

Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church & Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church
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Rev. Allain Caparas, Pastor

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

WELCOME!

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you have not already done so, we ask that you register with us at the Parish Office. Parish registration helps us know who you are and better serve you. It also helps us to provide you with documents you may need (i.e. Certificate of Eligibility to be a Sponsor or Godparent).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: Closed
Monday - Thursday: 10AM - 5PM
Friday: 10AM - 3PM
Saturday: Closed

MASS SCHEDULE & SITES

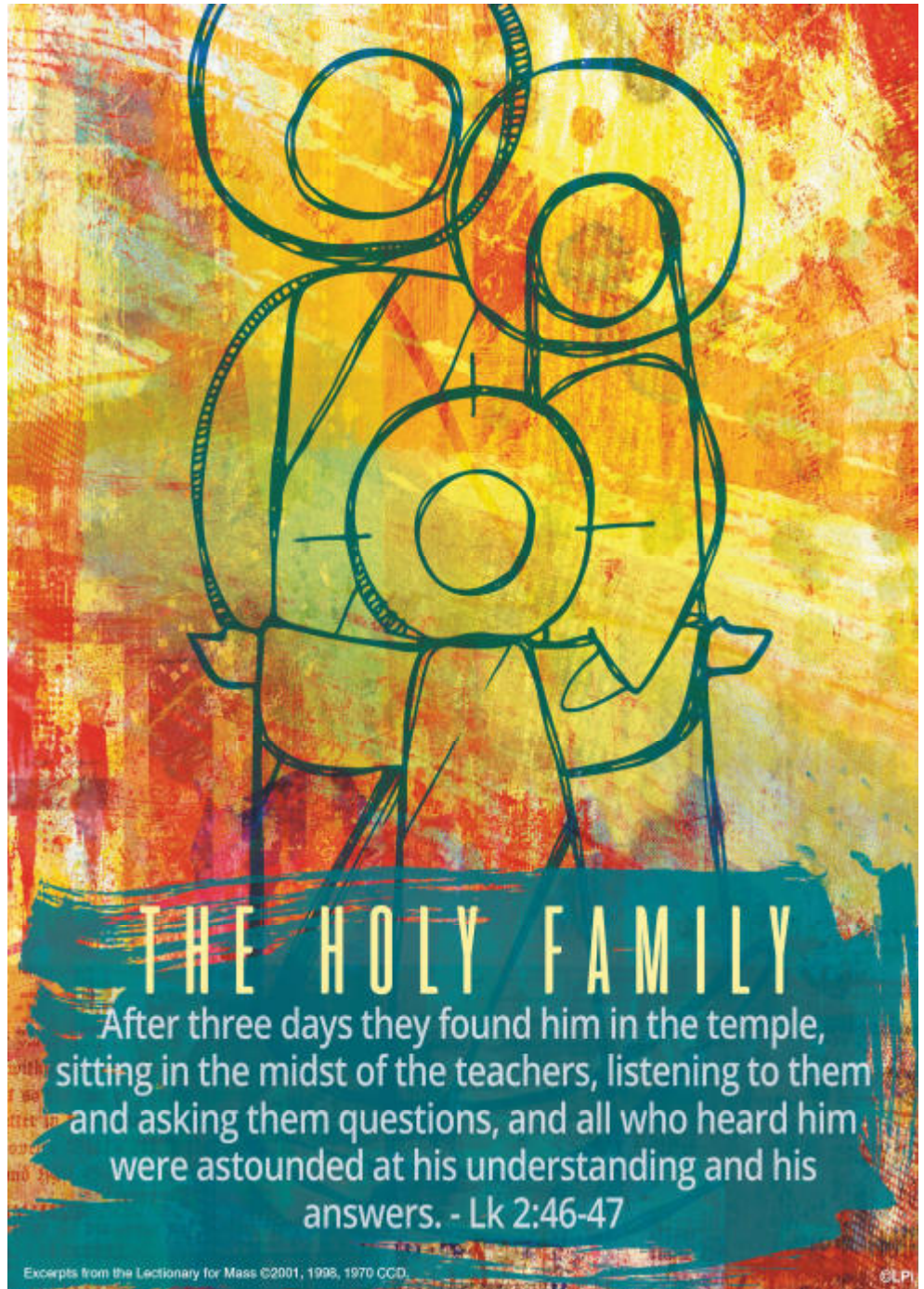
Saturday: 5:00PM OLL
Sunday: 8:00AM OLL
 9:30AM OLQP
 11:00AM OLL
Mon - Tue, Thu - Sat: 9AM OLQP
Wed: 6:15PM OLL

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 - 10AM, OLQP;
Saturday: 3:15 - 4:15PM, OLL;
and by appointment.

