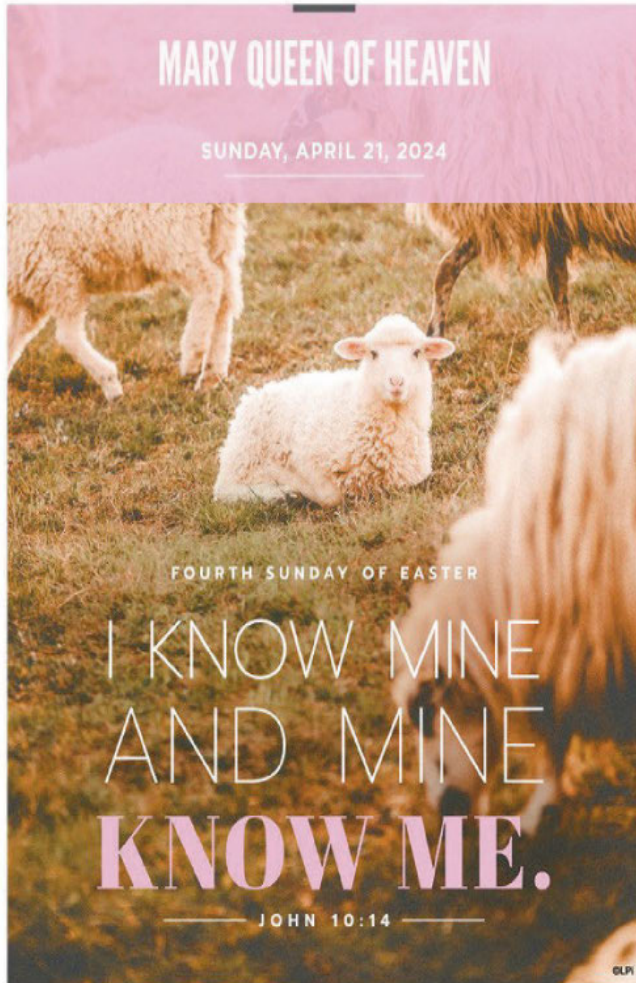


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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am

10 am

12 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday: 8 am

Saturday: 9 am

HOLYDAYS

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8 am

10 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4 pm—4:45 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.

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 Good Shepherd is one of the oldest and most beloved images of Jesus. It draws on Moses and David, both of whom were shepherds before they accepted their missions from God. It rose up in the preaching of so many of the prophets, who accused the Jewish priests of failing to tend to the spiritual needs of the people of God. Ezechiel (chapter 34) promised that God himself would intervene and shepherd his neglected people, which he did in the person of Jesus. And on the walls of the catacombs, in our oldest Christian art, we can still see Jesus represented as a young shepherd shouldering a lamb.

It is my favorite picture of Jesus, deeply consoling in the description of the sacred scriptures, especially Psalm 23, but incredibly challenging as well. In this Sunday's gospel you heard Jesus say that he, the Good Shepherd, "lays down his life for the sheep". He meant that literally. The communal sheep pens of his day had no gate. One of the shepherds would lay down in the opening of the pen when the sheep came down from grazing on the hillsides, and his body was the only thing that stood between predators (wolves, lions, bears) and the sheep which were such easy prey.

Of course, Jesus is also referring to his death on the cross, where he consented to his suffering and death. As he says, no one took his life from him; he gave it ... for his sheep ... for us. Anyone who follows him in ministry is expected to do the same, to put the needs of the people ahead of his or her own. Every morning I ask St. Jean Marie Vianney, patron of parish priests, to give us priests, holy priests, men who are willing to lay down their lives for their flock.

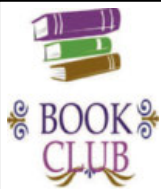
*The Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
MASS**



Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 75th Anniversary. All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop.

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 11:30 am
St. Thomas Aquinas (1550 Hendrickson Street)
Fee=\$15 per couple. To register, please contact the
Rectory Office by September 3, 2024.



OUR BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Parish Center
Wednesday, May 15
 at **7:00 pm** for a discussion of
Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow
 by **Gabrielle Zevin**

MQH GIFT SHOP

Open Saturday evenings and Sundays
 after Masses.



