



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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: March 19, 2023

ST MARY'S JERSEY CITY

Served by one another and by:

Very 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!

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MASS SCHEDULE: March 20 – March 26, 2023

MONDAY	March 20, 2023
7:00 AM	+Baldomero Trespeces; +Ellen Rogan
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	March 21, 2023
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+Manuel Regalado
WEDNESDAY	March 22, 2023
7:00 AM	+Eriberto Sarmiento; +Trinidad Sarmiento
7:00PM	Adoration, Rosary and Benediction
THURSDAY	March 23, 2023
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	+Felipe Hidalgo
FRIDAY	March 24, 2023
7:00 AM	+Ellen Rogan
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	March 25, 2023
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	Good Health for Santiago Muzones; +Carlos Deleste
SUNDAY	March 26, 2023
8:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Corinne S. Masana; +Stella Samson
10:00AM	+Beatris Vargas; +Maria Cifuentes
12:00 PM	People of the Parish; For the unborn children

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 or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

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, March 12	:	\$2,763.00
Online	:	\$ 392.00
Total gifts	:	\$3,155.00

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

En Acción de Gracias al Señor

St. Boniface Chapel

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

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

+Walter Herrera Valda

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

Libertad de la ceguera espiritual

Juan Crisóstomo, comentando este pasaje, comentó: "Los judíos (los fariseos) lo echaron del templo; el Señor del templo lo encontró". Si nuestro testimonio de Jesús y su obra redentora en nuestras vidas hace que amigos o enemigos nos rechacen, no obstante, nos acerca al mismo Señor Jesús. Pablo los Apóstoles nos advierte que evitemos las tinieblas del pecado para que podamos caminar más claramente en la luz de Cristo. ¿Permite que algún punto ciego nuble su visión de lo que Dios le está ofreciendo y pidiendo de usted?

El Señor Jesús está siempre listo para sanarnos y liberarnos de las tinieblas del pecado y el engaño. No hay enfermedad, ya sea física, mental, emocional o espiritual con la que el Señor Jesús no se identifique. Isaías profetizó que el "Siervo sufriente" sería magullado por nuestras iniquidades y por sus llagas seríamos sanados (Isaías 53:5). El Señor nos ofrece la libertad de la ceguera espiritual debida al pecado y nos restaura a la integridad de cuerpo, mente, alma y corazón.

Agustín de Hipona, en su comentario a este pasaje evangélico, comenta: "Si reflexionamos sobre el significado de este milagro, veremos que el ciego es el género humano... Vosotros ya sabéis, por supuesto, quién es el "Uno". Enviado" es. Si él no hubiera sido enviado, ninguno de nosotros habría sido librado del pecado".

Fr. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

STEWARDSHIP

4º. Domingo de Cuaresma

"Pues Dios no ve como el hombre ve, pues el hombre mira la apariencia exterior, pero el Señor mira el corazón". 1 SAMUEL 16: 7

¿Qué tan a menudo invertimos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros para crear una apariencia que no le importa para nada a Dios? Tendemos a impresionar con nuestra vestimenta, casa, carrera, posesiones, automóvil y otras marcas de distinción. Pero ninguna de esas ilusiones de grandeza impresionará a Dios. En lugar de eso, Él mirará dentro de nuestros corazones para ver cuánto lo amamos, cuánto amamos a los demás y cómo mostramos ese amor en la forma en que usamos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro aquí en la tierra."

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
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento : deaconsarmiento@aol.com

Scripture Insights

The texts this Sunday are about seeing and not seeing, about the light and the darkness, about blindness and eyes being opened. In the first reading, Samuel sees the sons of Jesse but can't see them rightly, because he looks only at their outward appearance. The Lord looks instead "into the heart" (1 Samuel 12:7). God's chosen one is not even there at the selection; as the youngest son, nobody looked at him and saw a king. When the young David arrives, the narrator observes that he is, in fact handsome. But that's not the point.

Perhaps God sees something of his own character in this young shepherd. After all, David himself describes God as his shepherd in Psalm 23. God is a good shepherd who gives rest and refreshes and guides, who guards and protects and gives courage. Even though David walks through the darkest valleys (unable to see what is in front of him), he does not fear with God at his side.

2023 Mass Intention Book

Mass Book for 2023 is open. Please call the Parish office or stop by Monday—Friday, 9am-5pm, to arrange Masses for living or deceased members of your family. You may also dedicate The Tabernacle Candle, or offer the Bread & Wine in loving memory of a loved one.

CatholicCulture.org

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is usually celebrated on March 19, but has been transferred to March 20 since the liturgy of the Lenten Sundays take precedence.

Solemnity of St. Joseph: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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 19, 2023

20 Mon SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY white Solemnity 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a Pss Prop

21 Tue Lenten Weekday 7 violet Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

22 Wed Lenten Weekday violet Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

23 Thu Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop] Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

24 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

25 Sat THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD white Solemnity Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 Pss Prop

26 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT violet Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Pss I

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).

- ◆ 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).

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.

Oficina Arquidiocesana del Ministerio de Vida Familiar Celebración del Matrimonio

¡El Ministerio Arquidiocesano de Vida Familiar se complace en anunciar que una vez más están preparando la tradición anual de honrar a aquellas parejas en nuestra Arquidiócesis que celebrarán cinco, veinticinco y cincuenta años de matrimonio válido para los fieles católicos en el año 2023!

Estas liturgias de aniversario se llevarán a cabo en la Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón en Newark. La 50ª La Misa de aniversario será celebrada por el Cardenal Joseph Tobin, el 16 de abril de 2023 a las 3:00pm.

La Misa del 5º y 25º Aniversario será celebrado por el obispo Gregory Studerus, el 7 de mayo de 2023 a las 3:00 pm

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Catholic Action of Mary (CAM) is happy to announce the return of the annual Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Stockbridge, MA by buses on Sunday April 16, 2023. Assembly time is 6:30AM on the corner of Second St. and Marin Blvd. near ShopRite.

Cost is **\$50** per person. Please bring your own lunch.
First Come, First Served.

Please RSVP no later than April 1, 2023 at TheCatholicActionOfMary@gmail.com



DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE
SUNDAY. APRIL 16, 2023