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Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

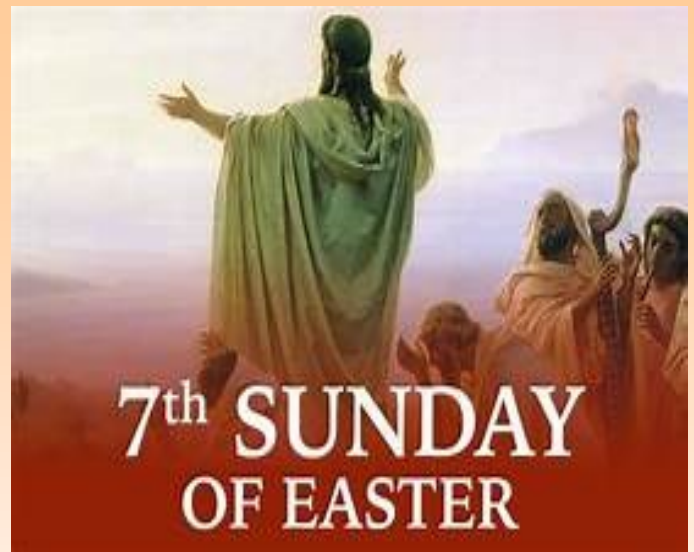
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

Monday-Thursday: 12:15 pm

National Holidays: Mass at 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:40 pm

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.



Seventh Sunday of Easter **May 12, 2024**

RCI Program:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation?

For an application or any questions, please send an email to dre.stmarylic@gmail.com or call 917-832-6104.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Baptism:

4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm. For courtesy please arrive fifteen minutes earlier.

Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor.

Weddings:

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

Funerals: Monday through Saturday

May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saint John wrote that when we love one another God's love is brought to perfection in us. What an appropriate reading for Mother's Day! For many of us, our mother's love may have seemed to be close to perfection, our first and greatest model of selfless love. As we worship God, who is love, let us pray for all those blessed women who have brought God's love to perfection in our lives.



Intentions For the Week

Saturday, May 11, 2024

5:00 pm Linda Sims

Sunday, May 12, 2024

9:30 am Candida Ruiz
Edith Piscopo

12:00pm Antoinette Fazzi
Angelina Ulino
Filomena D'amato

Monday, May 13, 2024

12:15pm Chelsey Rodriguez

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

12:15pm Noreen Gruenthal

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Christopher Dowicz

Thursday May 16, 2024

12:15pm Yvonne Vitale

Friday, May 17, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:00 pm Felix Sebacious

Statistics May 4, 2024 and May 5, 2024

5/4-5:00 pm 214

5/5-9:30 am 129

5/6-12:00 pm 76

Total Count 419

1st Collection \$ 2,722

2nd Collection \$ 565

Pray for the sick,

Jean Willison, Michelle Yashita, Pat Gamble, Camille Sollis, Maria Vessillo, Teresa Ortiz, Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Mary Roedner, Moussa Traore, Rosanna Lara Lugo, Barbara McCrath

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Vessillo
Christopher A. Polizzi, Nicholas Correa, Ines Cano, Sal Caiaccia, Emily Loiaccono, William F. Marsh, Antonio Natale, Antonio Magri, Stella Bonilla, Albert Setford, Rosa D'Amato

Purgatorial Intentions

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado, Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero, Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valese, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

May 12, 2024 to May 19, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp :

Corporel Robert Olsen

USMC Vietnam



Join us in Indianapolis!

Diocese of Brooklyn

July 17-21, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan



**NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress**

Travel Arrangements by
Peter's Way Tours
516-605-1551



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2024**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

This week begins the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**.
We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA Video online at
www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission.

We invite you to stand with St Mary Roman Catholic Church in supporting the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**.

To donate, visit **www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org** or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**.



Easter: May 12th

Solemnity of the Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaim Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo). The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord on the proper Thursday, while all other provinces have transferred this solemnity to

today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The Church marks this day as **World Communications Day**.

The usual Optional Memorial of [Nereus and Achilleus; Pancras, Martyrs](#) is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

>>>TODAY IS DAY 4 OF THE [PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT](#).<<<

The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare.

Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Highlights and Things to Do:

- We continue the novena to the Holy Spirit which is said between the feast of the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday.