Thank you for your support of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.

MASS ATTENDANCE 4/14/2024:
 Church= 522 Website= 19 Facebook= 81

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 28

2:00 pm—5:00 pm

St. Bernard Parish Hall

Join St. Bernard Church (2055 East 69th Street) in an "International Festival". Anyone willing to volunteer to prepare ethnic food that people can taste at the fair, please call the Rectory Office as soon as possible or speak with the Parish Contacts: Fr. Tom, Wendy Cruickshank or Marie Percy.

**BABY SHOWER HOSTED BY
MQH ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Rosary Society is collecting items for Infants up to 3 years old (clothing, diapers, strollers wipes, etc.) for "Hour Children".

The Baby Shower will be held on
Sunday, May 5, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, Parish Center
 Please bring items to the Rectory Office during office hours.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
RICE BOWL**

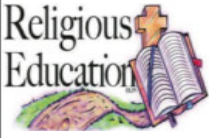


During this Easter Season and beyond, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. **If you have not done so already, please bring in your CRS Rice Bowls to Mass, or to the Rectory Office, during office hours.**

RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Adult Choir	Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Church
Altar Servers	3 rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am, Church
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, 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 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
Wednesday Prayer Group	Immediately after the 8:00 am weekday Mass, One Hour, 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. For more information please contact Sr. Mary Jane.

RELIGIOUS ED NEEDS YOUR HELP

Are you, or someone you know, willing to become a Catechist (teacher) in the Religious Ed Program at Mary Queen of Heaven. Please call Sr. Mary Jane (718-763-2590) for more information.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, think for a moment whether there is someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic Faith might hold for them. For more information, contact Fr. Tom, the Pastor and/or Sr. Mary Jane. Thank you.



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.

Anne Berry	Vito Gaglio
Doug Bontempo	Ida Giannettino
Arlene Brack	Richard & Joann Kompa
Rita Brigato	Joseph Martino
Adrienne Brown	Kendall Matthew
Sal Coppola	Alicia Maxwell
Angela Cosenza	Melissa Murray
Michael Cinalli	Jerry Potak
Vincent DeLuca	Anne Pyne
Angela DiPaola	

REST IN PEACE



to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including **Gerald Atwood, Bernadette Botta**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - 4/14/2024

Next weekend, April 27, 28 we will be our Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 In-Pew.

The 2023 ACA helps support the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting ministries such as: *School Tuition Assistance, Catholic Migration Services, Chaplaincies, Care for Retired Priests, Faith Formation & Evangelization*

MQH as of 4/15/24: Diocesan Goal: \$62,690
 Donors: 48 Pledged: \$33,361 Received: \$17,646
 The Diocese received \$64,432.00

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Readings: Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

8:00 am	Ricardo Percy—Birthday Blessings -Aristide, Frank & Antonio Guadagno	Requested by Marie Percy
10:00 am	-Rose & Frank Stanzone Margaret Rossi & Freddy Lopez—Anniversary Remembrance	Antoinette Barlanti Jean Spezio
12:00 pm	Eileen Cook (Living)— Birthday Blessing	Sue Kompa

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

Easter Weekday **Readings:** Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10,

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

Easter Weekday

Feast of St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

8:00 am	Loulou Theodath (Living) — Birthday Blessing	Requested by The Louis Family
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

Easter Weekday

Feast of Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a, Jn 12:44-50

8:00 am	Cynthia Charles	Requested by Renee Exavier
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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

Readings: 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20

8:00 am	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary	Requested by Eleanor Saturno
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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Easter Weekday **Readings:** Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

8:00 am	Adonise Mark Thomas Louis (Living)— Birthday Blessing	The Louis Family
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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

Easter Weekday **Readings:** Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

9:00 am	St. Bernadette Izzo (Living)— Birthday Blessing	Requested by Sue Kompa
5:00 pm	Deceased Member of The Fong-Sam & Valcin Families	Marie Tse-Valcin

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

8:00 am	Alicia Lager (Living)	Requested by Christina Ukachukwu
10:00 am	-Jackie Romano -Chinedu & Arinze Ukachukwu	The Tropeano Family Christian Ukachukwu
12:00 pm	Joyce Garguilo— Birthday Remembrance	Jean Spezio

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