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ADVENT



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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

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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) 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

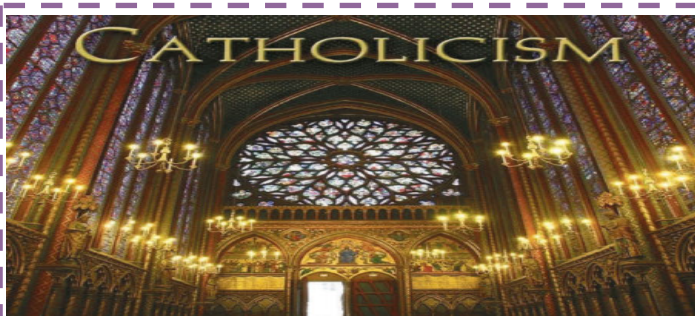
Dear Parishioners,

Today, "*Gaudete Sunday*", the Church urges us to rejoice. The reason for our joy is the nearness of the Lord and our salvation. The truth is that by now, a week before Christmas, what we are probably feeling is not joy, but the pressure of trying to complete all of the expected preparations for our celebration of Christmas.

What we need to realize is that today – and every day – our God comes to us and remains with us, that every day in St. Paul's terms is the day of salvation. Every day we have the opportunity to co-operate with the grace of God and choose the path of holiness, to walk with the Lord toward his kingdom.

So, amidst all of the activity of these last days, remember why we are so busy preparing: our Savior is near, actually with us; he has come to invite us to share his own life and his love for eternity.

*The Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*



Come journey with us on **Sunday afternoons at 3:00 in January, February and March 2024**, deep into our Catholic faith. Bishop Robert Barron will guide us through art and architecture, music, and nature to the foundational truths of Catholicism. Each film is an hour in length; after it there will be time for discussion of what we have just heard and seen.

Come for all of these presentations, or come for those you are free to attend. This will be a special way to make "the Lord's Day" holy. We will meet **each Sunday at 3:00 pm in the lounge of the Parish Center.**

Please take a CATHOLICISM flyer in Church for more details.

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD MEETING

The St. Martha's Guild will hold its monthly meeting this **Monday, 12/18/23, at 7:15 pm in the Parish Center.**



ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Lord,

I lift my heart up to you, Lord, to thank you for the blessings you shower on me each day. You are the 'joy of my soul.' I know that in your great love, I am held and protected by you. I pray and listen to the good news you send; I ask and feel the healing. I am freed by you from the things of the world that let me hide from you. I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul. Help me to prepare my heart to be open and able to receive your immense love

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Tomorrow, **December 18**, our Diocese will join both the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre in celebrating Advent Reconciliation Monday. On this special day, all the parishes of our dioceses will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from **2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.**



OUR BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Parish Center
Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 pm for a discussion of
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride

RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Charismatic Prayer Group	Every Friday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel
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 nd Saturday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church
Holy Name Society	Mondays after the 2 nd 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 rd Monday of each month, 7:15 pm, Parish Center
Youth Ministry	Fridays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Parish Center

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - 12/4/2023

Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690 Donors so far: 155 Pledged: \$67,569
The Diocese received so far: \$63,484 **(Over goal pledged by \$794.)**

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

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

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	Cecil Heron
Michae Dagostino	Joanne & Richard Kompa
Josephine DeLuca	Marie Lefevre
Vincent DeLuca	Veronica & Dawn Matthews
Larry Fritcher	Antonio Reda
Vito Galagio	

REST IN PEACE



to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including
Ann Roazzi

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.



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.

AROUND
TOWN

Complete the **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FLYER 2023** available in Church, and submit to the Rectory Office **NO LATER THAN 12/20/2023.**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thes 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

8:00 am **Adelio Abia**
10:00 am **-Joseph & Mildred Battaglia**
-The Deceased Members of the Saint Fleur Family
-Michael & Gary Bernstein
12:00 pm **Benedetto Colella**
2:00 pm **Special Intention**

Requested by
The Abia Family
Carol Battaglia
Guerline Cothia
Suzanne Williamson
Maria Christina Collela

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25

8:00 am **Marlene Charles—Birthday Blessing**

Requested by
Marlene Charles

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am **Deceased members of the Durandisse & Boursiquot Families**

Requested by
Dcn. JB Boursiquot

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

Late Advent Weekday

Feast of St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45

8:00 am **Santostefano & B. Giannettino**

Requested by
Ida Giannettino

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56

8:00 am **Healing for John Paul & Andrew**

Requested by
Nana

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

Late Advent Weekday

Feast of St. John of Kanty, Priest

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

9:00 am **Dunlop & Harkin Families**
5:00 pm **Giannettino & Piscioti Families**

Requested by
Anne Dunlop
Ida Giannettino

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

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**

Bells

In Memory of Monsignor John Burns
Requested by: The Odenat Family



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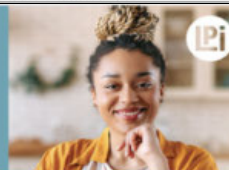
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