



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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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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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

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

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!

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A : SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: September 4 – September 10, 2023

MONDAY 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	September 4, 2023 +Irene Higgins NO Holy Hour
TUESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	September 5, 2023 Thanksgiving for Ricardo Somoza; +Amy Patterson; +Wilfredo Tang +Francia Hidalgo; +Josefina Burgos; +America Guzman
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	September 6, 2023 Good Intentions for: Wally Jr. Villanueva, Laura M. Tosado, & Danielle Torres Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY 7:00 AM 7:00 PM	September 7, 2023 Thanksgiving for Elba Soberal Dorta; Thanksgiving for Danny Torres Soberal; Thanksgiving for Doris Soberal Dorta Special Intention for Sarah Patterson
FRIDAY 7:00 AM	September 8, 2023 Special Intention for Sarah Patterson; +Pablo Apricio; +Marie Higgins
SATURDAY 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	September 9, 2023 Memorial Mass For the Priests of St. Mary's Church; +Segundo & Consores Solivio
SUNDAY 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	September 10, 2023 +Aida Sotto Thanksgiving for Leandro Ogando; +Juanita Rios; +Mireya Daumy; +Nelly Mostajo People of the Parish

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 SEPTEMBER 2023 :

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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, August 27 : \$2,763.00
Second Collection : \$ 580.00
On line donations : \$1,092.00

We thank our parishioners for your continued support and use of your weekly envelopes.
Agradecemos a nuestros feligreses por su continuo apoyo y uso de sus sobres semanales.

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:

+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

Reflection for 9/3/23

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Mt 16:26

Indeed, what will you gain if you win the whole world but lose eternal life? We cannot take into the grave whatever we have gathered here on earth – material wealth, power and fame. Only our good deeds will accompany us when we meet our Creator.

There is nothing wrong with accomplishing our dreams as long as we do not hurt anyone. There is nothing wrong with having material wealth as long as we share our blessings with those who have less. There is nothing wrong with having power and fame as long as we use them for the good of mankind. Gaining the world so to speak should not be the end goal but rather the means to spread God's love.

Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

CCD

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) provides religious education (or Catechism lessons) to children and high schoolers who do not attend Catholic School or need Sacraments.

Registration is still ongoing for (CCD) 2023-2024 here at St. Mary's Parish. You can register online on our Parish website: stmarysparishjc.com

Catechetical Sunday mass will be Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 12noon.

CCD classes will begin in late September 2023.

Stewardship

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"
—Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, *"Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else."* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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 Charity

In some of the strongest language in Scripture, the readings today clearly describe the role of those who follow Jesus: to be dupes, complicit in their oppression; outcasts, out of sync with their time and society, with bodies marked for living sacrifice. And no prophet, no epistle was an unequivocal in this portrayal as Jesus, who made plain that glory comes only through the cross. The social and religious complacency that Jesus descried is no less a factor for Christians now. Jesus' passionate message for his disciples rings true for us: Complacency in the face of suffering is an outrage. Nothing less than full commitment to love of God and love of each other will do, and status-quo systems of violence and discrimination may not be ignored by those who claim to follow Christ.

- ◆ Discern whether you are conforming to systems of injustice or working to transform them and yourself.
- ◆ With members of the parish council or your faith-sharing group, determine ways that the parish can advocate for others.
- ◆ What dreams has God shared with you? How can you fulfill them?

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

St. Mary's RCIA classes will start Sunday, September 10 at 9AM located in the Library of Marian Hall.

On line registration is still on going and available on our Parish website: stmarysparishjc.com

RCIA Director, Rene Tolentino: rptolentino321@gmail.com.

Last day to registered will be Saturday, September 30, 2023.

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 a month, \$120 a year payable all at once or in 2 installments.

Congratulations to Catalina G. Sison!!

Winner for August 2023!

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

4 Mon Weekday green 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

5 Tue Weekday green 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

6 Wed Weekday green Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

7 Thu Weekday green Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

8 Fri The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary white Feast Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Pss Prop

9 Sat USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest white Memorial Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

10 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 Pss III

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection for Catholic University of America

There will be a second collection for the weekend of September 9 & 10: The Catholic University of America. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has designed the weekend of September 9—10 for the annual National Collection for The Catholic University of America. The National University of the Catholic Church is the only Institution of Higher Education founded by the US Catholic Bishops and chartered by the Vatican.

Prayer and Life Workshop

We invite all our parishioners to participate in a Prayer and Life Workshop. The workshops offer practical prayer methods that help develop a solid and personal relationship with God. Through the practice of silence, faith, and surrender the participant begins to heal the wounds, quiets the soul, sadness disappears, and the joy of living is definitely recovered.

The next session will be on Thursday, September 7 at Marian Hall, 7pm — 9pm.

★ *Happy* ★

In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on September 4, 2023.

Morning Mass will be at 9:00am. **No** Holy Hour in the evening.

LABOR
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ANUNCIOS

Colecta para la Universidad Católica de América

Habrà una segunda colecta para el fin de semana del 9 y 10 de septiembre: La Universidad Católica de América.

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos ha diseñado el fin de semana del 9 y 10 de septiembre para la Asamblea Nacional anual. Colección para la Universidad Católica de América. La Universidad Nacional de la Iglesia Católica es la única Institución de educación superior fundada por los obispos católicos de EE. UU. y registrada por el Vaticano.

Día Laboral

En conmemoración del Día del Trabajo, la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el 4 de septiembre de 2023.

Habrà Misa a las 9:00AM. **No** Habrà hora Santa.

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Taller de Oración y Vida

Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses a participar de un Taller de Oración y Vida. Los talleres ofrecen métodos prácticos de oración que ayudan a desarrollar una relación sólida y personal con Dios. A través de la práctica del silencio, la fe y Al rendirse, el participante comienza a sanar las heridas, calma el alma, la tristeza desaparece y la alegría de vivir es definitivamente recuperada.

La próxima sesión será el jueves 7 de septiembre en Marian Hall, de 7 p. m. a 9 p. m.