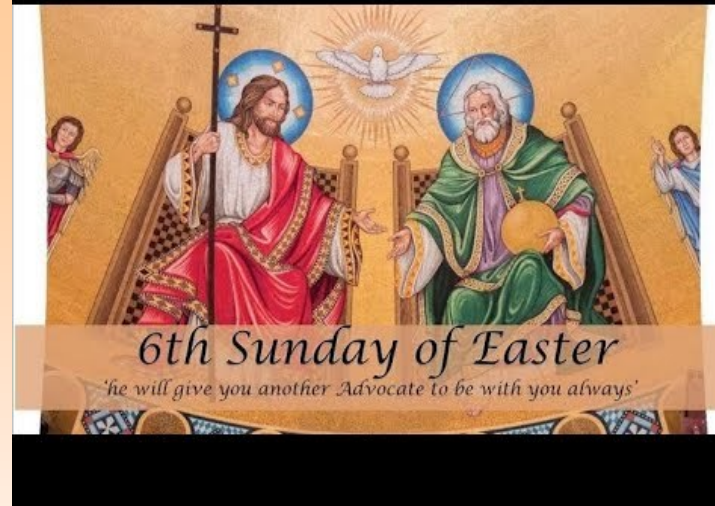


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Schedule of Masses

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: First Saturday of the month at the 5:00 pm evening Mass.

May 5, 2024 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of our Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way the risen Lord is with us here today as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in his Body and Blood we receive. Once more, let us pledge to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to his love.



Intentions For the Week

Saturday, May 4, 2024

5:00 pm Bob Ulino
Halo Diaz

Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:30 am Tom Vetrano

12:00pm Lena Vetrano

Monday, May 6, 2024

12:15pm Richard Lofredo

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

12:15pm Romeo Ramos

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

11:00am Blessed Sacrament

12:15pm Mary Roeder

Thursday May 9, 2024

12:15pm Leah Roeder

Friday, May 10, 2024

NO MASS

Saturday, May 11, 2024

5:00 pm Linda Sims

Statistics April 13, 2024 and April 14, 2024

4/27-5:00 pm 193
4/28-9:30 am 140
4/28-12:00 pm 141

Total Count 474

1st Collection \$ 1,754

2nd Collection \$ 441

Pray for the sick,

Jean Willison, Michelle Yashita, Pat Gamble, Camille Sollis, Maria Vessillo, Teresa Ortiz, Joe Sullivan, Martha Catel, Jimmy O'Neil, Robert Keegan, Joan Pacheco, Madelaine Sullivan, Mary Roedner, Moussa Traore, Rosanna Lara Lugo, Barbara McCrath

Pray for the Deceased

Joseph Vessillo
Christopher A. Polizzi, Nicholas Correa, Ines Cano, Sal Caiaccia, Emily Loiaccono, William F. Marsh, Antonio Natale, Antonio Magri, Stella Bonilla, Albert Setford, Rosa D'Amato

Purgatorial Intentions

Anthony DeFelica, Evarito Sipin, Frank Carrado, Yolanda Sipin, Genevive Roeder, Pasqual Cafiero, Robert Rohan, Tommaso Valese, Leonardo Antonio, Donna Vova, Vincenza Rios, Mildred Schifano

May 5, 2024 to May 12, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp :

Roberto A. Armada

Armada, Antolijao, DePano and Santos



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Diocese of Brooklyn

July 17-21, 2024

Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan



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This week begins the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**.
We encourage everyone to view the 2024 ACA Video online at
www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

Your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal make a significant impact, aiding individuals in Brooklyn and Queens in ways beyond the capacity of any single parish.

Let us pray for the success of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, envisioning a triumph that not only empowers us to extend love to those in need but also enables our hearts to respond to Jesus, who calls us to be in Communion, Participation and Mission.

We invite you to stand with St Mary Roman Catholic Church in supporting the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal**.

To donate, visit **www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org** or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**.

A reflection for the sixth Sunday of Easter

Sister Maria Ukamaka Clare Okeke reflects on the readings for May 5, 2024.



In a world often marred by division and discord, a profound story exists of love's ability to conquer hate and heal the deepest wounds. Imagine a community torn apart by long-standing animosity between two families, their hearts hardened by years of resentment and bitterness. But amidst this strife, a remarkable friendship blossoms between two children, one from each family.

Unaware of the animosity surrounding them, these two young souls forge a bond that transcends prejudice and hatred. Their friendship becomes a beacon of hope, a testament to the transformative power of love in the face of adversity. Despite the disapproval of their families and the challenges they face, their love remains steadfast, igniting a spark of reconciliation in their divided community.

As the years pass, their friendship inspires others to let go of grudges and embrace the possibility of reconciliation. Slowly but surely, the walls of hostility begin to crumble, replaced by bridges of understanding and compassion. Through acts of kindness and forgiveness, the community experiences a profound healing as love triumphs over hate and restores what was once broken.

This story mirrors the timeless message in today's readings. In Acts, we witness Peter's realization that God's grace knows no bounds, as the Holy Spirit is poured out even on gentiles; Peter's encounter with Cornelius demonstrates God's love, which knows no boundaries of race or ethnicity. This challenges our preconceptions and reminds us that God's love embraces all.

In John's letter, we are reminded that love is not merely a human emotion but is the very essence of God. God's love is revealed to us through the sacrificial gift of God's son, Jesus Christ, who came to offer us life and redemption. As recipients of this divine love, we are called to love one another, for love originates from God, and those who love reflect the divine nature.

The gospel passage from John emphasizes the centrality of love in Jesus' teachings. Jesus instructs his disciples to remain in his love by keeping his commandments, particularly the commandment to love one another. This love is not ordinary; it is selfless and sacrificial, exemplified by Jesus' own willingness to lay down his life for his friends. Jesus teaches us that love is the foundation of discipleship, calling us to emulate his selfless love in our relationships with others. As followers of Christ, we are called to emulate his love, which transcends mere sentiment and manifests in actions that seek the well-being and salvation of others.

As we reflect on this story and the readings, let us ponder the profound truth that love has the power to conquer hate and heal the world. Let us examine our hearts, seeking opportunities to extend love and forgiveness to those who wronged us. And let us commit ourselves to building a world where love reigns supreme, divisions are overcome, and all are welcomed into the embrace of God's boundless love.

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ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE



When: Sunday May 19, 2024

Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Parish Hall

More information to follow from our sponsor "The LIC/Astoria Lions Club"

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If you have any questions, please reach out to: **Giovanna Varlese at 917-832-6104 or email at DRE.StMaryLIC@gmail.com**

May Christ Bless you and your family abundantly,
Giovanna Varlese, Director



Stations of the Cross Performance

Stations of the Cross will be performed by the Religious Education Program on **Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

In the Church Basement (Parish Hall).

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 Yours in Christ, Giovanna Varlese, Director.

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Pledged the Amount \$ 16,785
For "The Annual Catholic Appeal 2024"

- ⇒ Goal: \$16,785
- ⇒ Pledged: \$6,646
- ⇒ Received: \$3,125



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth
St. Mary Parish Choir
Sunday Mass at 12:00 pm
Rehearsal in the Church 11:15 am - 11:40 am



Our Parish Choir helps lead the congregation in song (along with our Cantor) at the Sunday Noon Mass every week.

Do you like to sing? If so, we would like to hear from you!

There is a painless and quick audition with Dr. Bischof our Director of Music to sing through a hymn and discuss the Parish Choir commitment.

To sign up for an audition, please contact Dr. Justin Bischof at **646-206-7638** or **justin@justinbischof.com**.