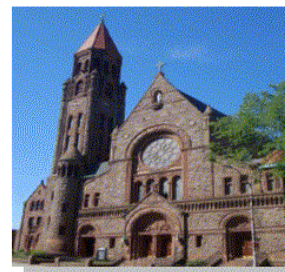


***Twenty – Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time***

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

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Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give

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 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 icmarv@gmail.com, or call us at (914) 963-0156.

SIN AND REPENTANCE

We have the **freedom to say 'Yes' or 'No' to God**. Today's first reading from prophet Ezekiel 18:25 - 28 wants the people of Israel who are suffering the consequences for centuries of infidelity to the Lord to understand that every choice they made either fostered or damaged their relationship with the Lord. There is no middle ground. If the virtuous or just turned from doing the right thing, if they treat others in a less than just manner, their relationship with the Lord will die. However, if they later turn away from doing evil and do what is right and just, they shall preserve their life with the Lord.

Sometimes, we human beings abuse our God-given freedom, but God in His goodness calls us to change our ways. Yes, human beings cannot be perfectly faithful, but they must not persist in doing wrong. The choice is theirs. So, are its consequences.

The parable of the two persons, Matthew 2:28 - 32, was addressed to the people's chief priests and elders. It aimed to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom.

The first son represents sinners. Like him, they initially chose to go their way but then repented, took God's way, and gained entry into the Kingdom.

The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him, they promised to work for God but failed to do so and excluded themselves from the Kingdom.

Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom of God.

We can see the theme of sin and repentance in the First Reading, too. The parable also echoes Matthew's favorite theme: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. This theme is relevant to us religious today, especially:

- Giving one's word
- Using of our freedom
- Personal responsibility

Today's Bible reading discuss this problem of sinful human beings related to God, their judge. We should be careful in judging others since we do not know how much a failing brother or sister is determined by his or her past; but knowing ourselves we should be realistic and accept full responsibility for what we do and should do!

Points to ponder:

- **Have you ever felt like you told God, "No"? What happened when that turned around to "Yes"?**
- **What can you do to help someone to whom you said 'No' in the past?**

Remember your mercies, O Lord!



Saturday, September 26, 2020

12:05 pm - Maria Cordero + * Josephine Jurado
5:00 pm - Regina & Samuel David + * Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
7:30 pm - Ana María Ramírez + * Maricela Ramirez

Sunday, September 27, 2020

7:30 am - Oscar Enriquez Flores + * Rosa Flores
9:00 am - Carmen Celi + * Livia Torres
11:00 am - Mary Wonch + * Mr. & Mrs. Michael Martin

Monday, September 28, 2020

8:15 am - Sagrado Corazon De Jesús * Lila Pérez
12:05 pm - Healing * Leonel Leobardo Bautista

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

8:15 am - San Miguel Arcangel * Magaly Pichardo
12:05 pm - Joanne Kunny + * Anthony Kunny

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

8:15 am - In Honor of St. Jude * Leonel Leobardo Bautista
12:05 pm - Michael Vega + * Jacqueline Guerrero

Thursday, October 1, 2020

8:15 am - God's blessing on her business * Dr. Glory Akong
12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile
7:00 pm - Silvestre Segundo + * Amado Segundo

Friday, October 2, 2020

8:15 am - Available/Disponibile
12:05 pm - God's blessing on her business * Dr. Glory Akong
7:00 pm—Sagrado Corazón De Jesús

Saturday, October 3, 2020

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile
5:00 pm - George Linke + * Nancy * & Paul Sullivan
7:30 pm - Legion De María * Laura Lopez

Sunday, October 4, 2020

7:30 am Consuelo Marquez + * Julia Perez
9:00 am - Pedro María Hernández +
* Milagros Payano y sus Hijas
11:00 am - Esperanza Garcia + * Dianne O'Rourke

+Indicates deceased

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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You will see a number of
parishes with this name).

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Conception St Mary's Church

~ 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!**

Sundays Readings:

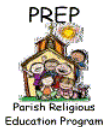
First Reading: *Ezekiel 18: 25-28 (136A)*
The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, house of Israel...If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: *Philippians 2: 1-11*
Paul quoted an ancient hymn: Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name."

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 28-32*
Jesus said that outcasts enter God's reign because of faith but not the righteous who lack repentance: "Tax collectors

Religious Education Program



New registration for 2020 are going on please come and register your children from grade 2 through High School.

We still have one more week to register.

Religious Education office is open for registration on the following days
Wednesdays & Thursday from 10:00am - 12:30pm and Saturday - 1:00 pm—2:00 pm.

Each grade has a specific week to come in you need to see the calendar.

Classes will begin Saturday October 3, 2020 @ 9:30 in the church hall.

Stewardship



Tithing – God's Plan for Giving on Sat/Sun, September 19 & 20, 2020
Parish Mass Total Collection: \$3,329.00
English Mass Collection was \$1,292.00

* Today's second collection is for Church Property Insurance.



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



Help us keep our church clean and safe. Please donate disinfectant, Lysol or even wipes to help us keep the pews clean. Feel free to drop it off at the rectory or even bring it in to church when you come to Mass

Archdiocesan Appeal



Update of 2020 Appeal Goals

2020 Mandatory Goal \$37,500

Pledged: \$36,932.00

Paid: \$34,370.00

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

We still need \$568.00 in pledges to reach parish goal and \$3,130.00 in cash to reach our parish goal.

Update of Renew & Rebuild September

Pledges: \$420,984.30

Paid: \$240,286.50

Left: (\$180,697.80)

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!

Immaculate Conception ~ St. Mary's

Will be having our first Spring Raffle

Start saving now.

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