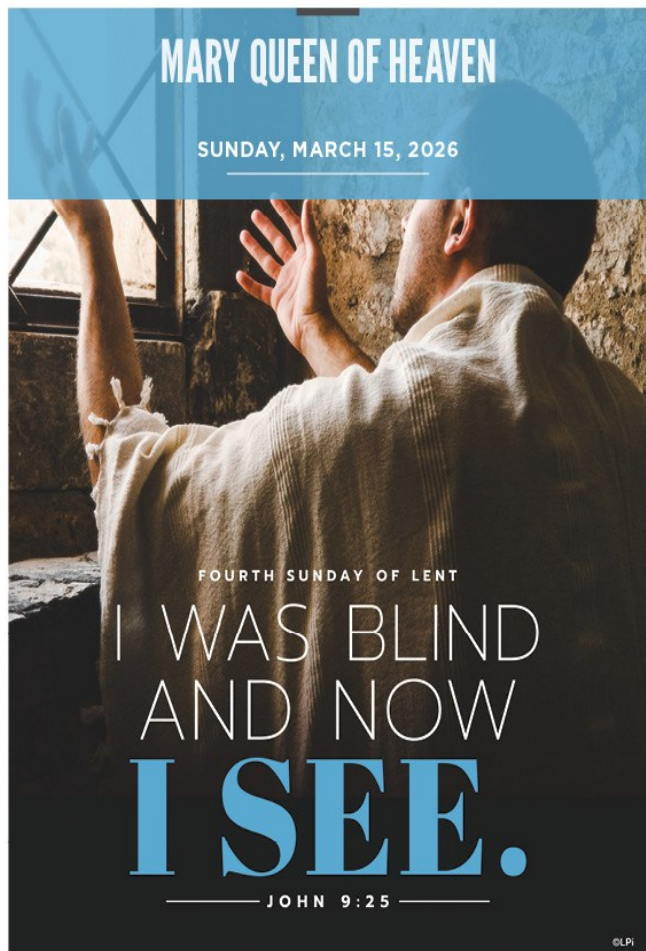


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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

| 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> |
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| 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> |
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| Saturday: 11:00 am—11:30 am | Saturday: 4:15 pm—4:45 pm |



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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
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 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
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
AWAKE, O SLEEPER, AND
ARISE FROM THE DEAD

These words from this 4th Sunday of Advent's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians has much that we can look at. The impact of Sacred Scripture is such that even a few words can leave us with much to reflect on. It is a basis for Lectio Divina which I have previously written and spoken about.

Perhaps the first thing some may notice is that "sleeper" and "dead" are in the same sentence. We invariably think of sleep and death as two very different things. We awake from sleep but not from death (at least not in this life). Our Lord though is not speaking about the physical death of the body but rather the spiritual and moral death that can permeate the consciences of many until those consciences go to sleep and in too many cases become dead. Yet in all of this hope is realized.

The first word "awake" says it all. Just as we have the hope born of faith that we will rise from the dead so St. Paul is reminding us that we too can rise from the spiritual and moral sicknesses that plague many. Much of this is due to a spiritual blindness that we can all too easily fall prey to. There are those who simply will not see or listen to anything they do not want to see or hear. This is the case of the incident of the blind man in today's Gospel from St. John. Jesus is declaring Himself, "the light of the world" and is offering the gift of the "light of life" and all the Pharisees do is complain about the fact that Jesus cured someone on the Sabbath. The blind man chose to see while the Pharisees chose to remain blind and deaf in their own self-made reality.


The challenge offered us today is really quite simple. Do we want to awake to the newness of life as sons and daughters of God or not? There is no in between. The question compels an answer. One of the best ways of answering that question is to ask ourselves what are the areas of our own lives that we choose to turn a blind eye or deaf ear to? For the blind man, as odd as it may sound, there would have been a certain discomfort coming out of the darkness that he knew so well. We can find ourselves in the same situation where we come to fear awaking to the new life in Christ. What will it entail? What must I give up? What must I change in my life? Can I still continue to do such and such? Where will it lead? The blind man stepped forward in faith and he did in fact awake, not just physically but also in the depths of his soul when he responds to Jesus' question, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" and he responds "I do believe, Lord."

