

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2017

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MS. CAROL ANN SALAMONE
Ministry to the Homebound

MS. HELEN JAMES
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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: Closed

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

A Touch of Heaven in Brooklyn - Serving God's People for 90 Years: 1927-2017

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,

After the shortest Advent possible, Christmas is upon us. Are we ready, I wonder, to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Prince of Peace.

Israel waited—and is still waiting, actually—for God to fulfill his ancient promise by sending a son of David, who would establish a kingdom of justice and peace that would last forever. We Christians are celebrating that fulfillment in the person of Jesus of Nazareth; we recognize him as the eternal Prince of Peace foretold by Isaiah, the little child who will lead us.


If we are right, why do we deal with injustice, hostility, and unrest in the news of every day? We are looking for the Kingdom of God, but remember that Jesus taught that “The Kingdom of God is within you.” The teachings of Jesus will have to take root in our minds and hearts, and the following of Christ must become our way of life, before we will see the kingdom among us.

During Advent (which everyone seems to consider Christmas) we have seen signs of hope: you have been extremely generous toward the needy among us; people everywhere are more considerate, more courteous. As Cardinal Dolan mentioned during his last television conversation, even the secular press seems to recognize a nobility of spirit that resides in the human heart during this special season.

So, we need to make the spirit of Christmas last all year. Corny perhaps, but theologically true: it is always Christmas; Jesus, God, is always present among us as Emmanuel, “God with us.”

So rejoice! Merry Christmas! May God fulfill all your hopes and dreams in the new-born Prince of Peace.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Fr. 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 may submit any updates to your address and contact information to the Rectory Office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
Weekly Tithing Collections for December 17th: \$5,968.00
Attendance: 673

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

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE	
December 25, Monday	*Rectory Office Closed In Celebration of Christmas 
December 30 - January 1, Saturday - Monday	*Rectory Office Closed In Celebration of the New Year 
January 21, Sunday	*Concert of Sacred Music, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, Church 
January 28, Sunday	*Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Parish Hall 

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.
Boy Scouts	Every Friday, 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm, Parish Center Teen Room
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, 11:30 am-1:30 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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
DECEMBER 23rd & DECEMBER 24th**

ADVENT PRAYER — 4th Week of Advent

Precious Savior, breathlessly we wait for your Coming. The house has been made ready. The tree is trimmed with beautiful lights and sentimental ornaments. Already there are presents under the tree. The guests have been invited. All of the ingredients for a delightful, sumptuous meal have been purchased. Our hearts are filled to overflowing with love for you and for one another. Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus, for it is in your name, we pray. Amen.



to those who received the
Sacrament of Baptism in December
Jacques Samira Rose

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Center Chapel

FILIPINO MASS FOR DECEMBER

The Filipino Mass scheduled for December 31st, 2017 is cancelled.

JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS



The Book Club is currently reading
“The Wright Brothers” by
David McCullough
for discussion on
Wednesday, January 17th at
7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room
The book for **February 21st** is
“Wonder” by R. J. Palacio.

**USHERS NEEDED AT THE
MIDNIGHT MASS**

*Are you interested in serving Mary
Queen of Heaven
at the Christmas Midnight Mass?*



Please call Mike Piccininni at 917-855-5742, if you are interested in serving the church through the Usher Ministry, at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

**A CHRISTMAS
PRAYER**

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

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Have you, or has someone you know, thought about becoming a Catholic? Did you miss your First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Do you want to learn more about your faith?



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a comprehensive program of formation in the Catholic faith that leads to the reception of sacraments.

For information or to register for the group that will begin this Fall, call Father Tom at 718-763-2330.

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC
ACADEMY NEWS**

Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas,

Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)-As of 12/12/17

Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,348.00. Out of 1,570 registered ACA members 227 have pledged \$47,645.00 (76.42% of the goal)
Out of this pledged amount, the Diocese has received \$46,137.50 (74.00% of the goal).

ONLY 7 DAYS LEFT TO MEET OUR GOAL!

If you have not pledged already, you may also make a one time contribution before year's end.

