



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

O CIA Program:

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete the Sacraments Initiation? Please look at page 6.

For an application or any questions, please send an email to dre.stmarylic@gmail.com

or call 917-832-6104.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY	July 11, 2026
9:00am	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	July 12, 2026
9:30 am	People of the Parish
12:00 pm	People of the Parish
MONDAY	July 13, 2026
12:15 pm	People of the Parish
TUESDAY	July 14, 2026
12:15 pm	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	July 15, 2026
12:15 pm	People of the Parish
THURSDAY	July 16, 2026
12:15 pm	Annette Marie Roeder
Friday	July 17, 2026
	No Mass
Saturday	July 18, 2026
	Antoinette Videtto

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

The setting of today's Gospel may remind us of a warm midsummer day— Maybe like today. Jesus comes outside and walks down to the sea. So many people gather along the shoreline that Jesus decides to go out in a boat and speak to the entire crowd from there. Imagine yourself sitting on a beach on a beautiful day with hundreds of others, listening to the Lord teaching in parables. Through the power of imagination, we have that opportunity today.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XVI

JULY

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Angela Lorio, 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

Entrance Antiphon:

When I cried out to the Lord, he heeded my call against my assailants; he who is before the beginning of the world and who endures forever has humbled them.

Offertory

Unto you have I lifted up my soul my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting you will be disappointed. Make your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Communion:

The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtledove a nest where she may lay her young ones: thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God: blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they shall praise thee for ever and ever. 1. How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. 2. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. 3. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. 4. Behold, O God our protector: and look on the face of thy Christ.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On July 18th and July 19th, 2026 we will have religious articles from the Holy Land for sale after Masses. Olive Wood Carvings, Rosaries, Perfect gifts for Communion and Confirmation.



WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS!

If you are a new to St. Mary's, please register with us on our webpage: www.stmary-lic.org/member/register

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration held on Wednesdays are on hold for the summer months. More information to come in July.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a mass intention for a loved one, please email the parish office at stmarylic1008@gmail.com.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS & ONLINE GIVING

Weekly offertory contributions and recurring donations may be made conveniently online at st.mary-lic.org. Sign in to your parish account, or scan the QR code to access our Giving page directly. Thank you for your faithful support of our parish community.



WEEKLY REPORT AS OF

JULY 12, 2026

Parish Goal: \$20,310

Pledged: \$27,521

We sincerely thank all the generous parishioners who have already made a pledge to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your support sustains vital ministries that reach 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. Thank you for standing with us.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, you can still join. Scan the QR Code or visit AnnualCatholicAppeal.org



UPDATE ON DONATION ENVELOPE ISSUES PLEASE READ MESSAGE FROM OUR ENVELOPE COMPANY

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly envelopes for July in order to catch up production for its 3,000-plus customers. Please use a previous month's envelope you still have available and write the correct date on it. Our goal is to ensure that your August envelopes are delivered on time and that we remain on schedule moving forward. We are committed to restoring the reliable service you expect and deserve. We are currently moving forward with producing your August packets. We appreciate your patience, understanding and partnership as we work through this transition. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,
The Cathedral Letter Concepts Team

PLEASE READ WHAT ST MARYS IS DOING ABOUT THIS INCIDENT

Please note St. Mary contacted the envelope company and they are providing blank donation envelopes as well as all parishioner numbers. All you need is to put your full name and address and I will record accurately to each of your donation accounts/parishioner so you receive the tax letter at the end of the year.

Thanks
Father Stephen Saffron
Pastor

Gabrielle Diharce/Administrative Assistant-Please call me at -718-786-0705

July 12, 2026
MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. STEPHEN A. SAFFRON

Dear Parish Family of St. Mary,

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

I have survived the first week! I must offer much heartfelt thanks. I would like to thank all of you for your words of "Welcome" and "Good Wishes".

