

# ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH

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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-H.S.:

Freddy Burke

Office Assistant:

Alexis Zhu

Sacristans:

Rosalia Mendoza &

Leandro Ogando

Maintenance:

Benny DeCastro

Trustees:

Purita Berrios &

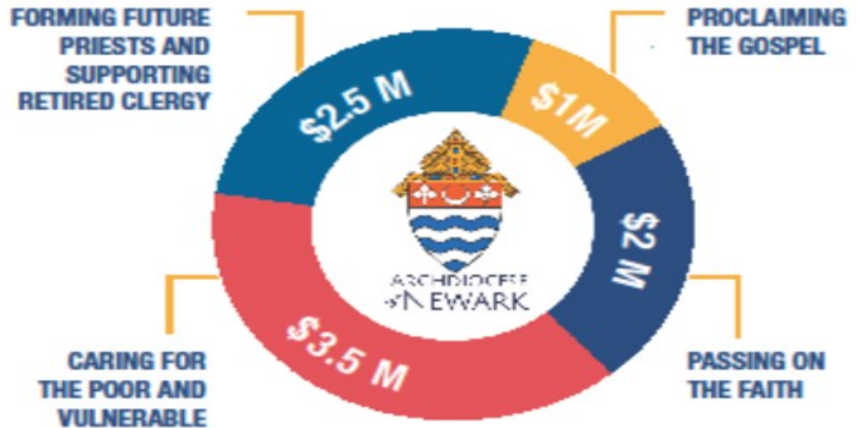
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

### 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.

# ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

## CASE FOR SUPPORT



### PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL \$1,000,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Ministry to Multi-Ethnic Communities
- Office of Evangelization
- Office of Family Life
- International Missions
- Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf
- Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

### PASSING ON THE FAITH \$2,000,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Catechetical Office
- Campus Ministry at affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Schools

### CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE \$3,500,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Catholic Charities
- Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy
- Respect Life Office (Includes Mercy House and Pro-Life Efforts)
- Protecting God's Children

### FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY \$2,500,000

**PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:**

- Continuing Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : FEBRUARY 4, 2024

**MASS SCHEDULE: February 5 – February 11, 2024**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>February 5, 2024</b>   |
| 7:00 AM          | +Maria & Jose Sorongon;<br>+Carmelito Sendin; +Irene Higgins                                  |
| 7:00 PM          | Holy Hour   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>February 6, 2024</b>   |
| 7:00 AM          | For God's Protection for Lorenzo Tosado & Family;<br>+Carmelito Sendin                        |
| 7:00 PM          | +Carlos Galarza;<br>+Luz Melina Hernandez   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>February 7, 2024</b>   |
| 7:00 AM          | +Carmelito Sendin; +Ellen Rogan   |
| 7:00 PM          | Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>February 8, 2024</b>   |
| 7:00 AM          | +Trinidad Sarmiento; +Carmelito Sendin  |
| 7:00 PM          | Para la curación de Adela Alicea;<br>+Carmen Lillian Benitez; +Carlos Herrera                 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>February 9, 2024</b>   |
| 7:00 AM          | +Carmelito Sendin; +Marie Higgins   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>February 10, 2024</b>  |
| 9:00 AM          | Memorial Mass   |
| 5:30 PM          | Thanksgiving for Ma. Lourdes Somoza;<br>+Irma Claudia; +Carmelito Sendin;<br>+Lourdes Aprecio |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>February 11, 2024</b>  |
| 8:00 AM          | Thanksgiving for Lourdes Somoza;<br>+Carmelito Sendin; +Mary Wysowaty                         |
| 10:00 AM         | +Polonia Gutierrez; +Sergio Cabrera;<br>+Estela Montenegro; +Claudina Jarquin                 |
| 12:00 PM         | People of the Parish  |

**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 FEBRUARY 2024 :**

**For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**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**

|  |                   |
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| <b>Collection Sunday, January 28 :</b> | <b>\$2,331.00</b> |
| <b>Second Collection :</b>             | <b>\$ 522.00</b>  |
| <b>On Line Donation :</b>              | <b>\$1,058.00</b> |

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**

Special Intention for  
Lorenzo Segundo & Ma. Gemma Solivio

**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

## La atención a los enfermos

Jesús aparece como el gran médico en el evangelio de hoy. Si la enfermedad nos lleva a tocar el fondo de nuestra debilidad, la sanación de Cristo nos lleva a experimentar la "debilidad" de Dios por los débiles. De este modo, allí donde el ser humano encuentra la verdad de su contingencia y de su fragilidad allí también encuentra la verdad del amor inconmensurable de Dios, pues la debilidad de Dios son los débiles.

La dedicación de Cristo a los enfermos se ha extendido en la historia de diversas maneras, y entre ellas hemos de recordar con gratitud a tantas obras de misericordia que alivian de muchos modos los dolores del mundo. Hospitales, orfanatos, ancianatos, hogares de paso, atención a refugiados o desplazados... en todos ellos se puede sentir la caricia del Hijo de Dios, y la eficacia de su amor que marca una diferencia en la vida de millones de personas.

