

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

**Twenty – Second Sunday In Ordinary Time August 30, 2020**

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

Moving On, Even in Pain

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- f) truly faithful: they live out a committed, trusting relationship with God, with a spouse, with family and friends.

Here a few questions to ponder upon:

1. When have you felt a fire burning in your heart that had to be released?
2. When have you experienced a challenging moment to surrender to God's will?
3. When did you experience an intense struggle to do what is right in the midst of many people?



**Saturday, August 29, 2020**

12:05 pm - Mr. Bahjat Hannah Rabadi +  
\* Dr. Mitchell Greenbaum & staff

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

7:30 pm - Ana María Ramirez + \* Modesta Ramirez

**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

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

9:00 am - Juan Arnulfo Lucas Garcia + \* Benita Lucas

11:00 am - Frank Drahos (Good Health) \* Joah DeBronski

**Monday, August 31, 2020**

8:15 am - Edna, Alex, Ryeott \* Francisco & Claudia Duggan

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

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

8:15 am - Our Children and Teachers as they begin school

12:05 pm - Mary Alice Mazzeo & Husband Lary (Health)  
\* Mary Mazzeo

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Special Intention \* Mary Mazzeo

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

8:15 am - For all our Medical personnel

12:05 pm - Those suffering from COVID—19

7:00 pm - Felipe González + \* Grupo Carismatico

**Friday, September 4, 2020**

8:15 am - For deceased sisters and brothers during this virus

12:05 pm — For deceased sisters and brothers during this virus

7:00 pm - Sagrado Corazón De Jesus

**Saturday, September 5, 2020**

12:05 pm - Angel Julio \* Gutierrez Napan

5:00 pm - Rose Kunny + \* Anthony Kunny

7:30 pm - Legión De María \* Legion of Mary Group

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

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

9:00 am - Angela Abreu \* Felicia Rodriguez

11:00 am - Walter Mikulsky + \* Mr & Mrs. Michael Martin

+Indicates deceased

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

We will be celebrating a special Mass for all those who have passed away because COVID -19 pandemic.

It will be on the First Friday of next month, 8:15 am & 12:05pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish.

**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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## Sundays Readings:

**First Reading:** *Jeremiah 20: 7-9 (124-A)*  
*Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God's prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*  
*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 12: 1-2*  
*Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a living sacrifice and not to conform to this age but to be transformed by God.*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 16: 21-27*  
*Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

*Please do not remove the new Seasonal Missalette.*

## 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

**Please, wear your mask!**

## ~ 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 22 & 23, 2020**

**Parish Mass Total Collection: \$2,760.00**

**English Mass Collection was \$1,191.00**

**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.*

## Archdiocesan Appeal



### Update of 2020 Appeal Goals

2020 Mandatory Goal **\$37,500**

Pledged: **\$35,857.00**

Paid: **\$32,265.00**

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 \$5,235 in cash to reach our parish goal.**

### June Update of Renew & Rebuild

Pledges: \$420,984.30

Paid: **\$240,141.50**

Left: (\$180,842.80)

## 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!

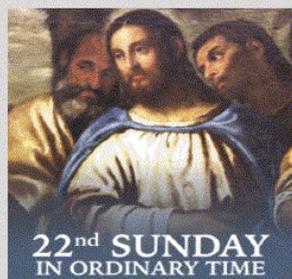
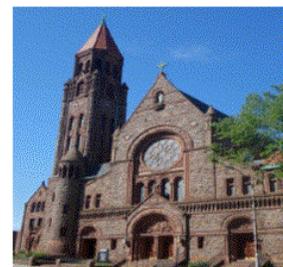
## From Cardinal Dolan Office

The Pope has approved the proposal that the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, takes place on Sunday, September 13, 2020 near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Please be prepared to support!

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**Entrance Antiphon:**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord,

*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 & Saturday**

English: **8:15 am & 12:05 pm** Saturday 12:05pm  
 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.

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