

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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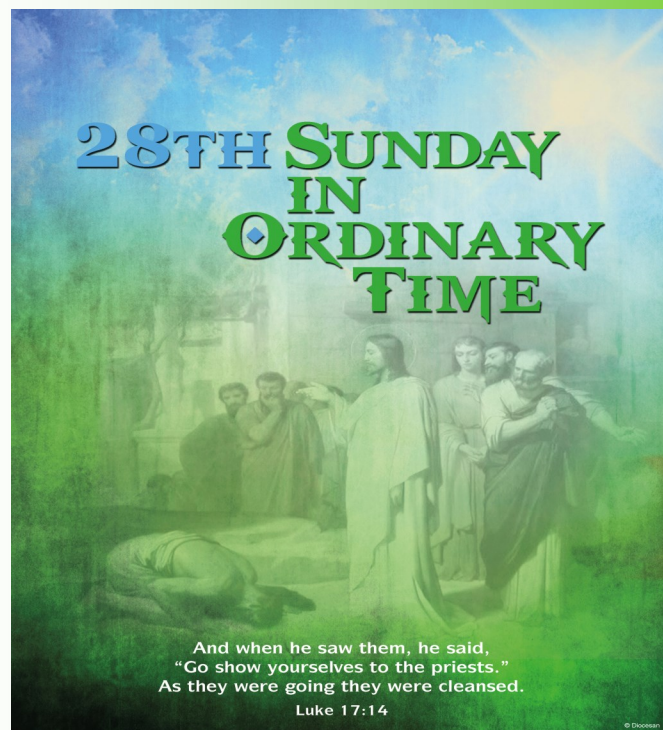
St. Joseph Center/Religious Education

10-15 49th Avenue

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Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Christopher J. Turczany

Director of Music

Parker Ramsay

Director of Religious Education

Giovanna Varlese

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.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

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:

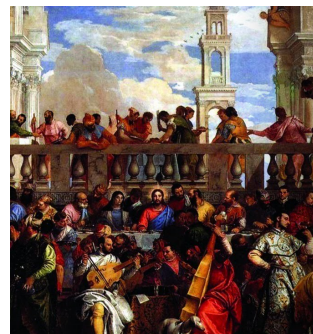
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment with the Pastor. All couples are required to attend the online Pre-Cana and present the certificate when completed.

Funerals: Monday through Saturday

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We come here today in various states of disrepair. Perhaps we are worn down by an exhausting week of work. Perhaps we are to cope with family or marital difficulties. Perhaps we have been wracked by grief, or guilt, or despair. The truth is that this is the human condition.

We're human; we're imperfect. We would do well to recognize this. We need to repent, to forgive, to reconcile. We need to look to God, who makes all things perfect. May Jesus' words to his disciples give us the hope we need: "All things are possible for God."



**28TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Come to the feast."
- Mt 22:4bc

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday October 12, 2024

5:00 pm Basile Family

Sunday October 13, 2024

9:30 am Gaby Diharce

12:00pm Mae & Eddie Roeder

Monday October 14, 2024

9:00 am Vivian Toribio

***Columbus Day**

Tuesday October 15, 2024

12:15 pm Josephine Crescimanni

Wednesday October 16, 2024

11-12pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

12:15 pm Jean Liggio

Thursday October 17, 2024

12:15pm Dorothy Travis

Friday October 18, 2024

No Mass

Saturday October 19, 2024

5:00 pm Ursula, Michael and
Ronald Buono

Statistics October 5 and October 6 2024

Count 5:00pm/ 50
9:30 am/177
12:00pm/142
369

1st Collection \$1,932.00
2nd Collection \$ 737.00
Hurricane Collection \$1,279.00

Pray for the sick

Teresa Ortiz, Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy
O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco,
Madelaine Sullivan, Tina Stare

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Vessillo, Nicholas Correa,
Ines Cano, Salvatore Caiaccia,
Elizabeth Crumish DeMartine,
Emily Loiacono, Joan O'Brien,
Anthony Walsh Jr., Father Ray Schmidt

Purgatorial Intentions

Tom DeQuatro, Felino Francisco Alamani, Dorothy,
Marinelli, Anna Mangino, Anthony DeFelica,
Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado, Yolanda Sipin,
Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero, Robert Rohan,
Tommaso Valesse, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova,
Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

Join Our Religious Education Sunday School Team! Volunteer Teachers / Aides Needed

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of children? Do you have a love for teaching and sharing your faith? Our Sunday school program is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team!

Why Volunteer?

Inspire Young Minds: Help children learn and grow in their faith.

Build Community: Connect with other volunteers and families in our church.

Share Your Talents: Use your gifts and creativity to make learning fun and engaging.

Responsibilities:

Prepare and teach engaging lessons based on provided curriculum.

Create a welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

Collaborate with other volunteers and staff to plan activities and events.

Ensure the safety and well-being of all children in your care.



Qualifications:

A love for working with children.

Patience, kindness, and a positive attitude.

Willingness to learn and follow the Sunday school curriculum.

Time Commitment:

Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

Occasional planning meetings and training sessions.