2022 Mass Book

Effective on January 1st, the remainder of the year in the Mass book will be open. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule Masses.



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

SERVING OUR PARISH

Rev. Allain B. Caparas, Pastor
 Rev. Joseph Adamson, Retired
 Msgr. James Tracy, Retired
 Deacon Kevin Laughlin
 Deacon John Luko
 Deacon Anthony Petillo
 Meryl Cerana, Pastoral
 Associate; Business Administrator
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PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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 Altar Servers
 Altar Rosary Society
 Apostles of the Sacred Heart
 Arts & Environment
 Bereavement Ministry
 Caring Thru Crisis
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Collection Counters
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion
 Filipino Ministry
 Food Pantry
 Funeral Liturgy Ministry
 Gardening Angels
 Hospitality / Ushers
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 Lectors
 Legion of Mary
 Lifelong Faith Formation
 Little Flowers Girl's Club
 Liturgy Committee
 Marriage Preparation
 Music Ministry
 Nursing & Health Ministry
 Prayer Chain
 Pro-Life Ministry
 Separated & Divorced Ministry
 St. Vincent de Paul Society
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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry
 Wedding Ministry
 Welcoming Committee

STEWARDSHIP ~ what you do after you say you believe



Understanding Grief

Mary Mother of Mercy Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee at Mary, MoM has been established "to provide a listening ear and open heart in a compassionate and gentle environment to those grieving the loss of a loved one."

Our 2022 Winter Session is an 8/week program that will meet on Mondays from 7-8:30PM in Our Lady's Hall in Pitman. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 28

March 7

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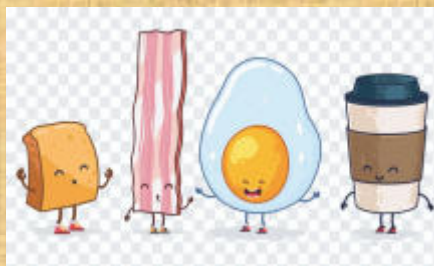
\$20/ticket

Weekly drawings will begin in January. Every ticket sold will be entered in every drawing (even if you have already won a prize!).

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES & IN THE PARISH OFFICE.



BREAKFAST CLUB



Mary, Mother of Mercy Breakfast Club will meet at the Monarch Diner in Glassboro, on Monday, January 3rd, immediately following the 9:00AM Mass. Separate checks for all.



OUR LATEST DAILY DRAWING WINNERS ARE.....

12/11 Lauren & Sal Perna (\$20)

12/12 Lorraine Gerding (\$20)

12/13 John L. Savicky (\$20)

12/14 Barbara Ryan (\$20)

12/15 Pat & Charlie Leone(\$20)

12/16 Derek Gertz (\$20)

12/17 George Robinson (\$20)

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Watch the Sunday Mass
livestreamed on Facebook at 5PM on
Saturday or after 6PM on Saturday at
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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
CONTACTS:

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION:

Information about all sacraments, as well
as Godparent & Sponsor requirements, can
be found on our website or by calling the
Parish Office.

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

The **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
is available when someone is facing
surgery or serious illness. Call the Parish
Office during regular business hours to
arrange. In an emergency, please call the
Parish Office to request a priest to visit.
[After regular Office Hours, call 589-0824.]
** Parishioners who are homebound due to
age or illness, and are unable to attend
Mass, can contact the Parish Office to make
arrangements to receive Holy Communion.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults (RCIA)** is a process for adults
interested in becoming Catholic, as well as
adults who would like to complete the
sacraments of initiation.

Reflect on His Words

"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

-Mark 13:37

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

- St. Jerome

Readings for the week of December 26

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-
52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt
2:1-12

Catholic Catechism Paragraphs: 2816-2827

(The Catechism can be found on-line at: www.scborromeo.org/ccs.htm)

He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him wherever he goes."

