

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

HOLYDAYS

Vigil: 7:30 pm

Day: 8:00 am

10:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 4:00 pm

RECTORY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday:

9:00 am - 12 Noon,

1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday:

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday:

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MS. MARY BELLONE, *Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy*
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Love Lives Here

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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 worshipping 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


There is always such excitement and joy around Easter Sunday. Our attendance at Mass more than doubles, and we always welcome new people. We have just accepted candidates through the sacraments. The church is radiant with flowers and song. This is more than a spring festival.

What is the cause of all this joy? It is the event we are celebrating, an extraordinary, earth-shaking (literally!) event. Jesus of Nazareth, who claimed to be the Messiah and the Son of God, who was tortured and executed, and was left dead and buried, is no longer in the tomb! And he was seen, and touched, by his followers over a period of forty days!

Jesus is risen! Death could not hold him. Sin and evil did not win the contest. God, and love, and mercy are victorious. And so are we; death does not have the final word over us or over the ones we love. In Christ, in his death and resurrection, made effective for us in our baptism renewed ritually this day, is our hope of eternal life.

Alleluia! Happy Easter!

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom Leach*

 All new and returning families are welcomed to *Mary Queen of Heaven Parish* and are encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities.

Please register at the Rectory Office during office hours or via our website www.mqhchurch.net. You are encouraged to use your tithing envelopes.



50/50 RAFFLE REMINDER

Envelopes for the April 50/50 Raffle are available in church and can be returned in the collection basket or at the Rectory Office. The drawing will be held in church on **Sunday, May 7th**. One chance is \$20.00. The more people who are in it, the more money you will receive when you win it!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April 23, Sunday	* <i>SVDP Clothing Drive</i> - 9:00 am-12:00 pm, In front of the Church * <i>Divine Mercy Celebration</i> - 2:30 pm, Church	
April 29, Saturday	* <i>Cub Scouts Bake Sale</i> - After Mass the vestibule, Church	
April 30, Sunday	* <i>Cub Scouts Bake Sale</i> - After all of the Masses in the vestibule, Church * <i>Filipino Mass & Fellowship</i> - 3:00 pm, Church/	

RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Baptisms	Last Sunday of the month, 1 pm. An appointment must be made with one of the priests or the deacon.
Bereavement Support Group	Call the Rectory Office (718-763-2330) for referral.
Charismatic Prayer Group	Every Friday of each month 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.
Cub Scouts	Every Friday, 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm, Parish Hall
Girl Scouts	Most Sundays, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Parish Center Teen Room. Kindergarten-Grade 12. For more info.: Jeanne Cirone 917-601-3460, jmcirone@gmail.com
Haitian Choir	Rehearsal, Every Saturday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church
Holy Name Society	Monday after the 2 nd Sunday, 8:00 pm, Parish Center
La Legion de Marie	First and Third Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Second Saturday of each month, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Committee Members in the Parish Center.
Line Dancing	Wednesdays, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm, \$8 per person
Prayer Group Cenacle	Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Parish Center
Rosary Society	First Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm—3:00pm, Parish Hall
Seniors	Every Wednesday, 1:15 pm - 4:00 pm, Parish Hall. <i>All seniors are invited.</i>
Youth Group	First & Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Parish Center Youth Room

DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE

Exposition & Benediction	First Fridays, 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center Chapel
Miraculous Medal Novena	Mondays, Novena & Benediction following the 8:00 am Mass
Morning Prayer	Monday to Friday, 7:45 am, Saturdays 8:45 am
Rosary	Monday to Friday after the 8:00 am Mass, Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF ALL MOBILE DEVICES WHILE IN CHURCH.

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
APRIL 15th & APRIL 16th**



BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

*will occur at all of the
Masses this weekend.*

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH

YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Center Youth Room

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST

CUB SCOUTS MEETING: 6:45 pm, Parish Hall

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Center

JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS



The Book Club is currently reading
"The Summer Before The War"
by Helen Simonson for discussion on

Wednesday, April 19th at
7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room

Reading for **May 17th** discussion:
"Have a Little Faith"
by Mitch Albom

SVDP CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive Truck will be in front of Mary Queen of Heaven church to collect donated clothing on **Sunday, April 23rd** from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.



ROSARY SOCIETY

Anyone wishing to be installed in the Rosary Society must leave their name and phone number in the Rectory Office no later than **Sunday, April 23rd**.

CUB SCOUTS BAKE SALE

The Cub Scouts will be having a Bake Sale after all of the Masses on **Saturday, April 29th** and **Sunday, April 30th**.



FILIPINO MASS AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us for the Filipino Mass on **Sunday, April 30th** at 3:00 pm with fellowship to follow in the Parish Hall.

