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## First Sunday of ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

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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

### **RECTORY**

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#### SUMMER 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,

In today's liturgy we join the Israelites of the eighth century B. C. in praying that God rip the heavens open and come down to us on earth. We are anxious that he come with his power to save us, to make things right. And we remind ourselves that when he does come we must be certain that he finds us doing what is right, mindful of his wishes, watching and alert – a major Advent theme.

That is very important, because when the Lord did intervene in history, when he took on flesh and blood, who but Mary and Joseph were watching? Only shepherds whom the angels had to summon and direct to the stable.

Advent is very short this year – only 22 days to watch and wait, to hope and pray, to look all around us for the savior who has come into the world. Let us make sure that while the world is preparing their homes for Santa's visit, we are preparing a place in our hearts for Jesus Christ to stay with us.

*In the Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**Saturday, December 2** at the 5:00 pm Mass. Please join us at the garage after Mass for Hot Chocolate and Cookies.

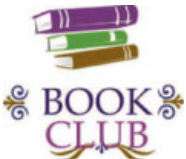
### **PRE-ORDER YOUR WREATHS**



from Cub Scouts Pack 505. Please contact the Rectory Office or Doug Bontempo by Thursday, 12/7/22 to place your wreath order.

### **OUR BOOK CLUB**

will meet in the Parish Center  
**Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm** for a discussion of *Crook Manifesto* by Colson Whitehead



### **THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

will be up by December 3. We invite you to donate **gift cards** (i.e. for grocery stores, pharmacies etc.), with a value of your choice, to be distributed to pantry participants. Please place the gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Pantry", with the value of the cards marked on the envelope, and deposit them in the box designated for this collection near the Giving Tree in the vestibule of the church, no later than Friday, December 15.



Tune into Bishop Brennan's **BIG CITY CATHOLICS** Podcast each Friday as he discusses his travels, episcopal ministry, and questions of faith. Go to [podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org](http://podcast.dioceseofbrooklyn.org).

## **ADVENT PRAYER**



Lord God, only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busyness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me.

Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.

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## **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Tickets will also be on sale in the church vestibule after every Mass on December 2 and 3.

### **RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Every Friday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	First Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass until 10:30 am.
<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

## FAITH FORMATION



Classes are held 8:30 am until 9:45 am (doors open at 8:15 am), followed by 10:00 am Mass. If you wish to register, please call Sr. Mary Jane at 718-763-2590.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: His Son, Jesus. Invite someone, who is not Catholic, to attend Mass with you at Christmas. If you know of someone who wants to know more about the Catholic Church, you may also contact the Pastor, Fr. Tom, Fr. Ikenna, Dcn. Jean Baptiste and/or Sr. Mary Jane.

## 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.

Douglas Bontempo	James Gelormino
Frances Coppola	Cecil Heron
Sal Coppola	Joanne & Richard Kompa
Josephine DeLuca	Alicia Maxwell
Vincent DeLuca	Antonio Reda
Larry Fritcher	Antonio Prisco

## REST IN PEACE



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

If you know of a homebound person who wishes to receive communion at home, please have them contact the Rectory Office.



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - 11/20/2023



Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690.00  
Donors so far: 155 Pledged: \$67,412  
The Diocese received so far: \$62,348

## MQH GIFT SHOP

Open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.



## ADVENT NIGHTS OF PRAYER

St. Bernard Church on Wednesdays  
December 6, 13, 20 at 7:00 pm.

There will be Eucharistic Adoration and talks on Isaiah, Mary, and John the Baptist.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Readings:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

8:00 am	Elvera Santostefano
10:00 am	The Pitts, Ravida & Barnes Families
12:00 pm	The Rosary Society

Requested by  
Ida Giannettino  
Barbara & Thomas Barnes  
The Rosary Society

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

*Advent Weekday*

*Feast of St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11

8:00 am People of the Parish

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

*Advent Weekday*

**Readings:** Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24

8:00 am Raymonde Charles—In Thanksgivings

Requested by  
Raymonde Charles

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

*Advent Weekday*

*Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop*

**Readings:** Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am Marie Eva Charles—In Thanksgiving

Requested by  
Marie Eva Charles

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

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

**Readings:** Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:00 am	Thomas Risley—Anniversary
7:30 pm	Kenneth Joseph—Birthday Remembrance

Requested by  
Loretta Risley  
Alicia & Family

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*(Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America)*

**Readings:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am	Suzelle Augustin—In Thanksgiving
10:00 am	Kenny Percy (Living) — Birthday Blessing

Requested by  
Suzelle Augustin  
The Percy Family

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

*Advent Weekday*

*Feast of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

**Readings:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

9:00 am	Healing for John Paul and Andrew
5:00 pm	Special Intentions

Requested by  
Nana

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Readings:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mt 1:1-8

8:00 am	-Marie Percy (Living) - Birthday Blessing
	-Joyce Garguilo
	-Paul James—Anniversary in Heaven
10:00 am	Grace & Karl Lipari
12:00 pm	The Holy Name Society

Requested by  
Marie Percy  
MQH Seniors  
Helen & Family  
Anne Dunlop  
The Holy Name Society

## Bread & Wine

In Memory of Thomas Risley Requested by: Loretta Risley

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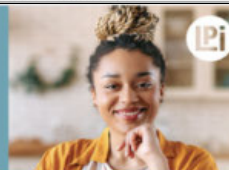
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