

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

10-08 49th Avenue

Long Island City, NY 11101

Hours: Mon-Fri 9 to 12, 1 to 5pm

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St. Joseph Center/Religious Education

10-15 49th Avenue

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

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Director of Maintenance

Ray Rychalski

Administrative Assistant

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

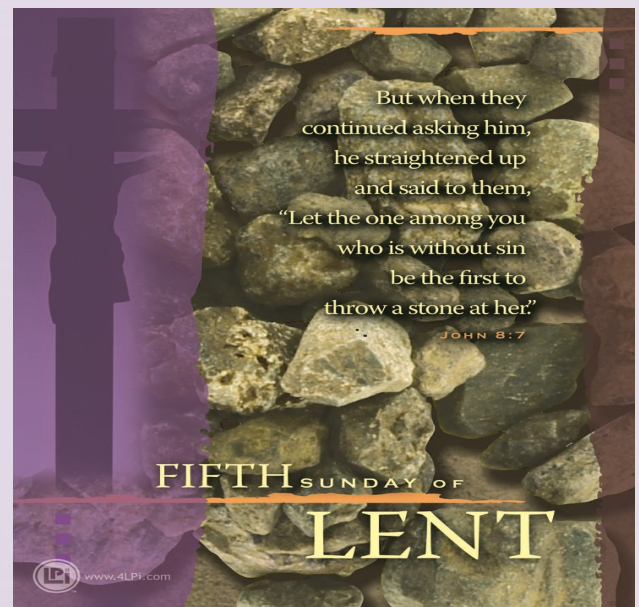
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

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.



March 17, 2024 Fifth 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

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 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday Lent

As we draw close to Holy Week, we hear Jesus talk about his approaching death. Yet his message to his disciples is not so much about his death as it is about eternal life. As Christians, we know that as difficult as death is, our true focus, our true hope is in eternal life, trusting that our Lord is our source of eternal salvation. During this final week before Holy Week, let us keep in mind that just as our Lenten Journey will not end with Good Friday, but with Easter, so too does our own life's journey end not in death but in new life.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:00pm Michael Cavaliere
Tina Falcone

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:30am Alexandre Ndione

12:00pm Angelo Dipierno

Monday, March 18, 2024

12:15pm Rev. James Brennan
Rev. Edward Gray
Rev. Patrick Garrity

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

12:15pm Joseph Maher

Wednesday March 20, 2024

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Rose and Pasquale Lofredo

Thursday March 21, 2024

12:15pm Mark Crescimanni

Friday, March 22, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday March 23, 2024

5:00pm Joseph Dowd

**Statistics March 9, 2024 and
March 10, 2024**

3/9-5:00 pm	71
3/-10:30 am	160
3/10-12:00 pm	144
Total Count	375

1st Collection	\$1,858
2nd Collection	\$433

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

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

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**.

A MATTER OF THE HEART – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR B



March 17, 2024

The heart has long been celebrated by poets and songwriters as the seat of love and emotions. When we are overcome with feelings of joy, sadness, or pain, we often point to our heart, saying that it is full, hurting, or broken. To this day the heart remains a powerful symbol of our innermost longings and deepest attachments.

The human heart figures prominently in today's reading from Jeremiah. Much of Jeremiah's preaching had been directed at a people whose infidelity had led to destruction and exile. Jerusalem had been devastated, the holy places defiled, the Temple leveled, the leading citizens taken into exile, and the king led away in chains.

To this people, downhearted and disillusioned, the prophet proclaimed that God would establish a new covenant, radically different from the one Israel had broken through its infidelity. Today's passage promises a future in which God's new covenant will be expressed not externally, through statutes and decrees, but rather within each person. There will be no need even to teach God's law, because it will be inscribed in the heart.

This new covenant is less a matter of observance than of the heart. In the Sinai covenant, God's law had been written on tablets of stone. Now, in spite of the people's repeated failures with resulting disastrous consequences, God announces, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer 31:33).

Psalms 51, a prayer for mercy which follows today's reading from Jeremiah, likewise focuses on change from within: "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Ps 51:10). Living by God's covenant is not merely a matter of observing rules; it requires openness to total transformation of our hearts. We pray to be remade in the image of the One whose name is Love.

The new covenant is a relationship of total giving on both sides—the Holy One lavishly pouring out love for us, and we surrendering our entire selves in response. Jews are reminded of this relationship several times each day as they recite the *Shema Israel*: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Dt 6:4-5).

As the Christian community journeys through Lent with candidates for Easter baptism, we remember the new covenant that God announced through Jeremiah. In the water the Holy One bids us to let go of our old ways so that God may write the law of love in our hearts. We die and rise with Christ so that our entire self—heart, mind, and spirit—may be transformed in the image of the One who poured out his life for love of others.

