



Our warmest welcome to all joining us today!

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# Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish

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*Together with Mary our Mother, our Community welcomes all to receive, live and share the Divine Mercy that comes from Jesus.*

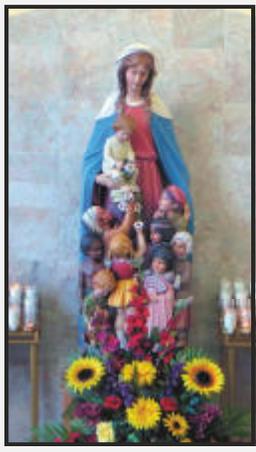


Dear Parish Family:

It has been a challenging several months for all of us. I can't even begin to imagine being able to get through these past months without our Catholic Faith and Our Lord. Our Faith and Our Lord continue to sustain us in these challenging times. As your pastor, my most important duty is the *salus animarum* or the salvation of souls. **Lent** affords us a wonderful opportunity to be the recipient of God's graces and to reorient our lives by the "Way of the Cross" which always leads us to "new life." During this Lent and Easter, I **invite** and **encourage** you to take advantage of the many spiritual opportunities offered to all of us at our beautiful parish of Mary Mother of Mercy. We have been open for the last several months and through our *enhanced cleaning* and *sanitizing* procedures, along with following *social distancing* guidelines, **our parish has provided an Oasis of Hope for many of our parishioners!** Whether you have been here regularly or have not come in a while, know that you are always welcome. I look forward to seeing you soon! With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Allain B. Caparas, Pastor

## RECOMMIT



### A Prayer

"Ashes to ashes.  
Dust to dust."

You remind us  
today, O Lord, of  
our origin and our  
end.

You dignified dust  
with the Breath of  
Life.

You made us in  
Your image and  
likeness.

One day we will  
return to dust.

This Lenten season,  
stir our minds to  
contemplate You,  
our hearts to love  
You, and our  
bodies to serve You  
in our brothers and  
sisters.

May our prayer,  
fasting, and  
almsgiving be Your  
breath alive in us.

Amen.

*Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. – Pope Francis*

Lent is a gift, a blessing. It is a time of grace and spiritual growth. Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

Make the season of Lent a meaningful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for yourself, your loved ones, and the community.

Re-commit to deepening your relationship with your heavenly Father.



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

*Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek Him out, ask His help, join in His suffering, and learn to love like Him.*

### PRAYER

Make a personal commitment to spend time in prayer each day—quality time is essential to growth in a relationship.

*"When you pray, go to your inner room...and pray to your Father."* Matthew 6:6

### FASTING

God blesses us when we deny ourselves something we desire in order to draw closer to Him. After you have made a plan, offer it to God, and when, at times of difficulty, you might be tempted to give up, remember to turn to Jesus. Ask for help in persevering until the end. Take this time to rely on God to give you what you need.

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."* Mark 11:24

### ALMSGIVING

As you experience weakness and suffering during Lent, be renewed in your compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. Reach out in charity to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Self-denial and giving of yourself to those in need will bring you closer to living and loving like Christ.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."* Matthew 25:40

*We're here to help you on your faith journey.*

### Our gift to you:

Mary MOM has again purchased for you a parish subscription to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) where you can find some of the best Catholic content available - e-books, talks, movies, and faith studies—all available to you via computer, tablet and smartphone!

**Registration and content are free for our parishioners.**

Visit [mary-mom.com](http://mary-mom.com) to register.

## Lenten Sacrifice



### ABSTINENCE

No meat can be taken by those 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays.



### FASTING

A limit of one full meatless meal by those 18-59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



### SELF-DENIAL

Voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended on weekdays during Lent.



### PRAYER AND CHARITY

Can include daily Mass, Scripture study, Stations of the Cross, almsgiving and showing mercy and kindness to others.

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## Lenten Opportunities

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

During Lent, beginning on February 24th, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church before the 6:15PM Mass, from 4-6PM.

