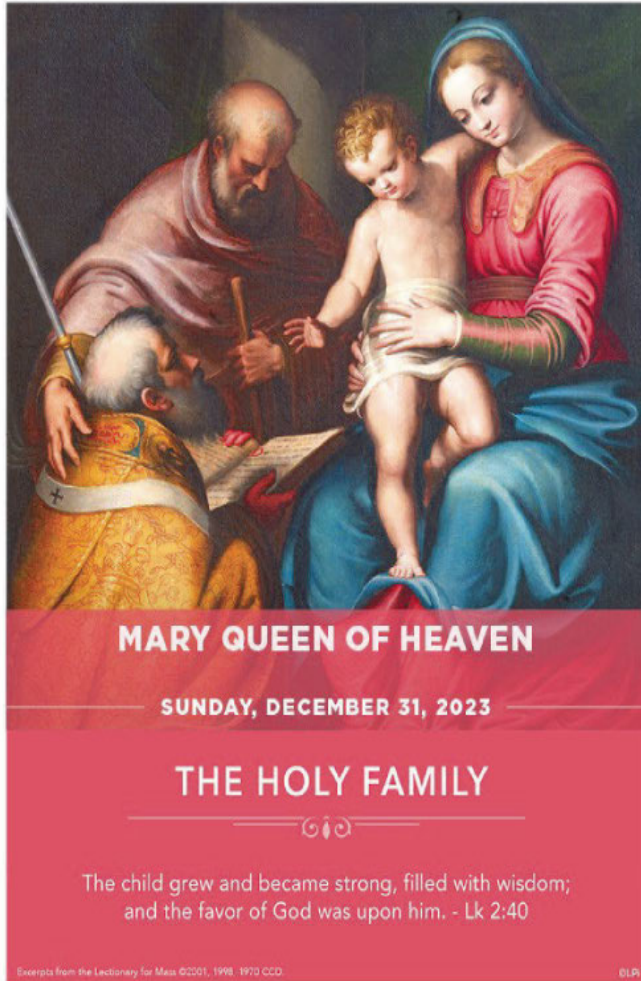


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*Ministry to the Homebound*

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.

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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,

Our subscription to The Daily News brought with it a year's-end supplement, "2023 Photos of the Year". Although I could find some upbeat, celebratory pictures on the 55 pages, the overall impression of the year was one of "bad news". I found 21 photos of natural disasters and accidents, 8 connected with war, 7 of shootings, and 6 of protests.

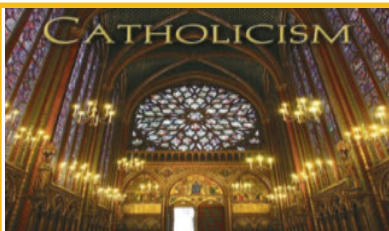
Anyone who reads newspapers or news magazines or watches the news on television could guess that would be true; death and disaster and scandal are the very meat of the news. Rarely do we hear about the good fortune or good deeds of people.

We tend to get reflective as we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another. A new year offers us hope for better times and we plan to be better people. Might I suggest that we examine our past year's experiences for things that went well for us, for moments when we felt God had blessed us in some way? It is healthy and healing to appreciate what is good in our lives.

During Advent Isaiah gave us signs of the Messiah's presence and activity among his people: "good news" preached to the poor, healings – sight to the blind, freedom – release from captivity, jubilee – a year of God's favor. Do you think we might see such signs in 2024? Could this be a year of favor from the Lord?



*The Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*



Our series on the  
Foundational  
Truths of  
**CATHOLICISM**  
begins next  
Sunday.

**Episode One begins January 7 at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center.** A discussion will follow the film. Please take a flyer from church for more details.

### CLOTHING COLLECTION

**Thank you** to those who contributed to the collection of clothing for the immigrant population currently housed at Floyd Bennett Field. These articles of clothing were provided to St. Thomas Aquinas Church for distribution to the migrants. **Going forward, if you wish to continue to provide clothing for this purpose, please drop off at St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson Street between Avenue P and Flatlands Avenue.**



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF , THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD— JANUARY 1, 2024

*"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — Catechism of the Catholic Church 721*

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### 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) - 12/18/2023



Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690

Donors so far: 157 Pledged: \$68,644

The Diocese received so far: \$64,634

**(Over goal by \$1,944.)**

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.**

### RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

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

### Class Schedule

- Sunday 12/31/23**—No Religious Education Classes
- 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

## 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.

Mario & Linda A.]	James Gelormino
Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Ida Giannettino
Samantha Bellouny	Cecil Heron
Douglas Bontempo	Joanne & Richard Kompa
Rose Ccaruana	Marie Lefevre
Sal Coppola	Veronica & Dawn Matthew
Michael Dagostino	Alicia Maxwell
Josephine DeLuca	Antonio Rita
Vincent DeLuca	Chris & Carl V.
Larry Fritcher	
Vito Galalio	

## REST IN PEACE



to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including **Oakland James**

## THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

**Vincent Gilberti, William J. Joyce,**

**Gerard Keegan, Luke Patrick Rasmussen, Michael Romeo**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**Joyce Garguilo**

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.

Please remember Mary Queen of Heaven when you are completing your Estate Planning and your Will.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

New Year's Eve

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



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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

*The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God*

*New Year's Day, World Day of Prayer for Peace*

**Readings:** NM 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

8:00 am	People of the Parish
10:00 am	Tree of Lights
12:00 pm	Marvin & Irene Weston

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

*Feast of Sts. Basil the Great & Great Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28

8:00 am	In Thanksgiving to God
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### Requested by

Marie Elvie & Patrice Francois

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

*Christmas Weekday*

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34

8:00 am	Lesean, Kristen & Aleah- New Year Blessing
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### Requested by

Dianne M.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42

8:00 am	Carissa Clouden (Living) - Birthday Blessing
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### Requested by

Stanley Clouden

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

*Feast of St. John Neumann, Bishop*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51

8:00 am	The Purgatorial Society
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## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

*Christmas Weekday*

*St. Andre Bessette, Religious*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11

9:00 am	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother Immaculate
5:00 pm	Alejandro Cubelo

### Requested by

Marie Elvie & Patrice Francois  
Mr. & Mrs. Whalen

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

8:00 am	Robert Dunlop
10:00 am	Msr. John Burns Anniversary Remembrance
12:00 pm	The Rosary Society

### Requested by

Jerri DeLuca  
The Odenat Family  
The Rosary Society

### Bread & Wine

*In Memory of James O'Reilly* Requested by: Pat O'Reilly & Family

*Tabernacle Candle In Honor of Patrice & Marie Elvie Francois*

Requested by: Marie Elvie Francois

*Bells In Memory of Carol Pino* Requested by: Theresa Collica





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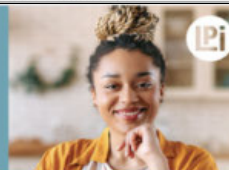
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