



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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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER— I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

ST MARY'S JERSEY CITY

Served by one another and by:

Our Priests:

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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : APRIL 30, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: May 1 – May 7, 2023

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| MONDAY | May 1, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | Thanksgiving for Domingo de la Cruz |
| 7:00 PM | Holy Hour |
| TUESDAY | May 2, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | +Veniedo Alidio |
| 7:00 PM | +Salustina Herrera |
| WEDNESDAY | May 3, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | +Marie Higgins |
| 7:00PM | Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy |
| THURSDAY | May 4, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | For the Health of Maria Montañez |
| 7:00 PM | +America Guzman |
| FRIDAY | May 5, 2023 (First Friday) |
| 7:00 AM | Thanksgiving for Rene & Ditas Tolentino; +Horace Demonte; +Pio Interone |
| 7:00 PM | First Friday Devotion |
| SATURDAY | May 6, 2023 (First Saturday) |
| 9:00 AM | Memorial Mass |
| 5:30 PM | +Segundo & +Conсорcia Solivio; +Marie Higgins |
| SUNDAY | May 7, 2023 |
| 8:00 AM | People of the Parish |
| 9:00 AM | Thanksgiving for Tessie Mendoza Luciana & Renato Reyes Wedding Anniversary |
| 10:00AM | +Adelaida Vda de Sosa; +Cristina Sosa; +Ana Iris Salazar; +Ramon Veras |
| 12:00 PM | Thanksgiving for Muzones & Lozada Families; +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 (stmmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) when you move from our area or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY 2023 :

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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, April 23 : \$2,170.00

Online : \$ 1,507.00

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

Special Intentions for
Marc & Dianne Lopez

St. Boniface Chapel

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

The Bread and Wine is offered this week:

+Feligreses Difuntos de Santa María

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

El Buen Pastor y Guardián de nuestras almas

¿Qué puede enseñarnos el pastoreo acerca de Dios y nuestra relación con él? Al final de cada día, el pastor llevaba a sus ovejas a un refugio. Conocían la voz de su pastor y acudieron a su llamada. Tan familiar era el pastor y sus ovejas, que cada uno fue llamado por un nombre distinto. En el invierno, las ovejas generalmente se llevaban a un refugio comunal de la aldea que estaba cerrado y mantenido seguro por un guardián. En los meses de verano, las ovejas generalmente se guardaban en los campos y luego se juntaban en un redil por la noche que estaba vigilado por un pastor durante toda la noche. Él era literalmente la puerta por la que tenían que pasar las ovejas.

Las Escrituras describen a Dios como un pastor que trae seguridad y paz a su pueblo. El Señor guardará tu salida y tu entrada desde ahora y para siempre. Incluso los líderes del pueblo de Dios son llamados pastores: ellos los sacarán y los traerán; para que la congregación del Señor no sea como ovejas que no tienen pastor. Así como un pastor vela por sus ovejas y las protegía del peligro, así Jesús vela por su pueblo como el Pastor y Guardián de nuestras almas. ¿Conoces la paz y la seguridad de una vida totalmente entregada a Dios?

Fr. Duberley Salazar, Parochial Vicar

STEWARDSHIP

30 de abril de 2023 — 4.º Domingo de Pascua

"Y Pedro les dijo, 'Arrepiéntanse y sean bautizados cada uno de ustedes en el nombre de Jesucristo ...' HECHOS 2:38

La Palabra "arrepentirse" significa alejarse del pecado - cambiar nuestros pensamientos, palabras y obras. Cuando el cambio es permanente viene desde adentro - es una transformación o conversión de corazón. Requiere oración, disciplina y perseverancia. Cambiar es difícil. El primer paso es reconocer que estamos destrozados y que necesitamos la ayuda de Dios. La buena noticia, es que no estamos solos en nuestro viaje. Pídale a Jesús todos los días que lo guíe y escuche pacientemente su respuesta.