Oremos, pues, con amor por quienes allí entregan su vida, especialmente si son conscientes de que están prolongando la piel, las manos y la mirada de Jesús a favor de sus "predilectos", los enfermos.

**Diacono Pedro Gonzalez**

### REFLEXIONES DEL BOLETÍN DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

4 de febrero de 2024

#### 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

*"De madrugada, antes del amanecer, Jesús se levantó y, saliendo de la ciudad, se dirigió a un lugar apartado a orar...Vayamos a otra parte, a las aldeas cercanas, para proclamar también allí el mensaje, pues para eso he venido".*  
- Marcos 1:35, 38

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy vemos un perfecto ejemplo de corresponsabilidad. Jesús da Su tiempo para hacer todo lo que Dios desea - sanar a los enfermos y predicar, pero antes de comenzar, Jesús toma tiempo para estar solo con Dios en oración. Es a través de la oración, pasando tiempo con Dios, que nos serán dadas las gracias que necesitamos para hacer lo que Él desea que nosotros hagamos. Rezar antes de actuar es un gran hábito que debemos desarrollar.

# 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 the January 2024 winner:

**John Reynolds!**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

If you are interested in our youth group please contact  
Deacon Cesar Sarmiento : [deaconsarmiento@aol.com](mailto:deaconsarmiento@aol.com)

### **Viviendo Nuestra Fe**

Nuestras formas socioeconómicas, regidas por el consumo y la ganancia, producen muchas personas frustradas, impedidas y enfermas, a las que se les niega el acceso a la salud plena. El papa Francisco nos recuerda a todos los católicos el deber fraternal de apoyarlas y luchar por transformar nuestros modos excluyentes para ser "signos del reino de Dios" y recuperar la humanidad que el Señor Jesús encarnó. Hagamos espacios para todos los excluidos y marginados (cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 110).

#### **Para Reflexionar**

- ◆ Identifique a personas lisiadas, impedidas física o psicológicamente. ¿De qué apoyos disponen?
- ◆ ¿Cómo experimenta usted la Buena Nueva de la liberación del pecado? ¿Se ha sentido oprimido alguna vez?
- ◆ ¿Qué atenciones o cuidados procura su grupo de fe a las personas con capacidades diferentes? ¿Cómo apoya ese ministerio su organización religiosa?

#### Stewardship

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"*  
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

#### **Practice of Charity**

Although the Book of Job doesn't explain suffering, the text invites us to talk with God about the pain we see and might be dealing with. As we hear in the Gospel passage, our loving God cares about our health and well-being.

- ◆ Bring into your mind the times you have suffered physically or mentally. Talk openly with God about how you feel about your suffering.
- ◆ Spend some time praying for people you know who are in pain. Offer them your loving compassion. Send a card or a note to one of those people, telling them you are keeping the individual in your prayers.
- ◆ What makes service or ministry to others challenging?

## Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024

**5 Mon** Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr red Memorial 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

**6 Tue** Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs red Memorial 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

**7 Wed** Weekday green 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

**8 Thu** Weekday green/white/white [Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin] 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

**9 Fri** Weekday green 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

**10 Sat** Saint Scholastica, Virgin white Memorial 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

**11 SUN** SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME green Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 Pss II

## ANUNCIOS

### Miércoles de ceniza

El 14 de febrero de 2024 es el Miércoles de Ceniza.

La Misa y el Servicio con Cenizas únicamente serán en la Iglesia principal.

Misa con Cenizas 7:00am

Servicio con Cenizas solo de 12:00 a 14:00 horas

Misa con Cenizas 7:00pm



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. Mass and Service with Ashes only will be in the main Church.

Mass with Ashes 7:00am

Service with Ashes only 12noon — 2pm

Mass with Ashes 7:00pm

## THE DAYS OF LENT 2024

|     | S  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F | S  |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| FEB |    |    |    |    | 15 |   | 17 |
|     | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |   | 24 |
| MAR | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |   | 2  |
|     | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |   | 9  |
|     | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |   | 16 |
|     | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |   | 23 |
|     | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |   | 30 |



**Abstinence** — No meat.



**Fast and Abstinence** — 1 full meal (18 through 59), no meat (over 14 years)

**Ash Wednesday** — February 14. LENT begins. Easter is March 31.

**Easter Duty** — (Paschal Communion) February 14 through March 31.

**Eucharistic Fast** — 1 hour from foods and liquids. Water and medicine never break the fast.

## Our Lenten Sacrifice

**Days of Abstinence** — Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

**Days of Fast** — Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all who have reached their 18th birthday and have not as yet reached their 60th birthday, a limit of one full meatless meal.

**Self-Denial** — Is encourage on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.