



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: Adoration 7:00-8:00 pm]

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm Spanish

Wednesday: 7:00pm Adoration / Rosary

Saturday: 9:00 am English

Saturday Anticipated Mass:

5:30 pm English

2000 Hail Mary's 8:00am—6:00pm
(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

209 Third 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



*“You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him only shall you serve.”
Luke 4:8*

March 9, 2025

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

Religious Education: Grades 1-H.S: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Leandro Ogando

Maintenance: Benny DeCastro

Music Director: Eric Fahner

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!

MASS SCHEDULE: March 10 – March 16, 2025

MONDAY	March 10, 2025
7:00 AM	Intentions of Victoria Egejuru & Family; +Armando Porto
7:00 PM	Holy Hour
TUESDAY	March 11, 2025
7:00 AM	+Vitalis Elewune; +Irene Higgins
7:00 PM	+All Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY	March 12, 2025
7:00 AM	+Alexander Mendoza; +Marie Higgins
7:00 PM	Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
THURSDAY	March 13, 2025
7:00 AM	+Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	+All Souls in Purgatory; +Adolfina Perez
FRIDAY	March 14, 2025
7:00 AM	Intentions of Victoria Egejuru & Family
SATURDAY	March 15, 2025
9:00 AM	Memorial Mass — Tree of Life +Eileen Quirk
5:30 PM	+Hortencia Santos; +Neonita Bona
SUNDAY	March 16, 2025
8:00 AM	Special Intention of Donato Family; +Lila D'Urso; +Peter Matarazzo, Sr.
10:00 AM	+Walter Herrera; +Claudina Jarquin; +Sara Vazquez
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 MARCH 2025:

For Families In Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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, March 2 : \$2,727.00
Online Donations : \$1,500.00

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

All Souls in Purgatory

St. Boniface Chapel

All Souls in Purgatory

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, 8:00am – 6pm

CATHOLIC ACTION OF MARY: First Sunday 11AM, St Bridget's Library

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday 1PM, St Bridget's Library

COLUMBIETTES: First Sunday 1PM, Marian Hall

Reflection

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the liturgical season of Lent began this week with Ash Wednesday, we reflect on Jesus' time in the desert in which our Lord fasted, prayed and faced evil. As Catholics we should be encouraged to partake in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during this time of prayer and fasting. The Sacrament is offered here at St. Mary's Parish every Saturday from 4pm to 5pm, or any other time by special request.

In the month of March, nineteen students will partake in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time. I ask that you keep our children and teens and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and in May, receiving our Lord in the Sacrament of 1st Communion.

The Monthly Family Mass will take place on the last Sunday of March on March 30th at the 12N Mass. All families with children of all ages are welcome to the Family Mass. Parents, I continue to encourage you to bring your children to Mass. You are your child's first teacher in faith and they need you. May God Bless you.

Peace and Grace,

Freddy Burke

Director of Religious Education

Stewardship

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

- DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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: 7am—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

El ser humano sólo encuentra su plenitud en la entrega sincera de sí mismo a los demás, enseña el Magisterio de la Iglesia. Sólo en el encuentro con los otros consigue comunicarse y experimentar el valor de vivir y de amar. Este es el verdadero secreto de la existencia humana, pues "la vida subsiste donde hay vínculo, comunión, fraternidad; y es una vida más fuerte que la muerte cuando se construye sobre relaciones verdaderas y lazos de fidelidad" (*Fratelli tutti*, 87).

- ◆ ¿Cómo puede transformar la gloria de Dios a alguien?
¿Conoce a alguien transformado por la gloria de Dios?
- ◆ ¿Cómo experimenta usted en su día a día la cruz de Cristo y la gloria divina?
- ◆ ¿Cómo promueve su grupo o comunidad de fe la búsqueda de la gloria de Dios?

Llamamiento Anual 2025

¡La Llamada Anual 2025 ha comenzado! Cada año estamos invitados a participar en la Llamada Anual, que es una oportunidad para apoyar los ministerios y programas esenciales de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Su apoyo sacrificial nos permite llevar a cabo el importante trabajo que estamos llamados a hacer como discípulos misioneros de Jesús.

Plato de Arroz de CRS

Su donación a Plato de Arroz de CRS ayuda a brindar apoyo vital a más de 200 millones de personas. Por favor, recoja un cuenco de arroz en la parte trasera de la iglesia.



Estaciones de la Cruz

Todos los viernes por la noche de Cuaresma, habrá Estaciones de la Cruz a las 7:00 p.m.



Las Estaciones De La Cruz

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.

Congratulations to the February 2025 winner:
Felicidades a la ganadora de febrero de 2025:

Alexis Zhu!

¡Únase o RENUEVA HOY! Esto será de gran ayuda para tu Iglesia y para tu familia. Los premios se sortearán el último viernes del mes.

Readings for the Week of First Sunday of Lent, Year C

10 Mon Lenten Weekday violet Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

11 Tue Lenten Weekday violet Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

12 Wed Lenten Weekday violet Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

13 Thu Lenten Weekday violet Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

14 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

15 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

16 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT violet Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 Pss II

2025 Annual Appeal

The 2025 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.

Lenten Day of Reflection

Save the Date! Friday, March 28 is the Lenten Retreat at 6:00pm.

CRS Rice Bowl

Your donation to the CRS Rice Bowl helps provide lifesaving support to more than 200 million people. Please pickup a rice bowl in the back of the Church.

Jornada De Reflexión Cuaresmal

¡Reserve la fecha! El viernes 28 de marzo es el retiro de Cuaresma a las 6:00 p. m.

Reglamento de Cuaresma 2025

1. Los días de ayuno y abstinencia durante la Cuaresma son el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo se continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (la noche del Sábado Santo) como “ayuno pascual” para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús, y para prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más dispuestamente Su Resurrección. Los demás viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

En un día de ayuno, sólo se permite una (1) comida completa y dos (2) comidas más pequeñas, que, sumadas, no excedan la cantidad de la comida principal.

Están obligados a ayunar aquellos que tengan entre 18 y 59 años.

En el día de abstinencia no se puede comer carne. Los que hayan cumplido 14 años están obligados por la ley de abstinencia.

2. La obligación de observar las leyes del Ayuno y la Abstinencia “sustancialmente”, o en su totalidad, es una obligación grave.
3. Los viernes del año, fuera de la Cuaresma, están designados como días de penitencia, pero cada individuo puede sustituir la tradicional abstinencia de carne por alguna otra práctica de abnegación voluntaria como penitencia.
4. El tiempo para cumplir el precepto pascual (deber pascual*) se extiende desde el primer domingo de Cuaresma, el 9 de marzo, hasta la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad, el 15 de junio de 2025.

**Canon 920, § 1. Todos los fieles, una vez iniciados en la Santísima Eucaristía, están obligados a recibir la comunión al menos una vez al año.*