

**The Bells of St. Mary's**  
**The Church of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 16, 2020**

**From Rev. Fr. Anthony Ekanem, MSP**

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

**Turn the eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one;**

*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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month at 3:00pm, please call ahead and make an appointment with: Fr. Tony C. Ekanem, MSP.

**In Spanish** – the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:icmary@gmail.com), or call us at (914) 963-0156.

### Sundays Readings:

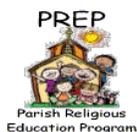
**First Reading:** *Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 (118A)*  
*The holy mountain, the temple of the Lord, is "a house of prayer for all people."*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8*  
*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32*  
*God's love and mercy are gratuitous; we are all recipients of the benefits of Christ's life, death and resurrection.*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 15: 21-28*  
*The Canaanite woman displayed an extraordinary confidence that Jesus would hear and answer her. She possessed an undaunted and persistent faith in the Messiah of Israel.*

### Religious Education Program



**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!*

**New registration forms for 2020 are on the website.**

Religious Education office is open for registration.  
The following Wednesdays & Thursday from 10:00am - 1:00pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm our application is on the website.

**Classes will begin In October**  
Registration fee for one child \$125.00  
two Children \$225.00,  
three or four children \$300.00

*~ **Parish Membership** ~  
Every family member & single adult to be considered active members of St. Mary's must be properly registered in the parish; receiving & regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes or using We Share online giving. Only in this way can parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice. Example a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. We welcome new members!*

### Stewardship



♦ **Tithing –God's Plan for Giving on Sat/Sun, August 8 & 9, 2020**  
**Parish Mass Total Collection: \$3,025.00**  
**English Mass Collection was \$1,478.00**

♦ **Today second collection is for Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.**

### Archdiocesan Appeal



**Update of 2020 Appeal Goals**  
2020 Mandatory Goal \$37,500  
Pledged: \$35,857.00  
Paid: \$31,935.00

Thank you very much for your contributions towards our Annual Cardinal's Appeal  
**We still need \$1,643 in pledges to reach parish goal and \$5,565 in cash to reach our parish goal.**

### June Update of Renew & Rebuild

Pledges: \$420,984.30  
Paid: \$237,551.50  
Left: (\$183,432.80)

### 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!

*I wish to sincerely thank  
The **COMUNIDAD SALVADORENA**  
for the **SALVADORIAN OFFERING** of  
**\$1,150** to the parish. We are deeply grateful for this donation during this trying time. May the good Lord continue bless your Community and your contribution to our parish.*

Fr Tony



**Saturday, August 15, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Constant Mary Mikulski +

\* Mr. & Mrs. Michael Martin

5:00 pm - Elizabeth & Joseph Anthony + Mr. & Mrs. Anthony

7:30 pm - José Rosado + \* Juan Arias

**Sunday, August 16, 2020**

7:30 am - Amelia Morales + \* Marta Vega

9:00 am - Guadalupe Reyes + \* La Familia Reyes

11:00 am - Esther & José Duarte +

\* Esther & Eduardo Rodriguez

**Monday, August 17, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Héctor René Gabriel + \* José Gabriel

**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

8:15 am - Benice Millicent Ega Ezekiel Johansese +

\* Francisco & Claudia Dougan

12:05 pm - María Herrera For her Health \* Rosa Macancela

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

**Thursday, August 20, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

7:00 pm - Francisca & Miguel Florian +

\* Dario & Alnnery Florian

**Friday, August 21, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Saturnino & Luis Rodriguez + \* Julia Diaz

**Saturday, August 22, 2020**

12:05 pm - Fr. Luis Lionelli For his Well Being

\* From Friends of Fr. Luis

5:00 pm - Carlos Villanueva + \* Roslynn Fajardo

7:30 pm - Cesar Dominic + \* Julia Diaz

**Sunday, August 23, 2020**

7:30 am - Roman Tapang + \* Roselyn Fajardo

9:00 am - Rosa Del Carmen Pérez +

\* Cesar Cuadra y Familia

11:00 am - Maria & Anthony Antao +

**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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