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## Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

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*Ministry to the Homebound*

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*Parish Social Ministry*



### **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

### **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.

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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,

This year, immediately before Christmas Eve, the Church reminds us of what made the salvation of the human race possible: "the obedience of faith". To an extraordinary message from an archangel that she would bear a successor to "the throne of David", the "Son of the Most High" God, who would reign forever, a young, devout Jewish girl responded "Yes", "fiat": "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

With those words Mary conceived our Redeemer, who would change the whole course of history. The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us so that we might dwell with God eternally. The presence and the power of God could be seen and heard and touched in a vulnerable baby, who would grow up to teach us and show us that God is love.

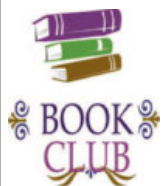
In this beautiful season much of the world will celebrate their faith that God is still with us and still loves us. May you experience that love first hand as you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones.



*The Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*



We are truly grateful to the members of the St. Martha's Guild, who, with the energetic assistance of Sister Mary Jane and our teens and confirmation candidates, cleaned the church from top to bottom for Christmas.



**OUR BOOK CLUB**  
will meet in the Parish Center  
**Wednesday, January 17**  
at **7:00 pm** for a discussion of  
***Dangerous Women***  
by Hope Adams

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - 12/11/2023**



Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690  
Donors so far: 156 Pledged: \$68,595  
The Diocese received so far: \$64,585  
(Over goal by \$1,895.)

We met our goal in pledges, however, let's keep the contributions coming for this year.

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

## **ADVENT POEM**

A poem for Peace.

Calm the voices \ quiet the sounds,  
Christ is with us \ and Grace  
abounds.

Settle the sorrows \ still the soul,  
Love is here \ and close to know.

Let it linger \ in the air,  
God is coming \ low to care.

Revealing beauty \ declaring worth,  
Love has come \ to all the Earth.

Like a mother \ bringing peace,  
Love is mighty \ and will not cease.

Slowly teaching \ throughout all time,  
The humble joy \ of Love divine.

As every child \ then and now,  
Enthrones the Godhead \ again somehow.

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## **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance...

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## **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.

### Christmas Schedule

1. **Sunday, 12/24/23**—Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm Mass with the Children's Christmas Pageant.
2. **Sunday, 12/24/23, 12/31/23**—No Religious Education Classes  
*Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year*
3. **Sunday, 1/7/24**—Religious Ed Classes Resume



### 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.

Samantha Bellouny	James Gelormino
Douglas Bontempo	Ida Giannettino
Michael Dagostino	Cecil Heron
Josephine DeLuca	Joanne & Richard Kompa
Vincent DeLuca	Marie Lefevre
Larry Fritcher	Veronica & Dawn Matthews
Vito Galagio	Antonio Reda



### REST IN PEACE

to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including  
**Gabrielle Louissaint**

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

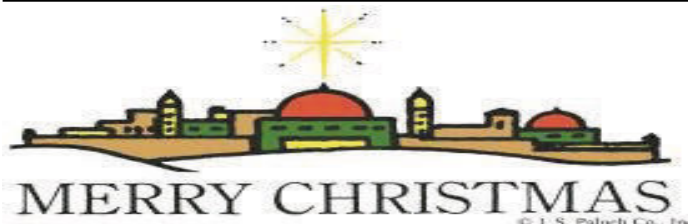


### MQH GIFT SHOP

Open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.

### WALKING UP THE GIFTS AT MASS

If you have scheduled a Mass Intention and wish to walk the gifts up to the altar during Mass, please inform one of the ushers, BEFORE Mass.



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Readings:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38  
**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25

8:00 am	Christmas Intentions
10:00 am	Christmas Intentions
12:00 pm	Christmas Intentions
4:00 pm	Christmas Intentions
12:00 am	Christmas Intentions

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

### The Nativity of the Lord

**Readings:** Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

8:00 am	Christmas Intentions
10:00 am	Christmas Intentions
12:00 pm	Christmas Intentions



## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

### Feast of St/ Stephen, the First Martyr

**Readings:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

8:00 am	Berrimo Mitchell
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Requested by  
Alicia & Family

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

### Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

**Readings:** 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:00 am	Grace Devin
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Dolores Fleck

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

### Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

**Readings:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 2:13-18

8:00 am	Frank Guadagno
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Antoinette Barlanti

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

### Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

8:00 am	Msgr. John Burns
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The Odenat Family

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

### Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

9:00 am	Frank Guadagno—Birthday Remembrance	Antoinette Barlanti
5:00 pm	-Edith Ferus	Esmeralda & Family
	-Brian Salmon & Catherine Salmon	Janine & Ray Samon
	-Carol Pino	Linda Guidice

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**Readings:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40

8:00 am	-Georgianna Freese & Connie Dodd	Frank Freese
	-Alicia & John Marino	Alicia Marino
10:00 am	Albert Rosa	Maria Rosa
12:00 pm	Carol Lenihan	John & Dolores McLinden

### Memorials

**Bread & Wine** In Memory of Berrimo Mitchell

Requested by: Alicia & Family

**Altar Candles** In Memory of Patrice & Marie Elvie Francois

Requested by: Marie Elvie Francois

**Tabernacle Candle** In Memory of The Louis Family—

In Thanksgiving Requested by: The Louis Family

**Bells** In Memory of Spezio & Malafronte Families

Requested by: Jean Spezio





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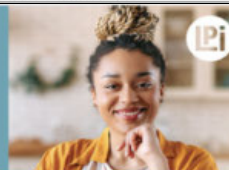
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