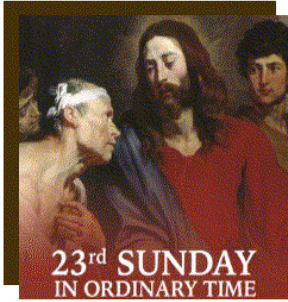
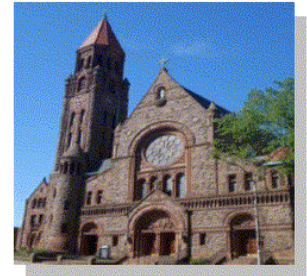


**The Bells of St. Mary's**  
**The Church of the Im-**  
**maculate Conception**  
*Twenty – Third Sunday*  
*In Ordinary Time*

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**Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

*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.

### **FRATERNAL CORRECTION**

Here is a brilliant summary of this Sunday's readings from our Seasonal Missalette, Worship Resources, Year A, especially after our national convention during this pandemic.

"God calls us all to look out for each other. We must not cut ourselves off from our neighbor, because we are responsible for one another. The Lord appoints Ezekiel "watchman for the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 33:7) to warn the sinful consequences of their sins. What more, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for his neighbor's wrongs if he does not speak out. The Lord is telling him he cannot look the other way.

- Engage the sinner,
- Counsel them to change
- Show the way.

In the Gospel, Jesus adds another step. Begin by speaking out yourself, but if that is ineffective, draw others to your cause. There is no mention of protest or demonstration as we have today. Instead, one another's correction should be prayerfully, peacefully, and charitably done because we are all our brother's and sister's keeper. Today's Gospel from Matthew chapter 18:15 – 20, continues, for it is then when two or more are united in need and gathered together in Jesus' name, He is there with them. When we join with our neighbor, Jesus is in our midst. St Paul realizes the importance of our relationship with our neighbor when he sums up the commandments as Jesus had: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' (Romans 13:9).

Now, the question arises, how do we determine what the Lord is calling us to say or do to correct our neighbor? Remember:

- John the Baptist spoke truth to power and was beheaded.
- Jesus remained silent before Herod, and He still was crucified.

How do we find a clear direction when we feel as though we are walking in a fog?

In prayer and discernment with others, we ask:

- What does God want me to do?
- What is my motive

Like Ezekiel, if God is unmistakably calling you to "be a sentinel," then proceed carefully, but in courage, He will guide and protect you.

Whom do you need to confront?

How can you constructively do it?

When did you need to speak out about something?

When have you said nothing about the wrongs that you have endured?

In the second reading (Romans 13:8), St Paul says to us, "owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." That is a real challenge.

## Sundays Readings:

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33: 7-9 (127-A)  
God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God's behalf, they are saved.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 13: 8-10  
All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

**Gospel:** Matthew 18: 15-20  
Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name,

## Stewardship



**Tithing –God's Plan for Giving on Sat/Sun, August 26 & 27, 2020**  
Parish Mass Total Collection: \$3,116.00  
English Mass Collection was \$1,279.00



*This Monday In observance to Labor Day the Rectory will be closed on Monday September 7, 2020*

**There will be a Parish Finance Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Rectory.**

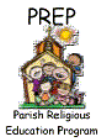
**Please members, endeavor to be present.**

**Thank you.**



**Food Collection:** Today 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

## Religious Education Program



♦ **On Saturday September 12, 2020 we will have practice with sponsor and confirmands in the church at 1:00 pm**

**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. We will have a meeting On September 26, 2020 in two groups.

**Classes will begin Saturday October 3, 2020**

Registration fee for one child \$125.00  
two Children \$225.00 ~ three or four children

## Archdiocesan Appeal



### Update of 2020 Appeal Goals

2020 Mandatory Goal \$37,500

Pledged: \$36,857.00

Paid: \$34,145.00

Thank you very much for your contributions towards our Annual Cardinal's Appeal

**We still need \$643 in pledges to reach parish goal and \$3,355 in cash to reach our parish goal.**

### June Update of Renew & Rebuild

Pledges: \$420,984.30

Paid: \$240,266.50

Left: (\$180,717.80)

## 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.

## 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!

### ~ 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**



**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

**Monday, September 7, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile  
12:05 pm - Héctor René Gabriel + \*José Gabriel

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

8:15 am - Rebbeka Marques + \*Marta Vega  
12:05 pm - Rita Navarro + \*Carmen Navarro

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile  
12:05 pm - Soul of Rocco Mazzeo + \*Mary Mazzeo

**Thursday, September 10, 2020**

8:15 am - Teresa Anthony + \*George Vadakel Family  
12:05 pm - Rebbeka Marques + \*Socorro Ciprian  
7:00 pm - Gonzalo Sanchez + \*Grupo Carismático

**Friday, September 11, 2020**

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile  
12:05 pm - Diomedes Budlong+ \*Susan Budlong

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**

12:05 pm - Margaret Cruz + \*Daughter Angelina Borrelli  
5:00 pm - George Linke + \*Lorry & Richard Skrobola  
7:30 pm - Ana María Ramírez + \*Grupo de la Ultreya

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

7:30 am - For the Parishioners/ Para los Parroquianos  
9:00 am - Jesus Ruiz y Carlota Zuniga + \*Joaquina Ruiz  
11:00 am - Kurtland Smith + \*Joah De Bronski

**Improve Your Singing Voice!**

The archdiocesan Vocalist Training Program is designed to help parishioners receive musical training and develop the skills needed to serve as a cantor or choir member. Lessons are taught in person or online by members of the archdiocesan Music Commission and other highly qualified teachers.

**More information: [nyliturgy.org/  
vocalisttrainingprogram](http://nyliturgy.org/vocalisttrainingprogram)**

**Contact: Archdiocese of New York Office of Liturgy: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) 914.968.6200, x8177**

**PRAYER**



**A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in your care.

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