Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish



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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:10ам - 5рм Friday: 10ам - 3рм Saturday: Closed

MASS SCHEDULE & SITES

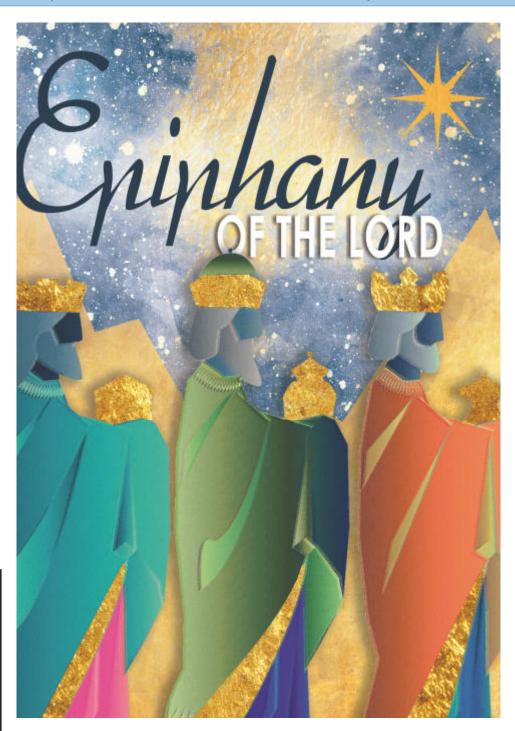
Saturday: 5:00рм OLL Sunday: 8:00ам OLL 9:30ам OLQP 11:00ам OLL Mon - Tue, Thu - Sat: 9ам OLQP Wed: 6:15рм OLL

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.



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TICKET

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

Tickets on sale NOW : the DAILY HOT PICK RAFFLE

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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.



OUR LATEST DAILY DRAWING WINNERS ARE.....

 12/18
 Kathy Schultes (\$20)
 12/25
 Mark Carvacchioli (\$200)

 12/19
 Elena & Alyssa Power (\$20)
 12/26
 Friedrich Heating & HVAC (\$20)

 12/20
 Norm Martinelli (\$20)
 12/27
 John Szymanski (\$20)

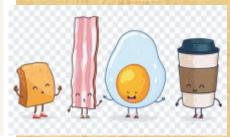
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 Mary Buckley (\$20)
 12/28
 Patricia Sino (\$20)

 12/22
 Pat Broesler (\$20)
 12/29
 Elizabeth Nicholas (\$20)

 12/23
 Mike Baus (\$20)
 12/30
 John Barta (\$20)

 12/24
 Tess & Kate Hill (\$20)
 12/31
 Marie Freiman (\$20)

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.

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 Christa Sangataldo, Parish Secretary Michelle Vidal, Media Coord. Cathy Sonnenberg, MusicDirector <u>csonnenberg88@comcast.net</u>



PARISH MINISTRIES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Altar Linens 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 Knights of Columbus Lectors Legion of Mary Lifelong Faith Formation Little Flowers Girl's Club Liturgy Committee Marriage Preparation Music Ministry Nursing & Health Ministry Praver Chain Pro-Life Ministry Separated & Divorced Ministry St. Vincent de Paul Society Young at Heart Seniors Youth & Young Adult Ministry Wedding Ministry Welcoming Committee

THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

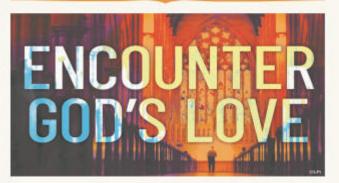
The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a Johy idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Annual Super Bowl Sunday Hoagies

Italian or American Hoagie *"Have it your way"*



7" Hoagies-\$5.00/each

Pre-sales will be taken at all Masses the weekends of **January 29** & 30 and February 5 & 6. Payment in cash or check, made out to <u>K of C Council #6247</u>.

Orders for pick-up at Our Lady Queen of Peace, will be available between **10:30AM and 11:00 AM** on Sunday, **February 13th**.

Orders for pick-up at Our Lady of Lourdes will be available between **12 Noon and 12:30PM** on Sunday, **February 13th**.

NOTE: A very limited number of hoagies will be available on Super Bowl Sunday.