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

Practice of Hope

The life of Christian discipleship is not always easy. We might sometimes secretly judge those people whom we think pick and choose only some parts of Church teaching to follow while we valorize or excuse our behavior. But the truth is a person who "came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

- ◆ Spend time journaling about what it might mean for you to have life more abundantly. What is it that Jesus wants to give to you?
- ◆ Some of the fruits of the Spirit are reflected in the reading from 1 Peter. The fruits are faithfulness, self-control, gentleness, joy, kindness, peace, and love. Determine which of these is hardest for you to live out and focus on practicing it this week.
- ◆ Walk through your neighborhood and notice the abundance of life that spring has brought to it.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

ANNUAL APPEAL

45 people have pledged to donate \$25,000. The Archdiocese of Newark has received \$16,500 thus far.

LLAMADO ANUAL

45 personas se han comprometido a donar \$25,000. La Arquidiócesis de Newark ha recibido \$16,500 hasta el momento.

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 April 30, 2023

- MAY 2023** 1 Mon Easter Weekday white/white [Saint Joseph the Worker] Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 (second option) or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
- 2 Tue Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- 3 Wed Saints Philip and James, Apostles red Feast 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 Pss Prop
- 4 Thu Easter Weekday white Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
- 5 Fri Easter Weekday white Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- 6 Sat Easter Weekday white Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- 7 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER white Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 Pss I

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events / Próximos Eventos

- ◆ Mother's Day Dinner & Dance will be held in honor of our mothers on Saturday May 13, 2023 at 7:00PM, located at Marian Hall.
- ◆ El Baile de la Cena del Día de la Madre se llevará a cabo en honor a nuestras madres el Sábado 13 de Mayo de 2023 a las 7:00 p. m., ubicado en Marian Hall. Las entradas ya se están agotando.



Our Lady of Good Health

From the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception — Devotion to Our Lady of Good Health dates back to the 16th century, when Mary manifested herself three times to the faithful in Vailankanni, providing healing and protection. On the first occasion, Mary appeared with the Christ Child to a young shepherd boy. On the second, she came to a young buttermilk vendor and asked him if he would give her buttermilk for her child. When he kindly assented, she asked him to deliver a message to a man in the next town, requesting the construction of a shrine to the Blessed Mother on the site of her appearance. Though the boy had been lame all his life, he was suddenly healed and was able to run and deliver the message.

The third occurrence was the miraculous rescue of a ship of Portuguese sailors who were caught in a violent storm off the coast of India. When they were brought safely to shore at Vailankanni on the Nativity of Our Lady, the faithful of the city saw it as further proof of her presence there. Grateful for their rescue, the sailors turned the small thatched chapel at Vailankanni into a stone church to honor the Blessed Mother.

We are fortunate to have the image of Our Lady of Good Health visit our parish for one month. Starting from Saturday April 29th to Wednesday May 31, 2023.

Nuestra Señora de la Buena Salud

Desde la **Basilica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción** — La devoción a Nuestra Señora de la Buena Salud se remonta al siglo XVI, cuando María se manifestó tres veces a los fieles en Vailankanni, brindando sanación y protección. En la primera ocasión, María se apareció con el Niño Jesús a un joven pastor. En el segundo, se acercó a un joven vendedor de suero de leche y le preguntó si le daría suero de leche para su hijo. Cuando él asintió amablemente, ella le pidió que le entregara un mensaje a un hombre en el pueblo de al lado, solicitando la construcción de un santuario para la Santísima Madre en el lugar de su aparición. Aunque el niño había estado cojo toda su vida, de repente se curó y pudo correr y entregar el mensaje.

La tercera ocurrencia fue el rescate milagroso de un barco de marineros portugueses que quedaron atrapados en una violenta tormenta frente a las costas de la India. Cuando fueron llevados a salvo a la costa en Vailankanni en la natividad de Nuestra Señora, los fieles de la ciudad lo vieron como una prueba más de su presencia allí. Agradecidos por su rescate, los marineros convirtieron la pequeña capilla con techo de paja en Vailankanni en una iglesia de piedra para honrar a la Santísima Madre.

Somos afortunados de tener la imagen de Nuestra Señora de la Buena Salud visitando nuestra parroquia por un mes a partir del sábado 29 de abril hasta el miércoles 31 de mayo de 2023.