

# 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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 Deacon Leandro Javier Ogando

Parish Assistant and Bookkeeper: Diana Encalada Religious Education: Grades 1-High School: Freddy Burke

Office Assistant: Alexis Zhu

Sacristans: Rosalia Mendoza & Kathy Sison

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.

### MASS SCHEDULE: September 29- October 05, 2025

**MONDAY September 29, 2025** 

7:00 AM +Irene Higgins

Special Intention of Joshua Bashell

Ivette & Christopher Scarpa

7:00 PM Holy Hour

**TUESDAY** September 30, 2025

7:00 AM +Marie Higgins +Minda Sison 7:00 PM Special Intention of Ditas Tolentino

October 1, 2025 WEDNESDAY

+Eileen Quirk +Lorraine Dungan 7:00 AM 7:00 PM Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy

THURSDAY October 2, 2025

+Zosima 'Chuchi' Calingasan 7:00 AM 7:00 PM Health of Sister Mary Lynch

October 3, 2025 **FRIDAY** 

7:00 AM +Lourdes & Rodolfo Lozada

Thanksgiving for Raeley & Ranae Dizon

**SATURDAY** October 4, 2025

9:00 AM Memorial Mass — Tree of Life

+Lorenzo & Juliet Solivio 5:30 PM

Thanksgiving for Andre Amorim Thanksgiving for Armi Ricardo

October 5, 2025 SUNDAY

8:00 AM People of the Parish

+Carol Dorico 9:00 AM (Tagalog) +Rene Alvaran +Rosa & Rene Mostaio 10:00 AM

+Cristina Ross

+Tony Lora Dalmau

12:00 PM Thanksgiving for Kai Joseph Aguilar

+Ricardo Somoza

### **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 201-434email both deaconsarmiento@aol.com stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com.

Religious Education (CCD): For Religious Education of Children & Teens from Grades 1 - High School; please contact Freddy Burke: stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com or visit the parish website.

Adult Education (OCIA): For Adult Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation please contact Rene Tolentino (stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com) or visit our parish website for more information.

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 have a change of address, will move away from the area, or if you have questions about the contribution envelopes.

### **POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:** For Our Relationship With All Of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### 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 21: \$2,674.00 **Online Donation** : \$ 756.00

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 or visit 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

Por Accion de Gracia del Yolanda Muñoz

### St. Boniface Chapel

In Memory of +Frank Valanzola

### The Bread and Wine is offered this week for:

Special Intention of Sister Mary Lynch

### **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

# SUNDAY REFLECTION The Rich man and Lazarus

In our Gospel this week, Jesus tells us about the story of the rich man and Lazarus, in which, when both died, Lazarus was carried to Abraham's bosom by the angels, and the rich man found himself in torments in Hades

The sin of the rich man in the parable was not that he was rich, but that he was insensitive to the man at his gate in desperate need. It was the sin of indifference or an act of omission. He failed to notice the poor beggar at his gate. The rich man allowed his wealth to isolate him. Yet, the reality is that we are all dependent on one another. That is how God created us to live. It is only in relationship with those who cross our path in life that we can become all that God is calling us to be.

Not many of us are overly wealthy today. Still, we have all been given some small resources that others can benefit from, such as our time, talent, strength, insight, words of comfort, or simply our ability to be present to others. It is by noticing the other person and responding to his/her needs that we can become true followers of Christ.

This week, opportunities will come our way to be charitable with what we have been given. The parable challenges us to make the most of those opportunities.

Have a blessed week!

### Very Rev Eustace Edomobi Pastor.

Stewardship reflection: Sept. 28, 2025, 26th Sunday Year C.. Stewardship Bridge

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."

LUKE 16:25-26 When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own Stewardship we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

### **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

### AT HOME WITH THE WORD

Amos describes a people who view religion as an inconvenience that gets in the way of making money. Like the steward in the Gospel reading, they profit by cheating the poor. It is difficult and sometimes impossible in a complicated global economy to detach our financial security from systems of oppression, but we must try. Some of our neighbors live in unimaginable distress imposed on them by systemic indifference.

