

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity June 7, 2020

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The first thing our parents, grandparents, or guardians taught us about our religion was probably the sign of the cross. The last thing a priest will do at our graveside is, make the sign of the cross over our body. This mystery of faith, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," marks a Christian's life.

Today, Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely the mystery of the Trinity. God is Father, Son, and Spirit. By that we mean:

- The Father - as the originator of all life related to creation.
- The Son - as the savior
- The Spirit as a gift from the Father and the Son to sanctify us.

It is not so much about something to be defined, as something to celebrate, pray, and live as we journey through life because it is a central mystery of our religion.

Unfortunately, in the midst of COVID - 19 pandemic, one striking thing which saddens me most is that those who lost a dear one, for some genuine reason, (social distancing) do not have the privilege of praying with their loved one at sickbed as they should - central mystery of our faith, calling on God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to lead and guide a loved one.

Back to the ineffable mystery of God, the revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit tell us first that God is for us, and He is generous. Today's three short Scriptural passages emphasize how merciful, generous, gracious, patient God is with those words, "slow in anger." The Book of Exodus expressed the kindness and fidelity to the Divine by Moses on Mount Sinai by this statement: "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Exodus 34)

First Reading (Ex 34:4-6.8-9) God reveals Himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as a God faithful to His promises and rich in tenderness and compassion.

Second Reading (2 Cor. 23:11-13) Paul encourages the Corinthians to live in peace and love. The passage contains a Trinitarian blessing used as a greeting at Mass. Paul also concludes his second letter to the Corinthians by describing God as "God of love and peace," two gifts that God freely offers to all humankind.

Gospel (Jn. 3:16-18) God has shown His love for us by sending His Son to save us.

The pinnacle of God's generosity comes from the gift of Jesus. God first gave Him to be born into our world, then gave Him over to death to redeem human society unable to do it for itself. Finally, God gives us the Holy Spirit to remain with us. As we celebrate our One True God, yet three Persons, God is one, but God is not alone. We should reflect on an ideal example of a relationship of three persons in one God amid this crisis we are facing today. "For God is not the author of confusion but of peace." (1 Cor. 14:33)

Can we live in a community like the Trinity?

How do you respond to others' generosity?

How do you respond to God's generosity?

Stay safe!

Stewardship

God's Plan of Giving

May 24 & 31, 2020 \$2,358

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: 12:00 PM Spanish

· Sunday: 12:00 PM 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 We Share 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 We Share 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.

INFORMATION

Live Streaming Update. To improve the quality to live Streaming, we must improve the quality of internet reception throughout our historic building, which is very limited. To do that alone will require some funds for better equipment, wiring, and installation.

Parish Rectory Boiler Update

Already, we have been able to put down half the cost of installing a new Boiler in the Parish Rectory, and we are still in need of \$14,000 when the installation is complete.

An Appeal

I ask you, if possible, to consider an additional donation whenever you can add especially to these extra expenses so that we can serve you better. In most of our structures, in other words, the facilities here are obsolete, and we need to maintain them. I know many of you have asked us or expressed concern over how we are coping during this coronavirus pandemic. It is by the grace of God and your generosity that we can manage so far. I wish to strongly appeal to others who are behind in their contribution to the Church and those who feel they will like to support more to call the Parish Office at any time, and we can share more with you what we need and where we are financial. Yes, we have all stretched money wise during this crisis.

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9, (164A)

Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord. He begged the Lord to accompany the Israelites, "a stiff-necked people." He asked God to pardon their wickedness and sin.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55 Glory and praise forever.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Paul encouraged the Corinthians to mend their sinful ways and help one another live in peace. He wrote to them, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Gospel: John 3: 16-18 God loved the world so greatly that he sent his only Son that all may have eternal life. The Son did not come to condemn the world but that it might be saved through him. Whoever believes in the Lord will live forever.

Religious Education

Religious Education Students and Parents at St. Mary's

1. Please note that we need every child parent email so that we can send information about the Religious Education information.
2. If you HAVE NOT given us with your email address, please send your email address to icmary103@gmail.com so you can receive important information and updates.
3. Anyone who would want to reach Marisa Rivera, please email to icmary103@gmail.com.

Archdiocesan Appeal

Update of 2020 Appeal Goals Goal: \$37,500.00 Pledged: \$30,272.00 Paid: \$22,000.00

Thank you so much for your contributions toward our Annual Cardinal's Appeal. Please, we more pledges and \$192,297.80 in our RE - NEW and RE - BUILD that we pledged some years back.

Monthly Update of Renew & Rebuild Goal \$409,000.00 Pledges: \$420, 984.30 Paid: \$228,686.50 Left: (\$192,297.80)

Thank you for all your generosity!

**Mass Intentions for the week of
June 6 to June 14, 2020**

Saturday, June 6, 2020

12:05 - pm - Legion De Maria

5:00 pm - Margaret R. Walsh + * Catherine Reid

Sunday, June 7, 2020

11:00 am - Julio P. Rodriguez + * Julius & Family

12:00 pm - Joaquim Neto + * Maria Neto - Legion De Maria

Monday, June 8, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

Tuesday June 9, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

Thursday, June 11, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

Friday, June 12, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

Saturday, June 13, 2020

12:05 - pm - Available/Disponibile

5:00 pm - Available/Disponibile

Sunday, June 14, 2020

11:00 am - Available/Disponibile

12:00 pm - Rafaela & Paula Navarro + * Carmen Navarro

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

We still have days open for you to book Masses for your dear ones

We still have some days open for you to book for Masses for special intention

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.

Formed.org

Our parish has a free subscription to www.formed.org which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99 + E-Books

- Go to 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 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!

Jesus our brother, you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds,
and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins.

Guide us, through the love you revealed,

to establish the justice you proclaimed,

that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace,

united by that binds us to each other, and to you. Amen.