

PARISH OF ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCIA 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.

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.

St. Mary, L.I.C.
Queens N.Y.

July 19, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm	July 18, 2026 +Antoinette Videtto By: Francis Family
SUNDAY 9:30 am	July 19, 2026 +Staff Sergeant Eric Caban By: Lenore
12:00 pm	+Thomas DeSimone 80th Birthday remembrance By: Sandra Arena
MONDAY 12:15 pm	July 20, 2026 +Phyllis Manetta By: Phyllis Manetta
TUESDAY 12:15 pm	July 21, 2026 +Sal Caiaccia By: Jenn Hilsenbeck
WED. 12:15 pm	July 22, 2026 +Richard J. Gallagher By: Genevieve Gallagher
THURSDAY 12:15 pm	July 23, 2026 *OLPS By Our Lady of Prompt Succor Society
FRIDAY	July 24, 2026 No Mass
SATURDAY 5:00 pm	July 25, 2026 *OLPS By Our Lady of Prompt Succor Society

* *Living* +*Deceased*

Bread and Wine

July 19, 2026 to July 25, 2026

By: Sandra Arena

In Loving Memory of Thomas and Laura DiSimone
on the occasion of their birthdays in heaven.



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIV



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.

St. Mary's Collection for July 11-12, 2026

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Total</u>
5:00pm	80	\$405
9:30 am	180	\$792
12:00pm	227	\$736

2nd Collection for Liturgy of Music

5:00 pm	\$139
9:30 am	\$231
12:00pm	\$254
Shrines: (2 weeks)	\$338

GRAND TOTAL: 487 \$2,895

Please note Second Collection for July 18th and 19th will be for *Support of the Parish*.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Madelaine Sullivan,
Angela Lorio,
Joseph Pinto,
Elizabeth Ruiz,
Angel Garcia,
Anthony Florino

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Margarita Sevillano,
Maria Vesillo,
Alexandra Leal,
Phyllis Manetta,
Giuseppe Evangelista,
Genevieve Gallagher

* Beginning August please note that the prayer for the sick and deceased will be listed for one month.

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.



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

Cathedral Letter Concepts will not be sending monthly. 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

Administrative Assistant
St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

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,

WEEKLY OFFERTINGS & 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.



***Please email the parish office at stmarylic1008@gmail.com.**



THE CHURCH IS OPEN!

Saturday – Thursday Church opens by 7:30 am
closed by 3:30 pm (Sunday after Mass).

The Church will close after the 9:00 am mass on
National Holidays.

July 19, 2026
MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. STEPHEN

Dear Parish Family of St. Mary,

Praise be Jesus Christ !

You will notice on the front of the bulletin we have a new "QR" code to assist those of you who would like to contribute to the parish in this way. We will display those code in the near future in the church for your convenience, too.

This weekend we welcome Msgr. Peter Vaccari to our parish. Msgr. Vaccari is a priest of our diocese, and for many years served in seminary formation and education in both the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and St. Joseph's in Yonkers. In recent years he has been in the leadership of CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association). We welcome him warmly to St. Mary's!

Fr. Stephen



July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This day commemorates the apparition of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite monk. Our Lady was holding the Child Jesus in one arm and the Brown Scapular in the other during her appearance.

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel or the Brown Scapular is a popular devotion as when Our Lady gave the Brown Scapular to Sr. Simon Stock, it came with a promise that whoever dies wearing it shall never suffer eternal fire.

The Pope always speaks as a Shepherd

Our Editorial Director, Andrea Tornielli, reflects on the role of the Successor of Peter and his Magisterium.

By Andrea Tornielli

July 12, 2026

Even when he speaks about war and peace, migration or how to remain human in the age of artificial intelligence, the Successor of Peter remains, above all, a spiritual leader. The fact that the Bishop of Rome, by virtue of the Lateran Pacts of 1929 that resolved the “Roman Question,” is also the sovereign of the world’s smallest state—less than half a square kilometer in the heart of the Italian capital—does not mean that he acts or speaks as a politician when addressing issues concerning the affairs of humanity.

Pope Paul VI explained this well in his address on October 4, 1965, to the United Nations General Assembly:

“This gathering,” he said, “as you are all well aware, has a twofold nature: it is marked at one and the same time by simplicity and by greatness. By simplicity because the one who is speaking to you is a man like yourselves. He is your brother, and even one of the least among you who represent sovereign States, since he possesses—if you choose to consider us from this point of view—only a tiny and practically symbolic temporal sovereignty: the minimum needed in order to be free to exercise his spiritual mission and to assure those who deal with him that he is independent of any sovereignty of this world.” The Pope, on a visit to the United States, immediately added, speaking about himself: “He has no temporal power, no ambition to enter into competition with you. As a matter of fact, we have nothing to ask, no question to raise; at most a desire to formulate, a permission to seek: that of being allowed to serve you in the area of our competence, with disinterestedness, humility and love.”

It is true that, to guarantee the absolute freedom of the Vicar of Christ, it was established nearly a century ago that there would be a tiny patch of land where the Bishop of Rome and Shepherd of the Universal Church would also be sovereign—and thus head of state. But this was, and remains, an arrangement de-

signed to recognize precisely this need for independence from any other state, and not an affirmation of a dual mission. Any glorification or exaggeration of the Pope’s role as head of state, any emphasis on the importance of this role, is therefore misleading because it comes at the expense of his one true mission as universal Shepherd. A Shepherd who speaks to Catholics, Christians, believers, and all people of good will with the sole intent of proclaiming the Gospel—his message of love, brotherhood, and “unarmed and disarming” peace.

