

**The Bells of St. Mary's
The Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020**

From Fr. Anthony Ekanem, MSP

Dear Parishioners:

As the day passes, I wonder how long we are going to be in this dreadful situation because it is affecting our entire way of life profoundly. It would be difficult to overstate how challenging these days have been for all of us, as we face the various effects of the COVID - 19 crises on our families, jobs, and communities. We have been adjusting to the coronavirus pandemic, and control the spread of the virus is the suspension of the Holy Mass and refraining from gathering in community.

Please, know that we, your priests, miss you, our parishioners deeply. When we offer private Masses each day, we are praying for your intentions. Many of you have called us to express appreciation and gratitude for remembering you and your family members. I hope you are praying a prayer of spiritual communion often, and that you are comforted by the constant presence of our Lord even when you cannot receive Him physically.

In addition to our spiritual lives, the crisis has impacted our pastoral plans significantly, that we have to put everything on hold. Our inability to gather each week at Mass also means our parish is unable to receive your offertory gift, and I cannot stress to you how vital this support is to our church and the people who work here. Parish operating budgets depend on this revenue to pay employees and all the other monthly expenses associated with running the church. Most parishes do not have large sums in reserve. Your continued support of our parish is crucial now.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all our faithful parishioners who have been sending in their Sunday collection envelopes. Whether it is by mail, dropping it in our mailbox or by signing up for We Share (<https://icmary.churchgiving.com>) we cannot express in words how much your generosity has meant to us. We know that these are extremely trying times, and not everyone can contribute at this time, but for those who can, we ask that you continue to do so. We, like you, are a family, and without the Sunday collection, we wouldn't be able to maintain our facilities or our many good works. If you are in urgent need of help, please contact our Diocesan Catholic Charities.

We know this crisis is causing fear and anxiety; two things the Lord does not want us to experience. I urge you to go to your Bible and revisit the readings proclaimed to you on Divine Mercy Sunday, especially the Gospel reading from St John 20: 19 - 31. Amid fear and turmoil of the followers of Jesus, Jesus wished them peace. He revealed Himself to them. He walked with them, and assuring them; He is with us in Spirit.

Thank you for your prayers, especially on our birthday on April 15. Thank you for your faithfulness and your support. May our Risen Lord bless and keep each of you and your loved ones during one this challenging and historic time.
Rev. Anthony C Ekanem, MSP Pastor

INFORMATION

JOIN US FOR MASS LIVESTREAM BY GOING TO: <https://icmary103.com>

Our live stream Schedule will be as follows:

(The Spanish Masses will be in YouTube) Our schedule of Private Masses that will be livestreamed will be as follows:

.. Saturday: 5:00 PM English

.. Sunday: 11:00 AM English

The Spanish Masses will be in YouTube

.. Thursday: 7:00 PM Spanish

.. Saturday: 7:30 PM Spanish

.. Sunday: 9:00 AM Spanish

All Weekday Mass intentions are being celebrated by the priests privately

Please go to the website about 15 minutes before the posted time to join the English livestream. There is a 30 second delay on the video feed. A recording of the Spanish Saturday 7:30 PM will be uploaded to YouTube.

CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT. We urge all who can to please consider joining the online WeShare automated giving program by going to: <https://icmary.churchgiving.com/> to set up automatic giving to keep our staff, clergy, and buildings ready for us when this crisis ends, as it will. After the page opens, look around WeShare at the collection opportunities and click on the yellow button, "Make a Donation", and follow directions. God bless you for your continuing sacrifices.

While we are still able to keep our churches open for private prayer you will see collection boxes In the Church. Please place your collection envelopes or any contribution you wish to make to help support our parish, staff and our utility expenses. Or you can mail or drop your envelope at the Parish Office.
Thank you for supporting the work of Jesus Christ!

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 22-23 (46A)

Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21 The blood of Christ, as of the sinless, unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35 Two disciples bound for Emmaus were joined by Jesus, whom they did not recognize. They discussed the death of Jesus and the disappearance of his body from the tomb. Jesus explained to them through the Scriptures the meaning of the events that had taken place. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes will begin again when the Archdiocese including Public Schools give us the go ahead. In the mean time, Parents, please help your children learn their prayer before Confession and Holy Communion especially how to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance. This is a good time to say those prayers together. Let us keep praying for our Religious Education families of St. Mary's at this time.. God bless you!

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

I hope you had a wonderful Easter weekend. As you may know from the email from Msgr. LaMorte, the Development Office was given the directive from Cardinal Dolan to reach out to parishioners on his behalf regarding the 2020 Appeal. I just wanted to check with you to get your approval to reach out to your parishioners in the next few weeks. I can understand how these times have been very stressful for you so I just wanted to make it clear that the calls will be made on behalf of the Cardinal and NOT you or your parish. Please email me back with your approval or if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Thank you, I hope you stay safe and well!

Sincerely, Celeste Kabemba Campaign Manager

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: To donate you can go to cardinalsappeal.org, click on Donate, select an amount, and direct your gift to our Church: #567 Immaculate Conception, Yonkers

**Mass Intention for the week of
of April 25 to May 3, 2020**

Saturday, April 25, 2020

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

5:00 pm - Available/Disponibile

7:30 pm - Héctor Marmolejos + * De La Familia

Sunday, April 26, 2020

7:30 pm - For the Parishioners/Para los Parroquianos

9:00 am - Bartolina Frias y Ramon Serrano + * Eladio Serrano y Familia

11:00 am - Juvenil Antao + Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues

Monday, April 27, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible

12:05 pm - Available/Disponible

Tuesday April 28, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible

12:05 pm - Available/Disponible

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible

12:05 pm - Available/Disponible

Thursday, April 30, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible

12:05 pm - Available/Disponible

7:00 pm - Francisco Alomar + * Cesar Cuadra & Familia

Friday, May 1, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponible

12:05 pm - Available/Disponible

7:00 pm - Sagrado Corazón de Jesús * Marta Vega

Saturday, May 2, 2020

12:05 pm - Available/Disponible

5:00 pm - Available/Disponible

7:30 pm - Legion de María

Sunday, May 3, 2020

7:30 pm - For the Parishioners/Para los Parroquianos

9:00 am - Onesimo Tovar + * Torivio Joaquina Tovar

11:00 am - Catherine Sacredenski * Jenny & Family

*+Indicates deceased *Indicates the person (s) who requested the Mass.*