

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

### **Pastor**

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

### **Director of Music**

Dr. Justin Bischof

### **Director of Religious Education**

Giovanna Varlese

### **Director of Maintenance**

Ray Rychalski

### **Administrative Assistant**

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

## 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.

**December 8, 2023**

## **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**

### **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](mailto: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 note– For December 2023– Baptism will take place on December 16 at 1:00pm.**

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

**December 8, 2023**

**Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

When God prepared to send the Son into the world as a newborn baby, a woman had to be chosen to bear with him. God chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of our Lord, for she was free of original sin from the moment she was conceived. Her mother, Anne, was blessed with the privilege of bearing the sinless Mary into the world. Today we celebrate the love God had for us to choose the love God had for us to choose that Mary be brought sinless into the world, as well as honor our Mother, Mary, and her Immaculate Conception.



**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday December 9, 2023**

5:00 pm JoAnn Walker

**Sunday December 10, 2023**

9:30 am Maureen Murray

12:00pm Michael T. O'Brien

**Monday December 11, 2023**

12:15pm Steve Garger

**Tuesday December 12, 2023**

12:15pm Sister Annette and  
Elaine Marie Roeder

**Wednesday December 13, 2023**

11-12pm Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Sister Lucy-St. Roses Home

**Thursday December 14, 2023**

12:15pm Bridget O'Donnell

**Friday December 15, 2023**

No Mass

**Saturday December 16, 2023**

5:00pm Marion and Joseph Acerno

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic  
Church Pledged the Amount \$ 29,309**



Goal: \$ 17,344  
Pledged: \$ 29,309  
Amount needed to



**Statistics for December 2 and December 3, 2023**

Count	351
1st Collection	2,167
2nd Collection	680

**Pray for the sick**

Teresa Ortiz, Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Mary Roedner, Tina Stare, Kelly Wallace, Kevin and Stan Wallace

**Pray for the Deceased**

Ines Cano, Salvatore Caiaccia, Elizabeth Crumish DeMartine, Emily Loiacono, Joan O'Brien, Anthony Walsh Jr., William F. Walsh, Antonio Natale, Antonio Magri, Mary and Daniel McCarthy

**Purgatorial Intentions**

Tom DeQuatro, Felino Francisco Alamani, Dorothy, Marinelli, Anna Mangino, Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado, Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero, Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valese, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

In person AA Meetings  
held in St. Mary's Church Basement,  
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

**Christmas Masses**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

5:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
"Vigil Mass of Christmas"

9:30pm Musical Prelude with Strings and Cantor  
10:00pm Christmas Mass at Night  
"Mario Manna and Family"

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

9:00am Musical Prelude with Strings and Cantor  
"Genevieve and James Roeder"

9:30 am Christmas Mass at Dawn

11:30am Musical Prelude with Strings and Cantor  
12:00pm Christmas Mass at Daytime





## **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

December 8, 2023

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.” It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

### **Reflection**

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God’s behalf, addresses Mary as “full of grace” or “highly favored”. In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary’s intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary’s whole life. The logic of piety helped God’s people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.





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We encourage parents to attend **every Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.** alongside their children.

Following the Mass, we invite parents to let their **kids explore and grow in their faith** by attending our **Catholic faith classes for all ages**, which commence at **10:30 a.m.**

**If you have any questions, please reach out to:**  
**[Ms. Giovanna Varlese](mailto:Ms.Giovanna.Varlese@stmarylic@gmail.com) 917-832-6104 [dre.stmarylic@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stmarylic@gmail.com)**



May God bless you and your family abundantly. Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

**St. Mary Parish Choir**  
**12:00 pm Sunday Mass weekly**  
**11:15 am–11:40 am Rehearsal in the church**

Do you like to sing? If so, we would like to hear from you!  
 Our Parish Choir is up and running with 5 dedicated parishioners helping to lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.  
 There is a painless and quick audition with Dr. Bischof our Director of Music to sing through a hymn and is discuss the Parish Choir commitment.  
 To sign up for an audition, please contact Dr. Justin Bischof at 646-206-7638 or [justin@justinbischof.com](mailto:justin@justinbischof.com)

