

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

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Director of Maintenance

Ray Rychalski

Administrative Assistant

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

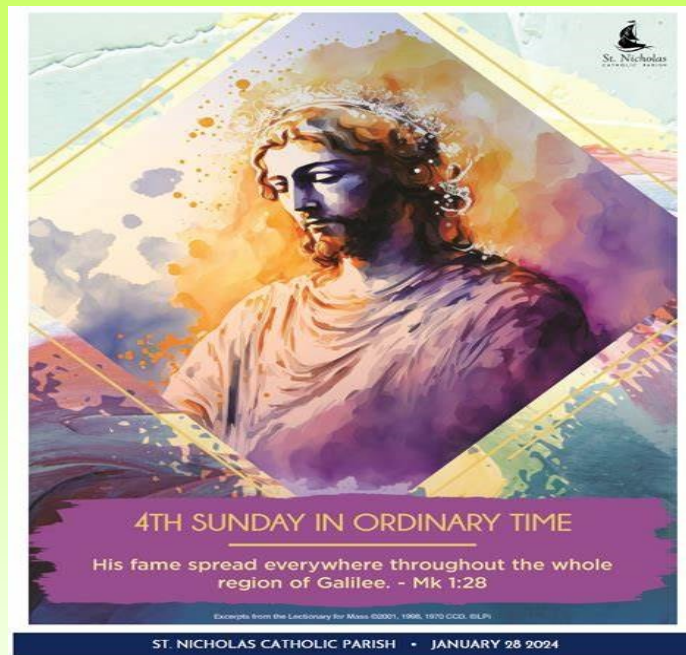
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

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.



January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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:

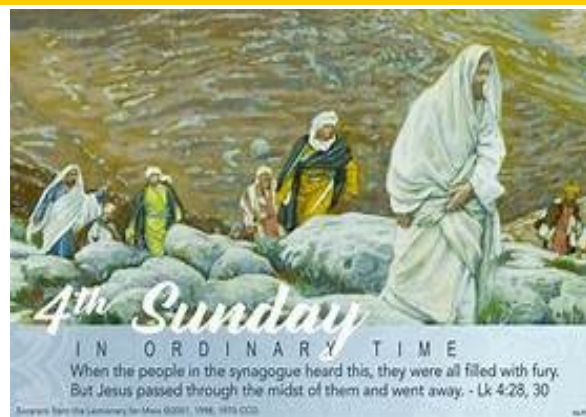
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

Funerals: Monday through Saturday

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Can you believe it's been over a month since we celebrated Christmas? By now, our decorations are likely back in their boxes and the warm glow of the Holidays, has faded, but let us not forget that our greatest Christmas gift ever—the Son of God—remains with us always. Even on an ordinary day in the middle of winter, he is with us here as we gather to celebrate the meal he left us before he died. Let us give thanks as we receive him once again in the Eucharist.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, January 27, 2024

5:00 pm Emilia Fazzi
Michael Fazzi

Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:30 am Bernice Shields
and Mary Shields

12:00 pm Mercedes Jimenez

Monday, January 29, 2024

12:15 pm William Roeder

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

12:15pm Anna Connors

Wednesday January 31, 2024

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Elaine Marie Roeder

Thursday February 1, 2024

12:15pm Richardo del Rosario

Friday, February 2, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, February 3, 2024

5:00pm Father Christian Theodoro

**Statistics January 20-2024
and January 21-2024**

1/19-5:00 pm 65
1/20-9:30 am 140
1/21-12:00 pm 162

Total Count 367
1st Collection \$1,409
2nd Collection \$ 658

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

Pray for the Deceased

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

Purgatorial Intentions

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado,
Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero,
Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valesse, Leonardo An-
tonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios,
Mildred Schifano

Join us in Indianapolis!

Diocese of Brooklyn

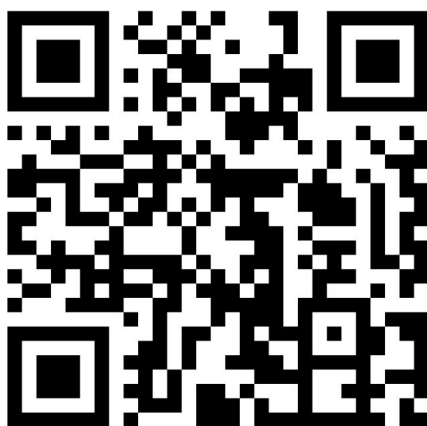
July 17-21, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan



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

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Information or
To enroll online



Pope Francis: 'Prayer is breath of faith in war-torn world'

In a preface for Cardinal Comastri's new book, "Praying Today. A Challenge to Be Overcome", Pope Francis invites Christians to prepare for the 2025 Jubilee through fervent prayer for our conflict-ridden world.

By Francesca Merlo

In the preface of a book published on Tuesday, 23 January, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of praying insistently as wars are fought around the world.

The Pope's preface introduces Cardinal Angelo Comastri's "*Praying Today. A Challenge to Be Overcome*", which was published by the Vatican Publishing House (LEV) in connection with the Year of Prayer.

"Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression," writes Pope Francis.

It is not easy to find words to express the mystery of prayer, continues the Pope, adding that despite the many definitions from saints and masters of spirituality, "it can only ever be described in the simplicity of those who live it."

Texts as we head into the Jubilee

Cardinal Comastri's book is the first in a series of brief texts set to be published throughout the Year of Prayer, which was launched on Sunday by Pope Francis ahead of the Jubilee of 2025.

Pope Francis explains that this series seeks "to promote this Year of Prayer" and to help Christians "to enter into the various dimensions of prayer."

He thanks the various authors of the series for their contributions, adding, "I gladly place these 'Notes' in your hands, so that each one may rediscover the beauty of entrusting oneself to the Lord with humility and joy." In fact, "the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 is just around the corner," continues the Pope in his preface, wondering: "How can we prepare for this event, so important for the life of the Church, if not through prayer?"

Scenario we live in calls for prayers

Pope Francis describes the modern-day need for "a true spirituality, capable of responding to the great questions that arise every day in our lives, provoked also by a world scenario that is certainly not serene.

He then highlights this world scenario by shining light on "the ecological-economic-social crisis aggravated by the recent pandemic; the wars, especially the one in Ukraine, which sow death, destruction, and poverty;" and "the throwaway culture of indifference."

"These phenomena contribute to generating a heavy climate, which prevents so many people from living with joy and serenity," says the Pope. "We need, therefore, our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father, so that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him in the confidence of being answered."

Various pastoral initiatives

Pope Francis says the Year of Prayer should not undermine pastoral initiatives carried out in particular Churches. Rather, he adds, the Year seeks to "recall the foundation on which the various pastoral plans should develop and find consistency. It is a time in which, both personally and as a community, one can rediscover the joy of praying in a variety of forms and expressions."

The Holy Father invites everyone to embrace humility so as to make room "for the prayer that flows from the Holy Spirit," as "it is He who knows how to put the right words in our hearts and on our lips to be heard by the Father."

Contributions of consecrated men and women

Pope Francis also prays for bishops, priests, deacons, and catechists, assuring them of his certainty that they will "find in this year the most suitable ways to place prayer at the basis of the proclamation of hope that the Jubilee 2025 intends to make resound in this troubled time."

The Holy Father highlights the contribution of consecrated persons, especially communities of contemplative life, as being "very valuable."

He expresses his hope that "in all the shrines of the world, privileged places for prayer, initiatives will increase so that each pilgrim may find an oasis of serenity and depart with a heart full of consolation." Finally, Pope Francis extends his invitation to all, praying that "personal and community prayer become unceasing, without interruption, according to the will of the Lord Jesus, so that the Kingdom of God may spread and the Gospel reach every person who asks for love and forgiveness."



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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: May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Pledged the Amount \$ 29,934
For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"

- ⇒ Goal: \$17,344
- ⇒ Pledged: \$29,934
- ⇒ Received: \$1,780



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

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**.