



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 Is Located At

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The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2023

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-H.S: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

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!

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH : DECEMBER 31, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE: January 1 – January 7, 2024

MONDAY	January 1, 2024 — Solemnity of Mary
8:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Tessie Mendoza; Thanksgiving for Katie Uyo
10:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Ellie Chavez
12:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Pura Berrios
7:00 PM	No Holy Hour
TUESDAY	January 2, 2024
7:00 AM	+Regina Peregil; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Judith Torres
WEDNESDAY	January 3, 2024
7:00 AM	+Gloria & Barbio Cebedo; +Iluminado Payumo
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY	January 4, 2024
7:00 AM	+Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Geselle Torres
FRIDAY	January 5, 2024 — First Friday
7:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Freddy Burke; Thanksgiving for Kathy Sison
7:00PM	First Friday Devotion
SATURDAY	January 6, 2024 — First Saturday
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	+Isabel Muzones
SUNDAY	January 7, 2024
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Freddy Burke; Thanksgiving for Boy Kasilag
10:00 AM	+Polonia, Ramona & Rosa Gutierrez; +Sergio Cabrera;
12:00 PM	+Alberto Valle +Pedro Reyes

Sacramental Preparation & Parish Registration

Sacrament of Matrimony: 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 the 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 Children from Grades 1 to High School; 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 the sacraments 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 the area or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024 :
FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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, December 24	:	\$2,200.00
Christmas	:	\$4,268.00
On line donations	:	\$984.00

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 por Yolanda Muñoz

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 the Feast of the Holy Family:

The family is the foundation of society. It is where individuals learn to receive and give love.

It could be a group of father, mother and children. It could be a church or a social group. It could even be a family of nations. But whatever it is, the same is always true, it is where each member feels where he is welcome and where he belongs.

The Holy Family is an excellent model for us to follow. Joseph and Mary took care of their family, Jesus was obedient to his parents. They had love, trust and respect for each other, but most of all towards the Heavenly Father.

The Holy Family had their difficulties, too. Joseph and Mary were still engaged when she was found with child. Jesus was born in a stable. They had to flee to another country. Mary saw her son suffer and die on the cross. Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb. Mary was left in the care of a friend.

Each family is dysfunctional in its own way but through it all, we should continue to love each other and we should continue to be proud of our own family.

Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Stewardship

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
- Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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.

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

Viviendo Nuestra Fe

En la Constitución sobre la Iglesia en el mundo actual (*Gaudium et spes*, 43) se denuncia la separación entre fe y vida como uno de los errores mas graves de nuestro tiempo. Las tendencias de egoísmo narcisista, el consumismo y la exaltación de la apariencia entre otros factores, ponen a prueba el verdadero testimonio de la fe cristiana al servicio del hombre, su dignidad humana y lo mas autentico de su cultura.

- ◆ De su entorno, ¿Dónde percibe usted el espíritu cristiano de la Navidad?
- ◆ ¿Qué elementos del Nacimiento de Cristo incorpora usted a su espiritualidad cotidiana?
- ◆ Cómo fomenta su grupo de fe los valores cristianos durante el tiempo litúrgico de Navidad?

REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETÍN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD 24 de diciembre de 2023

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

"...Como el Señor los ha perdonado, así deben ustedes perdonar." - COLOSENSES 3-13

Perdonar es una de las cosas difíciles para las personas. No podemos dar lo que no tenemos. Necesitamos recibir la misericordia y el perdón de Dios antes de darlos a otras personas. Acérquese al sacramento de la Reconciliación y reciba la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Entonces, comparta el don del perdón con alguien - un miembro de la familia, un amigo o un compañero de trabajo. Tome su teléfono y llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a alguien, justo en este momento.

Scripture Insights

Joseph and Mary offer in the Temple for Jesus' birth "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Such an offering is prescribed in Leviticus 12 for the poor who cannot afford a lamb or a sheep. From this, we can deduce that Luke's Jesus is born into a poor family. The image of the newborn Jesus lying in a manger is consistent with this picture. Given the less-than-desirable circumstances of Jesus' birth, it may be difficult for the couple to hold on to the angel's pronouncement to Mary about Jesus (1:30-33), especially given Simeon's words to Mary that "you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:35).

- ◆ What challenges keep you, your parish, or society from seeing a way forward?
- ◆ Whose example do you lean on when your faith wavers?
- ◆ How do you imagine God's faithfulness?

Readings for the Week of December 31, 2023

JANUARY 2024

- 1 Mon** SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD white The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity [not a Holy Day of Obligation this year] Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Pss Prop
- 2 Tue** Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, white Bishops and Doctors of the Church Memorial 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 Pss I
- 3 Wed** Christmas Weekday white/white [The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
- 4 Thu** USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious white Memorial 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
- 5 Fri** USA: Saint John Neumann, Bishop white Memorial 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
- 6 Sat** Christmas Weekday white/white [USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious] 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- 7 SUN** USA: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD white Solemnity Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Pss Prop

OL Czestochowa Open House & Registration

Pre-K3 — Grade 3, 248 Marin Boulevard
Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:00am – 12:00pm

Early Childhood Center, 180 Grand Street,
Sunday January 21, 2024 10:30am – 12:30pm

Grade 4 — 8, 225 Morris Boulevard
Friday, January 12, 2024 8:00am – 10:00am

Celebrate Jesus — The Reason for the Season

Schedule of New Year's Masses

Saturday, Dec 30, 2023

5:30pm Anticipated Mass

New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec 31, 2023

Masses: 8am, 10am (Spanish), 12noon

New Year's Day, Monday, Jan 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Masses: 8am, 10am (Spanish), 12noon

Parish Office is Closed; No holy hour in the evening

The priests, deacons, and staff

of St. Mary's Parish wish everyone a Happy New Year!

