

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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

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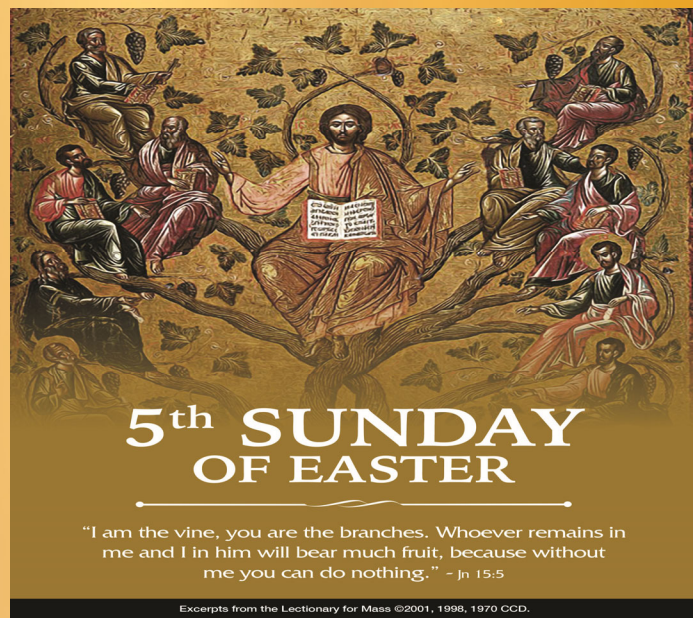
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May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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: Please call the rectory to schedule the anointing of the sick.

OCIA 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 11:00am to 12:00pm

Baptism:

Baptism take place on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please call the Rectory at 718-786-0705 for an appointment with the Pastor.

Weddings:

All wedding arrangements should be made at least six months in advance in prior to the wedding date. Please call the rectory at 718-786-0705 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



Saturday, May 2, 2026

5:00pm Bob Ulino

Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:30am Karasi-Kagoyire
Semapondo
(Thanksgiving and Healing)

12:00pm Rosetta Gozzi Stecky

Monday, May 4, 2026

12:15pm People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

12:15 pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

11-12pm Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Cheryl Zarate

Thursday May 7, 2026

12:15pm Josef Catterini

Friday, May 8, 2026

NO MASS

Saturday, May 9, 2026

5:00pm Phyllis Manetta

Mass Intentions for 2026

- Mass Intentions cost \$20.00.
- Please note **Memorials** are available in the form of Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and the Oils for the Altar Lamp cost \$25.00.

Please call the rectory with questions or comments at 718-786-0705. There is still available dates in our 2026 Mass Book.

St. Mary is revamping their Bulletin so any suggestions are welcome!!



Introit:

Cantate Domino canticum novum, alleluia: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus, alleluia: ante conspectum gentium revelavit justitiam suam, alleluia, alleluia. Salvavit sibi dextera eius: et brachium sanctum eius.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia. His right hand, his holy arm have given him victory.

Communion Antiphon:

Tanto tempore vobiscum sum, et non cognovistis me? Philippe, qui videt me, videt et Patrem meum, alleluia : non credis, quia ego in Patre, et Pater in me est? Alleluia, alleluia. Exsultate just, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara, in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum, bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

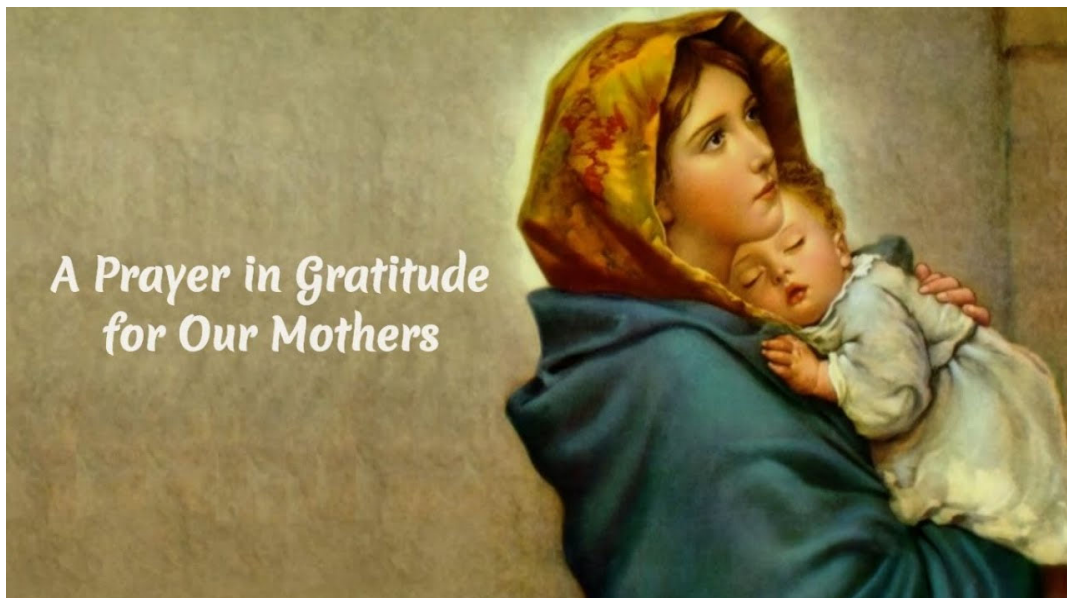
Have I been so long a time with you and have you not known me? Philip, he that seeth me seeth the Father also: do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp, sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.

