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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—4:45 pm

## **RECTORY**

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday:

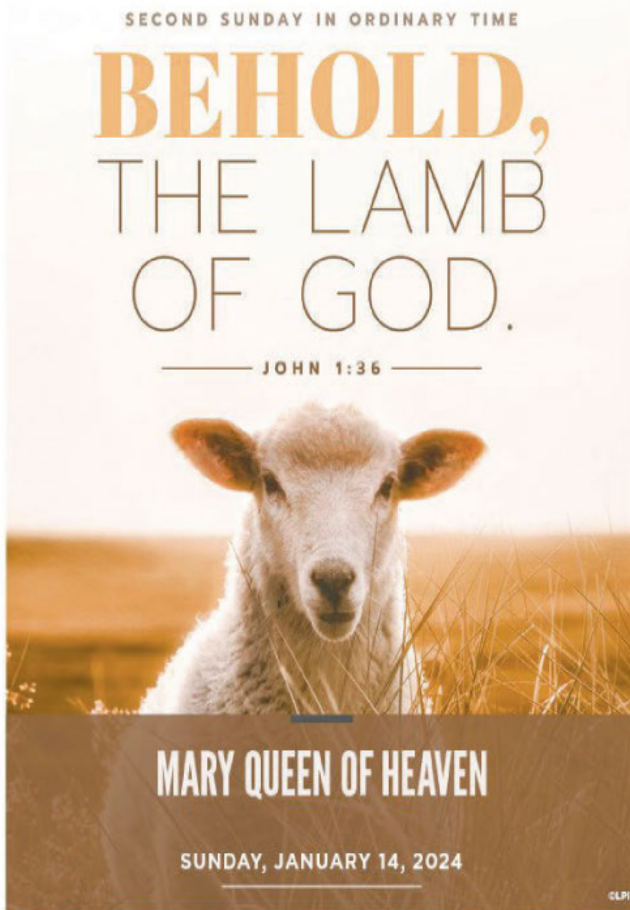
9 am—12 Noon, 1 pm—4 pm

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 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,

The Christmas decorations are down in church and we find ourselves in what the Church calls "Ordinary (really ordinal) Time". What we encounter in each of this week's readings, however, are realities that are anything but ordinary.

God calls a boy out of his sleep and fills him with the power of the Holy Spirit to serve as his prophet. Jesus invites two disciples of John the Baptist to follow him to the place where he lives, and where he will explain to them "what they are looking for" and who will provide it for them. Paul explains that each of us baptized Christians is a temple, a dwelling place of God.

Extraordinary! And yet, this is the life that Jesus Christ invites each of us to experience as he calls to us, "Follow me." Do we hear that call? Do we give the Lord our full attention when we pray, so that we can hear his voice and respond, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." And are we ready to go where he leads us?

*The Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY — 1/15/2024**

Lord our God,  
see how oppression and violence are  
our sad inheritance,  
one generation to the next.  
We look for you where the lowly are  
raised up,  
where the mighty are brought down.  
We find you there in your servants,  
and we give you thanks this day  
for your preacher and witness, Martin Luther King, Jr..  
Fill us with your spirit:  
where our human community is divided by racism,  
torn by repression, saddened by fear and ignorance,  
may we give ourselves to your work of healing.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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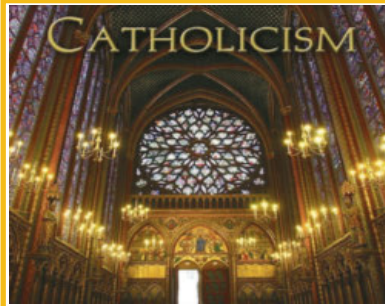


***The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday,  
January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.***

## **DONATIONS FOR MIGRANT COMMUNITY**

St. Thomas Aquinas parish is serving as this deanery's distribution center to meet the needs of the migrants who are coming up Flatbush Avenue to seek help.

At present there is no need for clothing; instead please bring toiletries and/or strollers. Donations should be brought directly to St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson Street between Avenue P and Flatlands Avenue.



