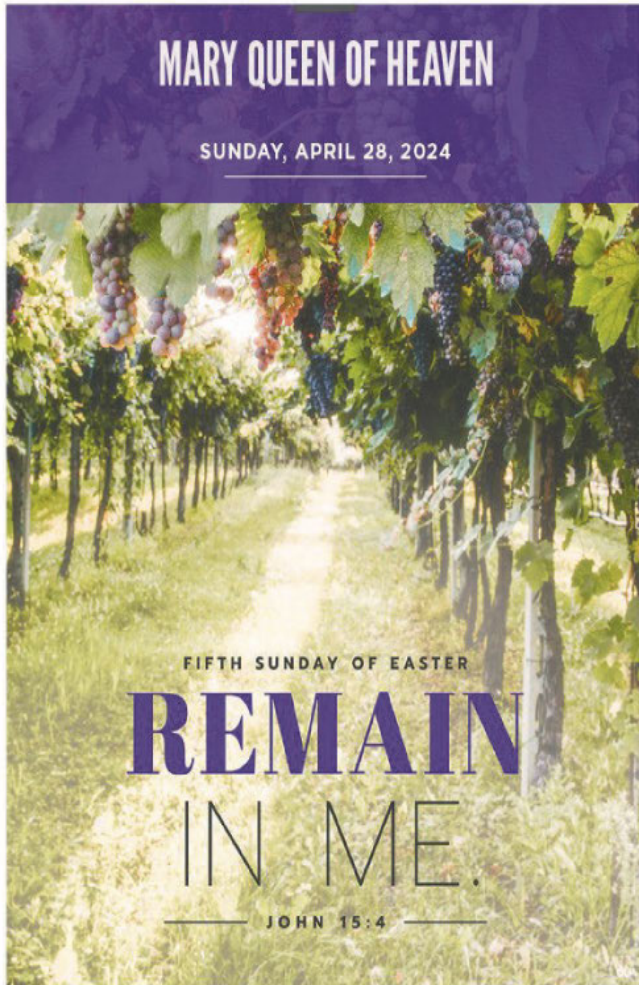


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*Parish Secretary*

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*Ministry of Consolation*

MS. HELEN JAMES  
*Parish Social Ministry*



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### SUNDAYS

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am

10 am

12 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday: 8 am

Saturday: 9 am

### HOLYDAYS

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8 am

10 am

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4 pm—4:45 pm

## **RECTORY**

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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.

Please scan the code to get started!

**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 worshipping 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,

Jesus taught the people of the Holy Land about spiritual realities by comparing them to processes familiar to them in nature, in farming, in fishing, etc. For me that works; I can understand today's parable from watching the care my grandmother used to take with her rose bushes.

Three points are developed in this parable. First of all, Jesus is describing a life in him ("in Christ", as St. Paul always says), a very intimate relationship. Without the flow of this life in Christ, without the grace of God inside us, there is no life; we just wither and fade away.

The Christ-life needs to receive careful attention in order for it to grow as we ourselves are growing. And so we will find ourselves making sacrifices and enduring hardships, being "pruned" like a vine, in order to strengthen God's life within us.

And finally, through our efforts and the grace of God we hope to offer the Lord, who gave us our life and so much more, "much fruit" that will bring him glory and earn us eternal life with God.

*The Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - 4/14/2024**

**THIS WEEKEND**, April 27, 28 we will be our Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 In-Pew.

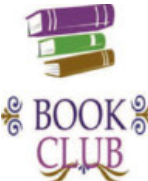
The 2023 ACA helps support the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting ministries such as:

- School Tuition Assistance*
- Catholic Migration Services*
- Chaplaincies, Care for Retired Priests*
- Faith Formation & Evangelization*

MQH as of 4/22/24  
Diocesan Goal: \$62,690


Donors: 51 Pledged: \$35,311 Received: \$19,351  
The Diocese received \$64,432.00

**All monies received over the goal, before the end of the year, will be returned to MQH.**



**OUR BOOK CLUB**  
will meet in the Parish Center  
**Wednesday, May 15**  
at **7:00 pm** for a discussion of  
*Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*  
by **Gabrielle Zevin**

**MQH GIFT SHOP**  
Open Saturday evenings and Sundays  
after Masses.



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

**MASS ATTENDANCE 4/14/2024:**  
Church=485 Website=15 Facebook= 81

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**  
**THIS WEEKEND — Sunday, April 28**

**2:00 pm—5:00 pm**

**St. Bernard Parish Hall**

Join St. Bernard Church (2055 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street) in an "International Festival". Anyone willing to volunteer to prepare ethnic food that people can taste at the fair, please speak with the contacts:

Fr. Tom,  
Wendy Cruickshank or Marie Percy

**BABY SHOWER HOSTED BY**  
**MQH ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Rosary Society is collecting items for Infants up to 3 years old (clothing, diapers, strollers wipes, etc.) for "Hour Children".

