sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm.

* Los padres deben reunirse con un sacerdote al menos con dos meses de anticipación.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:

Nuestro programa es para niños de 6 a 17 años, bautizados, que no asistan a escuela católica.

(Comienza sept, 2021): Son los domingos de 10:40am a las 11:45am en la Escuela Secundaria de Santa María. Los padres deben matricular a sus hijos en la oficina

de la parroquia y suministrar una copia reciente de su fe de bautismo. Las clases son únicamente en inglés.

PRIMERA CONFESION Y PRIMERA COMUNION:

Los niños reciben estos dos sacramentos en el segundo nivel de educación religiosa.

CONFIRMACION:

Los niños hacen su confirmación en el nivel ocho de educación religiosa.



RICIA: (Comienza sept, 2021):

Adultos o niños no bautizados edades de 7 en adelante pueden tomar clases por dos años para prepararse para su Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Comunión.

Adultos bautizados edades de 16 en adelante pueden tomar clases por varios meses para prepararse para su Comunión / Confirmación. Los interesados deben hablar con un sacerdote.

MATRIMONIO:

Las parejas que desean casarse en la iglesia católica deben reunirse con un sacerdote al menos con un año de antelación para hacer los arreglos y prepararse para su sacramento.

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:

Cualquier persona cuya salud se vea seriamente afectada por enfermedad o ancianidad puede ser ungida por un sacerdote. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglos. Si se trata de una emergencia (alguien está en peligro de morir), por favor deje un mensaje en la extensión 100.

VOCACIONES:

Cualquier persona que sienta el llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa debe de hablar con un sacerdote o llamar a la Oficina de Vocaciones al (973) 313-6190.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH, ELIZABETH, NJ



Saturday, April 17

5:00 PM + John & Louise Nycz
Reynaldo Driz
Lourdes Maniego
María Guevara
Yuliana Williams
Stanley Szaro

6:00 PM + Enrique Catá
Miguel Santillán
Franberto Llerena
Pablo Villafana
Juan & Jonathan Quevedo
Carlos Vilcahuaman

Sunday, April 18: Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Frank McLaughlin
Evelyn Bosch
10:30 AM (Español) + Emilio Peláez
Víctor Madrid
12:00 PM (Español) + Alejandro Cifuentes
Francisco & María Rodríguez
Analeonilde Bustos
Special Intention Checha González

Monday, April 19

7:00 AM + James Pekarofski
Special Intention Johana Medina

Tuesday, April 20

7:00 AM + Suzanne McLaughlin
Michael Alban
Teddy Jaworoski

Wednesday, April 21: St. Anselm

7:00 AM + Domingo Murgado, Sr.
Domingo Murgado, Jr.

Thursday, April 22

7:00 AM + Carlos García
Patrick & Margaret Donegan

Friday, April 23: St. George & St. Adalbert

7:00 AM + Peter & Binnie Bosch
Evelyn Bosch
Afonso González



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Collection

April 11, 2021

Total: \$5,714

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Lovely Lady dressed in blue -----
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
Tell me what to say!
Did you lift Him up, sometimes,
Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?
Did you hold His hand at night?
Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world?
O! And did He cry?
Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things -----
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels' wings
Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me -----for you know.
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Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy,
And you know the way.



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3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world. Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment. We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

Rev. Manuel D. Ríos, KCHS
Pastor

3er Domingo de Pascua

Ser testigos del Evangelio es el pedido de Jesús en este tercer Domingo de Pascua. ¿Qué significa esto? ¿Cómo hacerlo? De hecho, no es sencillo este pedido, ya que implica la propia vida de cada persona. Por esa razón los apóstoles al ver a Jesús, quedaron atónitos y asustados. Comprometerse con el Evangelio asusta, e implica un cambio radical del modo de vivir y de comportarse. Para lograr esto, el Señor insiste al presentarse ante ellos y darles el saludo de paz. Ya lo decíamos en el domingo anterior, la paz de Cristo quita cualquier susto y miedo. ¿Has experimentado esa paz? ¿Qué sentimientos afloran en tu corazón al tenerla? El Papa Francisco insiste en: "Ser testigos de Cristo donde estamos, con una nueva vida transformada por su amor". (Angelus 6-1-2020). Continúa diciendo el Papa: "La experiencia de Dios no nos bloquea, sino que nos libera; no nos aprisiona, sino que nos pone de nuevo en el camino, nos devuelve a los lugares habituales de nuestra existencia. Los lugares son y serán los mismos, pero nosotros, después del encuentro con Jesús, no somos los mismos de antes. El encuentro con Jesús nos cambia, nos transforma. Toda experiencia del encuentro con Jesús nos induce a emprender caminos diferentes, porque de Él proviene una buena fuerza que sana el corazón y nos separa del mal". Esto es ser testigo de la Resurrección. Que, de discípulos asustados, seamos discípulos alegres y generosos en cualquier lugar y circunstancia, como nos lo indica el Papa Francisco.

Rev. Manuel D. Ríos, KCHS
Párroco



SCOUTING AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Parents! You might be finding it challenging to get your children to do constructive things with their time, especially while normal activities like sports & school are online or suspended.

Well Scouting is a great program that incorporates fun activities with learning valuable skills! In fact,

Scouts have been part of

St. Mary's community for 100 years!

Boys age 5 to 11 can be part of our family-based **Cub Scouts (Pack 4)** while **older boys age 12-18** would be part of **Scouts BSA (Troop 4)**.

If you think citizenship, character, leadership skills and respect for our environment are important, we would love to have you!

For more information please contact David Depczynski at 908-482-2101 or Phyllis Depczynski at 908-966-5272

Help keep the tradition alive at St. Mary's!

May 9 , 2021

Mother's Day Mass

Remembrance

Envelopes are placed at all the entrances of the Church.



9 de mayo de 2021

Misa de recuerdo del

Día de las Madres

Los sobres están en las entradas de la iglesia.

St. Mary of the Assumption Church



Religious Education Program is

NOW OPEN!

2021-2022 Catechetical Year starts on:

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

If you have already registered your child, thank you!
If not, please do so immediately to assure your spot.

You may stop by the Parish Office:

**Monday-Friday
9am-12pm & from 1pm-4pm**

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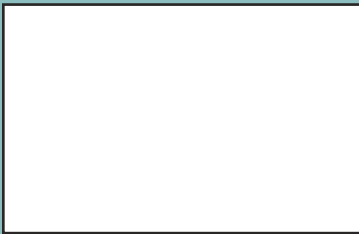
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