

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Services

7:00 AM Mass and Ashes
12:00 - 2:00 PM Service (Ashes only)
7:00 PM Mass and Ashes



Our Pastor is asking:

As part of your New Year resolution, what can you do differently this year?

- Consider volunteering to be trained for hospital ministry to visit the elderly and patients at Jersey City Medical Center. The training will begin in April, please call the office if interested.
- Also, consider if the Lord is calling you to be a knight of the Catholic Church? Please call the Parish Office, 201 434 8500, and ask to speak to Fr. Eustace.

Como parte de su resolución de Año Nuevo, ¿qué puede hacer diferente este año?

- Considere ofrecerse como voluntario para ser capacitado para el ministerio hospitalario para visitar a los ancianos y pacientes en el Centro Médico de Jersey City. La capacitación comenzará en abril, llame a la oficina si está interesado.
- Considere también si el Señor lo está llamando a ser un caballero de la Iglesia Católica. Llame a la oficina, al 201 434 8500, y pida hablar con el Padre Eustace.

DAILY MASS READINGS FOR THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

28 Mon Weekday green 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

1 Tue Weekday green 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

2 Wed Ash Wednesday violet JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

3 Thu Thursday after Ash Wednesday violet [USA: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin] Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

4 Fri Friday after Ash Wednesday violet [Saint Casimir] Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

5 Sat Saturday after Ash Wednesday violet Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

6 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT violet Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2022

We are asking for all of us to make a pledge or a one-time donation to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for the upkeep of our Archdiocese of Newark.

Our gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is part of our personal commitment to Christian Stewardship. It is a way of giving thanks to God by returning a portion of the blessings God has given us. The Word of God says: *Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up, Galatians 6:9.*

The ideal way to give is to make a pledge and determine an amount you can manage monthly. Feel free also to make a one-time gift. Making a monthly gift enables you to give generously in balance with your other important economic responsibilities at this time of Covid. We are requesting you to take a moment and fill out your pledge cards which can be found on the pews or at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration as always. Please keep safe and may the Lord continue to bless you and your family.

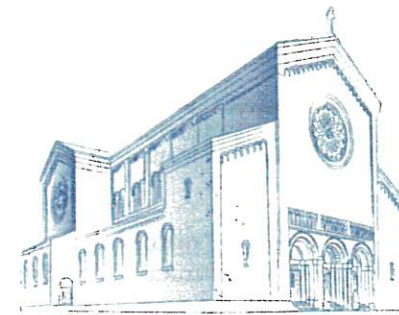
CAMPAÑA ANUAL ARQUIDIOCESANA 2022

Estaremos iniciando nuestras promesas a la Campaña Anual Arquidiocesana de 2022 para el mantenimiento de nuestra Arquidiócesis de Newark.

Su donación a la Campaña Anual es parte de nuestro compromiso personal con la corresponsabilidad Cristiana. Es una forma de dar gracias a Dios devolviendo una parte de las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. La Palabra de Dios dice: No nos cansemos de hacer el bien, porque a su tiempo segaremos nuestra mies, si no desmayamos, Gálatas 6:9.

La forma ideal de donar es hacer una promesa y determinar una cantidad que pueda administrar mensualmente. Siéntase libre también de hacer un regalo único. Hacer una donación mensual le permite dar generosamente en equilibrio con sus otras responsabilidades económicas importantes en este momento de Covid. Le pediremos que se tome un momento y llene su tarjeta de compromiso.

Gracias por su consideración y oración como siempre. Por favor, manténgase saludable y que el Señor continúe bendiciéndolo a usted y a su familia.