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

UNIVERSAL SYNOD SURVEY ... UPDATE

Please be reminded that if you would like to participate in the Synodal process, the deadline for filling out the questionnaire has been extended to January 1, 2022.

If you're interested in taking in completing a questionnaire, please contact the parish office for the link.

Please note, there are quite a few questions but you aren't required to answer all of them. Please feel free to answer only those you feel are the most relevant.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ASK FATHER CAPARAS

Q: Where does the church stand on its teaching regarding Capital Punishment? Shouldn't this issued be viewed in the same way as abortion?

A: The Church on occasion has always preached a "consistent ethic of life" -- meaning, that our ethical approach to life should be consistently upheld from conception to natural death. Therefore, one should be concerned not just with the dignity of the unborn child, but all human life, including those who are on death row. Recent popes, including Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI have spoken about the non-existent need for capital punishment, especially in today's society when we have the ability to safely incarcerate criminals without executing them. Pope Francis in 2017 went so far as to "update" the Church's teaching on Capital Punishment in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The revised version in paragraph 2267 now states:

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person", and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

While it does not completely rule out the death penalty, recent magisterial positions have leaned towards abolishing it and encouraging governments to adopt such policy. It's the strongest statement of the Church yet on Capital Punishment. However, it has also been a long standing position of the Church for centuries that society has a right for self defense, order, and the common good. In times past, Capital Punishment was sometimes the only recourse available to protect innocent lives and the common good. Many Church leaders now believe, especially the recent popes, that we now have arrived at a point in human society when we are in a position to resort to a more humane option than execution, which would in turn would strengthen the Church's own witness to the dignity of life. Whether this is true or not, governments and those in charge of the common good have the moral obligation to properly discern on the need for Capital Punishment.

NEW SANCTUARY ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR DEDICATION

This Christmas, we are pleased to introduce a new addition in the sanctuary of both of our churches- - an *antependium*.

An *antependium* is a frontal decorative piece that is used to "dress" the altar for the Mass. It is meant to emphasize the dignity and reverence owed to Christ at the Mass-especially in the Eucharist. We are grateful that two families from our parish have already come forward to purchase and dedicate the *antependium*, one in each church. However, there are other matching pieces that can be made and dedicated to someone's memory. The following are items:

- **Altar Antependium** (*Queen of Peace & Our Lady of Lourdes*) - Dedicated
- **Laced Altar Cloth** (*Queen of Peace*) \$400.00
- **Laced Altar Cloth** (*Our Lady of Lourdes*) -Dedicated
- **Tabernacle Altar Cloth** (*Our Lady of Lourdes*) \$150.00
- **Lectern/Ambo Frontal Piece** (*Queen of Peace*) \$750.00
- **Lectern/Ambo Frontal Piece** (*Our Lady of Lourdes*) \$600.00
- **First Communion Kneeler Coverlet** \$600.00

If you are interested in donating any of these items for the parish and dedicating it to honor in memorial to a loved one, please contact Fr. Caparas at the parish office at (856) 881-0909.

Honoring Our Parishioners

We are pleased to announce the following individuals as recipients of the "Faith, Hope, Charity, and Mary Mother of Mercy Awards, at our upcoming "Honoring Our Parishioners" Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2022 at Auletto's in Deptford.

The recipients are:

FAITH—*Jenice Schoepflin*

HOPE—*Dolly Harris*

CHARITY—*Lucille Petrillo*

MARY MOTHER OF MERCY-*Christine Ferrara*

We thank all our parishioners for submitting their nominations. After the new year, we will announce those to be recognized with the Pastor's Award.

Save the date and stay tuned for more information!!

MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL

5:00PM: Christmas Day No Saturday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

8:00AM: Tim Luko / Mary MOM Parish Staff

9:30AM: John & Cynthia Contino / The Faust Family

11:00AM: Thanksgiving for Jonathan Aquino / All His Family
Candice Gallia-Enders / Joe & Denise DeMarshall
Jerry Pellak III / Health Ministry at Mary, Mother of Mercy
Joe DiRaddo / His Family

Joseph J. Lang

Judy Carmolingo / The Kuhn Family

Kerr & Lincoln Families / Family

Percival Lopina / Orlando Lopez

Ryan Dickerman / Dickerman & Madigano Families

MONDAY

9:00AM: Christmas Flower Remembrance Envelopes

TUESDAY

9:00AM: Vince Whitfield / Patti & Neal Sino

WEDNESDAY

6:15PM: The People of the Parish

THURSDAY

9:00AM: Vince Whitfield / Scheopflin Family

FRIDAY

9:00AM: Marie Gougou/Bruce / Jennifer & Sloane

SATURDAY *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

9:00AM: Rose Lam / Barbara King

VIGIL

5:00pm: Anthony & Teresa DeStefano

SUNDAY

8:00AM: Laura Viola

9:30AM: Mr. & Mrs Stanley Urban, Sr.

