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# SUNDAY

# March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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

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 1:00 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

#### **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 31, 2024

#### **Easter Sunday**

Today we gather in joy to celebrate the holiest and most wonderful of days: Easter Sunday. Jesus, who sacrificed his life on behalf of us all, has been raised from the dead. Alleluia! This is the day that gives meaning to Jesus' suffering and death, and in turn to our own. Suffering and death, and in turn to our own. Suffering and death are not the end. Jesus has led the way to his Father for all eternity.

How appropriate that we gather today for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we give thanks to the Lord for the ultimate sacrifice he made for our sins. In the Eucharist, we receive his Body and Blood, more closely uniting us with him, now and eternally. Let us celebrate the Eucharist on his blessed day as we are reborn in the Lord.

#### **Intentions For the Week**

#### Holy Saturday March 30, 2024

The Easter Vigil In The Holy Night 8:00pm

**Sister Annette** 

& Elaine Marie Roeder

#### Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

Easter Orchestra Prelude 9:00am

**Easter Sunday Mass** 9:30 am

**David Durant** 

Easter Orchestra Prelude 11:30am

**Easter Sunday Mass** 12:00pm

**Bob Ulino** 12:00pm

Monday, April 1, 2024

Sister Annette Elaine Marie Roeder 12:15pm

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

12:15pm Jovce Cosgrove

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
11:00am Blessed Sacrament

Richard Carr 12:15pm

Thursday April 4, 2024

Peter J. Rivera 12:15pm

Friday, April 5, 2024

No MASS

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Harold O'Leary 5:00 pm

Anna O'Leary

#### Statistics March 23, 2024 and March 24, 2024

3/23**-**5:00 pm 56 3/24-9:30 am 221 3/24-12:00 pm 257 **Total Count 534** 

1st Collection \$2,710 2nd Collection \$2,286

#### 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 Valese, 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



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.

#### **Easter 2024**



Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the New Testament of the Bible, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly A.D. 30. The holiday concludes the "Passion of Christ," a series of events and holidays that begins with Lent—a 40-day period of fasting, prayer and sacrifice—and ends with Holy Week, which includes Holy Thursday (the celebration of Jesus' Last Supper with his 12 Apostles, also known as "Maundy Thursday"), Good Friday (on which Jesus' crucifixion is observed) and Easter Sunday. Although a holiday of high religious significance in the Christian faith, many traditions associated with Easter date back to pre-Christian, pagan times.

#### When Is Easter 2024?

Easter 2024 occurs on Sunday, March 31. However, Easter falls on a different date each year. Easter Sunday and related celebrations, such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, are considered "moveable feasts," although, in western <u>Christianity</u>, which follows the Gregorian calendar, Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the <u>spring equinox</u>.

In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, which adheres to the Julian calendar, <u>Orthodox Easter</u> falls on a Sunday between April 4 and May 8 each year.

In some denominations of Protestant Christianity, Easter Sunday marks the beginning of Eastertide, or the Easter Season. Eastertide ends on the 50th day after Easter, which is known as Pentecost Sunday. In Eastern Orthodox branches of Christianity, Easter Sunday serves as the start of the season of Pascha (Greek for "passover"), which ends 40 days later with the holiday known as the Feast of the Ascension.

#### Why Is Easter Called 'Easter'?

St. Bede the Venerable, the 6th-century author of *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* ("Ecclesiastical History of the English People"), maintains that the English word "Easter" comes from *Eostre*, or *Eostrae*, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. Other historians maintain the "Easter" derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that's plural for *alba*, *or* "dawn," that became *eostarum* in Old High German, a precursor to the English language of today.

Despite its significance as a Christian holy day, many of the traditions and symbols that play a key role in Easter observances actually have roots in pagan celebrations—particularly the pagan goddess Eostre—and in the Jewish holiday of Passover.

#### **Religious Tradition of Easter**

The resurrection of Jesus, as described in the New Testament of the <u>Bible</u>, is essentially the foundation upon which the Christian religions are built. Hence, Easter is a very significant date on the Christian calendar.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities, essentially because he claimed to be the "Son of God," although historians question this motive, with some saying that the Romans may have viewed him as a threat to the empire.

He was sentenced to death by <u>Pontius Pilate</u>, the Roman prefect in the province of Judea from A.D. 26 to 36 Jesus' death by crucifixion, marked by the Christian holiday Good Friday (the Friday before Easter), and subsequent resurrection three days later is said, by the authors of the gospels, to prove that he was the living son of God.

In varying ways, all four of the gospels in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) state that those who believe in Jesus' death and resurrection are given "the gift of eternal life," meaning that those of faith will be welcomed into the "Kingdom of Heaven" upon their earthly death.

#### **Passover and Easter**

Notably, Easter is also associated with the Jewish holiday of Passover, as well as the exodus of the Jews from Egypt, as described in the Old Testament. These links are clearly seen in the Last Supper, which occurred the night before Jesus' arrest and the sufferings Jesus endured following his arrest.

The Last Supper was essentially a Passover feast. However, the New Testament describes it as being given new significance by Jesus: He identified the matzah (or bread) he shared with his 12 apostles as his "body" and the cup of wine they drank as his "blood."

These rituals would come to symbolize the sacrifice he was about to make in death, and became the basis for the Christian ritual of Holy Communion, which remains a fundamental part of Christian religious services.

As Jesus' arrest and execution were said to have occurred during the Jewish observance of Passover, the Easter holiday is often close to the former celebration on the Judeo-Christian calendar.

#### **Easter Traditions**

In western Christianity, including Roman Catholicism and Protestant denominations, the period prior to Easter holds special significance.

This period of fasting and penitence is called Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays).

The Sunday immediately prior to Easter is called Palm Sunday, and it commemorates Jesus' arrival in **Jerusalem**, when followers laid palm leaves across the road to greet him.

Many churches begin the Easter observance in the late hours of the day before (Holy Saturday) in a religious service called the Easter Vigil.

In Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Easter rituals start with the Great Lent, which begins on Clean Monday (40 days prior to Easter, not including Sundays). The last week of Great Lent is referred to as Palm Week, and it ends with Lazarus Saturday, the day before Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which ends on Easter.

#### **Easter Eggs**

Irrespective of denomination, there are many Easter-time traditions with roots that can be traced to non-Christian and even pagan or non-religious celebrations. Many non-Christians choose to observe these traditions while essentially ignoring the religious aspects of the celebration.

Examples of non-religious Easter traditions include Easter eggs, and related games such as egg rolling and egg decorating.

It's believed that eggs represented fertility and birth in certain pagan traditions that pre-date Christianity. Egg decorating may have become part of the Easter celebration in a nod to the religious significance of Easter, i.e., Jesus' resurrection or re-birth.

Many people—mostly children—also participate in Easter egg "hunts," in which decorated eggs are hidden. Perhaps the most famous Easter tradition for children is the annual <u>White House Easter Egg Roll</u>, when children roll Easter eggs down Capitol Hill.

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## 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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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Plegded the Amount \$ 16,785 For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"

⇒ Goal: \$16,785
 ⇒ Pledged: \$4,756
 ⇒ Received: \$3,563



# **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**.