If you can commit to adoring Our Lord for a Holy Hour, please call the Parish Office at 856-881-0909 to schedule yourself for a time slot. **Remember, when we spend time with the Lord, we are healed of our hurts and given the strength we need to be faithful disciples.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as you move from station to station. At each station, a specific event is recalled, prayers are said, and then you move to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Join us on **Friday evenings** at 7PM. We will alternate church locations, beginning this Friday at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church.

*"All of us are sinners, great sinners, small sinners, but all sinners, eh? The Lord tells us courage, come! You are not discarded anymore. I forgive you. I embrace you. This is the mercy of God. We must have true courage and we must go to Him to ask for forgiveness for our sins. After, we must move forward with courage." – Pope Francis*

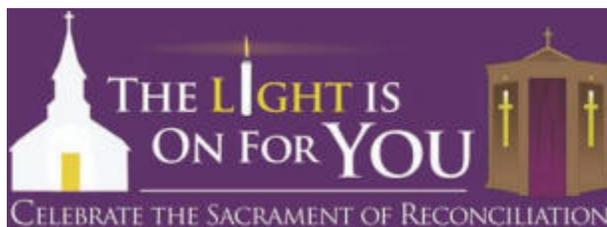
### RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION/PENANCE—crucial to repairing a damaged relationship.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God offers you limitless forgiveness and healing. He already knows your sins; but He waits for you to go to Him and seek forgiveness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession you have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. In this sacrament of healing, you will experience God's mercy. It is a holy moment in which you place yourself in His presence and honestly acknowledge your sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, you are reconciled to God and the Church.

**In our parish, Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays and by appointment.**

**Additionally, during Lent, the "light will be on" for Confessions every Wednesday evening beginning at 7PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**

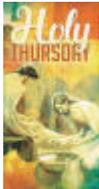
*Please note that no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.*



### “Rediscovering Our Catholic Faith”

... Plan to join us on **March 15-18** at 7PM for our **Parish Mission**. The Mission will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and it will also be live-streamed. Fr. Anthony Manuppella will lead the Mission.

# The Sacred Triduum & Easter Schedule



## Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00PM "Mass of the Lord's Supper" at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*\*\*

Adoration at the Repository until 11:00PM



## Good Friday, April 2

3:00PM "The Passion of Our Lord" at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*\*\*

7:00PM Stations of the Cross at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*



## Holy Saturday, April 3

Noon Blessing of Bread and Food Baskets at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*

8:00PM The Easter Vigil at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*\*\*

*"During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire," this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly.*

*"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds," and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus." - Pope Francis, Lent Message 2018*



## Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00AM & 11:00AM at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

9:30AM\*\* & 11:30AM at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*

\*\* Live-Streamed on Facebook

Throughout the Lenten season, the Church will prepare us step by step for the sacred experience of the drama of Holy Week - called "Holy" because of Christ's redemptive acts - presented through the sacred liturgy for our sanctification. The "Triduum," Latin for "three days," encompasses the three most sacred days in the Church year. The liturgies are rich with symbolism and flow from one to another in a seamless way. They are actually intended to be one continuous celebration that commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. To participate in these liturgies is to better understand what Christ did for us and why. Please plan to join us.

### MASS SCHEDULE AND WORSHIP SITES:

Saturday: 5:00PM *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

Sunday: 8:00AM *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*  
9:30AM *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*  
11:00AM *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday:

9:00AM, *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*

Wednesday: 6:15PM, *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

#### ***Our Lady of Lourdes Church***

*500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, NJ 08028*

#### ***Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church***

*161 Pitman Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071*

Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 9:30 - 10:00AM at *Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church*; 3:15 - 4:15PM at *Our Lady of Lourdes Church*; and by appointment.

Sacramental Information: Full information can be found on our website or by calling the Parish Office.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday: Closed

Monday - Thursday: 10AM - 5PM

Friday: 10AM - 3PM

Saturday: Closed

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

**WELCOME to *Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish!***  
New members are asked to register with the Parish. New parishioners are welcome, and may register in person at the Parish Office, or by filling out a *Registration Form* (available on our website as well as inside the entrances of our churches), and placing it in any collection basket.

***May your Lent be a time of  
spiritual growth,  
new blessings, and  
an increased intimacy with Jesus!***