I also thank all of you who helped in preparing the reception, those who baked and brought so many wonderful goodies, or offered donations towards the event. I would like to thank those who worked in the kitchen, and the DJ!

I also would like to thank *Tom Cat Bakery* here in Long Island City for the very generous donation of the wonderful bread. Please visit their bakery and tell them you are from St. Mary's.

I also thank the members of the Addolorata Society. As I mention them, I would like to say that I am happy to say I am looking forward to the celebration in September and bringing back some of their traditions; I had a meeting with their leadership and was happy to meet them.

Work in the rectory continues, a locksmith has been called for several issues to be fixed.

I need some help in establishing one or two "counting groups" to count the Sunday collection and help build transparency in regards to your offerings.

Many people will begin taking vacation and, so, I wish those traveling rest, safety, and fun times. Don't forget to visit a church for Mass while away!

Fr. Stephen



Pope on AI: It is important to dialogue with everyone to promote the common good

July 7, 2026

In a message signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin for the "AI for Good Global Summit", Pope Leo XIV highlights how "Magnifica humanitas" was born out of listening to many people on artificial intelligence and also of the negative impacts of this technological development.

Vatican News

The encyclical [*Magnifica humanitas*](#) was born from listening to various different people who interact and work with AI, but it was "also impelled by troubling accounts of the potential misuses of algorithms and by the loss of human agency in critical areas," Pope Leo XIV said in a [message](#) signed on his behalf by the Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Parolin, and released on July 8, 2026.

The message was sent on the occasion of the [AI for Good Global Summit](#), taking place in Geneva from July 7 to 10th. The event is organized by the United Nations' International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with other UN agencies and the Swiss government, and aims to explore how AI is shaping the world and provide solutions to important global challenges.

"As you are convening to reflect upon AI, which raises some of the major questions of our time regarding the future of humanity, the Holy Father would like to assure you of the Holy See's presence and openness to dialogue, especially in this epochal turning point," the message stated.

In this regard, the message highlighted how, in his encyclical on safeguarding the human person in the age of AI, *Magnifica humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV expressed his desire to engage in dialogue with all kinds of people in order "to identify new paths for the common good and for promoting a dignified life for all."

"*Magnifica humanitas* was born from his listening 'to scientists and engineers who work with sincere enthusiasm on technologies capable of alleviating immense suffering; to political leaders and public officials who have perseveringly sought just rules; to parents and teachers who are deeply concerned for the future of younger generations'."

However, the encyclical was also driven by the negative impacts that AI has had on humans and society.

"While wishing you to engage in constructive and enriching discussions, the Holy Father willingly assures you of his prayers in your efforts 'to serve humanity'," the message concludes.

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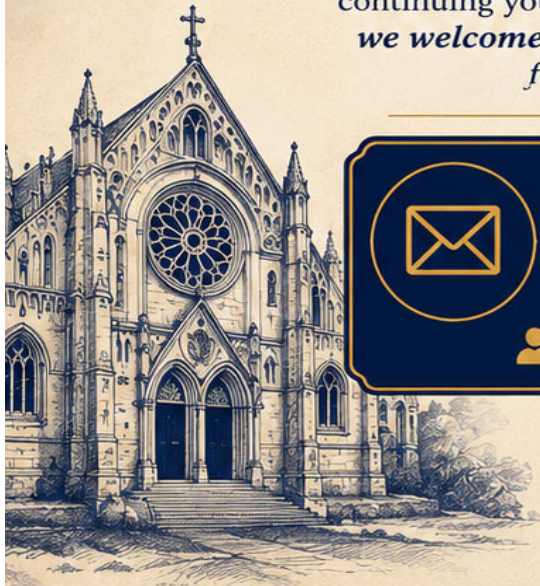


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Alcoholics Anonymous

In person AA Meetings
held in St. Mary's Church Basement,
gather Mondays at 7:00 pm
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For more information, please visit the website:
Licgroupsaa@gmail.com
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