



## *St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish*

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# LENT

**PRAY** - The Mass,  
Rosary & Stations  
of the Cross.

**FAST** - From food  
& Bad habits.

**GIVE ALMS** -To  
The poor, The needy  
& The homeless.

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**MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 11 TO MARCH 17, 2019**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mar. 11, 2019</b>	
7:00AM		+Santa Matos
7:00PM		Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Mar. 12, 2019</b>	
7:00AM		+Marie Higgins
7:00PM		+Jhulisa Maldonado
<b>WEDS</b>	<b>Mar. 13, 2019</b>	
7:00AM		Freedom & Human Rights Vietnam
<b>THURS</b>	<b>Mar. 14, 2019</b>	
7:00AM		+Irene Higgins
7:00PM		+Michael Baumgartner
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Mar. 15, 2019</b>	
7:00AM		+Marie Higgins
<b>SATD</b>	<b>Mar 16, 2019</b>	
9:00AM		Memorial Mass
5:30PM		People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Mar. 17, 2019</b>	<b>2nd SUNDAY IN LENT</b>
		+Bessie Estrada
8:00AM		
10:00AM		+Julia Cordero; +Juana Mercado, +Allan Orellana
12:00 Noon		+Milagros Deleste; +Deceased Gibson & Miller families.

**Readings for the Week of March 10, 2019**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1--3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1,-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

**Sacramental Preparation Programs**

**Sacrament of Marriage:** For those who plan to get married, arrangement must be made with a priest at least one year before the wedding; to ensure adequate preparation please contact the office.

**Infant Baptisms:** Please contact Deacon Cesar Sarmiento for our family preparation program and to set a date. Call 201-434-8500 or e-mail deaconsarmiento@aol.com

**Adult Education (RCIA)** For Adult Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation please contact the office 201-434-8500

**Religious Education:** For Religious Education of our Children from Grades 1-8; please call Brenda Santana: 201-795-3426

**Holy Orders:** Young men and women who have a calling to the priesthood or religious life call Archdiocesan office: 973-497-4365

**Sick /Homebound:** If you or your beloved ones are seriously ill, anticipating surgery; or homebound and in need of Holy Communion or Anointing, please call our Parish Office 201-434-8500.

**Parish Registration:** New Parishioners and those not registered, please fill the registration form at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office. Please inform Parish Office when you move.



**REMEMBER  
IN YOUR  
PRAYERS**

For all those in our Parish Community who are physically or spiritually ill, may the Lord in His kindness heal their illness, and encourage them in their adversities; and may He receive with joy the prayers we offer for them.

Por todos los que sufren enfermedad física o espiritual en nuestra comunidad, para que el Señor en su gran bondad cure nuestras dolencias, nos anime en la adversidad y reciba con agrado las oraciones que por ellos ofrecemos.



Sunday March 3: \$3,164.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!**

**Le damos las gracias a nuestros feligreses** por su apoyo continuo y por el uso de los sobres semanales. Le pedimos que reconsideren su compromiso de la ofrenda semanal, así ayudaremos al mantenimiento y sostenimiento de la parroquia. Contamos con su ayuda.

**MEMORIAL SANCTUARY CANDLES**

*Sanctuary Candles are available for \$5.00 each. These candles burn in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the church or in the chapel. Please call the office with your request.*

**VELAS PARA EL SANTÍSIMO EN MEMORIA DE UN SER QUERIDO** Las velas están disponibles a \$5.00 cada una. Las cuales serán encendidas al Frente del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla. Favor llamar a la oficina si desea ofrecer una de ellas..

**St. Mary's Sanctuary**

**St Boniface Chapel**



**The Bread and Wine is offered this week:**

In Memory of +Peggy Weber

**PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**1st FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION:** 7:00am-12noon

St. Boniface Chapel

**1st SATURDAY DEVOTION:**

9:00am-10:30am, Main Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORA-**

**TION:** 7pm-8pm Mondays, St. Boniface chapel

**GRUPO DE ORACION:** Tuesdays after 7pm Mass, St Boniface Chapel,

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:** Wed. after 7am Mass, St. Boniface

**COFRADIA del SAGRADO CORAZON:** 2nd. Sunday 11:30 am.

**ALTAGRACIA GROUP:** 3rd Sunday of the Month, 11:30am

**2000 HAIL MARY'S :** Last Saturday of the Month., 7:30am -7pm

**Reflection: A Barren Heart, God is in the Desert**

Well, God may be found in the desert, but we are not. So it is much to our chagrin that we find ourselves back in the desert lately, without having moved from our tree-surrounded home. Something has taken over our heart and even our mind. We can only describe it as desolation. We feel as barren and dry as the most unforgiving desert on earth. The landscape of my interior has no flowing water, no color, no fragrance, no softness or beauty. Just barrenness and silence.

