



**ST. MARY**  
— OF THE —  
**IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION**

**PARISH**

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

[www.stmarysparishjc.com](http://www.stmarysparishjc.com)

**Daily Masses:**

Monday—Friday: 7:00 am English  
[Monday: Holy Hour 7:00-8:00 pm]

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm Spanish

Saturday: 9:00 am English

**Saturday Anticipated Mass:**

**5:30 pm English**

2000 Hail Mary's 8:00am—5:00 pm,  
(last Saturday of the Month)

**Confessions: Saturday 4-5pm**

**Sunday Masses:**

**8:00 am English**

**9:00 am Tagalog [First Sunday]**

**10:00 am Spanish**

**12:00noon English**

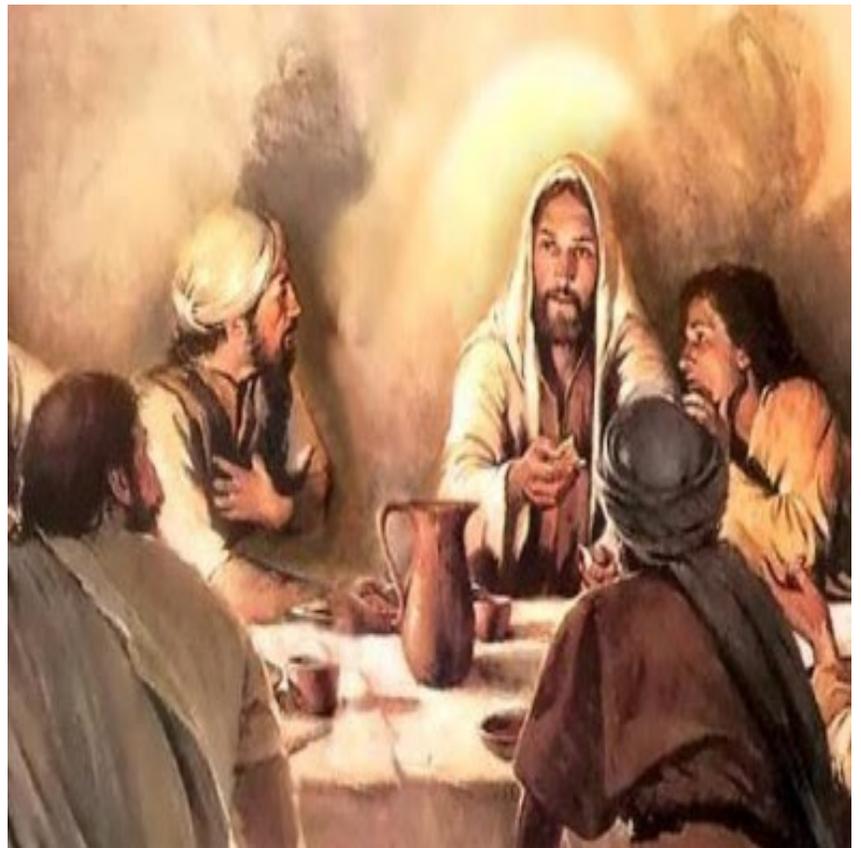
**Parish Office Located At**

**209 3rd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302**

**Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9AM-5PM**

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**21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A, 8/23/20**

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**TO REQUEST MASSES FOR YOUR BELOVED ONES,  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE PARISH  
OFFICE.**

**PARA SOLICITAR MISAS POR SUS SERES QUERIDOS,  
VISITE NUESTRO SITIO WEB O LLAME A LA OFICINA  
PARROQUIAL.**

**\*\*\*Please consider paying your weekly contributions online  
or by mail. Some of you are doing this already, and we are  
thankful for your generosity!**

**Por favor considere hacer sus donaciones en línea o por  
correo . Algunos de ustedes ya lo están haciendo y  
estamos muy agradecidos por su generosidad.**

**\*Please be safe and know you are in our daily Prayers.!**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We thank you for choosing to worship at the Church of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception! We welcome your participation in songs and prayers. If you would like to become our parishioner we can assist with your journey of faith.

*Come and join us and create a Christ-Centered Community where Strangers become Friends and Friends become Family!*

**MASS SCHEDULE AUGUST 24-30, 2020**

**MONDAY AUG. 24 2020**  
 7:00AM +Nicola & Sofia Pagliuca  
 7:00PM Holy Hour  
**TUESDAY Aug. 25, 2020**  
 7:00AM +Richard Torres  
 7:00PM +Segundo Juan Bravo  
**WEDNESDAY Aug. 26 2020**  
 7:00AM +Lee Ann Sison; +Ricky Ramos  
**THURSDAY Aug. 27, 2020**  
 7 00AM +Doroteo San Juan  
 7:00PM +Jose C Benitez Fernandez  
**FRIDAY Aug. 28, 2020**  
 7:00AM +Irene Higgins  
**SATURDAY Aug. 29, 2020**  
 9:00AM Memorial Mass  
 5:30PM People of the Parish  
**SUNDAY AUG. 30, 2020 22nd SUNDAY ORD. TIME**  
 8:00 AM +Francis X Burke  
 10:00am +Marilyn Rivas  
 12noon +Francisca Negron Medina; +Ronnie Florento

All requested Masses are now said in the main Church.

