

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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December 31, 2023

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.

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 1:30 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

Schedule of Masses

New Year's Eve, Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm MASS

New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary

9:30 am MASS

12:00 pm MASS



Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday December 30, 2023

5:00 pm Sean de la Rosa

5:00 pm Danielle Sileo

Sunday December 31, 2023

9:30 am Sean de la Rosa

9:30 am Diane Engel

5:00 pm Marie Ferlazzo

Monday January 1, 2024

9:30 am Sean de la Rosa
"Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"-
Cuevas Families

12:00 pm Anna Connors

Tuesday January 2, 2024

12:15 pm Sean de la Rosa
"Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"-
Cuevas Families

12:15 pm Timothy Mitchel

Wednesday January 3, 2024

12:15 pm Sean de la Rosa
"Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"-
Cuevas Families

12:15 pm Elisabeth A. Mauriceci

Thursday January 4, 2024

12:15 pm Sean de la Rosa
"Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"-
Cuevas Families

Friday January 5, 2024

NO Mass

Saturday January 6, 2024

5:00 pm Sean de la Rosa
"Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"-
Cuevas Families

5:00 pm Antonio Natale

5:00 pm Anointing of the sick

December 24, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Bread and Wine for :

Francis and Charles Amodeo

Josephine and Frank Padula

(Requested by Rose Amodeo and Family)

Sanctuary Lamp for:

Mary Ann and Rosario Mantineo

(Requested by Rose Amodeo and Family)

December 25, 2023 – January 1, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp for:

Estelita and Elias

(Requested Daughter)

December 30, 2023 – January 7, 2024

Sean de la Rosa

"Holy Sacrifice of the Mass"-

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, Stella Bonilla

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 Valesse, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

Pope Francis: Let's pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel



By Vatican News

Pope Francis has often said: "There are more martyrs today than in the early days of the Church. So many of our brothers and sisters who offer their witness to Jesus and are persecuted".

The Pope's prayer intentions entrusted to his Worldwide Prayer Network for the coming year were published today. One intention is dedicated to Christian martyrs: "We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm".

Repeatedly, the Pope has invited us to think of the many Christians imprisoned by the nazi and communist regimes, "just because they were Christians", but this is what happens "even today". There is persecution," says Pope Francis, "because the world does not tolerate the divinity of Christ, does not tolerate the proclamation of the Gospel". The Christian response to evil is love. The Pope reiterated this in February 2020 in Bari, on the occasion of the meeting 'Mediterranean frontier of peace':

*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. This is the Christian innovation. It is the Christian difference. Pray and love: this is what we must do; and not only with regard to those who love us, not only with regard to our friends or our own people. The love of Jesus knows no boundaries or barriers. The Lord demands of us the courage to have a love that does not count the cost. Because the measure of Jesus is love without measure. How many times have we neglected that demand, behaving like everyone else! Yet his commandment of love is not simply a challenge; it is the very heart of the Gospel. Where the command of universal love is concerned, let us not accept excuses or preach prudent caution. The Lord was not cautious; he did not yield to compromises. He asks of us the *extremism of charity*. This is the only legitimate kind of Christian extremism: the extremism of love".* In the intentions there is also a prayer for political leaders, so that "they may be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good," giving special priority to the poorest. Power is not oppression or exploitation, says Francis: power is service.



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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 917-832-6104 dre.stmarylic@gmail.com



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