

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day  
May 10, 2020**

**From Fr. Anthony Ekanem, MSP**

~ JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. ~

Today we honor our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all who have been like a mother to us. Peter's words in today's second reading (1Peter2:4-9) apply to many of them, for they have been cornerstones in our lives, chosen and precious. In the Gospel, (John 14:1-12), Jesus teaches us His disciples that He shows the way to His Father. Many of us are and were shown the way to faith by our mothers. They taught us how to pray when to pray, why we should pray, and where to pray. As a good Shepherd, they are always ready to lay down their lives for us their children. Mothers are foundations on which we build our lives, the cornerstone, the bedrock of our spiritual home. During this lockdown, find ways at home today to honor your mother for they are the ones who show us the way to Jesus Christ who is the perfect way, the truth and the life.

This month of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and where we are all eagerly waiting for the new vaccine for the virus to come so that we can adjust comfortably well to this new normal, my thoughts are with you, I hope and pray we are staying safe and healthy at home with your family. The last several weeks have been emotionally stressful and trying for all of us, but we continue to adhere and pray for you as you struggle with this situation.

There come times in the lives of all believers when things get very dark and challenging, and we cannot just prove and accept or make sense of what is happening around us. It is at such times that we really need strong faith, and sometimes we run to our mother and ask what we can do. Do not hesitate to pray to Mary to intercede for you. Those who have faith have a source of comfort and inspiration, especially when trouble like this pandemic strikes. Trust is the greatest thing we can give to one another. What real faith does is assure us that God is with us in the midst of this crisis. It is that feeling, that conviction that we are not alone, which enables us to get through the crisis.

Some states, we heard, have already reopened various places and activities for life to return to normal. This situation might lead us to ask the question, what about our Church activities? The simple answer for now is, we are getting our facilities ready to welcome every one of you back, by disinfecting the Church, sanitizing the pews, the doors, the knobs, and the tables. We know everybody wants to get back to prayer as their mother taught them. We promise to keep you informed whenever the authority immediately says it is conducive to gather as we should. We miss you all. Let us not rush because we are tired and bored with the lockdown; instead, let us remember that saying, 'prevention is better than cure.' Here is where we look at how we handle facts, our FAITH with COMMON SENSE, amid the pandemic.

As we take prevention and precaution seriously for fear of the second wave of this virus, we believe there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Join us in prayer this month of May, in our Rosary, as we wait to see ourselves come back to normalcy after the dreadful virus in our world. Note, six feet away from each other for the meantime is better than six feet below the earth. We take health and safety concern relating to this pandemic very important. Let us continue work together to heal our world as we have been doing.

Our Cemetery will be open for family members and friends to visit and pray for their dear ones on Mother's Day. Please, take a look at the Archdiocesan guideline before you decide to go.  
Thank you!

Happy Mother's Day!

Sundays Readings:

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7

There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9 Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the gospel.

**Gospel:** John 14: 1-2 Jesus told the disciples that he would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works that he did and still greater.

**Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**

Update of 2020 Appeal Goals Goal: \$37,500 Pledged:\$22,223.00 Paid:\$14,681.00

Thank you so much for your cooperation again towards Cardinal's Appeal. Please, we are still in need of more support in order to reach our parish goal for 2020 as we have been doing. We still need \$15,277 in pledges.

Monthly Update of Renew & Rebuild Pledges: \$420, 984.30 Paid: \$228,381.50 Left: (\$192,602.80) Thank you for your support towards Archdiocesan Appeal

**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!

Religious Education Students and Parents at St. Mary's

1. Please note that an email was sent to all Religious Education Parents with lessons plans, class by grade.
2. If you HAVE NOT given us with your email address, please send your email address to [icmary103@gmail.com](mailto:icmary103@gmail.com) so you can receive important information and updates.
3. If you Have Not received an email, it either means we have an incorrect e mail address or one that we could not read. Please email us your correct email address to [icmary103@gmail.com](mailto:icmary103@gmail.com). Parents, please send us YOUR email address. We cannot email the children; it must be the parent's email
4. Anyone needing to reach Marisa Rivera, please email to [icmary103@gmail.com](mailto:icmary103@gmail.com).

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**PRAYER**

A PRAYER TO HELP US ALL THROUGH THIS COVID-19 CRISIS:

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) . Click on “sign up”, Click on “I belong to a parish or organization”. Start typing name—Immaculate Conception St. Mary’s Church Yonkers NY. You will see a number of parishes with this name). Scroll to Immaculate Conception St Mary’s Church Yonkers, NY. Hit Next, - create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser [formed.org](http://formed.org) and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!

**Mass Intention for the week of**  
**May 9 to May 17, 2020**

**Saturday, May 9, 2020**

12:05 pm - Stein Family + \* Phyllis Panko Stein  
5:00 pm - Mother’s Day Novena  
7:30 pm - Mother’s Day Novena

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

7:30 pm - Mother’s Day Novena  
9:00 am - Mother’s Day Novena  
11:00 am - Mother’s Day Novena

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

8:15 am - Mother’s Day Novena  
12:05 pm - Mother’s Day Novena

**Tuesday May 12, 2020**

8:15 am - Mother’s Day Novena  
12:05 pm - Mother’s Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile  
12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile  
12:05 pm - Cesar & Guadalupe Cuadra ~ Wedding Anniversary

**Friday, May 15, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile  
12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

12:05 pm - Frank & Ramón Navarro + \* Carmen Navarro  
5:00 pm - Available/Disponibile  
7:30 pm - Ana María Damian + \* Isidoro Cerón

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

9:00 am - Tiola Garcia + \* Milagros Brown  
11:00 am - Hector Paredes + \*Milagros Paredes

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

Prayer for Decease from Corona Virus

We will be praying for our Dear ones that have passed away during the pandemic.

Please submit the names at the Office

Name of Decease. Please Print.

1. Sr Marguerite - McGilly, SC (A graduate of St Mary’s Sch).
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_