

# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Long Island City, NY 11101

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## St. Joseph Center/Religious Education

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Long Island City, NY 11101

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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

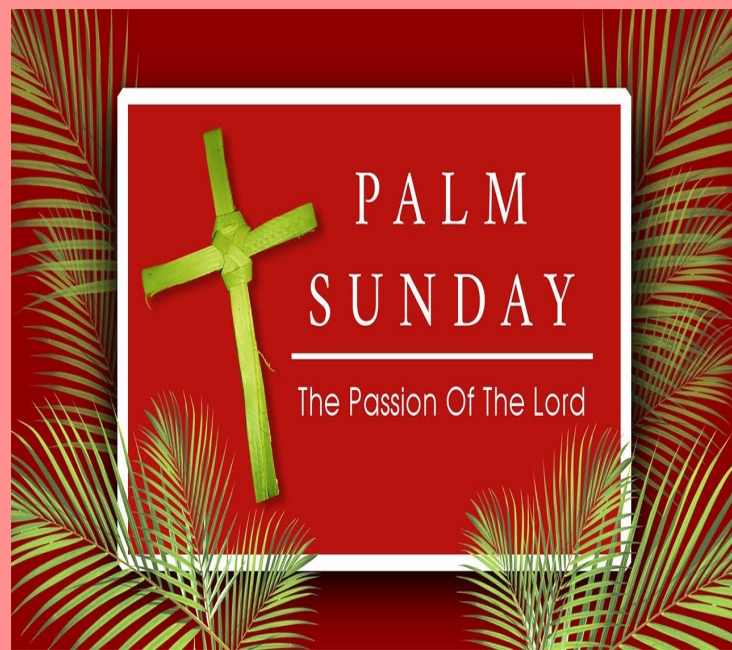
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

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 24, 2024 Palm Sunday of the Lord

#### **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:**

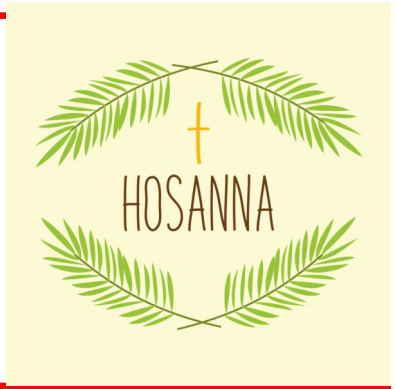
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

**Funerals:** Monday through Saturday

**March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down God's blessing upon the symbol that today's feast is named for: the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem. "Hosanna!" The crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. "Hosanna!" the residents called out, eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the of the year, the week when we recall Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.



**Intentions For the Week**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

5:00pm Joseph Dowd

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**March 24, 2024**

9:30am Rosa D'Amato

12:00pm Jorge Roberto Buchler

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

12:15pm Maria Dizón

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

12:15pm Jamie Moffat

**Wednesday March 27, 2024**

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Richard J. Gallagher

**Holy Thursday March 28, 2024**

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Patrick J. Roeder**

**Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

3:00 pm Good Friday-  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Holy Saturday March 30, 2024**

8:00pm The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night  
**Sister Annette  
& Elaine Maire Roeder**

**Easter Sunday March 31, 2024**

9:00am Easter Orchestra Prelude

9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass

**David Durant**

11:30am Easter Orchestra Prelude

12:00pm Easter Sunday Mass

12:00pm **Bob Ulino**

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**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, Rosanna Lara Lugo

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

**Bread and Wine**

**March 23, -March 30, 2024**

**Albert Setford-**

**Paula and Ronald O'gara**



**Join us in Indianapolis!**

**Diocese of Brooklyn**

**July 17-21, 2024**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan**



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Peter's Way Tours  
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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)**

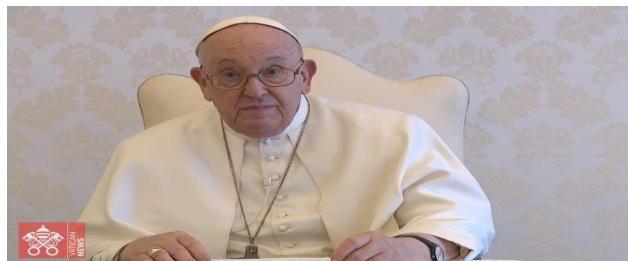
Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

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**.

# Pope recalls importance of Holy Week in leaving lasting mark on our lives



In a video message to the Confraternities of Mérida, Spain, Pope Francis recalls how Holy Week is "a time of grace" to be dedicated to prayer and to our brothers and sisters most in need.

**By Adriana Masotti**

Mérida is one of Spain's most renowned cities for its ancient Roman monuments, so much so that it is called the "Spanish Rome." Founded as a colony by soldiers of Augustus in 25 B.C., its historic center boasts the Arch of Trajan, the Roman Bridge, the Temple of Diana, and a Roman Amphitheater, among others sites. And it is around these places that religious processions, parades and the Stations of the Cross are held during Holy Week.

## **Spiritual closeness with Mérida**

In the video message addressed to the many local Confraternities that promote the religious events, the Pope observed that very few cities can experience the days that changed the history of humanity in settings with more than two thousand years of antiquity, contemporary with the time of the Lord's Passion. Assuring all in Mérida of his spiritual closeness, the Pope said he will remember them in a special way when he leads the Way of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum as they participate in it at the Roman Amphitheater of Mérida with faithful from around the world.