Meditation: I Go to the Father

As we all know well, the Resurrection, Ascension and gift of the Holy Spirit are all one mystery looked at from different angles. The great mystery of reconciliation, the marriage between God and His creation, is split up for us in liturgical time to enable us to cope with it. The Ascension is not different from the Resurrection, rather we are asked to dwell on a partial aspect of the Resurrection.

The Ascension means essentially that Jesus is with His Father, "I go to the Father"; and this is His supreme joy, His goal, His reward. "If you loved me you would be full of joy because I am with my Father." Are we? With a joy that can supersede all subjective states of trouble and grief?

The first aspect of the Ascension is unalloyed joy that no man can take away from us. The Father at last has all He wants—an open heart into which He can pour His love without hindrance. Jesus is the recipient of that blissful love, and we rejoice in Him and for Him.

Secondly, Jesus has entered heaven as our pioneer. He has blazed a trail. More, He is our representative; in a real way we are there with Him. The great work of reconciliation has been accomplished. The massive dam walls that human beings, through their wrong choices, had built up against the love of God have been demolished. We have only to stand in the way of these flood waters and not fly from them as though fleeing from death.

"Abide in my love." How do we abide in His love? He tells: "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, as it is by keeping my Father's commandments that abide in His love." What we have seen Jesus doing in relation to the Father, we must do. Jesus has shown us the Father and what the Father wants of us; has shown us how we must live to be in truth His children. We have to be living embodiments of Jesus as He is of His Father. And this, says Jesus, is my joy which you must share.

How the thought of the Ascension should lift our lives above our petty, selfish concerns, to live with Jesus where He is now—in the glory of the Father! That we are *able* to do this, able to enter into the mystery of Jesus, to receive His life and live by it, is the mystery of Pentecost.

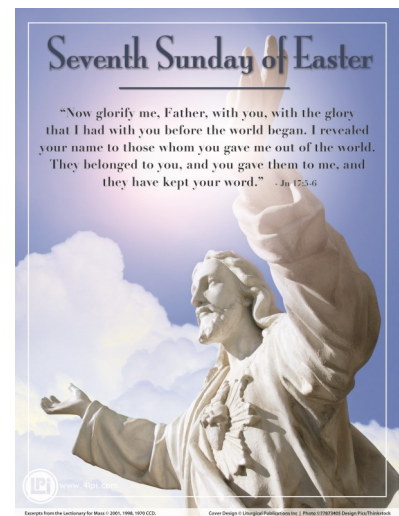
Just as in Advent the Church invites us to assume the attitude of those to whom the Lord has not yet come, and to yearn for that coming, so now in the time between Ascension and Pentecost. We are invited to put ourselves with the waiting disciples. Our ardent willing must hasten the coming of the Spirit, the Power from on high, who will enable us to live the very life of Jesus.

Let us attend to Paul's exhortation:

With unflagging energy,
with ardour of spirit
serve the Lord.

Let hope keep you joyful,
In trouble stand firm,
Persist in prayer.

—Ruth Burrows, *Through Him, With Him, In Him*



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ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE



When: Sunday May 19, 2024

Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Parish Hall

Phone: 917-972-5587-Howard Brickman

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If you have any questions, please reach out to: **Giovanna Varlese at 917-832-6104 or email at DRE.StMaryLIC@gmail.com**

May Christ Bless you and your family abundantly,
Giovanna Varlese, Director



Stations of the Cross Performance

Stations of the Cross will be performed by the Religious Education Program on **Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

In the Church Basement (Parish Hall).

All Welcome



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 Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Pledged the Amount \$ 16,785
For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"

- ⇒ Goal: \$16,785
- ⇒ Pledged: \$6,646
- ⇒ Received: \$3,125



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

gather Mondays at 7:00 pm

Wednesday meetings take place via Zoom at 7:30 pm

For more information, please visit the website:

Licgroupsaa@gmail.com

Live Hotline from 9:00 am-2:00 am at 212-647-1680

Monday-Sunday

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth
St. Mary Parish Choir
Sunday Mass at 12:00 pm
Rehearsal in the Church 11:15 am - 11:40 am



Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

Do you like to sing? If so, we would like to hear from you!

There is a painless and quick audition with Dr. Bischof our Director of Music to sing through a hymn and discuss the Parish Choir commitment.

To sign up for an audition, please contact Dr. Justin Bischof at **646-206-7638** or **justin@justinbischof.com**.