Pray Sick List

Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Angela Iorio, Alexandria Roeder, Joseph Pinto, Elizabeth Ruiz, Angel Garcia, Anthony Fiorino

Pray for the Deceased

Anthony Delgado, Joseph Pinto, Tina Stare, Tina Torres, Margarita Sevillano, Maria Vesillo, Mario Manetta, Alexandra Leal, Phyllis Manetta, Giuseppe Evangelista, Genevieve Gallagher



MOTHER'S DAY MASS-May 10, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember to fill out your "In Memory of/In Honor of Mothers" envelopes. St. Mary's will include all submitted names in our bulletin on May 10, 2026.

If you do not have an envelope, please visit the rectory so we can ensure your mothers' names are included. You may also call me at 718-786-0705 or stop by the rectory to confirm your loved ones are on the list.

Thank you,

Marie Gabrielle Diharce

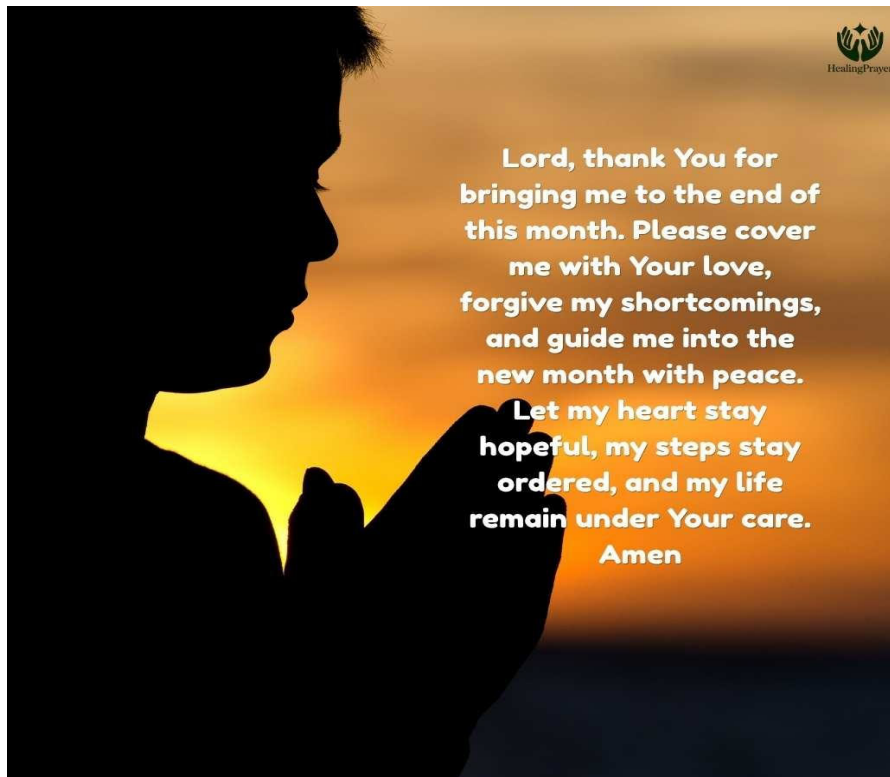


Sacramental Celebrations in Our Parish

The parish community rejoices in the continued growth of faith among its members. We extend our congratulations and prayers to the four individuals received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep in your prayers the seven young people from our Religious Education program who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 9 at Immaculate Conception, the 28 children who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 5:00 PM Mass on May 16, and the 10 adults from OCIA who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday at the 12:00 PM Mass.

We also remember in prayer those continuing their OCIA journey toward the Easter Vigil of 2027.



Welcome to our Parish-Registration Form

_____ Please send me envelopes and register me.

_____ No envelopes, but please register me

----- Please contact me I would like volunteer as

_____ Usher _____ Lector _____ **Catechist Teacher/
Assistant**

_____ I would like to join the Choir

--- Please contact me about Children's Religious Classes

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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.

Giovanna Varlese 917-832-6104 dre.stmarylic@gmail.com



May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples that “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places... I am going to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2). Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waver as well. May the words of our Lord in today’s Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God’s house has a place for each of us.