Holy Week's indelible mark

The Pope recalled how the Archdiocese of Mérida-Badajoz is celebrating a special year, the Eulalian Jubilee Year, which honors St. Eulalia, the young martyr who helped make Mérida the cradle of Christianity in Spain and the destination of pilgrimages throughout history. Addressing the Confraternities who prepare the Holy Week celebrations, he encouraged them to ensure that the experience of Holy Week "leaves an indelible and permanent mark" on those who participate, reminding them that the re-enactment of Jesus' Passion "is not a spectacle, but a proclamation of our salvation" and "for this reason it must leave its mark."

## **Love of God and neighbor**

It is especially important during Holy Week to spend time devoted to prayer, listening to the Word of God, following the example of the Good Samaritan caring for our wounded sisters and brothers. Quoting from his [Lenten Message for this year](#), the Pope said, "Love of God and love of neighbour are one love...In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another."

## **Opening our hearts to others**

Holy Week marks "a time of grace that the Lord gives us so that we may open the doors of our hearts" and our communities, the Pope recalls, and going out to meet Jesus and others, also to bring the light and joy of our faith. He encouraged everyone to go forth with love and with God's tenderness, respect and patience, "knowing that we offer our hands, our feet, our hearts, but that it is God who guides us and shows us the way."

## **Prayer for families and those in need**

Pope Francis concludes his message to the Fraternities of the ancient Spanish city with a special thought for families "who have a loved one who is ill," for those who are alone, for those experiencing economic hardship, and finally for young people who can offer their talents now and in the future for the Fraternities of Mérida.



**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"**

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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: \$4,756
- ⇒ Received: \$3,563



**Statistics March 16 , 2024 and March 17, 2024**

3/16-5:00 pm	70
3/-17-9:30 am	130
3/17-12:00 pm	189
<b>Total Count</b>	<b>389</b>
1st Collection	\$1,535
2nd Collection	\$839

**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**



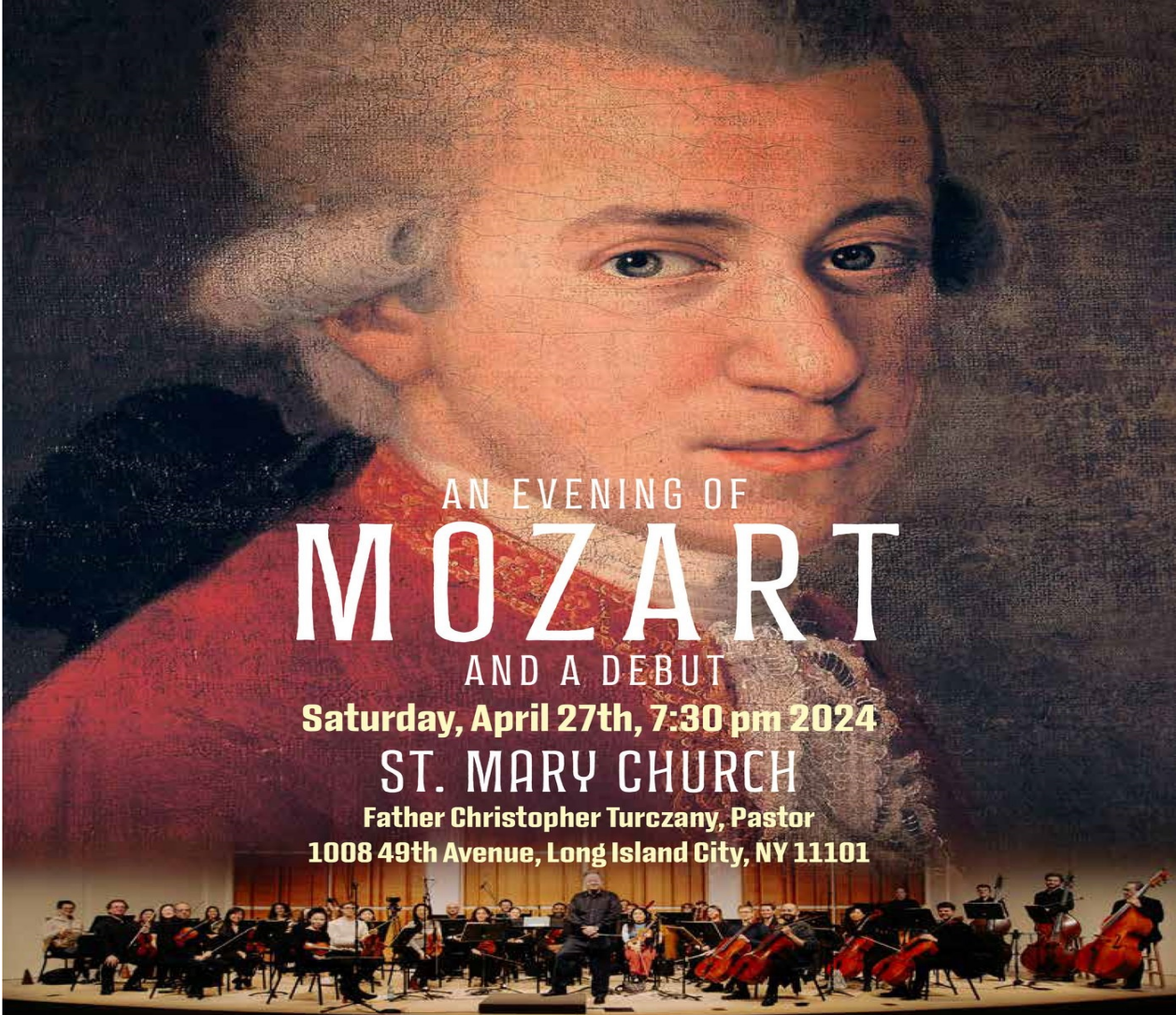
Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

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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