



ST. MARY
 OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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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

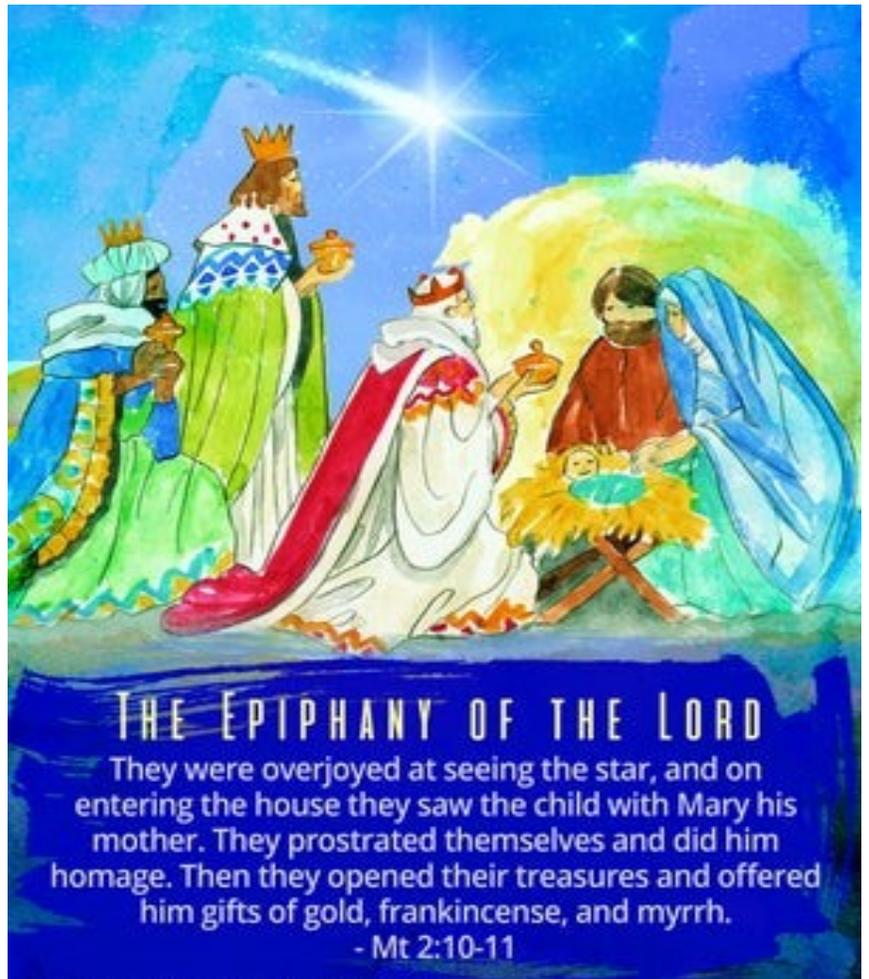
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

**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 offering your weekly donations 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 JAN. 4— JAN. 10, 2020

MONDAY	Jan. 04, 2020
7:00AM	+Maria Gotangco
7:00PM	Holy hour
TUESDAY	Jan. 05, 2020
7:00AM	For the grace of good health of Serafin Lozada
7:00PM	+Br. Lou Mauro, SJ.
WEDNESDAY	Jan. 06, 2020
7:00AM	+Maria Gotangco
THURSDAY	Jan. 07, 2020
7:00AM	For the grace of good health of Santiago Muzones
7:00PM	+Marilyn Rivas
FRIDAY	Jan. 08, 2020
7:00AM	+Maria Gotangco
SATURDAY	Jan. 09, 2020
9:00AM	Memorial Mass
5:30PM	+Marciano Pangasnan +Justin and Maria Sunwoo
SUNDAY	Jan. 10, 2020 Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM	+Perry Baisas; +Rolando Payumo
10:00AM	People of the parish
5:30PM	+Marciano Pangasnan +Justin and Maria Sunwoo
10:00 AM	People of the parish
12:00 Noon	+Benita Comes Sarmiento In Thanksgiving for Joshua Estavillo

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
Rev Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

Our Parish Deacons:

Deacon Pedro Gonzalez
Deacon Leopoldo Polanco
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Carmen Gonzalez
Religious Education: Grades 1-8: Freddy Burke

POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2021: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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

Collections : - online

Total collections : Not available at the time of Publication.

