



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

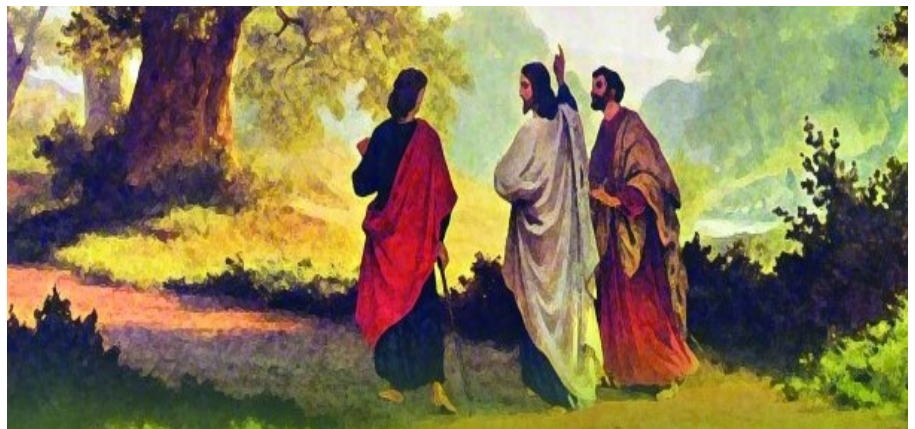
9:00 am Tagalog [First Sunday]

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
 Parish E-mail: info@stmarysparishjc.com
 Phone: 201-434-8500 Fax: 201-333-1816



September 17, 2023

24th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"
 Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
 —Matthew 18:21-22

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!

MASS SCHEDULE: September 18 – September 24, 2023

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| MONDAY | September 18, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | +Amy Patterson; +Carl |
| 7:00 PM | Holy Hour |
| TUESDAY | September 19, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | For St. Joseph to Give Lissa Santiago's Freedom |
| 7:00 PM | Special Intention for Sarah Patterson |
| WEDNESDAY | September 20, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | +Amy Patterson; +Irene Higgins |
| 7:00 PM | Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy |
| THURSDAY | September 21, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | Special Intention for Sarah Patterson; |
| | +Ellen Rogan |
| 7:00 PM | +Amy Patterson |
| FRIDAY | September 22, 2023 |
| 7:00 AM | Special Intention for Michael Patterson; |
| | +Marie Higgins |
| SATURDAY | September 23, 2023 |
| 9:00 AM | Memorial Mass |
| 5:30 PM | Thanksgiving for Soberal Martinez Family; |
| | Thanksgiving for Tosado Soberal Family |
| SUNDAY | September 24, 2023 |
| 8:00 AM | +Maria Medina |
| 10:00 AM | +Antonio Amurrio; |
| | +Esther Torres; |
| | +Beatris Vargas |
| 12:00 PM | 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, September 10 : \$2,623.00
Second collection : \$ 810.00
On line donations : \$ 265.00

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend commemorates Catechetical Sunday, the official start of St. Mary's Religious Education program and commissioning of Catechists. I would like to thank our St. Mary's Catechetical team of dedicated volunteers for answering the call to teach the Word of God. I am happy to share that the Catechetical program will begin with Orientation day on September 23rd followed by the first day of CCD classes on September 30th. I'd like to welcome the eight new families who have joined the program this year and welcome back to our returning families. If you have a child or know of a family whose child is in need of Sacramental preparation of Baptism, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, please join St. Mary's Religious Education program. Religious Education for children is important as we are shaping the future of the church.

Before transferring to Catholic School in third grade, my mom and dad placed me in St. Mary's Religious Education program for two years, preparing me for my sacrament 1st Holy Communion. This decision by my parents helped shape my faith journey from the beginning. We are all on our own journey of faith. Parents, I remind you that children are gifts from God. I encourage you to bring your children to church every Sunday. If your child has received 1st Holy Communion, become Altar Servers. If your child has received Confirmation, encourage them to volunteer and be more active in our church. Continue at home to practice daily prayers with the children, pray the rosary and remember to tell your children that they are the children of God. Through the intercession of the Holy family, we pray for the future of the church.

Peace and Grace,

Freddy Burke

Director of Religious Education

Stewardship

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

— Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

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

Peter is looking for a clear, bright line beyond which there is no hope of forgiveness. How much, he seems to be asking, are we to tolerate from our brothers and sisters before we can write them off? As humans, we are all drawn to such definite boundaries. What's more, we tend to weigh God's mercy using our finite capacity for forgiveness as a measure. But as Christians, we must also offer that forgiveness to others.

- ◆ Examine your conscience and ask yourself: What sin of mine, or what sin against me, am I hugging tight? Can I let that sin go? Do I truly believe in God's forgiveness? Can I offer that forgiveness to someone who has hurt me?
- ◆ Go to confession.
- ◆ Reconcile, if you can, with someone or some situation in your life that you are at odds with.

Archdiocese of Newark

We are all responsible for the mission of the Church. All of us, without exception, have important roles to play in the work of evangelization. We are each, in our own ways, called to be Spirit-filled evangelizers who proclaim the joy of the Gospel in what we do and say as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. No single individual can accomplish the work of evangelization on her or his own. As Pope Francis teaches in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), "A spirit-filled evangelization is one guided by the Holy Spirit, for he is the soul of the Church called to proclaim the Gospel." The activity of the Holy Spirit is essential. If we're not sure we have it, then the solution is to pray for it.

—Excerpt from *Co-responsibility in Mission: How We Can Better Share Gifts and Tasks in the Service of the Gospel* by **Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.** — Archbishop of Newark

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.

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 September 17, 2023

18 Mon Weekday green 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

19 Tue Weekday green/red [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr] 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

20 Wed Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, red and Companions, Martyrs Memorial 1 Tm 3:14-16/
Lk 7:31-35

21 Thu Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist red Feast Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 Pss Prop

22 Fri Weekday green 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

23 Sat Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest white Memorial 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

24 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a Pss I

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCIA

The RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

St. Mary's RCIA classes are every Sunday 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.

St. Mary's Religious Education Program

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) provides religious education (or Catechism lessons) to children and freshmen/sophomore 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

CCD orientation for parents and students will be September 23, 2023 in Marian Hall and classes will begin September 30, 2023.

ANUNCIOS

Educación Religiosa de Santa María

CCD (Cofradía de Doctrina Cristiana) brinda educación religiosa (o lecciones de catecismo) a niños y estudiantes de primer y segundo año de secundaria que no asisten a una escuela católica o no necesitan sacramentos.

La inscripción aún está en curso para (CCD) 2023-2024 aquí en la Parroquia de St. Mary.

Puede registrarse en línea en nuestro sitio web parroquial: stmarysparishjc.com

La orientación del CCD para padres y estudiantes será el 23 de septiembre de 2023 en Marian Hall y las clases comenzarán el 30 de septiembre de 2023.