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH

254 Second Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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

12:00 noon English

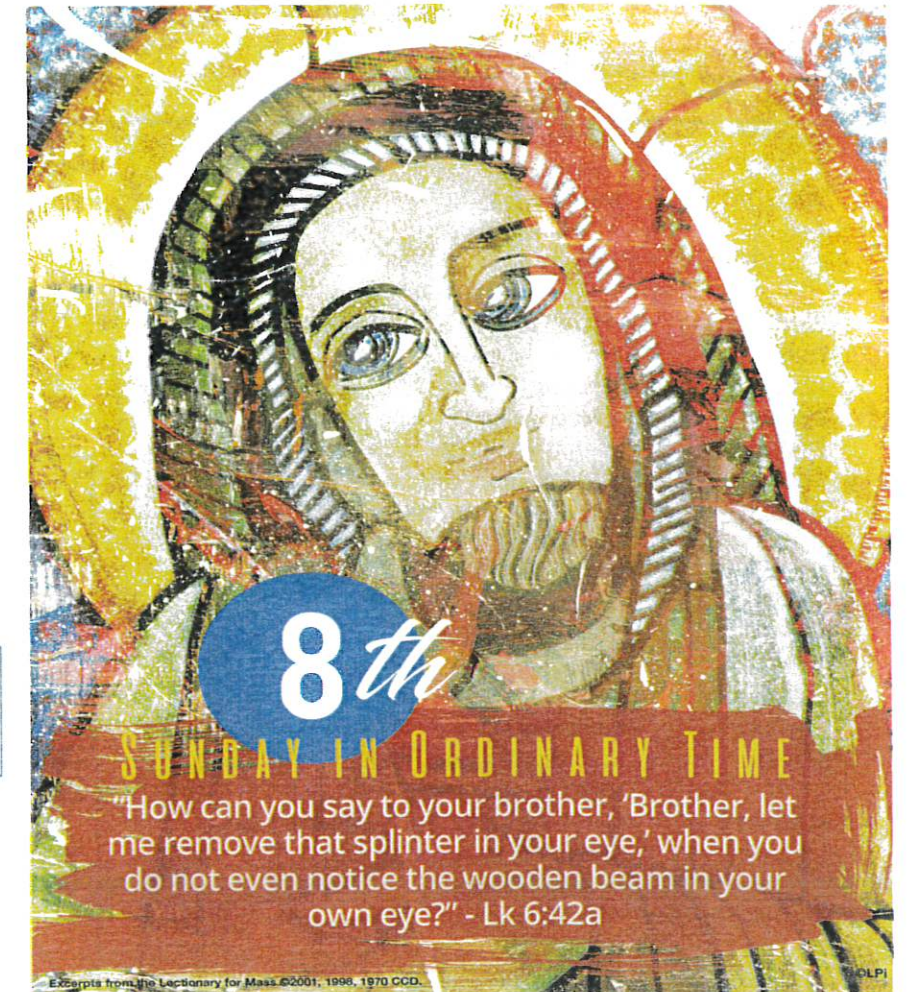
Parish Office Located At

209 3rd Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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

Parish E-mail: info@stmarysparishjc.com

Phone: 201-434-8500 Fax: 201-333-1816



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

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Carmen Gonzalez

Religious Education: Grades 1-8: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Mendoza

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

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: February 28 - March 06, 2022

MONDAY	February 28, 2022
9:00 AM	+Pedro Berrios, +Lito Sendin
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	March 01, 2022
7:00 AM	+ Lisa Ann Alden
7:00 PM	Healing of John Malone +Maria Edilia Londoño
WEDNESDAY	March 02, 2022 Ash Wednesday
7:00 AM	+Betty LaGuardia (Mass and Ashes)
12:00—2:00 PM	Service (Ashes only)
7:00 Pm	+ Maria Edilia Londoño (Mass and Ashes)
THURSDAY	March 03, 2022
7:00 AM	+ Sergio Aro
7:00 PM	Healing of Thomas Cafaro + Maria Edilia Londoño
FRIDAY	March 04, 2022
7:00 AM	+Lito Sendin
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:15 PM	First Friday Devotion
SATURDAY	March 05, 2022
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Lorenzo & +Juliet Solivio +Joe Donahue
SUNDAY	March 06, 2022 1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM	+Mary Wysowaty +Carlos Deleste
9:00 AM (Tagalog)	+Cora Bisogno +Purita Yap
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 N	+Marciano Deleste In Thanksgiving for Anthony Joseph Green

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 MARCH 2022

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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

February 27, Collection: **\$3,150.00**
Second collection: **\$ 1,007.50**
Total: **\$ 4,157.50**

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

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 loving Memory of +Reverend Bill Halbing

St Boniface Chapel

In loving memory of +Ivan Quiles

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

In loving memory of +Bob Rzeczkowski

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 FOR THE WEEK

Producing good fruit versus bad fruit in our lives

Why does Jesus set figs and grapes over against thorns and brambles? The fig tree was the favorite of all trees for the people of Palestine. It symbolized fertility, peace, and prosperity. Grapes, likewise, produced wine, the symbol of joy. Thorns and brambles were only good for burning as fuel for the fire. There's a proverbial saying that you know a tree by its fruit. Likewise a person will produce good or bad fruit depending on what is sown in the heart. Charles Read said: "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." Character, like fruit, doesn't grow overnight. It takes a lifetime.

How do we avoid falsehood and bad fruit in our lives? By being true - true to God, his word, and the grace and help he gives us so we can turn away from evil and wrongdoing. And that takes character! Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies everything we need to live as his disciples. The Lord strengthens us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit - with faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. And we grow in godly character through exercising the gifts and strength which God supplies. Do you want to bear good fruit in your daily life? Allow the Holy Spirit to train you in godliness and the wisdom to distinguish good fruit from bad fruit.

Fr. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you living Stewardship by using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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

Today's Gospel continues the directives not to judge. Jesus instructs his followers to look inside themselves as he queries, "why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own."

How many times have we been helped or supported by parents, coaches, or mentors who put aside their temptation to be exceedingly critical? And as we get wiser or more experienced, how can we pass along this same understanding, forgiveness, and love?

It is tempting to revert to old behaviors when our spiritual life lags or we feel disconnected from our spiritual practices.

- ◆ Make an effort to reach for an inspirational book or another resource when you find yourself judging others.
- ◆ Kickstart more positive behaviors in yourself or strive for a better attitude when you are feeling spiritually separate from your goal.
- ◆ As you approach Lent, consider the wooden beam in your eye and ask our Creator for help removing it.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2022

If you have not made your 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please do so today! Envelopes may be found in the back of the Church for your convenience. Thank you for your support!

Si aun no ha hecho su promesa a la Campaña Anual Arquidiocesana 2022, lo puede hacer hoy! Hay sobres en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia por su conveniencia. Gracias por su apoyo!

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!