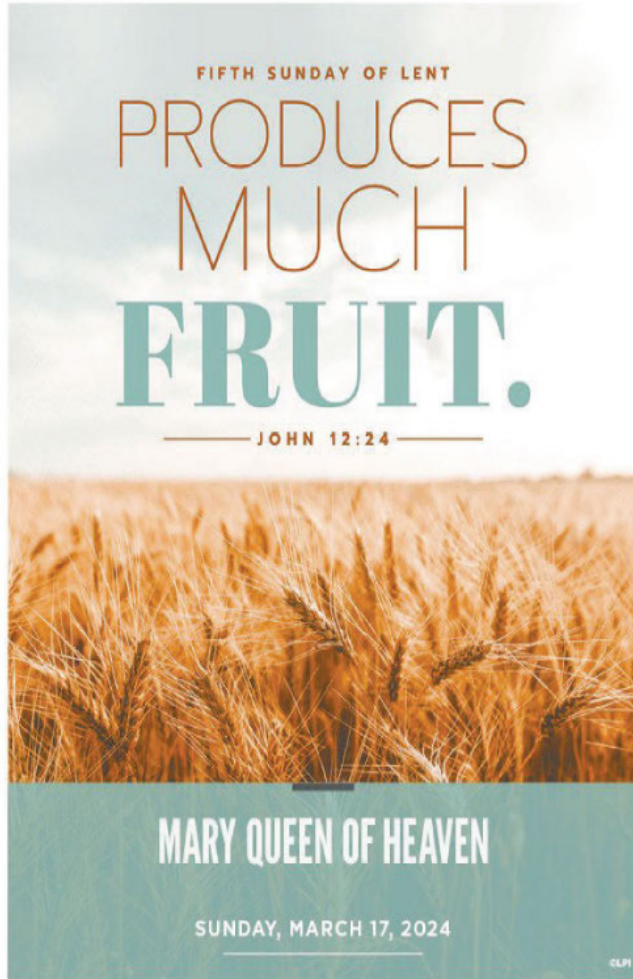


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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### SUNDAYS

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am

10 am

12 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday: 8 am

Saturday: 9 am

### HOLIDAYS

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8 am

10 am

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4 pm—4:45 pm

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday:

9 am—12 Noon, 1 pm—4 pm

Wednesday-Friday:

9 am—12 Noon, 1 pm—8 pm

Saturday: 10 am—6 pm

Sunday: CLOSED

## **LOVE LIVES HERE**

All are welcomed at Mary Queen of Heaven. Meet us in church or watch us live at the 8:00 am Mass or watch the saved 8:00 am Mass broadcast at a later time, at your convenience, on our website ([maryqueenofheaven-brooklyn.org](http://maryqueenofheaven-brooklyn.org)) or on Facebook (search for Mary Queen of Heaven Church).



## **HELP SUSTAIN OUR SPIRITUAL HOME**

As our parish relies heavily on cash and envelope tithing, please help us sustain our spiritual home by enrolling in electronic giving.

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**Our Mission:** We, the parish community of Mary Queen of Heaven, are called to live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all with whom we come into contact. We are committed to being a vibrant and welcoming community of faith by worshiping God through prayer and sacrament, teaching and sharing our faith, and serving others as Jesus did. We seek to become a faith community that invites people of all races and cultures to become part of our parish family.

## THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Parishioners,


St. Ignatius was a very gifted spiritual guide. He encouraged people to use a vivid type of meditation, to insert themselves into a gospel narrative as one of the characters and use all five of their senses to make the story come alive. Try his method; it really works.

In today's gospel I can easily imagine myself approaching one of the apostles, and it would probably be Andrew, and asking whether he would arrange an opportunity for me to "see Jesus". Who of us doesn't long for that? But I have no idea what I would have made out of the words those Greeks heard: about grains of wheat dying, about hating life to preserve it, about glorifying the Father, and his "hour".

