

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2018

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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

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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,

Our focus at the Epiphany tends to be on the magi, those exotic visitors, and their expensive gifts. LIVING LITURGY, provided information about the gifts that I thought was interesting enough to share with you.

Gold was a gift fitting for a king, for one with power and authority; it was also a symbol of divinity. The child before whom the magi prostrated themselves in an act of homage was, we know, King of Kings and Son of God. In his ministry he would challenge his followers to reevaluate their idea of wealth and to treasure the things of God.

Frankincense was a resin that was hardened and was used as a medicine: to stop bleeding and heal wounds, as an antidote for poison, and as a salve for bruises, ulcerations, and paralyzed limbs. This child would grow up to heal physical ailments, fears and doubts, and to bridge divisions.

Myrrh too was a resin, and an expensive one. It was used in embalming, and only royalty and the very wealthy could be embalmed. It too was a gift for a king. The child was destined to die to bring forth life for the world.

As in St. Luke's infancy narrative, we can see in this scene from St. Matthew's gospel, many themes that will resound throughout his entire gospel.

*In the Good Shepherd  
Fr. Tom Leach*

### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUED: CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC**

Join MQH parishioners and friends for a Concert of Sacred Music on **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm**. Come and experience the talent of our musicians Gerard Connolly, Carlos Fernando Rojas, and Ludwine Joseph.

### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUED: RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Were you married in the church? If you were, please join MQH parishioners and friends to celebrate and renew your vows on **February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm Mass**. Reception to follow.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.**  
*Weekly Tithing Collections for December 31<sup>st</sup>: \$5,221.00  
Attendance: 588*

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

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

<b>January 21, Sunday</b>	<b>*Concert of Sacred Music,</b> 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, Church	
<b>January 28, Sunday</b>	<b>*Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast,</b> 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Parish Hall	
<b>February 11, Sunday</b>	<b>*Anniversary Celebration --- Renewal of Marriage Vows &amp; Reception,</b> 12:00 am-4:00 pm, Church, Parish Hall	
<b>February 25, Sunday</b>	<b>*Vocation Workshop,</b> 3:00 pm, Parish Hall	

### **RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

<b>Baptisms</b>	Last Sunday of the month, 1 pm. An appointment must be made with one of the priests or the deacon.
<b>Bereavement Support Group</b>	Call the Rectory Office (718-763-2330) for referral.
<b>Boy Scouts</b>	Every Friday, 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm, Parish Center Teen Room
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Every Friday of each month 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	Every Friday, 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm, Parish Hall
<b>Girl Scouts</b>	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
<b>Haitian Choir</b>	Rehearsal, Every Saturday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Church
<b>Holy Name Society</b>	Monday after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 8:00 pm, Parish Center
<b>La Legion de Marie</b>	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.
<b>Line Dancing</b>	Wednesdays, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm, \$8 per person
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Parish Center
<b>Rosary Society</b>	First Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm-3:00pm, Parish Hall
<b>Seniors</b>	Every Wednesday, 1:15 pm - 4:00 pm, Parish Hall. <i>All</i>
<b>Youth Group</b>	First & Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Parish Center Youth Room

### **DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE**

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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scouts will be meeting on **Sunday** at 11:30 am in the Parish Center Teen Room.

**THE ROSARY SOCIETY MASS**

will be held at 12:00 Noon on **Sunday** followed by a meeting in the Parish Hall.

**LA LEGION DE MARIE**

will meet on **Sunday** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**BROOKLYN DIOCESE UNION OF THE  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

will have benediction in the church on **Sunday**, at 2:30 pm followed by a meeting in the Parish Center.

**MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**PRAYER GROUP CENACLE:** 7:30 pm, Parish Center

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**CUB SCOUTS MEETING:** 6:45 pm, Parish Hall

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP—**

**ANNIVERSARY MASS:** 7:00 pm, Church

**BOY SCOUTS MEETING:** 7:15 pm, Parish Center  
Teen Room

**JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS**



The Book Club is currently reading  
***“The Wright Brothers”*** by  
*David McCullough*  
for discussion on  
**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** at  
7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room

The book for **February 21<sup>st</sup>** is  
***“Wonder”*** by R. J. Palacio.

**MQH OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE  
FUNDRAISER**

**UPDATE:**

**Due to the inclement weather, our  
Outback Fundraiser was rescheduled to  
Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Join Mary Queen of Heaven parishioners and friends for our **OUTBACK FUNDRAISER** at **Gateway Mall, 355 Gateway Drive Brooklyn, NY 11239** on **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from **4:00—9:00 pm**. For every meal you order and pay for at Outback Steakhouse at Gateway Mall on January 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.groupraise.com/events/46529).

**Fr. Tom will be dining at 6:30 pm. If you wish to be a part of Fr. Tom's party, please call the Rectory Office by 3:00 pm on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be included in Fr. Tom's Outback reservation for January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

... *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man...

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany...

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Monday, January 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary—not for Him, but for us.

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**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC  
ACADEMY NEWS**

Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy wishes everyone a very Happy New Year.

*Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal*

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you wish to have a print out of your contribution statements from Mary Queen of Heaven for Tax Year 2017, please call ahead to the Rectory Office. A statement will then be printed for you to pick up.



to **Enver and Maureen Matjani**, MQH parishioners, who donated \$800.00 to the parish.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018**

*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

**Readings:** *Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12*

8:00 am **Special Intentions**  
10:00 am **The Romano Family**  
12:00 pm **The Rosary Society**

Requested by:  
The Tropeano Family  
The Rosary Society

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

**Readings:** *Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9, Mk 1:7-11*

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017**

*Weekday (First Week in Ordinary)*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 3:1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28*

8:00 am **Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39*

8:00 am **Special Intentions** Marie Pierre

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45*

8:00 am **Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12*

8:00 am **Charismatic Prayer Group** Evelyn  
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018**

*Weekday*

*Feast of St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1, Mk 2:13-17*

9:00 am **Vincent DeLuca, Sr. -** Requested by:  
**Birthday Remembrance** Jerri DeLuca  
5:00 pm **Chinedu Ukachukwu** Green Ukachukwu

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

*SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42*

8:00 am **Alfonso Sciortino** Requested by:  
10:00 am **Mary & Cornelius Harkin** Dominick Oliveri  
12:00 pm **The Holy Name Society,** Anne Dunlop  
**William Glenn, Sr.** The Holy Name Society  
2:00 pm **Maricia Aubourg & Bryant** Maricia Aubourg  
**Pyram (Living) - In**  
**Thanksgiving**



**REST IN PEACE**

to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including:  
**Luthner Kernisant, Terence P. Smith**



**Please remember to 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.**

**Bread & Wine**

*In Thanksgiving for my family*

*Requested by: Martine Joseph*

**Altar Flowers**

*In Loving Memory of Louis Cardillo*

*Requested by: Jean & Mike DeLuca*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Jose Alvarez	Barbara Giannettino
Margarita Alvarez	Teresa Hamalak
Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Harold & Terry
Maureen Arthur	Diane Herring
Charles Badami	L. A.
Michael Badami	Lenora Jones
Beatrice's Mother	Julie's Mother
Belinda	Kathryn & Joanne Kearney
Nick Berlingieri	Lisa
Betty	Mariano
Kathleen Bonatakis	Theresa Marino
Teresa & Joe Burns	Kenny Mintzes & Family
April Burrougs	Giorgia Mitchel
Rose Caruana	Norma Moralez
Paul Chikaobi	Mary Moss
Linda Corona	Dominick Mottola
Linda Daker	Brenda Movoran
Cathy Defeo	Bitsy & Kristin Pena
Josephine Deluca	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
Joseph Galati	Jerome Sergeant
Ronald Galati	Baby Theresa Wunder
Rosalie Galati	

**\*\*\*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](http://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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**MOH GIFT SHOP**



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

**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.