Our series on the  
Foundational  
Truths of  
**CATHOLICISM**  
*Continues this  
Weekend.*

**Episode 2: "Happy are We: The Teachings of  
Jesus." Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 pm  
in the Parish Center.**

A discussion will follow the film.  
Please take a flyer from church for more details.

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - 1/8/2024**



Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690

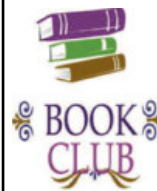
Donors so far: 167 Pledged: \$72,112

The Diocese received so far: \$70,495

The amount of money received over goal  
for the 2023 ACA has now  
increased to \$7,805.

*That's great!!!*

We thank all donors who helped the success of the 2023 appeal at Mary Queen of Heaven by donating over our goal of \$62,690. All monies received over our goal will be returned to MQH to aid in sustaining the parish.



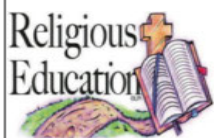
## **OUR BOOK CLUB**

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

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

<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
<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. For more information please contact Sr. Mary Jane.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Life has many storms—distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers. For more information, please contact Fr. Tom, the Pastor, Fr. JohnPaul, 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.

Maria & Linda A,  
Frank & Teresa Arcuri  
Douglas Bontempo  
Rose Caruana  
Sal Coppola  
Vincent DeLuca  
Larry Fritcher  
Vito Gaglio  
James Gelormino

Ida Giannettino  
Veronica & Dawn Matthew  
Alicia Maxwell  
Kenny Mintzes & Family  
Antonio Reda  
Gerard Spezio  
Chris & Carl V.  
Beverly West

## REST IN PEACE



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

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.



## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to have a print out of your contribution statements from Mary Queen of Heaven for Tax Year 2023, please call ahead to the Rectory Office beginning **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**. A statement will then be printed for you to pick up.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Readings:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

8:00 am **Mary & Cornelius Harkin**  
10:00 am **-Lola Nisbet**  
**-Joyce Garguilo**  
**-Lori Zozobrado-In**  
**Thanksgiving**

12:00 pm **The Holy Name Society**  
2:00 pm **Josy Regis**

### Requested by

Anne Dunlop  
The Tropeano Family  
The Tropeano Family  
Lori Zozobrado

The Holy Name Society  
The Regis & Meme Families

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

### Weekday

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*

**Readings:** 1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

### Weekday

**Readings:** 1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28

8:00 am **Bob Freese & John Freese**

### Requested by

Frank Freese

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

*Feast St. Anthony, Abbot*

**Readings:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3:1-6

8:00 am **Marie Eva Charles (Living)**  
**—In Thanksgiving**

### Requested by

Marie Eva Charles

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

### Weekday

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

**Readings:** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12

8:00 am **Roselande Perpetua Louis**  
**—Birthday Blessing**

### Requested by

The Louis Family

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

### Weekday

**Readings:** 1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19

8:00 am **Suzelle Augustin (Living) -**  
**In Thanksgiving**

### Requested by

Suzelle Augustin

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

### Weekday

*Feast of St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, BVM*

**Readings:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Mk 3:20-21

9:00 am **Pierre Richard Darbouze**  
**(Living)—In Thanksgiving**  
5:00 pm **Barbara Cunningham**

### Requested by

Pierre Richard Darbouze

Mary Manuppella

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Word of God Sunday*

*Ecumenical Sunday*

**Readings:** Jon 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20

8:00 am **Carol Pino**  
10:00 am **-Rose Gianturco—**  
**Anniversary Remembrance**  
12:00 pm **Henry Guidice**

### Requested by

MQH Food Pantry  
Jean Spezio

Helen Mercaldo, Carol Pino & Rosanne Sharp

*Memorials*  
*Special Intentions*





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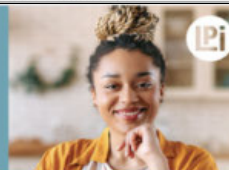
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