HAPPY EASTER!

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 day(s) of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent. Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter....

The Fulfillment of Our Faith

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin, and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

The Coming of the Kingdom

That new life began on Easter Sunday. In the Our Father, we pray that "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven." And Christ told His disciples that some of them would not die until they saw the Kingdom of God "coming in power" (Mark 9:1). The early Christian Fathers saw Easter as the fulfillment of that promise. With the resurrection of Christ, God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form of the Church.

New Life in Christ

That is why people who are converting to Catholicism traditionally are baptized at the Easter Vigil service, which takes place on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter), starting sometime after sunset. They have usually undergone a long process of study and preparation known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Their baptism parallels Christ's own Death and Resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life in the Kingdom of God...

Communion - Our Easter Duty

Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season, which lasts through Pentecost, 50 days after Easter. (The Church also urges us to take part in the Sacrament of Confession before receiving this Easter communion.) This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1:10 (41)

8:00 am **In Thanksgiving to God**
10:00 am **Christopher Bristol**
12:00 pm **Virginia Smith**

Requested by:
Margaret Point DuJour
Huguette Fenelon
Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Vale

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-23, Mt 28:8-15

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18

8:00 am **Jeanne Casanova**

Requested by:
Connie & Bill Main

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35

8:00 am **Jeanne Casanova**

Requested by:
Angela Cacaterra

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48

9:00 am **Jimmy Devivo**

Requested by:
The Maybloom Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14

9:00 am **Ricardo Percy (Living) -
Birthday Thanksgiving**

Requested by:
Marie Percy

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15

9:00 am **Pat Euma**
8:00 pm **Celia Hassett**

Requested by:
Helen Jenning
Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Readings: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20:19-31

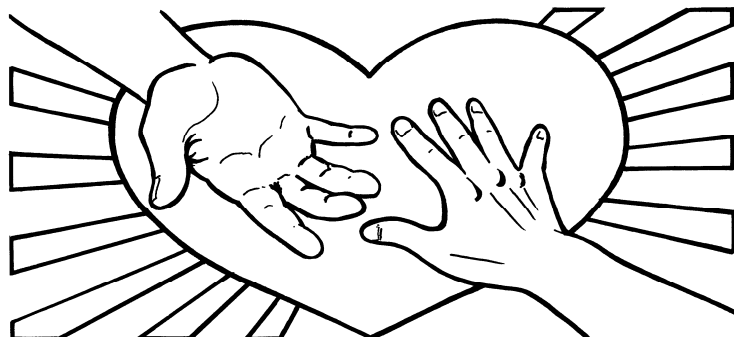
8:00 am **Michael Mataritonna**
10:00 am **Agnes & Vincent Pitts**
12:00 pm **Francesco D'Arangio**

Requested by:
Melody Vulpis
Barbara Ravida
Rosaria Gambino



REST IN PEACE

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



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Bread & Wine

In Memory of Celia Hassett

Donated by: Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Adelio Abia	Teresa Hamalak
Phyllis Sergeant Andrews	LA
Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Gloria Landorino
Maureen Arthur	Mariano
Leandra Adanio	Gloria Mele
Maryann Adanio	Kenny Mintz & Family
Charles Badami	Mary Moss
Michael Badami	James O'Reilly
Belinda	Dorothy Pantaleo
Kathy Bergstrom	Carol Polish
Nick Berlingieri	Mike Q
Teresa & Joe Burns	Ronald Russo
Anthony Corona	Louise Schiavone
Linda Corona	Jerome Sergeant
Josephine Deluca	Judy Tropeano
Thomas DiPietro	Baby Cane Weeks
Anthony Galati	Janet Williams
Rosalie Galati	Baby Theresa Rose Wunder

*****SICK LIST*****

You must call into the Rectory Office **only on Mondays before 3:00 pm** to add a name to the Sick List. The name will then appear on the list for 4 weeks, after which time it will be removed. You must call again to the Rectory Office **only on Mondays before 3:00 pm** to have the name re-added to the list.

SICK CALLS WILL BE MADE AT ANY TIME

Please call the Rectory Office to arrange a communion call to the sick, elderly or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

MARRIAGES

Please speak with Fr. Tom or Dcn. Jean Baptiste at least 9 months before your wedding. Access www.pre-cana.org to obtain Pre-Cana information.

VOCATIONS

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister, please speak with Fr. Tom. **"By your endurance you will gain your souls."** Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES, SHRINES

Please remember to stop by the Rectory Office during office hours to schedule your Mass Intentions and Memorial Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

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.



GIFT SHOP: Remember to shop in the *Mary Queen of Heaven Gift Shop* for your personal and special occasion gift needs.
Open after each Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday.