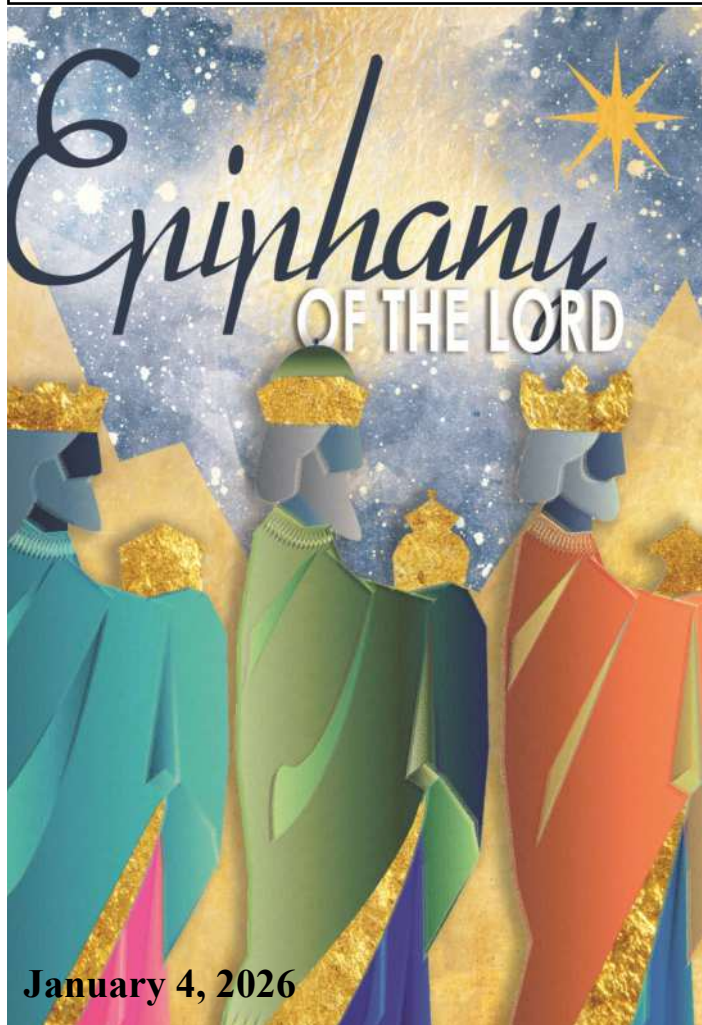


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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

MASS TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, 5:00 pm	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>
Sunday, 8:00 am	<i>Mary Queen of Heaven</i>
Sunday, 9:00 am	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>
Sunday, 10:00 am	<i>Mary Queen of Heaven</i>
Sunday, 11:00 am	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>
Sunday, 12:00 pm	<i>Mary Queen of Heaven</i>
Sunday, 5:30 pm (Life Teen)	<i>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</i>

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

<u>Mary Queen of Heaven</u>	<u>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</u>
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am	Monday - Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am	Saturday: 9:00 am
<u>HOLYDAYS</u>	<u>HOLYDAYS</u>
Vigil: 7:30 pm	8:30 am, 7:30 pm
Day: 8:00 am, 10:00 am	

**CONFESSIONS**

<u>Mary Queen of Heaven</u>	<u>St. Bernard of Clairevaux</u>
Saturday: 11:00 am—11:30 am	Saturday: 4:15 pm—4:45 pm



**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.

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 Phone: 718) 763-2330, Fax: 718-763-6592  
 Email: [mqhchurch@aol.com](mailto:mqhchurch@aol.com)  
 Monday, Tuesday: 9:00 am—12 Noon, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm  
 Wednesday-Friday: 9:00 am—12 Noon, 1:00 pm—8:00 pm  
 Saturday: 10:00 am—5:00 pm  
 Sunday: CLOSED

St. Bernard of Clairevaux Rectory Office: 718-763-5533

**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.*

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
BE ENLIGHTENED**

These words from the beginning of this Sunday's reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah can also mean "be wise." There are many who are intelligent, book learned, and proud, yet have little wisdom regarding the most important things in life. In other words, they may be smart but not necessarily enlightened.

Enlightened people are those who seek for the truth. Un-enlightened people more often than not choose to be in ignorance. We can become so ideologically ingrained or so insistent on our own point of view or perhaps even more so, very comfortable with the way things are, that we choose not to be enlightened as we simply do not want to change.

Another reason is fear. If I do acknowledge the truth about something rather than by own opinions or comfort, can I really trust that something better awaits? If I do acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior not just in words but in faithfulness to Him, and I make the necessary changes in my life, will it really bring me the inner freedom that is promised?

In today's Gospel reading we see a powerful king, an absolute monarch with unlimited earthly power over His Kingdom, frightened over a baby in a manger. On the face of it, it is really quite silly. A powerful grown man and king afraid of a baby. Yet Herod, who seems to have it all, does not really have much of anything. His fear of losing His Kingdom compels him to reject the magi's message of great joy and hope. He is obviously an intelligent man but is not enlightened, or better so, chooses not to be enlightened.