11:00AM: Brenda Paul, GuyMacDonald, Intentions of Boris Kurkchi,
Jerry Pellak III, Kevin Meehan, Michelle Meluso, Theresa Jaworski,
Thomas Cioffa, Tim Luko

Mass Intentions are accepted in the Parish Office.

Announced Mass requested donation is \$15; Unannounced \$10.
Cash or check only. Thank You.

Masses can be offered for those who have died, as well as for
someone who is sick, or for special intentions or occasions.
like birthdays, weddings and anniversaries.

*Scheduled Mass Intentions can be found on our website.
(Click on Calendars, and then Scheduled Mass
Intentions.)*

March for Life

*There will be a bus trip for the annual March for Life
rally on Friday, January 21. The bus will leave from Our
Lady of Lourdes at 8:00AM. The cost is \$35.00/person.
Contact Kevin Cassidy for more information at cassi-
dyk39@outlook.com.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: the unborn and their parents, the sick and the dying, the poor and the lonely, those persecuted for their faith, and all the faithful departed especially those with no one else to pray for them. As a parish family we remember all who are struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those who have requested our prayers... **Jonathan Aquino, Baby Bella Gloria, Baby Joseph, Ken Burrows, Caren C., JoAnn Capelli, Michelle Castro, Ted Deal, Nicholas DeRose II, Debbie, Anne Ellena, Bill Ennis, Fran Field, Scott Garson, Elizabeth Gervasoni, Loretta Greathead, Baby Dominic Haas, David Hester, Jim Hillen, Lesley Johnson, Paul Kanigowski, Betty Leahan, John Leahan, Kenneth Loftis, Jr., M., J. M., Joan Macey, Rita Martinelli, Robin McIlvanie, Margaret McKay, Dolores O'Brien, Vera Paoletti, Jenn Potter, Delia Reno, Joe Reynolds, Terri Reynolds, The Salugao Family, Bob Taraska Jr., Rosa Tarzona, Greg Tasler, Marie Thompson, Frederick Tripp, Michael V., Kimberly Valinsky, John Vidal, L. Vidal, Michelle Vidal, Alex Walsh, Kent & Rose Rita Wiggins** (Contact the Parish Office to add a name to this list for 3 months.)



Please pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Sullivan, all Priests, Deacons and Religious, for an increase in vocations, and for all those discerning a religious vocation.

Please pray for all first responders, and medical staffs as they selflessly put others before themselves.

Please pray for our military on active duty, their families, and our county; especially for those who have requested our prayers... **Angelo Ballestamon (A), RJ Butic (A), Ron Dizon (A), Allyson Franchi (N), Caitlin Granadillos (A), Joseph Hagan (A), William Hagan (A), Angelina Hodson (MC), Dominic Hodson (MC), Matthew Kresge (N), Timothy D. LaBenz (N), Alfred T. Mackler (N), Matthew McGinley (N), Mason Naphy (MC), Troy Pierce (AF), Robert J. Rayca (A), Rocco Sangataldo (AF), Christopher Tasler (MC), James Vidal (A), John Vidal (AF)** (Email the name and branch of service to MaryMomMedia@gmail.com.)



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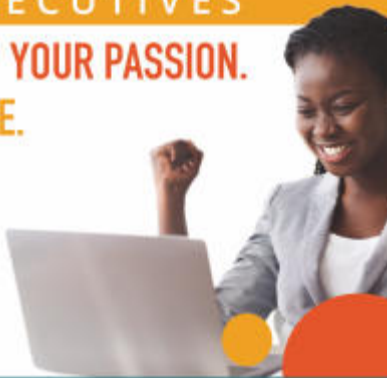


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