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Schedule of Masses

Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

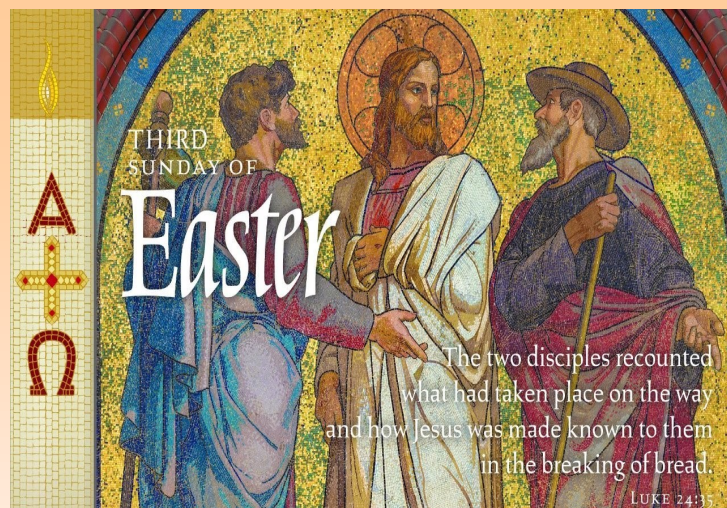
Sunday 9:30 am and 12:00 pm

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.



April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

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

Join us in Indianapolis!

Diocese of Brooklyn

July 17-21, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan



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Eucharistic
Congress**

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**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2024**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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**.

Fr. Faltas: Christians enduring war in Holy Land in faith and hope

Father Ibrahim Faltas, Vicar of the Custody of the Holy Land, reflects on the realities faced by Christian communities in the Holy Land, underscoring the importance of solidarity, prayer, and unwavering faith in

By Francesca Merlo

In an interview with the Vatican's Fides news agency, Father Ibrahim Faltas, the Vicar of the Custody of the Holy Land, highlighted many of the challenges faced by Christian communities in the Holy Land, in light of the ongoing war in Gaza.

Fr. Faltas began by emphasising the severity of the situation, quoting Pope Francis, who has often said that "war is always a defeat."

Plight of Christian communities

Reflecting on the situation in which Christian communities find themselves, Fr. Faltas described the circumstances in Gaza, explaining that "for Christians who are a minority in the Holy Land, it becomes a very difficult tragedy to face."

Fr. Faltas then recounted a touching moment, in which a parish priest was overcome with joy after finding a single red apple, the first fruit seen in six months of conflict, which he then shared with his parishioners.

The West Bank and Israel

Turning to the West Bank and Israel, Fr. Faltas highlighted the economic ramifications of the conflict.

"In the West Bank, Christians...do not have jobs due to the lack of pilgrimages," he said. "They see no future for their families and many would like to leave the Holy Land."

He noted that even in Israel, "Christian communities live and suffer the consequences of war."

Fr. Faltas went on to address the difficulties communities in the West Bank have in contacting those in Gaza. "Unfortunately, the Christian communities of the Holy Land cannot have contact with each other, despite the physical proximity of these places," he said, noting that "thank God, technology has made it possible for us to hear from each other and to sustain each other in prayer."

Devastating toll on human life

Turning to address the political dimensions of the conflict, Fr. Faltas refrained from analysis, saying, "I am not a political analyst," though he noted that after decades of serving in the country he knows the situation well.

"For years I have believed that the international community has to intervene to try to bring peace to this part of the world so in need of peace," he noted, emphasising the huge loss of lives, particularly those of innocent children.

"Children, like all children in the world, are the first victims of these atrocities," he said, wondering, "Who will erase the psychological traumas of children, of all children, regardless of their nationality or religious belief?"

Pope Francis: ally of peace

Fr. Faltas concluded by commending Pope Francis for his endless advocacy for peace.

"Pope Francis' appeals support and give strength to the Christians of the Holy Land and, believe me, not only to Christians," he said, noting that he was "the first and, for a long time, the only one to call for a ceasefire."