Classes for All Ages:

We offer Religious Education Classes for children of all ages, from little ones to teenagers.

How to Apply:

If you're interested in volunteering or want to learn more, please contact Giovanna Varlese at 917-832-6104 (office)

Email: DRE.StMaryLIC@gmail.com or Scan QR Code

We can't wait to welcome you to our team!

Make a lasting impact in the lives of our children. Volunteer with us today.

Invitation to Journey in Faith Registration
Join Us for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) Courses
Sundays, October 22nd through Eastertide

Are you curious about Catholicism, considering becoming Catholic, or simply want to deepen your faith journey? Join our OCIA courses where you can explore the rich traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church in a welcoming and supportive environment.

What to Expect:

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- **Engaging Classes:** Learn about Catholic beliefs, practices, and the journey of faith.
- **Community:** Meet others on a similar journey and build friendships within our parish community.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Deepen your relationship with God and discover how faith can enrich your life.

Who Should Attend:

- **Seekers:** Individuals interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.
- **Catechumens and Candidates:** Those preparing to become Catholic through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- **Catholics Seeking Formation:** Individuals who wish to deepen their understanding of Catholic teachings and practices.

Schedule: Start Date: Sunday, October 22nd

- **Time:** 1 pm – 2:30 pm
- **Location:** St Joseph Center 1015 49th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101
- **Contact Information:** For more information and to register, please contact Giovanna Varlese at DRE.StMaryLIC@gmail.com or Scan QR code



We look forward to journeying with you towards a deeper understanding and experience of the Catholic faith!



'I am close to you,' says Pope to martyred flock in the Holy Land

Marking one year from the Hamas attacks on Israel that plunged the Holy Land into all-out war, Pope Francis addresses a letter to the Catholics of the region decrying the “shameful inability of the international community and powerful countries to put an end to the war” and expressing his closeness to those who “suffer the devastation which the powerful impose on others.”

By Linda Bordoni

In a [letter](#) dated **7 October 2024**, one year from the “sad day” when the lighting “of the fuse of hatred (...) that exploded in a spiral of violence,” Pope Francis reaches out to the Catholics of the Holy Land “as blood and tears are still being shed.”

“I am thinking of you and praying for you,” the Pope says, decrying “the shameful inability of the international community and the most powerful countries to silence the weapons and put an end to the tragedy of war.”

He notes that “Anger is growing, along with the desire for revenge, while it seems that few people care about what is most needed and what is most desired: dialogue and peace.”

“War is a defeat,” he reiterates, “Weapons do not build the future but destroy it, violence never brings peace. History proves this, yet years and years of conflict seem to have taught us nothing.”

A defenseless flock loved by God

Thanking the “small, defenseless flock” who dwells in the Holy Land “thirsting for peace” for wanting to remain in their lands, praying and loving despite everything, he describes Holy Land Catholics as “a seed loved by God.”

He encourages them to find a way to bear fruit and give life, without letting themselves be engulfed by the darkness that surrounds them.

“Planted in your sacred lands, become sprouts of hope, because the light of faith leads you to testify to love amid words of hatred, to encounter amid growing confrontation, to unity amid increasing hostility,” he writes. And saying he writes “with the heart of a father”, to his children, who are “today experiencing a real *martyrdom*, the Pope asks them to sow “seeds of peace amid the winter of war,” and be “witnesses to the power of a non-violent peace.”

Day of prayer and fasting

Pope Francis notes that today people do not know how to find peace. “As Christians, we must never tire of imploring peace from God.”

“That is why, on this day, I have urged everyone to observe a day of prayer and fasting,” he says, calling them “the weapons of love that change history, the weapons that defeat our one true enemy: the spirit of evil that foments war.”

"I am close to you, I am with you"

The whole second part of the letter is composed of a sequence of “I am with you, I am close to you.”

Pope Francis utters these words to his brothers and sisters, but also to the men and women of every confession and religion who in the Middle East are suffering from the insanity of war:

To the people of Gaza who are in his thoughts and prayers every day:

To the mothers who weep while looking at their dead or wounded children, "like Mary at the sight of Jesus";

To you “who are afraid to look up for fear of fire raining down from the skies”;

To you who “have no voice, for despite all the talk of plans and strategies, there is little concern for those who suffer the devastation of war, which the powerful impose on others”;

To you who thirst for peace and justice, “and refuse to yield to the logic of evil and, in the name of Jesus, “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Gratitude to those who assist those suffering in war

Finally, the Pope has words of thanks for the “sons and daughters of peace,” for those, who, throughout the world, assist those who suffer, and for the bishops and priests “who bring God’s consolation to those who feel alone and abandoned.”

“Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I bless you and embrace you with heartfelt affection. May Our Lady, Queen of Peace, watch over you. May Saint Joseph, Patron of the Church, protect you.”



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Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Pledged the Amount \$ 23,885.22 For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"

- ⇒ Goal: \$16,785
- ⇒ Pledged: \$23,885.22
- ⇒ Received: \$3,185.82



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In person AA Meetings held in St. Mary's Church Basement, 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



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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.

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