A Hymn for Today: "Spirit, open my heart"

This hymn by Ruth Duck, FHS, is based on today's reading from Jeremiah and on two passages in Ezekiel, all focused on the human heart. The singing community prays for an openness to life in all its dimensions and for a heart to love as God loves. Listen [here](#) to an arrangement of this hymn by Alfred V. Fedak.

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love,
in receiving and in giving;
Spirit, open my heart.

Verses

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*
Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *Refrain*
May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

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Tune: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

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"Word and Song: A Lectionary Reflection" is written by the Executive Director of The Hymn Society, Rev. Dr. Mike McMahon. For his full bio, [click here](#) and scroll down to the "staff" section.

To receive these weekly reflections by email, please send a message to office@thehymnsociety.org and type "Lectionary" in the subject line.

DONATE BLOOD AT OUR
ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE



When: Sunday May 19, 2024

Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Parish Hall

More information to follow from our sponsor "The LIC/Astoria Lions Club"

St Mary's Religious Education Program
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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 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: **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: \$4,336
- ⇒ Received: \$3,285



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

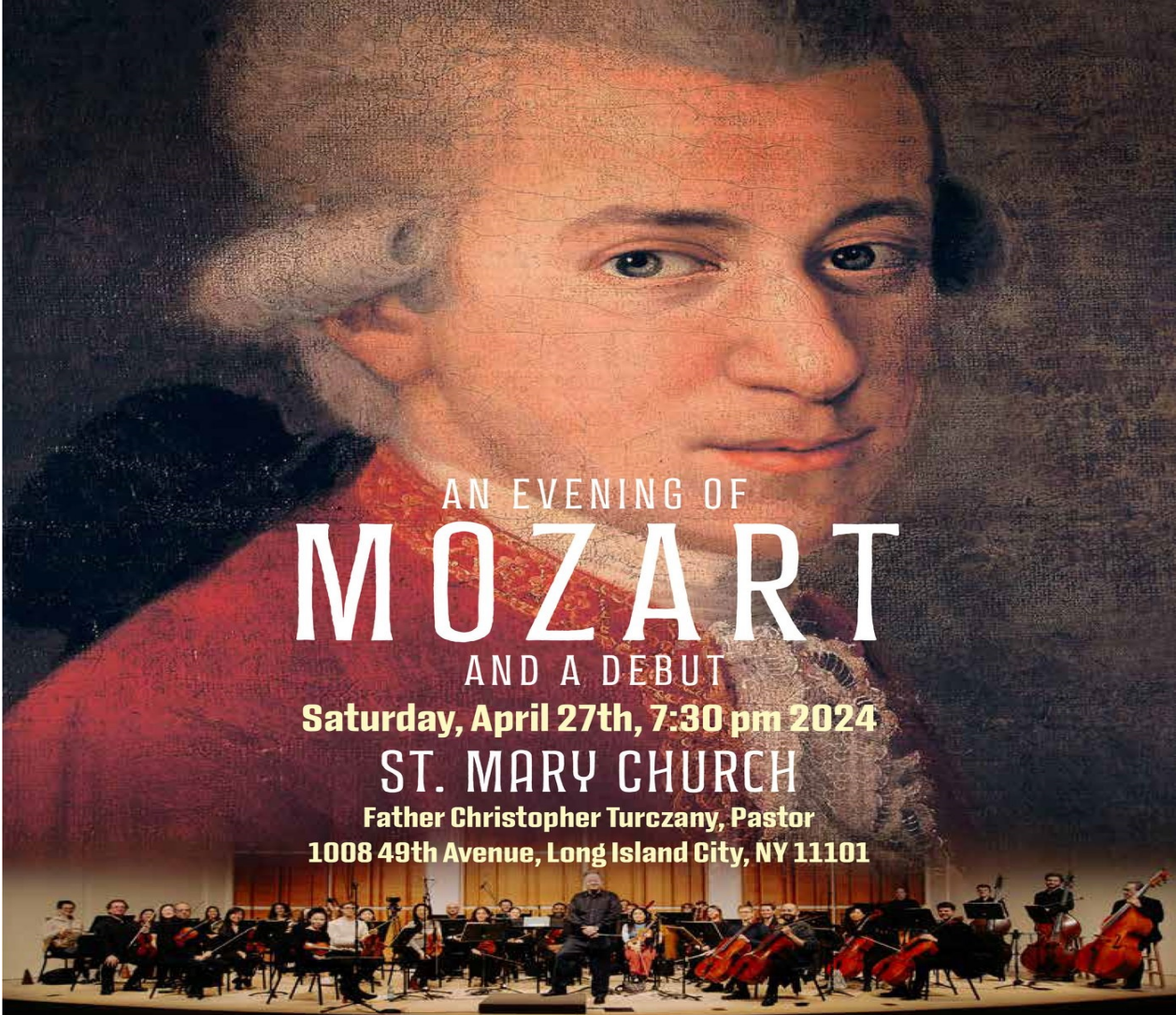


Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

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



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