

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension of the Lord

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 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Baptism:

Baptisms 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 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

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We are God's. In today's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father while he sits with his disciples, telling the Father that we belong to God. The Father gave the Son to us to redeem us—which Jesus is about to do when he makes this prayer—but the Father has also given us to the Son. We are connected to the Son of God as gifts of the Father. As God's gifts, we gather here together on the Lord's Day to worship and to pray, as the apostles did after Jesus was taken up to heaven. Let us pray that we come to recognize that we are all God's gifts, given by God to be given eternal life by Christ Jesus.



Introit:

Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam, qua clamávi ad te. Tibi dixit cor meum: Quaesívi vultum tuum, vultum tuum Dómine requíram. Ne avértas fáciem tuam a me.

Hear, O Lord, my voice, with which I have cried to thee. My heart said to thee: I have sought thy face; thy face, O Lord, I will seek. Turn not away thy face from me.

Communion:

Pater cum essem cum eis, ego servabam eos quos dedisti mihi, alleluia: nunc autem ad te venio: non rogo ut tollas eos de mundo, sed ut serves eos a malo, alleluia, alleluia. Lætátus sum in eo, quod dixerunt mihi: In domum Dómini íbimus.

Father, while I was with them, I kept them whom thou gavest me: now I come to thee: I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord.



Saturday, May 16, 2026

5:00pm Maria Vessillo

Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:30am Mathew Jacob

12:00pm Phyllis Manetta

Monday, May 18, 2026

12:15pm Maria Guadalupe
Espinoza-Espinoza

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

12:15 pm Frank Rasizzi

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

11-12pm Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm People of the Parish

Thursday May 21, 2026

12:15pm People of the Parish

Friday, May 22, 2026

NO MASS

Saturday, May 23, 2026

5:00pm Lordnaldo Ferreras

Statistics May 9 and May 10, 2026

1st Collection \$ 1, 940

2nd Collection \$ 596

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

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,

A Joyful Confirmation Celebration

Congratulations to our Confirmation students who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Saturday, May 9, our parish joined together with Immaculate Conception Church for this beautiful celebration of faith. We thank Bishop Chappetto for celebrating this special occasion and for his encouraging words to the students and families.

We are grateful to our catechists, families, sponsors, and all who helped guide our students throughout their faith journey. It is inspiring to witness the sincerity, growth, and love for God shown by our young people.

As a parish community, we continue to encourage our youth to share their God-given talents, grow in confidence and faith, and remain active in the life of the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire them always.

We also ask the parish community to please keep in prayer our children preparing for First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 16 at 5 pm as well as our adults preparing for Confirmation on Sunday, May 24 at 12 pm.



Confirmation
— 2026 —

Chloe Marcelle Kohigian
Joan of Arc

Andrew Joseph Joseph

Selma Maria Angeline

Andre Nicolas Lorenzo Ruiz

Katrina Gomez Katy

Robert Battaglia Michael

Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, our candidates continue their journey of faith with joy, reverence, and courage. May the grace received in Confirmation strengthen them to live as faithful witnesses of Christ in their families, parish, and community.

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."



A Beautiful May Crowning Celebration

On Sunday, May 3 - Our 3rd and 4th grade students from Ms. Niki and Ms. Grace's classes lovingly brought flowers to honor our Blessed Mother in the religious education grotto. With simple hearts and joyful reverence, they reminded us of the beauty of devotion and the gift of Mary in our lives.

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." — Luke 1:42

"Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today..."

Thank you to our students and teachers for such a prayerful and meaningful moment.



Religious Education & OCIA Registration

Registration is open for Religious Education classes and Adult OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Classes are available for children preparing for the Sacraments, as well as adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or preparing for Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

If you are interested and would like more information about the program, please email us at dre.stmarylic@gmail.com with your name and phone number, and we will be happy to contact you.

We welcome all families and adults seeking to grow in faith and become more involved in parish life.

Ascension of the Lord

ASCENSION: the act of rising to a higher level

The Ascension of the Lord takes place **forty days** after the resurrection of Jesus (Easter).

Technically, this day falls on a Thursday, but the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday.

On this day, Jesus was taken up to Heaven in his resurrected body in the presence of his apostles.



BIBLICAL REFERENCES

① While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
Luke 24:51

② So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
Mark 16:19

③ As the apostles were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."
Acts 1:9-11

The ascension is also professed in the Nicene Creed and in the Apostles' Creed:
"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father..."

Jesus departs, he ascends to Heaven. He returns to the Father. But this does not mean a separation, for he remains forever with us, in a new way. **By his ascension, the Risen Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles - and our gaze - to the heights of Heaven to show us that the end of our journey is the Father...** Yet, Jesus remains present and active in the affairs of human history through the power and the gifts of his Spirit; he is beside each of us: **even if we do not see him with our eyes, He is there!** He accompanies us, he guides us, he takes us by the hand and he lifts us up when we fall down.... **The Lord is with us!**

Pope Francis, June 1, 2014

UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT

2026 Mass Intentions

There is still availability in our 2026 for “Intention Book of Masses, Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp”.

Please stop by the rectory or call the office at 718-786-0705 with any questions.

INTENTIONS \$20 per mass

BREAD AND WINE \$25 per week

SANCTUARY LAMP \$25 per week

PURGATORY SOCIETY \$25 per week

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

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.



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

_____ I would like to join the Choir

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

_____ Please register me for Adult Religion program

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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 of Religious Education

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