Source: Fides News Agency

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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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: \$5,506
- ⇒ Received: \$3,421



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

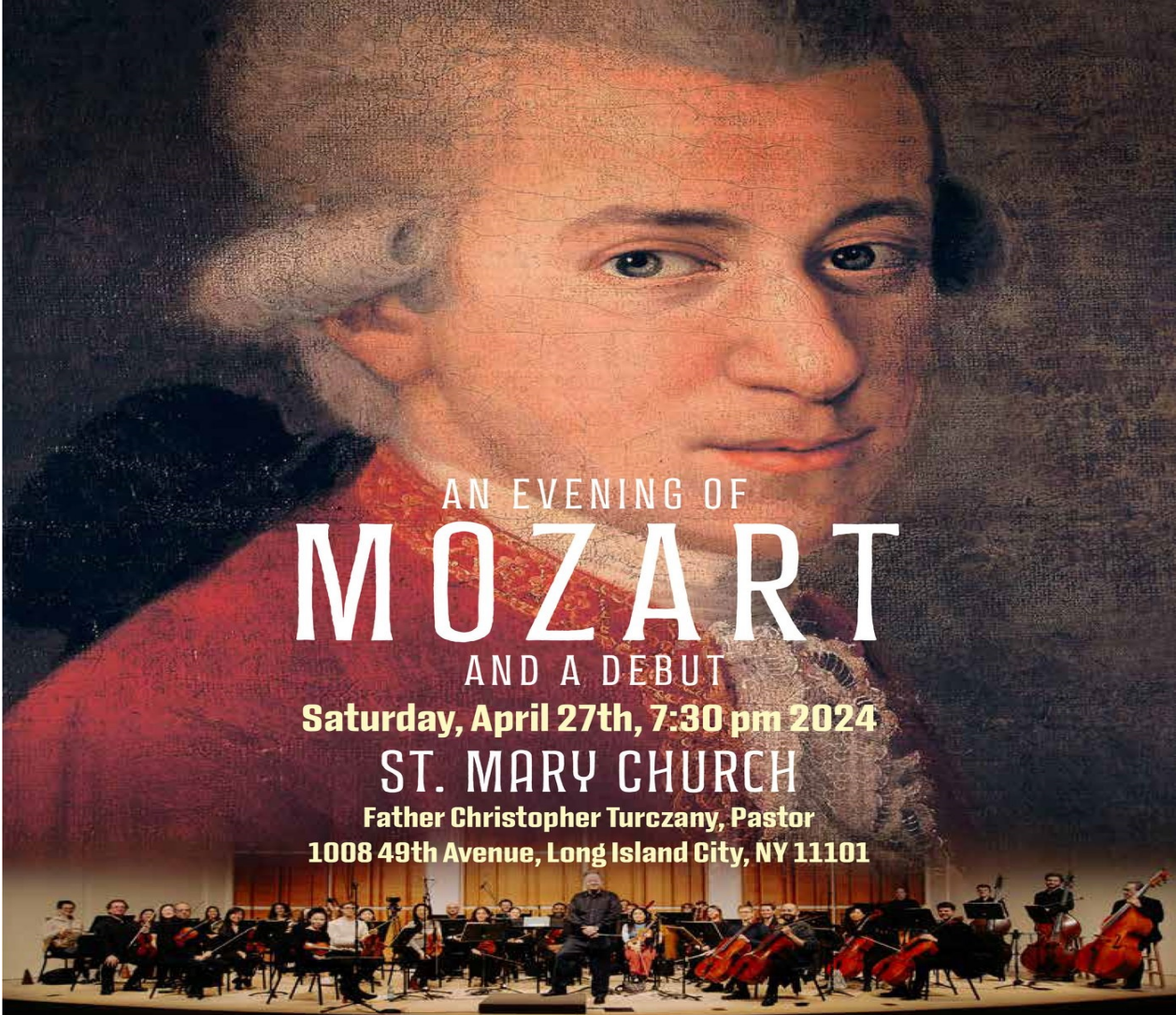


Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

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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Justin Bischof, Music Director