MQH OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Join Mary queen of Heaven parishioners and friends for our OUTBACK FUNDRAISER at Gateway Mall, 355 Gateway Drive Brooklyn, NY 11239 on Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 4:00—9:00 pm.

For every meal you order and pay for at Outback Steakhouse at Gateway Mall on **January 4 between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm**, Mary Queen of Heaven will receive 15% of the cost of the meal. **Don't forget** to mention you are ordering for the 'Mary Queen of Heaven Fundraiser'.

Please RSVP via website www.groupraise.com/events/46529 by Monday, January 1, 2018.

We must have at least 20 participants registered via this website by January 1 for our fundraiser to occur.

Call the Rectory Office @ 718-763-2330 with your name and email address if you wish us to register you.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

8:00 am	Berrino Mitchell	Requested by: The Joseph & Mitchell Families
10:00 am	Dunlop & Harkin Families	Anne Dunlop
12:00 pm	William & Helena O'Hara	The O'Hara Family
4:00 pm	Christmas Intentions	
12:00 am	Christmas Intentions	

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

Readings: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

10:00 am	Christmas Intentions
12:00 pm	Christmas Intentions

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Readings: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

8:00 am	Louise Santostefano	Requested by Ida & Barbara Giannettino
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Green & Christy Ukachukwu-Loss of their youngest child	Requested by: Helen Okafor-Zee
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 2:13-18

8:00 am	In Honor of Our Blessed Mother	Requested by: Bernard
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

8:00 am	St. Thomas Becket— In Thanksgiving	Requested: Mary Beth & Terry Dillon
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

9:00 am	Anthony Spezio	Requested by: Jerri DeLuca
5:00 pm	Teresa Almeida	Mary Whalen & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00 am	Special Intentions	Requested by:
10:00 am	Jean Andre Ndiore & Marie Thiaro Tine	Francois, Cecile & Grace
12:00 pm	Jules, Karlyne (Living)	Jules Karlyne



REST IN PEACE to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including:
Adelio Abia, Phyllis Andrew

Bread and Wine

*In Loving Memory of Anthony Spezio
Requested by: Teresa & Tom Sorrentino*

Altar Candles

*In Thanksgiving for The Louis Family
Requested by: The Louis Family*

Tabernacle Candle

*In Loving Memory of Adelaida Mendoza
Requested by: The Zozobrado Family*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Regina Aguyi | Harold & Terry |
| Jose Alvarez | Diane Herring |
| Margarita Alvarez | L. A. |
| Frank & Teresa Arcuri | Mama James |
| Maureen Arthur | Lenora Jones |
| Charles Badami | Julie's Mother |
| Michael Badami | Mama Justina |
| Beatrice's Mother | Kathryn & Joanne Kearney |
| Belinda | Todd Kingsley |
| Nick Berlingieri | Jerome Stephen Leonard |
| Betty | Lisa |
| Kathleen Bonatakis | Howard Litvaack |
| Teresa & Joe Burns | Mariano |
| April Burrougs | Theresa Marino |
| Rose Caruana | Gloria Mele |
| Lady Cecilia | Kenny Mintzes & Family |
| Paul Chikaobi | Giorgia Mitchel |
| John Connolly | Norma Moralez |
| Linda Corona | Mary Moss |
| Linda Daker | Brenda Movoran |
| Cathy Defeo | Chioma Okpoko |
| Josephine Deluca | Bitsy & Kristin Pena |
| Al Diaz | Carol Polish |
| Charles DiBenedette | Rachel |
| Thomas DiPietro | Yvette Rayes |
| Phillip Dobbs | Robbie |
| Charlene Domingue | Ronald Russo |
| Domenick D'Orazio | Louise Schiavone |
| Anthony Galati | Helen Sentome |
| Rosalie Galati | Jerome Sergeant |
| Barbara Giannettino | Baby Theresa Wunder |
| Teresa Hamalak | |

*****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, Fr. Ikenna 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 Deaconate, 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.

MOH GIFT SHOP
Purchase personal and special occasion gift needs. **Open after each Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday.**