



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

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Second



SUNDAY

IN LENT

February 5, 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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 5, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: March 6 – March 12, 2023

MONDAY	March 6, 2023
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	March 7, 2023
7:00 AM	+Ernesto Sison
7:00 PM	+Gregorio Almilcar Prado; +Ramon Veras
WEDNESDAY	March 8, 2023
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00PM	Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
THURSDAY	March 9, 2023
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Ramon Montañez
FRIDAY	March 10, 2023
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Elba Soberal
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	March 11, 2023
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Gregorio Almilcar Prado
SUNDAY	March 12, 2023
8:00 AM	+Mary Wysowaty
10:00AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	+Bert Kasilag; +Marciano & Milagros Deleste

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 MARCH 2023 :

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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 26	: \$2,713.00
Second Collection	: \$ 682.00
On-line donation	: \$1,411.00
Total	: \$4,806.00

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 +Theresa Maloney

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

Reflection for the week: The Transfiguration

"I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Mt 17:4

After Jesus was transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John, Peter was so impressed that he said these words. To build a tent for someone was the figurative way of saying that the person will stay. Peter implied that we need the presence of Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets as well as the presence of Jesus in our lives.

The Scribes and the Pharisees who were legalists have been saying all along that Jesus does not follow the laws and the traditions of the Jews. Our Lord responded in Matthew 5:17 that He has come not to abolish them but rather to make them come true. He is advocating following the spirit of the law rather than the letters of the law. The spirit of the law is love and mercy and this is what should govern all our actions.

Jesus' words are enough. Jesus' teaching is dynamic and applicable at all times. May we follow His words even if we were to suffer and die. These are parts of the cost of discipleship, of following Jesus and carrying our own cross so that in the end, we will triumph with Him and enjoy His company for all eternity.

Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

STEWARDSHIP 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

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

Practice of Hope

The transfiguration of Jesus, proclaimed early in Lent, offers a glimmer of hope during our season in the desert. It was the same for Peter, James, and John. They had just heard Jesus predict his passion for the first time. When we are in the thick of our struggles, it can be nearly impossible to remember that God makes all things new.

- ◆ Like the apostles, we need consolation. Do you think they were better able to endure what was to come because they had seen Christ glorified? What moments of consolation and hope have you experienced in your life? Journal about a moment when you have had an experience of God's love.
- ◆ What can you do to help someone who is struggling? Perhaps you could make a meal for a family who has suffered a loss or has a sick member.
- ◆ Ask a friend who is struggling with faith about a time they have felt God's love and consolation. Share a time when you have felt God's transforming presence.

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 or pick up the Annual Appeal form at the back of the church and make your pledge today.

LLAMADO 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 / compartiendo o recoja el formulario de llamado anual en la parte posterior de la iglesia y haga su promesa hoy.

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 March 5, 2023

6 Mon Lenten Weekday violet Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

7 Tue Lenten Weekday violet [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs] Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

8 Wed Lenten Weekday violet [Saint John of God, Religious] Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

9 Thu Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious] Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

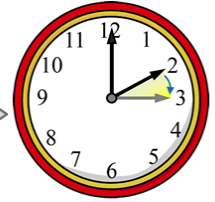
10 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

11 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

12 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT violet Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Pss III

Announcements

- ◆ Wednesdays during Lent: Adoration, Benediction and Reflection at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross during Lent: every Friday at 7:00 pm (bilingual).
- ◆ **SUNDAY MARCH 12, 2023 Daylight Savings: Spring Forward!**



Daylight Savings
Time Begins

- ◆ Miércoles de Cuaresma: Adoración, Bendición y Reflexión a las 7:00pm horas.
- ◆ Vía Crucis de Cuaresma: todos los viernes a las 7:00pm horas (bilingüe).
- ◆ **12 de marzo de 2023 Horario de verano: ¡Primavera adelante!**

Archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry Marriage Celebration

The Archdiocesan Family Life Ministry is excited to announce that they are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by
Cardinal Joseph Tobin, on April 16th, 2023 at 3:00pm

The 5th & 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by
Bishop Gregory Studerus, on May 7, 2023 at 3:00pm

If you would like to register for either of the two Liturgies, please call the Parish Office to register.
We will give your information to the Archdiocese for the appropriate celebration.

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR
LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT.

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2023
BEGINNING AT 10:00AM.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand”

TODOS ESTÁN INVITADOS A NUESTRO RETIRO CUARESIMAL.

SÁBADO, 18 DE MARZO 2023
COMENZANDO A LAS 10:00AM.