



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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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 25 – October 1, 2023

MONDAY	September 25, 2023
7:00 AM	+Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	September 26, 2023
7:00 AM	+Amy Patterson
7:00 PM	Special Intention for Sarah Patterson
WEDNESDAY	September 27, 2023
7:00 AM	Special Intention for Michael Patterson; +Ernesto Obregon; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY	September 28, 2023
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Charmaine Walcott
7:00 PM	+Amy Patterson
FRIDAY	September 29, 2023
7:00 AM	Special Intention for Sarah Patterson; +Eileen Quirk
SATURDAY	September 30, 2023
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	Thanksgiving for Selva Brauner; Thanksgiving for Fr. Eustace; Good Health for Daniel Sancho; +Minda Sison
SUNDAY	October 1, 2023
8:00 AM	+Serafin & Angelica Lozada
9:00 AM	Good Health for Pilar Monje; Good Health for Sonny Tiongson
10:00 AM	En Acción de Gracias Dr. Abdul Ameen +Ernesto Obregón; +Sergio Cabrera
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 17 : \$2,655.00
On line donations : \$ 667.00

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

THE GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS OF OUR GOD.

Today's Gospel parable is about God's love and generosity. God is always searching for us; He would like us to come to Him right away. However, He accepts us whatever time He finds us. This parable of God's Kingdom assures us that whenever God finds us, the reward is the same as with those He found earlier. All receive complete acceptance, forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

In earlier times, some Christians took this as a reason to put off conversion and to wait until the end of life to be baptized. This is a complete misunderstanding of God's love. God wants to love us now! God wants to share His life with us now! Today is the day of salvation. Tomorrow is not guaranteed.

This parable wants us to appreciate the generosity of God who, whenever we turn to Him, is there to receive us. God always loves us and is always inviting us every moment. We must live in ways which respond to God's unconditional love. Our Lord comes at different moments seeking our attention and inviting us to engage in services in His vineyard, the Church.

We must not be envious of God's generosity to those we consider latecomers or undeserving. His ways are not our ways. Our task is to have hearts that are rich in grace and love of God, and hearts that are grateful that our Salvation is freely offered.

Have a Blessed week!

Very Rev. Eustace Edomobi D.Min.,
Pastor

Stewardship

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last".
— Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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

Jesus is always telling his followers what the kingdom of heaven is like. Using parables, he tries to illustrate for us the truth expressed by Isaiah in the first reading: God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor his ways our ways. To us, with our pettiness and parsimony, God's abundant love and mercy are an unfathomable mystery. In fact, this mystery is *grace*, and it is God's grace that is our greatest source of hope. No matter how assiduously we defend our worthiness as opposed to the unworthiness of others, the grace of God confounds these efforts, leaving us at once confused and hopeful. In the face of such incomprehensible love, what can we do but surrender?

- ◆ Surrendering to grace is an expression of hope. Pray the Act of Hope and teach it to a young person.
- ◆ How has living God's ways changed your life?
- ◆ Which of God's ways strike you as strange?

Archdiocese of Newark

September 18–24 is National Migration Week here in the United States of America.

For the past ten years, Pope Francis has urged us to pay closer attention to the circumstances surrounding the migration of peoples. He has challenged us to actually see the faces of these brothers and sisters of ours rather than regard them as simply statistics or, worse, problems imposed on us by forces outside our control. "Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation," the Holy Father says. "Eliminating these causes and thus putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of all, in accordance with the responsibilities of each. This commitment begins with asking what we can do, but also what we need to *stop doing*."

—Excerpt from: *May we embrace our migrant sisters, brothers* 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 24, 2023

25 Mon Weekday green Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

26 Tue Weekday green/red [Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs] Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

27 Wed Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest white Memorial Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

28 Thu Weekday green/red/red [Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs] Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

29 Fri Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels white Feast Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51 Pss Prop

30 Sat Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church white Memorial Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

OCTOBER 2023 1 SUN TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Pss II

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.

RCIA Director, Rene Tolentino: rptolentino321@gmail.com

Please register at our Parish website: stmarysparishjc.com

Last call for registration 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 high schoolers who do not attend Catholic School or need Sacraments. Children who have already received their Sacraments can register for general religious education classes.

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 Director, Freddy Burke: freddyburkedre@gmail.com

CCD orientation for parents and students will be September 23, 2023 in Marian Hall and classes will begin September 30, 2023 in the French American Academy school located behind the Church.



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. Los niños que ya hayan recibido sus Sacramentos pueden inscribirse en clases de educación religiosa general.

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

Director del programa religiosa para nios, Freddy Burke: freddyburkedre@gmail.com

La orientación del programa religiosa para padres y estudiantes será el 23 de septiembre de 2023 en Marian Hall y las clases comenzarán el 30 de septiembre de 2023 en la escuela de la Academia Franco Americana ubicada detrás de la Iglesia.