Some of the charities supported by our profits are: St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, Community Garden, Mary, MoM Golf tournament, Good Counsel S. Jersey-Riverside Home, Altar Server Stipends, Parish Youth retreats, and many more.

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As always, thank you for your support!!

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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

UNDERSTAND, LIVE, & SHARE YOUR FAITH

Watch the Sunday Mass livestreamed on Facebook at 5PM on Saturday or after 6PM on Saturday at <u>Mary-MoM.com</u>.

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 January 2

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 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Catholic Catechism Paragraphs: 2816-2827 (The Catechism can be found on-line at: www.scborromeo.org/ccc.htm)





EMAIL SOLICITATIONS FROM PARISH STAFF



Your Parish Priests and staff members will never contact you via email to ask that you provide them with gift cards or assist them financially in a crisis situation. If you receive an email which is seemingly being sent by a Priest or Staff member requesting financial assistance of any kind, please <u>DO NOT</u> respond to it but report it to the Parish Office immediately.

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.

JANUARY 2, 2022

What will <u>YOU</u> do for <u>YOU</u> in 2022??

Wow!! Another year gone and a new one begins. It somehow feels as if we're getting a "doover" and we want to mark the occasion. Some will vow to take off weight, others will promise themselves they'll workout each day, some will determine they'll cut junk food out of their lives completely, etc., etc., etc. These things are all good (if we actually stick to them), but do we ever make a resolution to do something for our souls?

This year why not make a resolution to work on our relationship with our BFF, God??? He's waiting for us all the time, and what you do doesn't necessarily have to be dramatic, simple is good. Here are a few suggestions:

- Upon waking each day, before you do or think anything else, say, "Good morning, God. Thank you for all I'll do and experience today.".
- Pray the rosary. If you don't have time to sit and pray it all at once, do it a decade at a time throughout the day; for example: the first as you prepare your coffee & breakfast, decade 2 in the car on your way to work, the third at lunchtime, the fourth on your drive home, the fifth at bedtime.
- Go to Mass once during the week. There are daily Masses in the morning and evening, so search for one that suits your schedule.
- Talk to God, conversationally. Prayers don't have to be formal...remember God is your Friend, so just sit and chat.

There are many ways to accomplish your goal....be creative.

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!!

JANUARY 2, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

VIGILSolemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God5:00PM:Anthony & Teresa DeStefano / Tony

SUNDAY The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM: Laura Viola / Joe Rowson & Family 9:30AM: Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Urban Sr. / Stan & Peg **11:00AM: Brenda Paul** / Phillip & Ruthie Doherty Guy MacDonald / Andy & Irene Savicky Intentions of Boris Kurkchi / Irene & Andy Savicky Jerry Pellak III / Jim & Marie Flaherty Kevin Meehan / Family Michelle Meluso / The Walsh Family Theresa Jaworski / Susan Parkinson Thomas Cioffa / Vento Family Tim Luko / Wife, Marie MONDAY The Most Holy Name of Jesus g:ooAM: John H. Buckley / His Wife **TUESDAY** St. Elizabeth AnnSeton 9:00AM: Christmas Flower Remembrance Envelopes WEDNESDAY St. John Neumann, Bishop 6:15PM: The People of the Parish THURSDAY St. Andre Bessette, Religious 9:00AM: Intentions of Bill Polocz / Julie Walsh FRIDAY St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 9:00AM: John Collins / Wife & Family **SATURDAY** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00AM: House of Charity Kick Off Event Thomas Anderson / KoC #6247 VIGIL

5:00pm: David Bradley

<u>SUNDAY</u>

8:00AM: Timothy M. Luko
9:30AM: George & Stephanie Faust
11:00AM: Candice Gallia-Enders, Francis Carroll, Gerald Bruce Pellak
III, Intentions of Jonathon Aquino, Joseph Lang St., Mary Lou
Relovsky, Patrick Murray, Peter Lynch, Steven Ward
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.

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 cassidyk39@outlook.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

are struggling or suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially

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



those who have requested our prayers... Jonathan Aquino, Baby Bella Gloria, Baby Joseph, Ken Burrows, Caren C., JoAnn Capelli, Michelle Castro, Ed Claypoole, 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, Jim Soukup, 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, Rick Worrell (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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