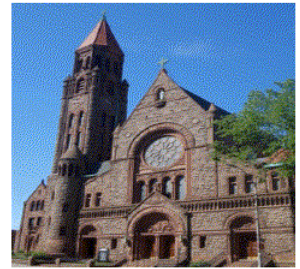


***Seventeenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020***

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

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Entrance Antiphon:

**God is in his holy place, God who unities those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

Mass Schedule

English: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am & 11:00 am
Spanish: Saturday 7:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Arabic: Sunday 12:30 pm

Weekdays

English: **8:15 am & 12:05 pm**
Spanish: **(Thursday) 7:00 pm**

First Fridays: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

English: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Spanish: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Holy Days To be announced

Eve of Holy Days 5:00 pm

Confessions

English Monday - Friday 11:45 am - 12 pm
Saturday 11:45 am - 12 pm
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Spanish Thursday 6:45 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Church Hours

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday 8:30 - 2:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 - 1:00PM

Sacraments

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Baptism

In English – the 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00pm, please call ahead and make an appointment with: Fr. Tony C. Ekanem, MSP.

In Spanish – the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2:30pm please call ahead and make an appointment with: Fr. George N. Okoro, MSP.

Marriage

In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the Wedding Ceremony.

Sacrament of Anointing

**Let us remember and honor our loved ones
with a Mass Intention.**

To request a Mass visit the Rectory, or send an email to icmary@gmail.com, or call us at (914) 963-0156.

THANK YOU

On behalf of our parish community, I say thank you to our Committee members for Mass for our 2020 Graduates

- Guadalupe Cuadra
- Martha Salazar
- Guadalupe Campos
- Domini Pisculli

We truly appreciate all the support of our parishioners in coming together to honor and celebrate our 2020 Graduates. **Our Hispanic Community primarily provided most of the food for the celebration and helped in cleaning and decorating the parish Garden that we used.** My deepest gratitude goes to the parents and family members who also helped in preparing our brothers and sisters to celebrate with us last Sunday. **I cannot commend Ms. Karla Marmolesjos enough for an excellent motivational talk to our graduates.** I think we did not make a mistake in choosing her to share her experience and lesson with our graduates. Let us continue to encourage and support our young people, especially during this pandemic. We all need moral, spiritual, and psychological support during these trying times.

WISDOM

The theme of wisdom dominates today's liturgy. It is a **unique, precious, and priceless gift from God**. It is more than common sense. It is a valuable thing we all need. Here is what the young man, King Solomon, asked for from the Lord. Sometimes, act foolishly because of a lack of wisdom.

What do we need as we reflect on the parable of the kingdom of heaven?

Today, we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for **wisdom and understanding to adequately distinguish right and wrong and judge with kindness and compassion**. Tradition has it that King Solomon had unparalleled wisdom. The Bible affirms that wisdom comes from God; it is not a human creation. Solomon became wise because he asked for the divine gift of wisdom. God, who might have expected a human king to grasp for wealth or long life, instead receives a request from Solomon for the wisdom to rule justly. Nothing could be more pleasing to the divine will than **a desire to serve God and God's people well and with integrity**. Thus God readily accedes to Solomon's pious request. And because Solomon did not ask for it, God throws in wealth and the promise of long life.

The **First Reading from 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12** unfolds the three parts:

- The Lord **commands Solomon** to ask for something, Solomon **asks**, and the Lord **comments on his request**.

We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Just take a look at the humble approach of King Solomon. What can we learn from the young man and a king for that matter?

After our celebration with our 2020 graduates last Sunday and the First Holy Communion of our 38 young people and 2 adults yesterday, we can agree that academic intelligence is only thing. We need God's guidance, wisdom, and mercy in our lives to make the right judgment as we journey through life. Like Solomon, who humbly acknowledged who God is in his request, we need to ponder more on this kind of approach in our request to God.

By the way, the kids and the parents were very excited, and we need to pray and support them to allow the Sacrament they have received be a source of spiritual strength and wisdom for them. Let us take this opportunity as we congratulate our 2020 graduates, and our First Holy Communion people, pray that we may emulate King Solomon and welcome God's wisdom and mercy in their lives.

Like in our **Gospel reading (from Matthew 13:44 - 52)**, today, a great treasure buried in a field or a merchant searching for a valuable pearl, the kingdom is worth giving up everything else to "obtain." The invitation is open to everyone. Also, like a great net, it sweeps through the world, capturing everyone. Only those who refuse to conform their lives to it will find themselves cast out. Matthew's Gospel has warned that entering the kingdom of heaven is a challenging undertaking, and few persevere. For the kingdom of God is a gift but one that comes with a price.

