



**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

12:00 noon English

**Parish Office Located At**

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 19, 2023**

**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 Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Trustees: Purita Berrios & Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

**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!*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : FEBRUARY 19, 2023

**MASS SCHEDULE: February 20 – February 26, 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 20, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	+Juliet Solivio; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	NO Holy Hour
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 21, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins; Healing & Recovery of Charles Warner
7:00 PM	+Norma Flores; Francisco Villalobos
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 22, 2023 — Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan; Health & Recovery of Lydia Aro
12:00PM—1:00PM	Service (Ashes Only)
7:00PM	Mass & Ashes
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 23, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Eriberto Sarmiento; Health & Recovery of Lydia Aro
7:00 PM	+Alberto Merced
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 24, 2023</b>
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk; Health & Recovery of Lydia Aro
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 25, 2023</b>
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 26, 2023</b>
8:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Lourdes B. Sarmiento; Health & recovery of Lydia Aro
10:00AM	+Eugenio Hidalgo;+Raúl y +Miriam Mostajo
12:00 PM	+Jesus Sarmiento; +Joseph Gorey

**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 Parish 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 email the Parish Office (stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) when you move from our area.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2023 :**

**For parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**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 Sunday, February 12: \$2,583 .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! 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**

+Las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

**St. Boniface Chapel**

In loving memory of + Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary's

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

In loving memory of +Mickey Quirk

**OUR PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**SILENT ADORATION MONDAYS:** 7:00pm St. Boniface Chapel

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION:** 7PM-9PM Main Church

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

**ROSARY/DIVINE MERCY/ ADORATION WEDNESDAYS:** 7pm 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

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the season of Lent approaches, I am happy to share that nineteen children will receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at the end of February. As they prepare for their 1st Holy Communion in May 2023, the students in the Religious Education program learn and reflect on the theme of forgiveness understanding that God is ever merciful and loving of His children.

Jesus teaches us to love thy neighbor as ourselves. Additionally, Christ adds that when someone hurts us, we should turn the other cheek. Jesus died for our sins, and part of the Seven Last Words of Christ, is Jesus asking for forgiveness for the people who do not understand what they are doing.

To receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we should be in a state of Grace. As sinners, we must go to the Sacrament of Confession to cleanse our soul. The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is offered at St. Mary's every Saturday at 4pm in the Church. All are welcome!

Peace and Grace,  
Freddy Burke

## ANNUAL APPEAL

If you haven't done so, please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or pick up the Annual appeal form at the back of the church and make your pledge today.

## Llamamiento anual

Si no lo ha hecho, por favor considere participar en la Campaña de este año para ayudar a hacer una diferencia significativa en muchas vidas dentro de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Por favor, haga una donación en línea hoy visitando [rcan.org](http://rcan.org) / compartiendo o recoja el formulario de apelación anual en la parte posterior de la iglesia y haga su promesa hoy.

## STEWARDSHIP

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

## 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 Maria Cabral: [Theyouthofthelord@gmail.com](mailto:Theyouthofthelord@gmail.com)

## Practice of Faith

Children, more than anyone, know and will tell you: no one is perfect. Perfectionism is damaging to minds and hearts, yet Jesus calls us to be perfect. What must we do perfectly, in imitation of the One who is perfect love? Why should I want to love my enemies? When we focus on how we might love better, we see our failings and grow in compassion for others.

- ◆ Write down a prayer intention for someone who has hurt you. Pray for that person each day this week. On Saturday ask yourself: how has this practice changed me? How has it helped me to follow Jesus?
- ◆ Pray the Our Father, focusing on the words "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others."

## DEANERY 11, JERSEY CITY, NEWS

The Catholic Communities of Downtown Jersey City Invite you to begin your Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday February 22.

Can't make it to Church for Ashes? We will bring them to you... Our priests will be distributing ashes at the downtown PATH stations:

- ◆ Exchange Place from 7:15-8am
- ◆ Grove Street from 7am-9am
- ◆ Newport from 7am-9am.

We invite you to visit our Parish websites for Ash Wednesday parish schedules, and information about special events happening in each Church during Lent. [www.holyrosarychurch.com](http://www.holyrosarychurch.com) [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org)  
[www.stmichaeljerseycity.org](http://www.stmichaeljerseycity.org)  
[www.stmarysparishjc.com](http://www.stmarysparishjc.com)

## **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!

## Readings for the week of February 19, 2023

- 19 SUN** SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 Pss III  
**20 Mon** Weekday green Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29  
**21 Tue** Weekday green/white [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37  
**22 Wed** Ash Wednesday violet Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Pss IV  
**23 Thu** Thursday after Ash Wednesday violet [Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr] Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
**24 Fri** Friday after Ash Wednesday violet Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
**25 Sat** Saturday after Ash Wednesday violet Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
**26 SUN** FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT violet Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 Pss I

## February 20: President's Day

Monday, February 20 — President's Day  
 The Parish Office will be Closed and there will be NO Holy Hour

Lunes, 20 de Febrero — Día del Presidente  
 La Oficina Parroquial estará Cerrada y NO habrá Hora Santa



### February 22, 2023

**7:00AM** Mass and Ashes

**12:00PM — 1:00PM** Ashes Only

**7:00PM** Mass and Ashes

### February 24, 2023

### THE DAYS OF LENT 2023

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<b>FEB</b>				23		25	
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**ABSTINENCE** - No Meat ... over 14 years. Check local diocesan regulations.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE** - 1 full meal (18 through 59) no meat (over 14 years)

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - February 22nd LENT begins. Easter is April 9th.

**EASTER DUTY** - (Paschal Communion) February 22nd through April 9th.

**EUCCHARISTIC FAST** - 1 hour from foods and liquids. Water and medicine never break the fast.

## Our Lenten Sacrifice

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE** - Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

**DAYS OF FAST** - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

**WEEKDAYS OF LENT** - No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

**EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION** - Must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (February 26th) through Trinity Sunday (June 4th).

**SELF DENIAL** - Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.