



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Eleven cast lots to elect Matthias to complete the twelve Apostles to engage the mission for which they were chosen by Jesus. Though it all seems random to us, their desire to remain united and faithful over time would give rise to the college of cardinals, who in union with the pope, and guided by the Holy Spirit lead the church. We engage in this process through the election of our parish councils, who with the pastor, lead the parish forward. Jesus says in today's gospel, "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." It's a tall order, but what else might be capable of lasting 2000 years?

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection will be for the continued repairs of the parish.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is today, May 12th. Remembrance envelopes are on the table at the rear of the church. Please remember mom whether she is living or living with God. Fr. Thomas, Fr. Divya, and Fr. Benedict along with the staff of St. Mary wish all the mothers, grandmothers & godmothers a very Happy Mother's Day!

MAY 19 TH PENTECOST – A DAY OF CELEBRATION AT ST. MARY'S

Following a special 11 am bilingual Pentecost Mass, the St. Mary's Parish Council will be hosting a feast in the Grand Hall to celebrate the 198th anniversary of our historic parish. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online or after Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigil) through May 12th. For adults tickets are \$35 and for children (15 years and under) \$15 Also, 2 sponsor packages are being offered. Angel Sponsor - \$500 This includes 8 tickets, a reserved table and 8 drink tickets. Bicentennial Sponsor - \$1000 This includes 8 tickets, reserved table, 8 drink tickets, Pentecost Mass Intention, and artwork depicting the Church of Saint Mary. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's parish. To purchase tickets online go to saintmarygrand.org/pentecost for more information.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May is dedicated to Mary the Mother of God. Beginning May 1 st . and every evening (7 days a weeks) till May 31 st . at 7:00 p.m. the Church will be open to pray the Rosary. The devotion to Mary is a very important part of our Catholic identity. Many of us ask for her help during the most difficult times in our lives. Let us show our devotion to the Blessed Mother for whom this church is dedicated to.

BREAD & WINE

Bread & Wine in Thanksgiving Carmen Espinal

FR. ED BYRNE

Fr. Ed Byrne who served here as Pastor of St. Mary for 21 years will celebrate his anniversary Mass Sunday, May 26th at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Byrne has been a priest for 60 years and St. Mary was his first assignment back in 1964. We congratulate him on such an impressive sacred calling to the priesthood.

COMMUNION

This year's celebration of First Holy Communion will be Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Practice for Communion will be Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Reminder: Pictures will be taken Sunday morning May 26th in the Grand Hall. Please arrive between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Friday, May 31st. Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Joseph Espaillat at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 6:30 p.m. Students and sponsors must arrive by 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows. Mandatory Confirmation practice for sponsor and students on Saturday, May 18th. at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows in the Church.

Congratulations to our new and returning parish council members: **Belkis Baez, Angel Diaz, Rene Fernandez, Carmen Hernandez, and Angela Rosario.** Thank you for your service to the Church of St. Mary!

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5.12.24
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION & REREGISTRATION FOR FALL

There will be an opportunity for you to register your child/children for Religious Education classes now and during the summer months to begin in the fall. Please bring a copy of the child's/children's birth certificate and baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Someone will be in the Rectory from Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until June. From then on you will be able to pick up a registration form at the Rectory Office.

MASS SCHEDULE
MAY 11, 2024 – MAY 18, 2024

SATURDAY: 5 P.M.
+ Anthony & Florence Corsuti/All Souls in Purgatory/
MARIA KOSMAN PRAYERS TO THE BLESSED
MOTHER FOR HEALTH
LIVING MEMBERS OF THE TRUMP FAMILY

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M.
ALL MOTHERS LIVING & DECEASED

10 A.M.
ALL MOTHERS LIVING & DECEASED

12 P.M.
ALL MOTHERS LIVING & DECEASED

MONDAY: 9 A.M.
+ Ernesto Hernandez, Jr./All Souls in Purgatory/
+ Ana Felicia Perez/Jocelyn Galban (3rd. yr. Anniv.)/
+ Junior Valera/Julia
MIDRIS TORENTINO FELIZ
CUMPLEAÑOS/MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA/
EMILY ALMANZA FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS/

TUESDAY: 9 A.M.
+ Jose Vargas/Jose Francisco Rodriguez/
+ All Souls in Purgatory/Osvaldo Nieves Rodriguez/
+ Kenia Osoria (H.B.H.)/Jose Osoria (H.B.H.)/
+ Yuberkis Mendoza/
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARINA
RODRIGUEZ/
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA/

WEDNESDAY: 9 A.M.
+ Ventura Pichardo/Angelica Santos/Eddie Morel/
+ Elizabeth Velez/Isidro Licarte (H.B.H.)/
+ All Souls in Purgatory/Antolin Hernandez/
+ Fausto Velásquez/Andrea Soto/
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARINA
RODRIGUEZ/
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA/

THURSDAY: 9 A.M.
+ Olympia Pistone/All Souls in Purgatory/
+ Fran Parente/Nilda Sotomayor (2nd. yr. Anniv.)/
+ Agueda Amada Valerio/
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARINA
RODRIGUEZ/
EN ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS A LA MADRE MARIA POR
BERTHA GUTIERREZ/
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA/

FRIDAY: 9 A.M.
+ Norma Goris Almonte/All Souls in Purgatory/
+ Jose Santana (29th yr. Anniv.)/Nelly Silverio/
+ Helen Coakley/José Luis Barreto/
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARIA
RODRIGUEZ/
CHEN FENG JIAO SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PEACE/
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA/

SATURDAY: 9 A.M.
+ Luis Andino Peña/Luis Moya/
+ All Souls in Purgatory/Sandra Villapando/
+ Arcadio Vera (3rd. yr. Anniv.)/
CORAZON DE JESUS POR LA SALUD DE MARIA
RODRIGUEZ/
CHEN FENG JIAO SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PEACE/
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA/