

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Long Island City, NY 11101

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Long Island City, NY 11101

917-832-6104

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## Parish Staff

### **Pastor**

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

### **Director of Music**

Dr. Justin Bischof

### **Director of Religious Education**

Giovanna Varlese

### **Assistant Director of Religious**

Lisete Afonso

### **Director of Maintenance**

Ray Rychalski

### **Administrative Assistant**

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

## Schedule of Masses

### **Masses:**

Saturday 5:00 pm

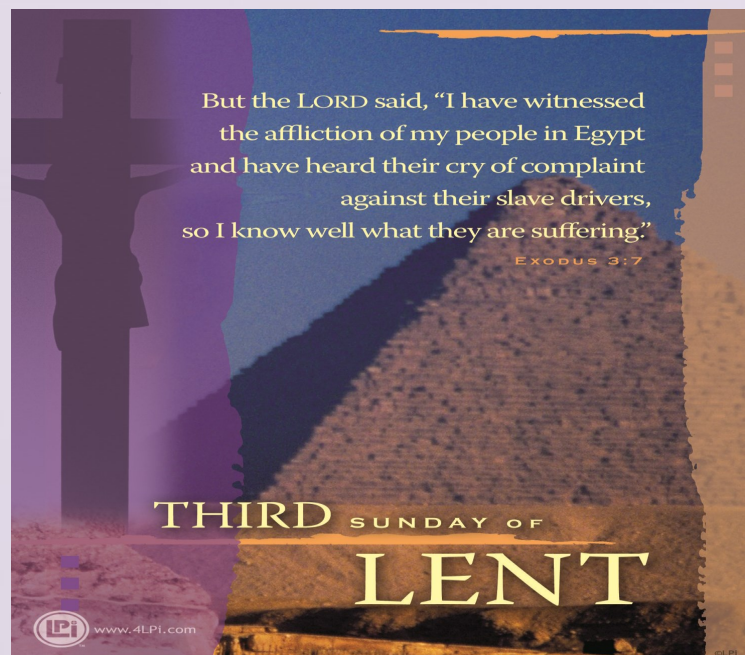
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

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.



## March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

### **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 1:30 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

**March 3, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Today we hear God deliver the ten commandments to Moses and the Chosen People. The commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences and recall times when we have failed to follow one of God's commands and determine which commandments we find difficult to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God and those we've wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.



**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

5:00 pm Raymond Thornton

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

9:30am Nick Messina

12:00pm Richard Lofredo

**Monday, March 4, 2024**

12:15pm William Beebe

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

12:15pm Moussa Traore "Living"

**Wednesday March 6, 2024**

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm People of the Parish

**Thursday March 7, 2024**

12:15pm Joseph Manetta

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

NO MASS

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

5:00pm Albino and Juliana Cruz

**Statistics February 24-2024  
and February 25-2024**

2/24-5:00 pm 77

2/25-9:30 am 140

2/25-12:00 pm 148

**Total Count 365**

1st Collection \$2,007

2nd Collection \$627

**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

**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, Rosa D'Amato

**Purgatorial Intentions**

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

**Bread and Wine**

**March 3, 2024 to  
March 10, 2024**

**Beverly E. Young**



**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



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

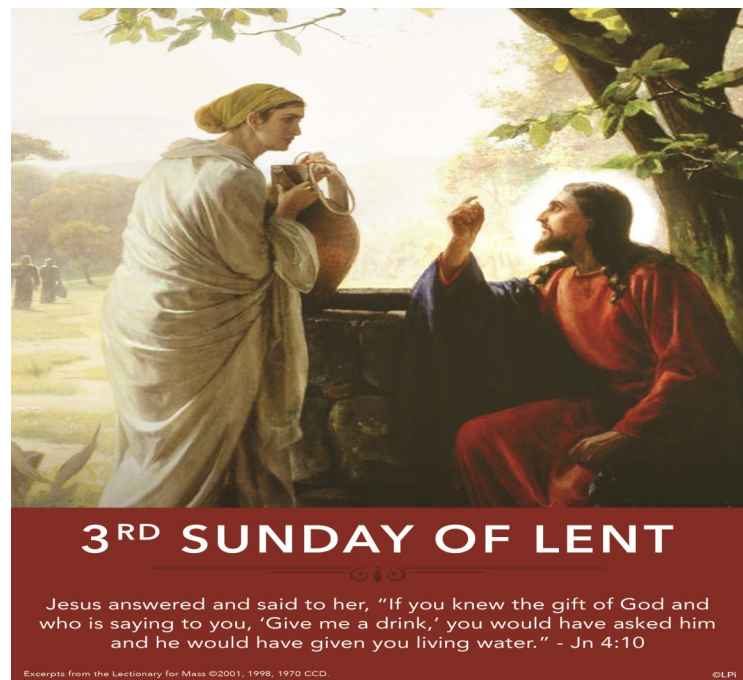
We invite you to stand with St Mary Roman Catholic Church in supporting the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**.

To donate, visit **[www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)** or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**.

March 3, 2024 –

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## The Third Sunday of Lent



This Sunday's Scriptures remind us of the primacy of God the Father's love for us. This reminder comes to us via a particular sign.

St. Paul proclaims in today's Second Reading that "***Jews demand signs***". Yet they are like all mankind in this regard. Signs are helpful and useful. Can you imagine driving on the interstate or in a business district if there were no signs?

The signs that the Jews demanded were religious signs, however. They demanded signs, and they demanded these signs from God Himself. Still, here also we are like our forefathers in faith. We ask God for signs that we are loved, that things are going to turn out all right, and even that He exists and is listening to our concerns. So while the first-century "***Greeks look for wisdom***," and the Romans respect the rod and the whip, the "***Jews demand signs***". We hear how this is true of the Jewish persons within today's Gospel Reading. After Jesus initiates conflict in the Jewish Temple, "***the Jews answered and said to Him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?'***" Jesus shows them the sign of the Cross through His words: "***Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.***" On Good Friday, Jesus proclaims the sign of the Cross by sacrificing His Body and Blood on it. But most around Him reject both His word and His sacrifice. In today's Gospel Reading, those around Him refuse to believe what He foretells about the Temple of His Body. On Good Friday, they will nail that Body to the Cross.

Lent is a season of sorrow and bitterness. In our Lenten devotions such as the Stations of the Cross, we rightly feel sadness at the fact that Jesus suffered so intensely because of our sins. St. John the Evangelist paints the lines of bitterness and sorrow in his portrait of Jesus in today's Gospel passage. This passage is set two years before Jesus' Passion and Death on the Cross, "***while He was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover***". On that occasion, "***many began to believe in His Name when they saw the signs He was doing.***"

That sounds like a good thing, since Jesus' ministry seems to be growing successfully.

If God the Father had sent His son to save us by miracles, the popular response that He received might have brought joy to Jesus' heart. But the evangelist tells us something far different: ***“Jesus would not trust himself to them because He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.”***

John's commentary here foreshadows the events of Holy Week. God the Father did not send His Son to save us through a miraculous sign, but through a sign of failure: betrayal, false condemnation, public humiliation and physical torture all led up to the sign of the Cross. The Cross on Calvary was meant to serve as a human sign, and a divine sign. Humanly, Jesus had His hands and feet nailed to a cross at the top of a mountain. This was meant by sinful rulers to serve as a sign for anyone who might dare reject the rule of the Romans and the Law of the Levites.

But as a divine sign, the sign of the Cross reveals that God's very nature, His divine Life, is a paradox. St. Paul makes this plain to the Corinthians: ***“the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”*** This is what those of Jesus' day fail to understand, both on this Passover two years before Jesus' crucifixion, and also on that day so tragic that we call it “Good Friday”.

Yet even today, God means for the sign of the Cross to serve as a sign for you, a sinner, to experience forgiveness, mercy, and spiritual healing. Lent is a season of preparation. This preparation is necessary. In other words, you cannot and will not celebrate Easter rightly without engaging in the mysteries of Lent. Lent prepares us for Easter by putting before us—for our devotion and imitation in daily life—the truth that the Cross of Jesus is ***“the power of God and the wisdom of God.”***

## Special announcement from Giovanna Varlese below:

MORNING OF PRAYER & SERVICE

'MOTHERS NEED  
JUST AS MUCH  
ATTENTION AS A  
NEWBORN.  
BECAUSE THEY TOO  
HAVE JUST  
BEEN BORN

Wonderful call for All the Youth and  
Young Adults.

March 9th at 9:00 Am to 12:00 PM  
St Joseph's, Astoria  
4319 30th Ave, Astoria, NY 11103



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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.

**Giovanna Varlese 917-832-6104 dre.stmarylic@gmail.com**



**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
**Pledged the Amount \$ 30,034**  
**For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"**

- ⇒ Goal: \$17,344
- ⇒ Pledged: \$30,034
- ⇒ Received: \$1,760



**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**

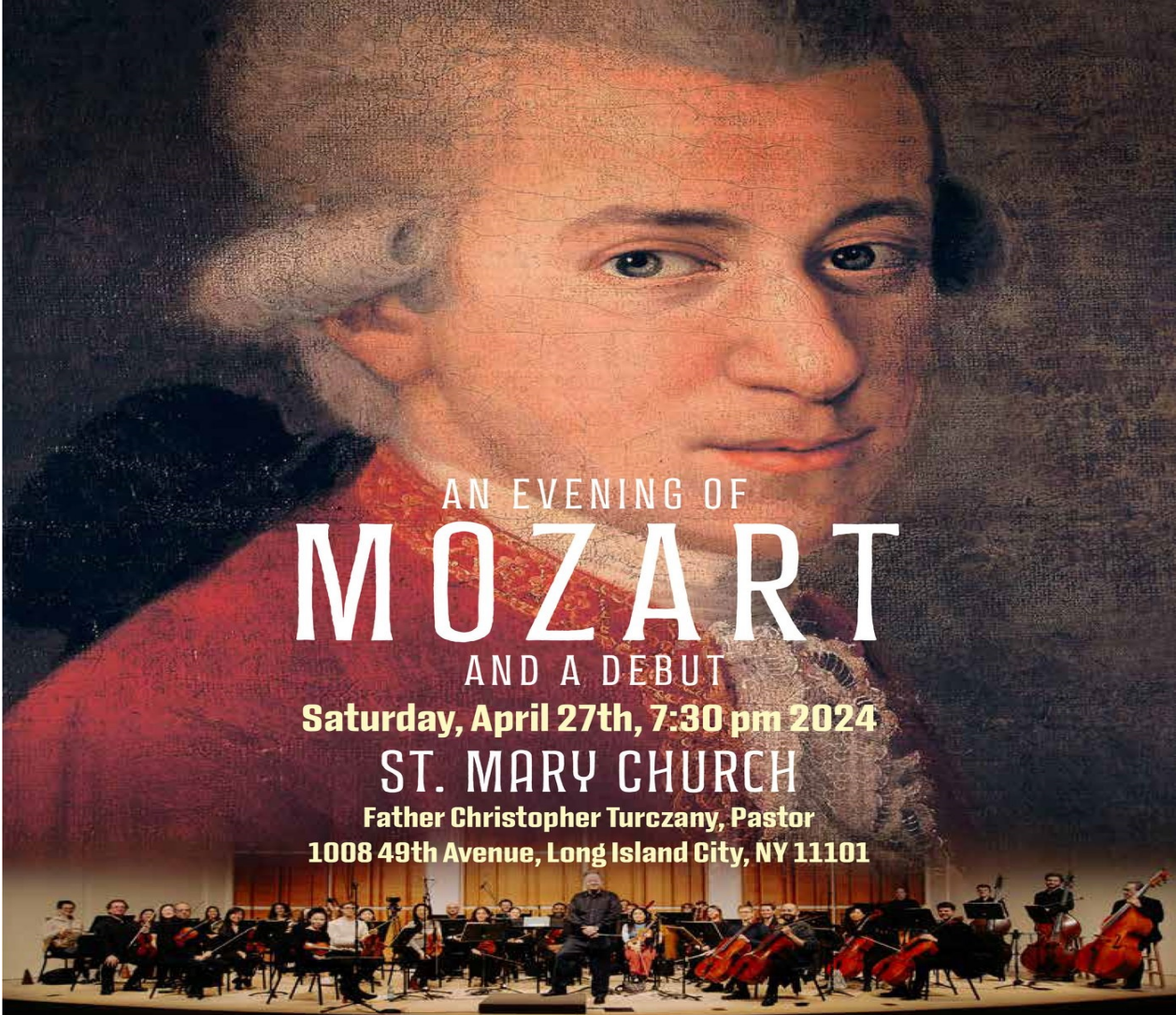


Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

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**.



AN EVENING OF  
**MOZART**

AND A DEBUT

**Saturday, April 27th, 7:30 pm 2024**

**ST. MARY CHURCH**

Father Christopher Turczany, Pastor

1008 49th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101



**Piano Concerto No. 12 K. 414 (Movt. 1)  
Mozart Requiem K. 626**

**MOO MODUS OPERANDI ORCHESTRA  
THE MODUS SINGERS**

**Aydan Ferrao, piano (MOO Debut)**

**Justin Bischof, conductor**



**Tickets are \$30 & \$50**

**Please click [here](#), or scan the QR code below**

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**MODUS OPERANDI ORCHESTRA**  
Justin Bischof, Music Director

