

Important Announcements

- ◆ Please start bringing in your Christmas giving tree gifts. First week after Christmas is the deadline to do so. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

DAILY MASS READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

27 Mon Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist white Feast 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)

28 Tue The Holy Innocents, Martyrs red Feast 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698)

29 Wed Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord white [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr] 1 Jn 2:3-11/
Lk 2:22-35 (202)

30 Thu Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord white 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)

31 Fri Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord white [Saint Sylvester I, Pope] 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204)

JANUARY 1, Sat SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD white The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity
[not a Holyday of Obligation this year] Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

2 SUN USA: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD white Solemnity Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20) Pss Prop

THIS CHRISTMAS DAY 2021

On behalf of our Parish Staff, Priests and Deacons, I rejoice with you at the birth of Christ our Savior, and sincerely express my thanks and gratitude to you for the love, support and kindness you give us here at St. Mary's. I thank God for making it possible for us to be part of this gracious Community of faith.

My message is just a reminder that by Jesus' birth, transformation has taken place in our lives. A new era has dawned on the world and our lives have taken a new and spiritual meaning. The manner of His birth in a simple lowly place, a small corner of a stable, reminds us to simplify our lives and be humble, so that Jesus can be born in our hearts daily.

The meaning of Christmas is clear: the love of God is available to all, but especially to the poor, the weak and the humble. So, we have every reason to be joyful. Christmas is also about giving and about returning love for love; it is a time to be sensitive to the needs of others just as God has shown concern for our needs.

By God's grace and with your help we have remained a lively and viable Parish and hope to remain so with your continued Cooperation and Commitment. Merry Christmas to all of you, and may our Lord Jesus bless you throughout the New Year, Amen!

Fr Eustace Edomobi D.Min.,

EL DÍA DE NAVIDAD 2021

De parte de nuestro equipo de trabajo, Sacerdotes y Diaconos, hoy me regocijo con ustedes por el nacimiento de Cristo y les expreso sinceramente mi agradecimiento y gratitud por el amor, el apoyo y la amabilidad que nos brindan aquí en Sta. Maria. Doy gracias a Dios por permitirme ser parte de esta amable y maravillosa comunidad de fe.

Mi mensaje es solo un recordatorio de que con el nacimiento de Jesús, la transformación ha tenido lugar en nuestras vidas. Una nueva era ha amanecido en el mundo y nuestras vidas han adquirido un significado nuevo y espiritual. La forma de su nacimiento en un lugar sencillo y humilde, un pequeño rincón de un establo, nos recuerda que debemos simplificar nuestras vidas y ser humildes, para que Él pueda nacer en nuestros corazones todos los días.

El significado de la Navidad es claro: el amor de Dios está disponible para todos, pero especialmente para los pobres, los débiles y los humildes. Entonces, tenemos todas las razones para estar felices. La Navidad también se trata de dar y devolver amor por amor; es un momento para ser sensibles a las necesidades de los demás, así como Dios se ha preocupado por nuestras necesidades.

Por la gracia de Dios y con su ayuda, hemos seguido siendo una parroquia viva y viable y esperamos seguir siéndolo con su continua cooperación y compromiso.

Feliz Navidad y que Dios los bendiga durante el Año Nuevo, ¡Amén!

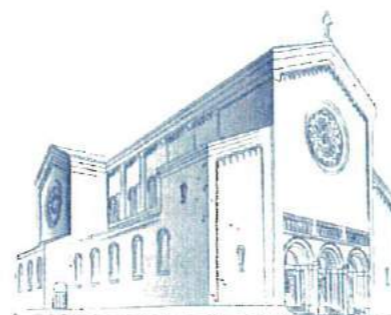
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SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday Jan 1, 2022 New Years Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass, 10:00 am

5.30pm Anticipated Mass for Epiphany

Sunday Jan 2, 2022 Regular Sunday Schedule 8am, 10am Spanish, and 12noon



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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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