This was aptly emphasized by the then-Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, in his address at the Campidoglio on October 10, 1962, on the eve of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. In that speech, the future Pope, speaking of the end of the Church’s temporal power with the fall of the Papal States in 1870, said: “It was then that the papacy resumed with unusual vigor its functions as teacher of life and witness to the Gospel, thus rising to such heights in the spiritual governance of the Church and in its moral influence on the world as never before.”

When he calls for human life to be respected and protected at every stage of its existence, when he speaks of peace with the good of all peoples in mind and calls for an end to the mad arms race—even going beyond the concept of a “just war”—when he calls for dialogue and negotiation by invoking the Magisterium of Social Doctrine, when he calls for migrants to be regarded as people to be welcomed, without ever forgetting their human dignity; when he reminds us that the poor are at the heart of the Gospel and that we must build more just and equitable societies; when he defends the right to religious freedom; when he emphasizes the importance of caring for Creation so that we may pass it on to our children and grandchildren—the Successor of Peter is not speaking as a head of state. He is simply proclaiming the Gospel.

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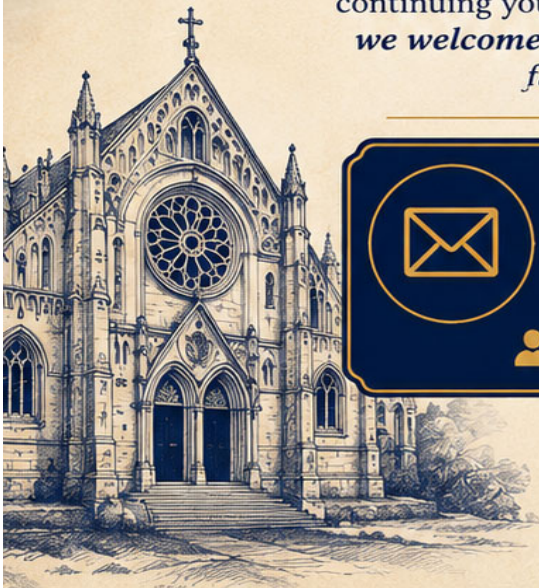
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3. Register with your name and email address.
4. Check your email for the link to begin using the platform.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2026**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

WEEKLY REPORT AS OF

JULY 19, 2026

Parish Goal: \$20,310

Pledged: \$28,041.00

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 [Annual Catholic Appeal.org](https://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org)



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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Music Notes for July 19, 2026

PRELUDE "Wir glauben all einen Gott" (We all believe in one God) by Johann Pachelbel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #634 Come, You Thankful People, Come

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ecce Deus adjuvat me,
et Dominus susceptor est animae meae: averte mala inimicis meis,
et in veritate tua disperde illos, protector meus, Domine.
V. Deus, in nomine tuo salvum me fac: et in virtute tua libera me.

Behold, God is my helper, and the Lord is the protector of my soul; turn back the evils upon my enemies, and in your truth destroy them, O Lord my protector. V. O God, in your name save me, and in your strength deliver me.

SPRINKLING RITE (12 NOON)

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo et mundabor,
Lavabis me, et super nivem dealabor.
Miserere mei, Deus,
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed:
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.
Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.*

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Justitiae Domini rectae, laetificantes corda,
et iudicia ejus dulciora super mel et favum: nam et servus tuus custodit ea.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and his judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb, for your servant will keep them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, oblationes et holocausta, super altaretuum, Domine. 1. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum misericordiam tuam. 2. Audire me facies gaudium et laetitiam, et exultabunt ossa, quae contrivisti. 3. Cor mundum crea in me, Deus, et spiritum firmum innova in vis

ceribus meis. 4. Ne proicias me a facie tua et spiritum sanctum tuum ne succeras a me. 5. Redde mihi laetitia salutari tui et spiritu promptissimo confirma me.

Thou shalt accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings upon thy altar, O Lord. 1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. 2. To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. 3. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within my bowels. 4. Cast me not away from thy face, and take not thy holy spirit from me. 5. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #598 O God beyond All Praising

POSTLUDE Chaconne in g minor by Louis Couperin

Wir glauben all an einen Gott (We all believe in one God) is a paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Martin Luther. The setting you hear today is by Johann Pachelbel, a German composer and organist who was influenced by southern German, Italian and French composers. His contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue through his many sacred and secular works have made him one of the most important composers of the Baroque era.

Louis Couperin lived and worked within Catholic France, serving as organist at the church of Saint-Gervais in Paris from 1653 until his early death at age 35—a post that placed him squarely within the liturgical life of the Catholic Church. His sacred organ music was written for use in the Mass, reflecting the everyday religious practice of his time and position. Louis Couperin was the uncle of François Couperin, who would later hold the same post at Saint-Gervais and became one of the most celebrated composers of the French Baroque era, contributing the renowned *Leçons de Ténèbres*—which stands among the finest expressions of French liturgical music. Chaconne in g minor was originally composed for harpsichord. Chaconnes, popular during the Baroque era, are sets of variations that develop over a short, repetitive bass line.