Meaning and History of Fifth Sunday of Easter

Focus on the Mission and Evangelization

This Sunday emphasizes the Church’s call to spread the Good News as echoed by the early disciples. The readings remind us that Christ’s resurrection is not just a past event, but a living call to bear witness to the faith. Over the centuries, many have looked to this day as an inspiration for daring missions, and it is often seen as a patronal day for those engaged in pastoral and missionary work.

- **Patronage:** It has been regarded as a spiritual inspiration for missionaries and pastors.
- **Evangelistic Zeal:** The celebratory liturgy underlines the joy of the resurrection and encourages active evangelization.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter offers the faithful a moment to continue the joyful celebration of Christ’s resurrection while deepening their spiritual journey. Rooted in the early traditions of the Church, this Sunday marks a period of both reflection and renewal. It brings to mind the unfolding mystery of salvation—a reminder that the resurrection is not merely an event in history but

a living promise that transforms our everyday lives.

Miracles and Historical Testimonies

Throughout Church history the Easter season has been associated with numerous miracles and signs. On this day, it is not uncommon in hagiographical accounts to hear of healings and conversions that reaffirm the power of the risen Christ. Such testimonies, recorded by the Church Fathers, continue to nurture the faithful in their journey.

- **Healing Miracles:** Early Christians recalled miraculous healings as signs of divine grace during the Easter Octave.
- **Conversion Narratives:** Many conversion stories are linked to the renewed spirit of hope and resurrection celebrated on this day.
- **Spiritual Reflection:** It is a time to internalize the resurrection’s message of hope, urging believers to move beyond despair toward the light of new life.
- **Historical Roots:** Early Christian communities observed this day as part of an extended season of Easter, teaching the continuity of faith from the past to the present.
- **Renewal of Baptismal Promises:** This Sunday calls the faithful to reaffirm the vows of new life in Christ, echoing the fresh start symbolized by Easter.
- **Communal Unity:** Through collective worship and prayer, the Church celebrates the resurrection, fostering a spirit of unity and joyful anticipation for future mysteries such as Pentecost.

Liturgical Richness and Deep Symbolism

The special liturgy of the Fifth Sunday of Easter unfolds with a rich tapestry of symbols and prayers. It invites the faithful to reflect on the mystery of resurrection and renewal. The joyful proclamation of Jesus’ victory over death harmonizes with ancient traditions and the heartfelt theology of the Church Fathers, making it a day of profound spiritual depth.

- **Rich Rituals:** The liturgy beautifully echoes the themes of rebirth and hope, using timeless symbols and prayers.
- **Spiritual Sacrifice:** The Eucharistic celebration on this day is a powerful reminder of the unity between Christ’s sacrifice and our own call to live as resurrected beings.

In essence, the Fifth Sunday of Easter is a profound encounter with the living Christ—a beacon of hope and a prompt to live out our Christian vocation with fervor and love.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, we gather on this Fifth Sunday of Easter with hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude. In the light of Your Son's triumphant Resurrection, we are reminded that hope overcomes despair and life conquers death. We come before You, humbly asking that the mystery of the Resurrection transform our lives and set our souls ablaze with Your divine love.

On this precious day, we recall that Christ has shattered the bonds of darkness. Help us, O Lord, to rise above our limitations and to embrace the freedom and newness that comes with living in Your grace.

Thanksgiving: We thank You for sending Your Son to restore life and for opening the gates of eternal salvation for all who believe.

Supplication: Grant us the strength to follow His footsteps, to trust in Your plan, and to be humble bearers of Your mercy in our daily lives.

Intercession: Look kindly upon our community, our families, and all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, that they may know the healing power of Your Resurrection.

O Risen Lord, ignite within us a zeal to live according to Your Gospel. May the light of Your Resurrection break every shadow of doubt, fill us with courageous faith, and empower us to serve as messengers of Your peace and compassion in the world.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints who have gone before us, we ask that our hearts be continually renewed. Let our prayers rise as incense before You and our actions be a reflection of Your saving grace.

We pray all these things through the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Welcome to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal:

With hearts full of gratitude, we give thanks to our faithful supporters whose generosity brings the mission of Christ to life. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we come together as one Church—united in purpose, rich in diversity, and committed to serving all God's people.

Your support sustains vital ministries that heal, teach, accompany, and uplift—reaching the poor, forming future generations, supporting our priests, and sharing the hope of the Gospel throughout Brooklyn and Queens. Each gift is a powerful expression of faith in action, transforming lives and strengthening our Church.

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Together, we are One Church—united in mission and rich in service.

You may choose to become a sustaining donor by selecting the "Recurring" option when making your pledging online. This ongoing commitment allows your generosity to extend far beyond today, ensuring that our Church's diverse ministries continue to flourish in service to one united mission.

Weekly Report As of April, 2026

Parish Goal \$ 20,310

Pledged \$17,722



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
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Live Hotline from 9:00 am-2:00 am
at 212-647-1680
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