Jesus' meaning is clearer now, this side of Calvary and the empty tomb. I believe John is showing us that when we do behold Jesus, we will see the face of the broken Suffering Servant, and that to be his disciple we must "follow him" where he went before us, through the cross to glory and to eternal life.

I think I understand this, but I do not find it at all easy to do. As we make our plans for Holy Week, let us follow Jesus through all the events of that week in the liturgies and in our private prayer and reflection, so that we can consciously follow his Way in our day to day lives.

*The Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*



Our extended "Ministry Fair" continues this weekend and features our **Faith Formation, Teen Club and Wednesday Prayer Group**. Join us after each of the Masses for refreshments in the Parish Center. Consider how you might be able to contribute to the beauty of our Sunday Masses.

### RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

<b>Altar Servers</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 am, Church
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Every Friday, 7:00 pm on Zoom
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	First Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass until 10:30 am, Church
<b>Adult Choir</b>	Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Church
<b>Haitian Choir</b>	Rehearsals, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church
<b>Holy Name Society</b>	Mondays after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 7:30 pm, Parish Center
<b>La Legion de Marie</b>	First and Third Saturday of each month, 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Committee Members in the Parish Center.
<b>Rosary</b>	Rosary and refreshments, Every Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass, Parish Center
<b>Rosary Society</b>	First Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, Parish Center
<b>Seniors</b>	Wednesdays, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, Parish Center
<b>St. Martha's Guild</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7:15 pm, Parish Center
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Fridays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Parish Center

## EXPERIENCE LENT AT MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN



### MQH LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE

#### Stations of the Cross in Church

Fridays during Lent

8:30 am Stations of the Cross, Church – English

11:00 am Stations of the Cross, Church – Creole

#### HOLY WEEK

• **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** Mass: 5:00 pm **March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

• **Reconciliation Monday (Confessions):**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, 6:00 pm-9:00pm

• **Holy Thursday: March 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am: Morning Prayer, 7:30 pm: Mass of the Last

Supper, 9:00 pm-11:00 pm: Solemn Adoration

• **Good Friday: March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am: Morning Prayer

10:00 am: Stations of the Cross (French/Creole)

12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00 pm: Solemn Liturgy

4:30 pm: Stations of the Cross (English)

### THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

*Series Continues (6 Lessons)*

**Lesson 5: "Consuming the Word, Part I"**

Thursday, March 14 at 8:35 am

Monday, March 18, 7:00 pm

**Lesson 6: "Consuming the Word, Part II"**

Thursday, March 21 at 8:35 am

Monday, March 25, 7:00 pm



### INTERNATIONAL FAIR

In keeping with the Diocese's plan of a partnership between our parish and St. Bernard's, St. Bernard has invited Mary Queen of Heaven to participate with them in an "International Fair". They held one last spring and it was very successful.

Twenty different nationalities were represented.

If anyone would be willing to volunteer to prepare ethnic food that people could taste at the fair, please call the Rectory Office by **Friday, March 22** to let us know.

The Fair itself will take place on **Sunday, April 28 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm** in the Gym at St. Bernard.



### OUR BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Parish Center

**Wednesday, March 20**

at **7:00 pm** for a discussion of

*The Cloisters* by Katy Hays

### MQH GIFT SHOP

Open Saturday evenings and Sundays  
after Masses.

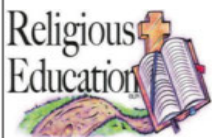


*Thank you for your support of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.*

**MASS ATTENDANCE 3/10/2024:**

Church= 491 Website= 13 Facebook= 78

## FAITH FORMATION



Classes are held 8:30 am until 9:45 am (doors open at 8:15 am), followed by 10:00 am Mass. For more information please contact Sr. Mary Jane.

### RELIGIOUS ED NEEDS YOUR HELP

Are you, or someone you know, willing to become a Catechist (teacher) in the Religious Ed Program at Mary Queen of Heaven. The parish is always in need of more Catechists, especially to assist as substitute Catechists.