**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.

**SERVED BY:**

Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Administrator

**Our Parish Deacons:**

Deacon Pedro Gonzalez  
 Deacon Leopoldo Polanco  
 Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Parish Secretary: Carmen Gonzalez  
 Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Nube Parra  
 Religious Education: Grades 1-8; Brenda Santana

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2020**

**The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

**Peace Prayer - St Francis of Assisi:**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy.

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

Collection August 16, 2020: \$2083.00  
 Online \$600.00. Total 8/16/20: \$2683.00

We thank our parishioners for their continued support and use of their weekly envelopes. We rely on your help to run our Parish.

*Thank you for your Generosity!*  
*Gracias por su generosidad!*

**Remember to Pray:**

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 in all our Masses.

**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 SANTISIMO EN MEMORIA DE UN SER QUERIDO**

Las velas están disponibles a \$5.00 c/u las cuales serán encendidas al frente del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla o en la Iglesia. Favor llame a la oficina si desea ofrecer una de ellas.



**St. Mary's Sanctuary**

+Betty Hopf

**St Boniface Chapel**

In Memory of +Philip N.E

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

In Memory of Joan Montecalvo

**PLEASE CONTINUE OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: 7:30am-12noon St. Boniface Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION: 7PM-9PM Main Church

First SATURDAY DEVOTION: 9:00am-10:30am, Main Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 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 FOR THE WEEK: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" This is the most profound and intimate question any person can address to another. Responding to it calls for honesty, love and commitment.

This week, allow Jesus to ask you the same question: "Who do YOU say I am?" In your response (journal), make two columns. In one, write at least five responses. In the second, write what commitment your description of Jesus calls forth from you.

During your prayer time, imagine you are asking the same question to Jesus about yourself, and you say to Jesus, "who do you think I am?" Pray and reflect on how Jesus might answer you, and on how God might see you. What things in you need affirmation? What things in you need to be challenged?

Is there someone in your life you might welcome as dialogue partner in this exercise? God's blessings!

### Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos:

¿Quiere pertenecer a la Iglesia Católica? ¿Quiere prepararse recibir el Bautismo, la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación? ¿Y quiere aprender más acerca de su fe? La Parroquia ofrece clases para adultos en español. Si está interesado favor de llamar al 201-434-8500.

### RCIA: AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

If you or someone you know would like to become a Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, contact us at the Parish Office (201-434-8500). We will be happy to have you as part of our RCIA process this year starting in September.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** Saint Mary's Parish offers Religious Education Classes from grades one through eight. Classes normally take place on Saturdays from 10:45am to 12:00pm in Saint Mary's School. But because of covid-19 restriction we are exploring through the Archdiocese of Newark, how to conduct Religious Education, classes come September. However, registration is on-going now. Please contact our web-site or visit/call our parish Office at your earliest convenience. 201-434-8500.

### OUR FOOD PANTRY:



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: 7-8:30am. 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 de cada 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:** *Authority is given as gift from God for the good of all. After Simon Peter's confession of faith, Jesus announces that the Apostle is the "rock" on which the church will be built, and promises him the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. With this authority comes the responsibility to follow Christ's example of service. God entrusts both Church and civil Leaders with authority so that they may serve others in love.*

- ◆ *In what ways do you exercise authority in your home, in your community, or in your workplace?*
- ◆ *Consider how common good is advanced when authority is used for service.*
- ◆ *What new thing is God doing in your life today?*

### Coming Events :

Infant Baptisms have resumed throughout the Archdiocese, with limited family attendance. Please call the parish office to schedule Baptism Prep and baptism of your infants.

Confirmation for our CCD Candidates is now scheduled for November 6, at 7pm. RCIA Confirmation is on August 23rd.

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### The 2020 Annual Appeal

If you have not donated to 2020 Archdiocesan annual appeal, we encourage you to pick up a brochure at the back of the church and prayerfully make donation. This will be a big help to the Archdiocese and to our parish, if we exceed our goal.

### 2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK.

Mass Book for 2021 is open. Please call the Parish office or stop by from Monday-Friday 10am-6pm to arrange Masses for living or deceased members of your family. You can book your Masses online. You may also dedicate an intention for the Tabernacle Candle, or offer the Bread and Wine in loving memory of a loved one

**August 23, 2020; 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of **Stewardship**. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

## **300 CLUB**

Join or **RENEW 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 2 installments

### A JOYFUL WELCOME TO MOST REV BISHOP STUDERUS, D.D

The Priests, Deacons and Parishioners of St Mary's joyfully welcome the newly Ordained Bishop and Episcopal Vicar for Hudson County, Most Rev Bishop Gregory Studerus, as he visits us this weekend to Confirm our RCIA Candidates. Bishop Studerus, we heartily Congratulate you on your Ordination and express our thanks & gratitude for your willingness to visit us today as you serve the people of God in the Archdioceses of Newark. We are proud of you; and as our former Pastor, we assure you that you will always have a home here St Mary's Parish. Our prayers and best wishes are with you. Gracias!