We long for inspiration, but it does not come. We plead for some variation, some highs and lows, but all remains flat and dull. Gone are the passionate feelings I delight in, the profound movements of our hearts that let us soar and dive and soar again. What we wouldn't give even for tears and sadness, but even they seem to have left us. It is like a car without gas and it is hard-to-move-forward.

It is easy to be disturbed by the barrenness and alarmed by the silence. Who among us wants to hear silence at the end of our prayers? Who finds it easy to come faithfully to sit with emptiness and offer praise to God when He seems to have vanished? It is tempting to be scared and self-pitying, turning inward to lick my poor heart's wounds wonder if God has given up on me.

As a priest, it is my hope and prayer for this barren Lent, that by His grace, I just might learn to walk steadfastly with Him through this spiritual desert, growing in trust and obedience. Whether He speaks or not, I will pray. If I feel nothing at all, I will praise Him. If my mind is a void and my heart empty, I will just quietly bow before Him with humility and gratitude for all He has done. May God help us in this journey!

**Fr. Helber Victoria**

**LENTEN REGULATIONS 2019:** The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who are 14yrs are obliged by the law of abstinence. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

**REGULACIONES DE CUARESMA**

Todos los fieles, cada uno a su modo, están obligados por ley divina a hacer penitencia; sin embargo, para que todos se unan en alguna práctica común de penitencia, se han fijado unos días penitenciales, en los que se dediquen los fieles de manera especial a la oración, realicen obras de piedad y de caridad y se nieguen a sí mismos, cumpliendo con mayor fidelidad sus propias obligaciones y, sobre todo, observando el ayuno y la abstinencia comenzando el Miércoles de ceniza y todos los Viernes de Cuaresma. La ley de la abstinencia obliga a los que han cumplido catorce años; la del ayuno, a todos los mayores de edad, hasta que hayan cumplido cincuenta y nueve años. Cuiden sin embargo a los que por salud no pueden hacer ayuno de que también se formen en un auténtico espíritu de penitencia de acuerdo a las necesidades individuales. Se recomienda vivamente a todos los fieles cultivar el espíritu penitencial, no solo interna e individualmente, sino también externa y socialmente.

**8TH Sunday in Ord. Time : Stewardship Reflection**

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree*



Our food pantry has returned to St. Mary's Church premises, 254 2nd Street, and will continue from there twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. Please take note of that and pass the news to our recipients. Your donations to the food pantry are welcome.

Nuestra dispensa de comida ha retornado a nuestra Parroquia de Sta. María- 254 Calle Segunda y continuará dos veces por mes el Primer y el tercer sábado del mes. Por favor tomar nota de ello y pasar la noticia a otras personas.

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are interested in our youth group please contact John Moncada: [john.moncada54@gmail.com](mailto:john.moncada54@gmail.com)

YOUTH CORNER. On this First Sunday of Lent, we consider what we might offer to God throughout these forty days. Moses and Israelites make an offering of 'first fruits,' produce received from the land God has give them. Jesus offers resistance to each temptation, showing us that God alone is the source of existence. In Lent, seek to make your Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving an offering of "first fruits," in recognition of your total dependence on God.

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UP-COMING EVENTS

\*This week 's Deanery Confession Service is @ Our Lady Of Czestochowa 3/11/19 (120 Sussex St. Jersey City 7-8pm.

\*Catholic Men's conference, (March 16, 2019) 8:00am-4:00pm, Seton Hall University, South Orange NJ. For more information call 973-497-4545 or email: CatholicMen@rcan.org

\*Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent 7pm in Church.

LENT: A GOOD TIME TO GO TO CONFESSION.

This Year in Downtown Jersey City there will be Sacrament of Penance in one Parish at a time, with many Priests waiting to hear your Confession on Mondays 7-8pm Here is the Schedule: OLC March 11; Holy Rosary- March 18; St Mary- March 25; St Michael April 1, and St Anthony April 8.

HOSPITALITY

There is coffee/donuts (continental-breakfast) after 8am Mass on Sundays (except First Sunday of the Month) This event is held at Marian Hall immediately after 8am Mass. Please feel free to join fellow parishioners for hospitality and to get to know one another better. Thank you.

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH 2019

**Evangelization:** Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected. .

**300 CLUB**

Renew or **300 CLUB** join today. This will be a big help to your Church and to your family. Prizes will be drawn on the last Friday of the month. Dues: \$10.00 a month, \$120.a year. payable all at once or in two installments at any time. Forms are available at the back of the Church.