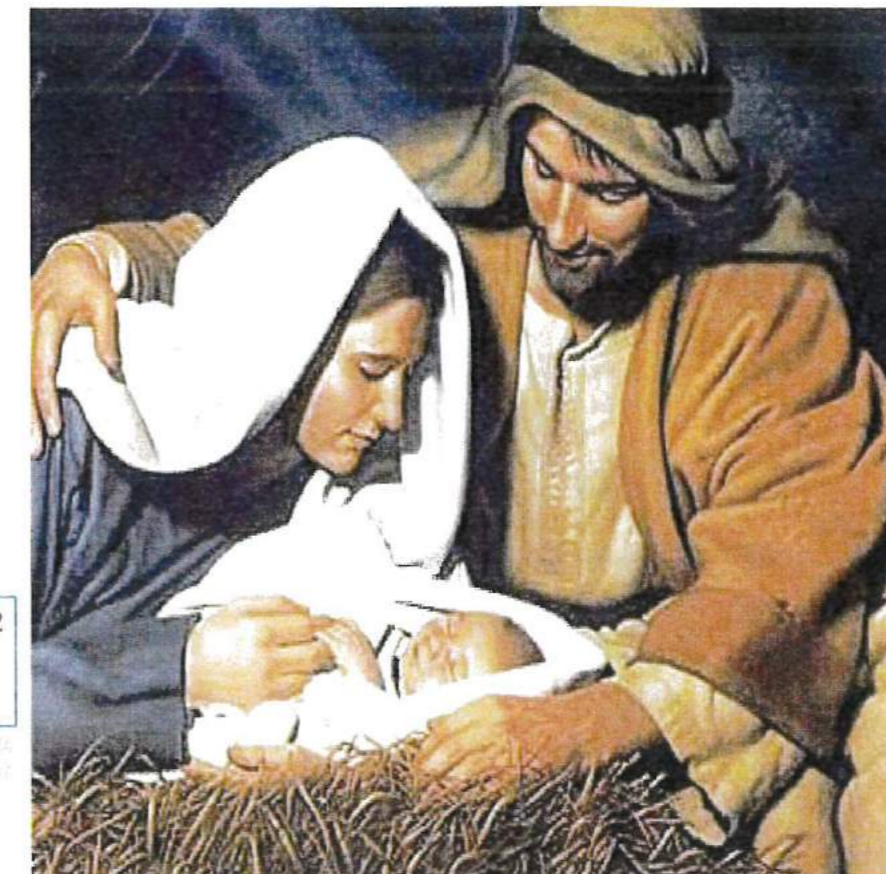
Parish Office Located At

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WE HEARTEDLY WISH ALL OUR PARISHONERS AND
FRIENDS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
2022.

ST MARY'S JERSEY CITY

Served by one another and by:
Our Priests

Rev. Eustace Edomobi, D.Min. Pastor
Rev Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

Our Parish Deacons:

Deacon Pedro Gonzalez
Deacon Leopoldo Polanco
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Our

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Carmen Gonzalez
Religious Education: Grades 1-8: Freddy Burke
Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando
Office Assistant: Alexis Mendoza
Trustees: Purita Berrios & Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE: December 27 - January 02, 2022

MONDAY	Dec. 27, 2021
7:00 AM	+Jose Reuben & Reynaldo Lozada Jr. +Grace Casambre
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	Dec. 28, 2021
7:00 AM	+Pedro Berrios, +Julio Rosas, Jr.
7:00 PM	+Jose Valentin & Luis Valentin
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 29, 2021
7:00 AM	Healing of Percy Sison +Julio Rosas, Jr.
THURSDAY	Dec. 30, 2021
7:00 AM	+Julio Rosas, Jr., +Richard McCormack
7:00 PM	+Julio Rosas, Jr., +Richard McCormack, +Emilio Vazquez
FRIDAY	Dec. 31, 2021
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving, Alexander Xavier Green Thanksgiving, Enrique de la Cruz
SATURDAY	January 01, 2022
10:00 AM	+Anibal Rodriguez Healing of Tony Sison
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving for our Parish Priests
SUNDAY	January 02, 2022
8:00 AM	+Vicente Sorongon +Regina Peregil
9:00 AM	+Cora Bisogno
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 N	+Zaira Cardenas, +Roman Burzynski +Pedro Reyes

Sacramental Preparation

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. Please call 201-434-8500 or email deaconsarmiento@aol.com.