- Pray to understand the daily needs and challenges of these people.
- Bring attention to the plight of those living in distress.

### Religious Education for Children and Teens 2025-2026

Registration is still open online at our parish website. Now offering a children and teen bible study class. The Religious Education Program classes have started on Saturday, September 20. Please arrive at the French American Academy entrance by 10:30am.

### **OCIA**

Registration is still open online at our parish website for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program. Registration cost is \$50. Adults seeking to become Catholic or receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation can contact the parish office for more information. Classes have begun on Sunday Sept 14 and will continue every Sunday after the 8am Mass in the Library in Marian Hall.

### 2026 Mass Intention Book

Mass Book for 2026 is now open. Please call the Parish office, email us at stmarys2093rdst@gmail.com, or stop by the parish office from Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm to arrange Masses for living or deceased members of your family.

You may also dedicate The Tabernacle Candle, or offer the Bread and Wine in loving memory of a loved one.

### **OLC OPEN HOUSE**

Our Lady of Czestochowa School is the only PK-8 grade Catholic Education in Downtown Jersey City Call or email to Schedule a tour today.

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### Readings for the Week of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

22 Mon Weekday Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

23 Tue Weekday Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**24 Wed** Weekday Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

25 Thu Weekday Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**26 Fri** Weekday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

27 Sat Weekday Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest; Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

28 SUN TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### **ESTUDIO BÍBLICO DEL VIERNES**

Está invitado a volver al estudio bíblico de los viernes, que se reanuda el viernes 26 de septiembre a las 6:30 pm en la biblioteca. Reunámonos una vez más para explorar la Palabra de Dios. Todos son bienvenidos.

### **FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY**

You are invited to return to Friday Bible study, which resumes on Friday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Let us gather once again to explore God's Word. All are welcome

### **Mother Cabrini 2025**

All are invited to the annual celebration of Mother Cabrini (International Day) on Sunday October 12, 2025 at 12N Mass with the Procession of the Flags of Nations of the Parishioners followed by the Taste of Nations fellowship in Marian Hall.

### We Are His Witnesses

The Archdiocese of Newark is launching a new pastoral initiative, We Are His Witnesses, to inspire all Catholics to embrace their baptismal call as missionary disciples who share Christ's love, truth, and hope with the world.

We Are His Witnesses is a pastoral initiative launched by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, on Pentecost in June 2025. It invites all of us to walk together on a journey called We Are His Witnesses—a path of pastoral conversion inspired by the Word of God, rooted in Pope Francis's Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). This initiative invites the entire Church to reimagine parish life, mission, and ministry in response to a changing world. Please visit the Archdiocesan website for more details.

### We Are His Witnesses (Spanish)

La Arquidiócesis de Newark lanza una nueva iniciativa pastoral, Somos Sus Testigos, para inspirar a todos los católicos a abrazar su llamado bautismal como discípulos misioneros que comparten el amor, la verdad y la esperanza de Cristo con el mundo. Somos Sus Testigos es una iniciativa pastoral lanzada por el Cardenal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Arzobispo de Newark, en Pentecostés de junio de 2025. Nos invita a todos a recorrer juntos un camino llamado Somos Sus Testigos: un camino de conversión pastoral inspirado en la Palabra de Dios, arraigado en la Evangelii Gaudium (La Alegría del Evangelio) del Papa Francisco. Esta iniciativa invita a toda la Iglesia a reimaginar la vida parroquial, la misión y el ministerio en respuesta a un mundo cambiante. Para más información, visite el sitio web de la Arquidiócesis.

### **ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA**

Celebramos la Hora Santa Eucarística todos los lunes de 7pm – 8pm en la Capilla de San Bonifacio. Los miércoles tenemos devociones de Adoración con Rosario y Divina Misericordia a las 7pm en la Capilla.

♦ También tenemos Adoración y Devoción similar al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús todos los primeros viernes de cada mes de 7:00 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. en la Iglesia.

Todos los feligreses están invitados a asistir y tener la maravillosa oportunidad de reunirse y reflexionar en oraciones silenciosas y meditación en la Presencia de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Por favor únase a nosotros.