As we begin this new year we are invited to enter more fully into the heart of God, to embrace the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, to lay aside any pride that keeps us from knowing truth, any fear that stifles our ability to trust that God does in fact know best. The eminent philosopher, Sorel Kierkegaard, spoke about the "leap of faith." If we truly want to be enlightened and not in the darkness of fear, isolation, and loneliness that Herod lived, we are also called to make the leap of faith into the mystery of God who will amaze those who do so.


*Fr. John Maduri*



**A PRAYER FOR EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD**

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens  
how can we keep silent?  
God whose righteousness stands like the tallest mountain  
how can we keep silent?  
God whose justice is deeper than any ocean  
how can we keep silent?  
God whose grace flows like a never-ending river  
how can we keep silent?  
How can we not proclaim your majesty  
from generation to generation?  
How can we not raise the lamp of your Salvation  
for all the world to see?  
God whose love reaches to the highest heavens  
we praise your mighty name!

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**OUR BOOK CLUB**  
will meet in the Parish Center  
**January 21 at 7:00 pm** for a  
discussion of  
*Flashlight* by Susan Choi

**AROUND TOWN**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Day Mass**  
St. Thomas Aquinas, 1550 Hendrickson  
Street, will have a Martin Luther King  
Day Mass on Monday, **January 19, 2026**  
**at 12:00 pm.**

**MQH GIFT SHOP**

will be open every Sunday after all Masses. 

RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE	
<b>Adult Choir</b>	Rehearsal, Sunday, 10:30 am, Parish Center
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Every Friday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	First Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass until 10:30 am, 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 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>Wednesday Prayer Group</b>	Immediately after the 8:00 am weekday Mass, One Hour, Parish Center
<b>Youth Ministry</b>	Fridays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Parish Center

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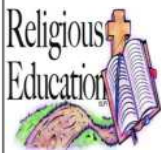


We give *Thanks* to the members of the St. Martha's Guild, and Sister Mary Jane for aiding our staff in beautifying our church for Christmas.

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*Thank you* to all our parishioners for your support of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.

*Fr. Maduri and the priests and staff of Mary Queen of Heaven wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.*

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL MOBILE DEVICES WHILE IN CHURCH.**



## FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Ed. 2025-2026 School Year

Classes are held 8:30 am in the Parish Center downstairs meeting room (entry from 57<sup>th</sup> Street gate). Students and Parents/Guardians attend the 10:00 am Mass.

Should you still need to register, registration forms are available at the Rectory Office. Please contact

Sr. Mary Jane (718-763-2590) for more information. (Student's baptism certificate is required. The fee is \$150.00 for each student. Discount for additional students in the same family.)

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN

#### INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)



Do you know someone who longs to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father? Can you plant the seeds of hope as you speak to them about our Father's loving care and His everlasting promises fulfilled in the sending of His Son, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Contact Fr. John, Fr. Peter, or Sr. Mary Jane regarding OCIA inquiry sessions for those who are not Baptized, are of other Faiths, or are adult Catholics who are not Confirmed or have not received their First Communion.

*Instructions will be given by Dcn. Frank D'Accordo at St. Bernard Parish.*



### TEEN CLUB

All teens are invited to join the Teen Club **Friday evenings 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** in the Parish Center Basement Meeting Room. 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.

Larry Anderson	Adonis Louis
Yves Augustin	Anne Maccaro
Terry Barile	Joseph Martino
Doug Bontempo	Kendall Matthew
Arline Brack	Alicia Maxwell
Mitzi Brown	Richard Maxwell
Louis Coppola	Maria Rosa
Sal Coppola	Carmela Rose Meo
Dana Croom	Margaret Moffat
Elisa Croom	Phil Spezio
Sal Cuciti	Mary Francis Whalen
John Hansen	Sal & Doreen Zaccheo
Michelle Leighty	



### REST IN PEACE

to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends.

### VOCATIONS

“And on entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy and worship Him through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3.5-6, Mt 2:1-12



Requested by:  
The Cuciti Family

8:00 am **Sal & Lucy D'Esposito**  
10:00 am **Special Intention**  
12:00 pm **The Rosary Society**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

*Feast of St. John Neumann, Bishop*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

*Christmas Weekday*

*Feast St. André Bessette, Religious*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44

8:00 am **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

*Christmas Weekday*

*Feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52

8:00 am **Special Intention**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

8:00 am **Special Intention**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

8:00 am **Special Intention**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

9:00 am **Patrick Morris**

Requested by:  
Sr. Bernadette Izzo

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Readings:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mt 3:13-17



Requested by:

8:00 am **Special Intention**  
10:00 am **Kevin Bolger**  
12:00 pm **The Holy Name Society,  
Living & Deceased Members  
of the Holy Name Society**  
2:00 pm **Special Intention**

Pat Branley  
The Holy Name Society

### Memorial Masses

*Special Intention*

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to have a print out of your contribution statements from Mary Queen of Heaven for Tax Year 2025, please call ahead to the Rectory Office beginning **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**. A statement will then be printed for you to pick up.

### 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.



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