This is the "light of life" that our Lord is offering to us:


faith; a faith that is awakened every time we take off the self-imposed blinders and see clearly through the eyes of Christ, He who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Fr. John Maduri,
Pastor


Dear Parishioners,
 I am writing to communicate that I have been notified that Fr. Peter Penton has been placed on administrative leave. This matter does not involve any allegation of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct of any kind. The Diocese's Safe Environment protocols are not implicated here.
 Sincerely in Christ,
 Fr. John Maduri
 Pastor

 **OUR BOOK CLUB**
 will meet in the Parish Center, **Wednesday March 18 at 7:00 pm** for a discussion of **two books: *Twice*** by Mitch Albom and ***The Thursday Murder Club*** by Richard Osman

LEGION OF MARY
 Mary Queen of Heaven will host an Acies General Assembly of the Legion of Mary on **Sunday, March 22, 3:00 pm—6:00 pm** in church. Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Renewal of Vows of the Legion of Mary



FILIPINO MASS
 Join us for the Filipino Mass **March 29, at 2:30 pm.**
 No Fellowship reception will be held.



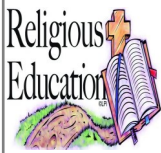
RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

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| Adult Choir | Rehearsal, Sunday, 10:30 am, Parish Center |
| Charismatic Prayer Group | Every Friday, 7:00 pm in the Parish Center |
| 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 |

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

MASS ATTENDANCE 3/8/2026:

Church= 438 Website= 23 Facebook= 143



FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Ed. 2025-2026 School Year

Classes are held 8:30 am in the Parish Center downstairs meeting room (entry from 57th 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. Maduri 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.

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| Scott Allen | Kendall Matthew |
| Stephanie Allen | Alicia Maxwell |
| Doug Bontempo | Richard Maxwell |
| Etienne Bottex | Margaret Moffat |
| Arline Brack | Maria Rosa |
| Mitzi Brown | Phil Spezio |
| Rodolfo Chaos | Sally Tartaro |
| Richard Kompa | Liam Wattlely |
| Michelle Leighty | Mary Francis Whalen |
| Joseph Martino | Sal & Doreen Zaccheo |



REST IN PEACE

to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including **Philip Blank, Mary E. Gilligan**

MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES

Please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours to schedule your Mass Intentions and Memorial Masses. Also remember our Saints' Shrines and Votive Candle Offerings in church.

VOCATIONS

"... if one is devout and does His will, He listens to him." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

MOH GIFT SHOP

will be open every Sunday after all Masses.



SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41

8:00 am **Robert Pamphile & Rose Pamphile**
 10:00 am **Josefa Dominguez**
 12:00 pm **Luis Serra**

Requested by:
Roseline Jean-Jacques

The Almodovar Family
The Dominic Family

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop

Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16

8:00 am **St. Anthony—
In Thanksgiving**

Requested by:
MCO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

8:00 am **Josette Trouillot**

Requested by:
Patrick Trouillot

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:00 am **Josefa Dominguez**

Requested by
Dianne & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Wis 2:1a. 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 am **Raymonde Charles—
In Thanksgiving**

Requested by
Raymonde Charles

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

9:00 am **Fredo Percy (Living)—
Birthday Blessing**

Requested by
Marie Percy

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

8:00 am **Agnes & Vincent Pitts**
 10:00 am **Joseph Tirone & Kerri
Anne O'Shea**
 12:00 pm **Jerry Fitzgerald—15th
Anniversary in Heaven**

Requested by:
Barbara & Tommy
The Sorrentino Family

The Fitzgerald Family

Bread & Wine

In Honor of Suzelle Augustin (Living)—In Thanksgiving
Requested by Suzelle Augustin

Bread & Wine

In Honor of St. Anthony—In Thanksgiving
Requested by MCO



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