Adult Education (RCIA) For Adult Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation please contact Rene Tolentino 201-434-8500.

Religious Education: For Religious Education of our Children from Grades 1-8; please call Freddy Burke: 201-434-8500.

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 of the Sick, 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 or online. Please inform the Parish Office when you move.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2021: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

December 19: \$ 2,950.00 + Christmas Gifts \$ 435,00
Total: \$3,385.00

We thank our parishioners for your continued support and use of your weekly envelopes. We rely on your help to run our Parish. *Thank you for your Generosity!*

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 Thanksgiving for Maria Dolly Gonzalez

St Boniface Chapel

In loving memory of our deceased priests

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

In loving memory of Lillian Cogswel

OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS

- FIRST FRIDAY MASS: 7:00am St. Boniface Chapel
- FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION: 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
- COFRADES DEL SAGRADO CORAZON DE JESUS: 2nd. Sunday 12:00pm.
- OL OF ALTAGRACIA GROUP: 3rd Sunday of the Month, 12:00pm
- 2000 HAIL MARY'S : Last Saturday of the Month., 7:30am –7pm

REFLECTION

Dear Family and Friends in Christ,

As the joyous season of Christmas begins, I wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas, from the Religious Ed desk! The CCD program of St. Mary's has just entered the halfway point of the school year. Catechists have been preparing and educating students on the liturgical season of Advent, the meaning of waiting, and what each candle of Advent represents. I have been meeting with over forty parents and guardians, so they are informed on their child's progress so far and to understand what is to come in the spring with 1st Penance and Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.

With the blessing of our Pastor Fr. Eustace, twelve Altar Servers hailing from all Masses of the parish, received the special blessing for Altar Servers of St. John Berchmans. It was followed by an appreciation dinner, as a thank you to the Altar Servers for being willing to serve the Lord on the altar. Special thank you to Fr. Eustace for the red cassocks and surplices for the altar servers.

Thank you to all families who participated in the 2021 Day with Santa, the hardworking volunteers, parent volunteers, and parish staff who made it a success. Today, we remember the feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We should recall the love and worry Joseph and Mary had for Jesus, and the power of love within the Holy Family. I offer a prayer I learned back in Resurrection School from my principal Sr. Eleanor Uhl: Jesus, Mary and Joseph we pray... protect us on our way!

Peace and Grace,

Freddy Burke



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

On this day, we honor a child who came into the world in the midst of chaos, this baby is the One who gives us hope as we encounter loneliness, despair, or discouragement. We remember our Creator's human gift for us as we gather at the Lord's table in churches around the world. We are humbled both by this gift of life and that we are counted worthy to share at his feast.

- ◆ Rather than wrapping another physical present through an experience that you can do together. Or consider a creative activity you can do as a clan after attending Mass.
- ◆ Your celebration of togetherness will reinforce God's celebration of you.
- ◆ Be sure to invite or call distant relatives who struggle with the holidays.
- ◆ Remember those who might be suffering from seasonal depression or who have lost a loved one during this past year.

Stewardship

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, Stewardship is in our DNA. We share and express our love for others. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you; those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED

If you would like to share your Time, Talent and Treasure with our Church, please contact our Priests or call the Parish Office. Thank you. To volunteer as a Lector, an Usher, Altar Server, or to sing with the Choir, please contact the Parish Office. All volunteers are subject to safe environmental procedures as directed by the Archdiocese of Newark. THANK YOU!