The Baby Shower will be held on  
**Sunday, May 5, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, Parish Center**  
Please bring items to the Rectory Office during office hours.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**  
**RICE BOWL**

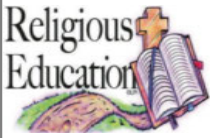


During this Easter Season and beyond, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. **If you have not done so already, please bring in your CRS Rice Bowls to Mass, or to the Rectory Office, during office hours.**

**RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

<b>Adult Choir</b>	Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Church
<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>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 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>Wednesday Prayer Group</b>	Immediately after the 8:00 am weekday Mass, One Hour, Parish Center
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Fridays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Parish Center

## **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 is someone you know, willing to become a Catechist (teacher) in the Religious Ed Program at Mary Queen of Heaven? Please call Sr. Mary Jane (718-763-2590) for more information.

### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, please consider inviting someone to Mass to explore what the Catholic Faith has to offer. For more information, contact Fr. Tom, the Pastor 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. 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.

Anne Berry	Vito Gaglio
Doug Bontempo	Ida Giannettino
Arlene Brack	Richard & Joann Kompa
Rita Brigato	Joseph Martino
Adrienne Brown	Kendall Matthew
Sal Coppola	Alicia Maxwell
Angela Cosenza	Melissa Murray
Michael Cinalli	Jerry Potak
Vincent DeLuca	Anne Pyne
Angela DiPaola	

### **REST IN PEACE**



to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends.

### **THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

**Gerald Atwood, Rita Corozzo, Kevin Fahey,  
Odessa Robinson, Kareem Thompson**

### **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**



Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop.

**Saturday, September 28, 2024, 11:30 am**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas (1550 Hendrickson Street)**  
**Fee=\$15 per couple. To register, please contact the Rectory Office by September 3, 2024.**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings:** Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

8:00 am	<b>Alicia Lager (Living)</b>	<b>Requested by</b> Christina Ukachukwu
10:00 am	<b>-Jackie Romano -Chinedu Ukachukwu &amp; Arinze Ukachukwu</b>	The Tropeano Family Christina Ukachukwu
12:00 pm	<b>Joyce Garguilo—Birthday Remembrance</b>	Jean Spezio

### **MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024**

*Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26

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

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

*Easter Weekday, Feast of St. Pius V, Pope*

**Readings:** Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 am	<b>Sr. Mary Jane Rolston, O.P.</b>	<b>Requested by</b> Sr. Bernadette Izzo
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### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024**

*Easter Weekday, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker*

**Readings:** (For Memorial) Gn 1:26—2:3, or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24, Mt 13:54-58

8:00 am	<b>Theresa Oghojafor (Living) - Birthday Blessing</b>	<b>Requested by</b> Theresa Oghojafor
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### **THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024**

*Feast of St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

*National Day of Prayer*

**Readings:** Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

8:00 am	<b>Agatha &amp; Hilton Williams</b>	<b>Requested by</b> Pearl Noel & Family
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### **FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024**

*Feast of Sts. Philip & James, Apostles*

**Readings:** 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

8:00 am **The Purgatorial Society**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**

*Easter Weekday*

**Readings:** Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

9:00 am	<b>Andree Charles</b>	<b>Requested by</b> Sue Kompa
5:00 pm	<b>Esmeralda Prosper— In Thanksgiving</b>	Esmeralda Prosper

### **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024**

#### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Readings:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

8:00 am	<b>Veronica Mitchell (Living) - Birthday Blessing</b>	<b>Requested by</b> Alicia Marino
10:00 am	<b>Mario &amp; Joseph Gianturco</b>	The Tropeano Family
12:00 pm	<b>The Rosary Society</b>	The Rosary Society

#### **Bread & Wine**

*In Memory of Italia Rossi—Birthday Remembrance*

*Requested by: Ernest Rossi*

#### **Tabernacle Candle**

*The Louis Family—In Thanksgiving*

*Requested by: Jean Richard Louis*

#### **Bells**

*In Memory of Christina Pallov*

*Requested by: The Pat O'Reilly Family*



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