Let us continue to support one another in our journey to the kingdom. For all things work for good for those who respond to the divine call. (Romans 8:28)

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: *1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12*
God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him whatever he desired. The king requested wisdom to govern Israel well. The Lord granted the request.

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: *Romans 8: 28-30*
All things work for good for people who love God. The Lord God knows, predestines, justifies and glorifies people and calls them to share Christ's love.

Gospel: *Matthew 13: 44-52*
Jesus said that the reign of heaven is like a buried treasure and a fine pearl. Those who find it sell all they have to attain it. God is like a householder who brings forth good things, new and old.

Archdiocesan Appeal

Update of 2020 Appeal Goals



Pledged: \$35,667.00
 Paid: \$30,375.00

Thank you very much for your contributions towards our Annual Cardinal's Appeal
We still need \$1,833 in pledges to reach parish goal.
And \$7,125 in cash to reach our parish goal.

June Update of Renew & Rebuild

Pledges: \$420,984.30
 Paid: \$234,186.50

Ways To Support

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/>



Please, continue to bring your collection envelopes or any contribution you wish to make to help support our parish, by mailing or dropping your envelope at the Parish Office.

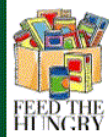
Thank you and God bless!

Stewardship



Sat/Sun, July 18 & 19, 2020 Collection
 5:00 pm, 7:30 am 11:00 am Mass \$1,525.00
 * Today's 2nd collection is for Electricity for Air Conditioning.

* Next week's 2nd collection is for Latin America & Home Missions



Food Collection: Next week we will have our monthly food collection for the needy in our community and as always thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Religious Education Program

We have a new registration form of our Religious Education program on the website.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Gerald Walsh will be here on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 3:00 pm to confirm our Candidates. Remember them in your prayer.

Thank you!

Congratulation to our First Holy Communion Candidates

Elissa Cruz	Raneen Badaan
Sebastian Enciso	Jennifer Cruz
Avril Leonardo Garcia	Giselle De Jesus
Antonio Gonzalez	Justin Estrada
Rina Guzman	Jorge Flores
Rihanna Guzman	Ricardo Garcia
Brenda Victoria Martinez	Samantha Gomez
Connie Matias	Jack Gonzalez
Jake David Maza	Danny Gonzalez
Joel Nicolas Maza	Darwin Gonzalez
Antonio Lino Reyes	Ayelet Leonardo
Vanessa Lino Reyes	Maximiliano Martinez
Jose Manuel Rivera	Steven DiJoshua Montenegro
Lars Christian Rovelo	Mary Jane Ramirez
Julia Ruiz Benito	Johana Maria Rivera
Cristian Sanchez	Jordan Alexander Rivera
Alan Jake Tapia	Destiny Rojas
Jeremia Lui Tintin	Bryon Villar
Emily Torres	RCIA
Nicholas Christian Whyte	Alfredo Gonzalez
	Daniel Gonzalez



of July 25 to August 2, 2020

Saturday, July 25, 2020

10:00 am - For the First Holy Communion
12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile
3:00 pm - For the First Holy Communion
5:00 pm - Joanne Kunny + *Joey & Yang Yong Kunny
7:30 pm - Sofia Liriano & Danny Garcia * Lidia Liriano

Sunday, July 26, 2020

7:30 am - Missa Pro Populo
9:00 am - Joaquim Neto + * Carmen Navarro
11:00 am - Nikol & Drane Monacai + * Maria Nonaj

Monday, July 27 2020

8:15 am - Genaro Cajas (Health) * Cajas Family
12:05 pm - Hector Rene Gabriel + * Jose Gabriel

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile
12:05 pm - Thomas Patteril + * George Patteril

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile
12:05 pm - Annama Mathew + * Orathel Family

Thursday, July 30, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile
12:05 pm - Genaro Cajas (Health) * Cajas Family
7:00 pm - Vicente Flores + * Julio & Martha Salazar

Friday, July 31, 2020

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

Saturday, August 1, 2020

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile
5:00 pm - Rafael & Geraldo Rodriguez + * Julia Diaz
7:30 pm - Legion de Maria * El Grupo Legion de Maria

Sunday, August 2, 2020

7:30 am - Available/Disponibile
9:00 am - Maria Eralia Banegas + * Mario Rubio
11:00 am - Available/Disponibile

+Indicates deceased

**Dear Parishioners,
Please observe social distancing
and wear a mask while
Inside the Church!**

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.

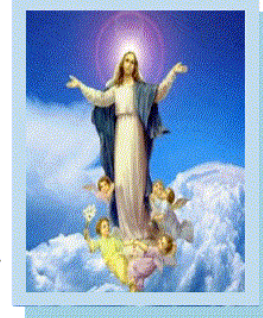
You, **Our Lady of New York**, know what we need.

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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