Consider this call and service to the Parish of Mary Queen of Heaven a gift from God as a result of your Baptism. Please call Sr. Mary Jane (718-763-2590) for more information.

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Help bring to the Light, those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been Baptized or who have been Baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, or adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, to the inquiry sessions. Do you know anyone who would be interested in finding out about the introduction and education? Ask about inquiry meetings by contacting the Rectory and speak to Fr. Tom, the Pastor, Fr. JohnPaul, and/or Sr. Mary Jane. Thank you.



### TEEN CLUB



All teens are invited to join the Teen Club **Friday evenings from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm** in the Parish Center Basement Meeting Room. All are welcome. Please bring a friend. Contact Sr. Mary Jane for more information.

### SICK LIST

To add a name to the sick list, you must call into the Rectory Office **on Mondays only, before 3:00 pm**. The name will appear on the list for 4 weeks.

Doug Bontempo	Gill Grossman
Arlene Brack	JoAnn & Richard Kompa
Adriane Brown	Joseph Martino
Michael Cinalli	Kendall Matthew
Vincent DeLuca	Alicia Maxwell
Maria DeVito	Vernon & Cynthia McCoy
Angela Dipalo	Melissa Murray
Vito Gaglio	Ancil Whittle
Ida Giannettino	

### REST IN PEACE



to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including **Stephen Luke, Salvatore Troia**

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL—SAVE THE DATE

The Eucharistic Revival previously scheduled for October 2023 has been rescheduled for **April 20, 2024** in the Louis Armstrong Stadium of the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Flushing Meadows. More details to come. Limited tickets are available. Transportation will be provided.

Please call the Rectory Office to reserve a seat.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Readings:** Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

8:00 am	<b>Dunlop &amp; Harkin Families</b>
10:00 am	<b>-Carmin &amp; Cira Tropeano</b>
	<b>-Ann Bacon</b>
	<b>-Josefa Dominguez</b>
12:00 pm	<b>All Deceased</b>

**Requested by**  
Anne Dunlop

The Tropeano Family

Pat Branley  
The Almadovar Family  
Anne Marie Adriene Jeudy

### MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:1-11

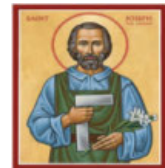
8:00 am **People of the Parish**

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Readings:**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16,  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a



8:00 am **Joey Martino (Living)**

**Requested by**  
Maria Rosa

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42

8:00 am **Ava Garcia-Birthday Remembrance**

**Requested by**  
Alicia Marino

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

8:00 am **Barbara Fisher—Anniversary of Death**

**Requested by**  
Her children

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

8:00 am **Cynthia Charles**

**Requested by**  
Renee Exavier

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

**Readings:** Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

9:00 am **Marie Privelia**  
5:00 pm **Jerry Fitzgerald—13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Requested by**  
Her Children  
His Family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**Readings:** Mk 11:1-10, Is 50 4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1—15:47

8:00 am **The Louis Family-In Thanksgiving**  
10:00 am **Deceased Members of the Dilauro Family and Gloria B. Varban**  
12:00 pm **Louis Balsano & Ann Viola**

**Requested by**  
The Louis Family  
Maria & Laura DePalma  
Robert Weston

**Bread & Wine In Honor of Suzelle Augustin (Living)—Birthday Blessing**

*Requested by: Suzelle Augustin*

**Altar Candles In Honor of Fred Percy**

*Requested by: Marie Percy*

**Tabernacle Candle In Memory of Mary Casatelli—1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

*Requested by: Jean Spezio*

**Bells In Memory of Josefa Dominguez—**

**Birthday Remembrance** *Requested by: The Almadovor Family*





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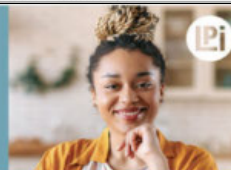
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