

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

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : MARCH 16, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE: March 17 – March 23, 2025

MONDAY 7:00 AM	March 17, 2025 Intentions of Victoria Egejuru & Family; +Marie Higgins Holy Hour
7:00 PM	
TUESDAY 7:00 AM	March 18, 2025 +Belen Cajés; +Vitalis Elewune +All Souls in Purgatory; +Eileen Quirk
7:00 PM	
WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM	March 19, 2025 Thanksgiving for Linus Bonafe; +Maria & Jose Sorongon Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy
7:00 PM	
THURSDAY 7:00 AM	March 20, 2025 Special Intention of Fr. Duberley Salazar; +Irene Higgins +Antonio & Rene Amurrio
7:00 PM	
FRIDAY 7:00 AM	March 21, 2025 Intentions of Victoria Egejuru & Family; +Dr. Cesar Malantic
SATURDAY 9:00 AM	March 22, 2025 Memorial Mass — Tree of Life +Eileen Quirk +Santiago Muzones, Jr.;
5:30 PM	+Emma Maldonado
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	March 23, 2025 Special Intention of Masteria Family People of the Parish
10:00 AM	
12:00 PM	Intentions of Victoria Egejuru & Family; +Kenneth Veintimilla

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 9	:	\$2,623.00
Central & Eastern Europe	:	\$ 857.00
On Line Donation	:	\$ 273.00

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

“Master, it is good that we are here!”

Luke 9:33

The Transfiguration of our Lord is a preparation for his upcoming crucifixion just as Lent is a period of preparation for Good Friday but more so for Easter. Elijah and Moses, representing the prophets and the law, conversed with our Lord and they were gloriously transfigured in the sight of Peter, James and John. Peter was so overcome with awe that he exclaimed how good it was that they were there.

In our lives, we also experience that sense of awe which we can call our “Jesus moment”. A wonderful feeling that God is with us. A feeling that we can go back to when we are in the midst of turmoil or some dark moments in our lives. That we are not alone, that with Jesus present in our lives we can overcome any trial or disappointment. As St. Paul had said, if God is for us, who can be against us.

Let us learn from the story of the Transfiguration - that against all odds, we will also triumph just as Jesus did over his crucifixion. There is hope that beyond the gloom of Good Friday, there is the glory of Easter. The inspiration of the Transfiguration should carry us through the Good Fridays in our lives.

Deacon Cesar Sarmiento

Stewardship

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” - GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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.



POR FAVOR, INVOLUCRESE

Para ofrecerse como lector, ujier, monaguillo o cantar con el coro, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial llamando al (201) 434-8500 o enviándonos un correo electrónico (stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com).

Todos los voluntarios están sujetos a procedimientos ambientales seguros según lo indicado por la Arquidiócesis de Newark.
¡GRACIAS!

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

17 Mon Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Patrick, Bishop] Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

18 Tue Lenten Weekday violet [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

19 Wed SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY white Solemnity 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a Pss Prop

20 Thu Lenten Weekday violet Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

21 Fri Lenten Weekday violet Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

22 Sat Lenten Weekday violet Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

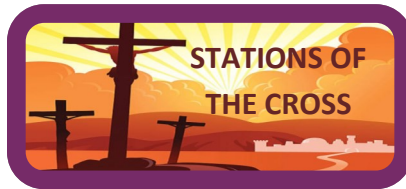
23 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT violet Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Pss III

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 (except First Fridays), there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.



Estaciones de la Cruz

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



Las Estaciones De La Cruz

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.

Lenten Day of Retreat

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

This Lenten season, be fervent in your weekly Mass attendance, consider increasing your weekly offering, invite your friends, your loved ones, or coworkers to our Sunday Liturgy. Be determined to make a difference in the lives of others by encouraging them to come to our Sunday Masses and Lenten activities.

Día de Retiro de Cuaresma

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

En esta temporada de Cuaresma, sea ferviente en su asistencia a la Misa semanal, considere aumentar su ofrenda semanal, invite a sus amigos, seres queridos o compañeros de trabajo a nuestra Liturgia dominical. Tome la determinación de marcar una diferencia en la vida de los demás animándolos a asistir a nuestras Misas dominicales y actividades de Cuaresma.