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

In memory of Marilyn Rivas

St Boniface Chapel

+Deceased people of the Parish

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

In memory of Elle Falihee

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

Merry Tenth Day of Christmas!

The Epiphany

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word, *Epiphania*, which is compound of two Greek words *epi* - "upon" and *phania* - "shining," thus it means "a shining upon" and it is sometimes translated as "manifestation" or "revelation."

The First Reading today speaks about the Light of the LORD, Who has come, and the glory of the LORD Who shines upon (*epiphania*) the earth. Out of the darkness, a new light shines upon all nations, not just on the people of Israel. People from far away come forth, bringing gifts.

St. Paul reminds us that "in Christ Jesus, the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews." The GOOD News of salvation is not reserved only to the people whom GOD chose in the past, but to the non-Jews also. That is, GOD's Light of grace is "shining upon" all peoples.

Today's Gospel gives us the account of the Magi - "Wise Ones" - who have seen a star "shining upon" them and know that it is a sign of the birth of a chosen one, a king. These wise ones follow the star which leads them to Jerusalem. There they go to the ruling king, Herod the Great, and inquire of him where is the "newborn king of the Jews." Herod was a king who could not even think of having any competition for his throne, thus he killed many of his own family. Herod, not being knowledgeable of Hebrew scripture, calls in the Jewish leaders and asks them where the Messiah was to be born. After being told by the Jewish leaders, Herod shares with the Magi the prophecy about Bethlehem. Herod also finds out from them when the "star" first started "shining upon" the Magi. He then sends them off to Bethlehem with the instruction that the Magi return to him and let him know about the newborn king. Although Herod mentions that he wants to go to give homage to the newborn king, he actually wants to eliminate a potential rival to his throne.

Once again the Light of the star "shines upon" the Magi as they make their way to Bethlehem where they find the Child with Mary His mother.

Let the "Star shine upon you and yours," this Holy season.
Blessings,
Carmen Gonzalez

STEWARDSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord "...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11 Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Stewards, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



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

Humanity is compelled to seek the animating light that shines over all, to seek God above all things. Oneness with God is the purpose of our earthly life; we are seeking for what we believe, for what we desire: the Kingdom of heaven. We persist in that belief despite hardship and danger. The reading from Isaiah shows that the virtue of hope is expressed in opposition to the troubles that naturally befall us. For Christians, this is made manifest in the Beatitudes: Blessed are those-the poor, the meek, the suffering- whose hope is in the promise of the kingdom of heaven.

- ◆ Prayerfully study the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12); what challenges you about this discourse? What gives you hope?
- ◆ Pray for those who are persecuted because of their Christian faith.
- ◆ Practice the virtue of hope this week by comforting someone who is suffering

THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts to the less fortunate of our Community. You were a big help to those who, during this season of joy, looked to us for help. Have a Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year

THE MAGI: AT HOME WITH THE WORD:

The Magi were able to overcome that dangerous moment of darkness before Herod, because they believed the Scriptures, the words of the prophets which indicated that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. And so they fled the darkness and dreariness of the night of the world.

They resumed their journey towards Bethlehem and there they once more saw the star, the very star which could not be seen in that dark, worldly palace; and the Gospel tells us that they experienced "a great joy" (Mt 2:10). (Reflection by Pope Francis.)

UP-COMING EVENTS

STO NIÑO TONDO MASS January 16th at 3:00 pm

The Sto. Niño of Tondo Fiesta Mass be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021, at 3pm. Please bring your own family Sto. Niño to be at the Altar for the celebration . Call parish office for more information.

OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA MASS JANUARY 17TH AT 10:00 AM

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK: CORONA VIRUS UP-DATE

The Archdiocese remains committed to the health and well-being of its people and will continue to monitor trends and consult with the expert guidance of public health, state and federal officials, and will adjust restrictions as appropriate. Mass attendance is increased to 150 participants, or 25% of Church capacity.

"...those who feel comfortable attending should make an attempt to join their parish community for Mass," stated Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin. "If, for any reason, one should refrain from physically attending Mass, do your best to pray the Mass via live stream. Our common prayer in the Church of Newark is important during these challenging times. May our Lord bring comfort and peace to all those who are affected by the pandemic in any way.