

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 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

A Touch of Heaven in Brooklyn - Serving God's People for 88 Years: 1927-2015

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

Of all the many images Jesus used to describe himself, I am sure the one I have thought about the least is "I am the gate for the sheep." I don't know why, since we had a huge gate and a gatekeeper or porter at our seminary. Perhaps it is because gates are used to exclude, to keep people out.

That is only part of Jesus' intent here; he wants to exclude only the predators and the false shepherds (thieves, robbers, and strangers he calls them), who are a threat to the well-being of his flock. Since at the time of Jesus there was no physical gate to bar entry, the shepherd would lay his own body in the opening of the sheepfold. He was, thus the protection of the sheep, whom he guarded by laying down his own body, risking his very life.

But Jesus' hope is to bring more and more people into the fold. He speaks of other sheep who must still hear his voice, of opening the gate to them, and of leading out those who recognize his voice, who will follow him as he walks ahead. This is a shepherd, a gate, who knows his sheep, cares for them, is always present to them, and has laid down his life for them. This is the Good Shepherd, a model for the clergy and for all of us who are entrusted with the care of others.

This shepherd makes himself known to us and maintains contact with us through his voice. Remember, that was precisely how Mary Magdalen recognized Jesus in the garden on Easter Sunday. Let us always be careful that the people we follow echo the voice of the Lord which we should recognize from the gospels.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom Leach*

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 14th, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
Weekly Tithing Collections for April 30th: \$6,212.00
Attendance: 879
All are encouraged to use your tithing envelopes.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

May 13, Saturday	* 6 Hr NY Defensive Driving Class – 10:00 am, Parish Hall * Our Lady of Fatima-100th Anniversary Celebration – 10:00 am, Parish Center Chapel
May 14, Sunday	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY * May Crowning – 10:00 am, Church * Holy Name Society Mass – 12 Noon, Church, (Meeting Monday, 8:00 pm, Parish Center)
May 18, Thursday	* Our Lady of the Cape from Canada – 6:00 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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
MAY 6th & MAY 7th**

GIRL SCOUTS

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



ROSARY SOCIETY

New Rosary Society members will be installed at the 12:00 Noon Mass on **Sunday**. A meeting will immediately follow in the Parish Hall with a Jewelry Sale.

LA LEGION DE MARIE

La Legion de Marie will meet on **Sunday** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.



*to all those who received
the Sacrament of
First Communion on
Saturday.*

To those who received the
Sacrament of Baptism in



March and April:

*Brynie Albert, Shawn Bennett,
Konnor Daphnis, Payton El-
cock, Arline Exilas, Ryan Julien, Bradley Pitt, Candia
Schloss, Lauren Sealy, Phyllis Sitomer, Brandon Tan-
nis, Enrique Wohl*



MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 11TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

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
“Have a Little Faith”
by Mitch Albom for discussion on
Wednesday, May 17th at
7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room



Reading for **June 21st** discussion:
**“The All Girls Filling Station’s Last
Reunion** by Fanny Flagg

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE—

Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Cost: \$50.00 per person

Pre-register at the Rectory Office during office hours.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Society and Seniors Spring Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, June 4th** in the Parish Hall immediately following the 12:00 Noon Rosary Society Mass. Tickets are on sale in the Rectory Office for \$30.00.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Fr. Paul Farin of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish the weekend of **May 20th and 21st** to speak at all of the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries.

Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

will take place on **Saturday, May 20th** at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, NY. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin promptly at 11:00 am with Bishop DiMarzio as the main celebrant.

All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend with their families. Special recognition will be given to couples celebrating their 25th, 50th and 75th Anniversary. **Please contact the Rectory Office by Thursday, May 11th if you wish to attend.**

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC
ACADEMY NEWS**

LET’S GO TO THE BEACH!

Join us for Mary of Heaven Catholic Academy’s 2017 Card Party.

Date: Friday, May 19th, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Parish Hall

Tickets are \$40.00 per person which includes food and beverages. There will be 50/50 raffles, Birthday, Lotto boards, and fabulous raffle items!

Bring your friends, neighbors, and relatives, and join us for an evening of fun, all while we raise funds to benefit MQHCA.

Tickets may be purchased in the school office. Ask for Ms. Warner.

Seats are limited, so don’t wait!

Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal

*Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy
Proudly Serves Mary Queen of Heaven Parish
· Faith formation · Individualized attention · Title 1
math and literacy services · Early drop-off & after
school homework help*

Explore how your child will benefit from a Catholic education. Schedule a private tour with Principal Mary Belone at 719-763-2360 or www.mqhca.net.

Learn about scholarships available to parish families by contacting Fr. Thomas Leach at 718-763-2330.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10

8:00 am	Patricia D'Amico	Requested by:
	In Thanksgiving to God	Nancy Iula
10:00 am	Grace & Vincent Molonia	Nadege Auguste
12:00 pm	The Rosary Society	Carol Polish
		The Rosary Society

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:11-18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

8:00 am	Yvon Bedubrun	Requested by:
		Marthe Charlestin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

Easter Weekday

Feast of St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Readings: Acts 12:24-13:5a, Jn 12:44-50

8:00 am	Annette Eugerre	Requested by:
		Pierre Eugerre

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

8:00 am	Rocco Fasano	Requested by:
		The Milazzo Family

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

Easter Weekday

Feast of Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, St. Pancras, Martyr

Readings: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

8:00 am	Tia James	Requested by:
	(Living) – Birthday	Helen James
	Thanksgiving	

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

Easter Weekday

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Readings: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

9:00 am	Rose Giannettino	Requested by:
5:00 pm	ALL MOTHERS	Ida & Barbara Giannettino

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

8:00 am	ALL MOTHERS
10:00 am	ALL MOTHERS
12:00 pm	ALL MOTHERS
2:00 pm	ALL MOTHERS



REST IN PEACE

to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish, including **Elaine Atwood, Hermina Mentor**



MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES, SHRINES

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

Bread & Wine

In Thanksgiving for prayers offered for Martine Joseph

Donated by: Martine Joseph

Altar Flowers

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Bells

In Memory of Elaine Atwood

Jean Spezio

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Adelio Abia	Gloria Mele
Jose Alvarez	Betty Mitchel
Margarita Alvarez	Mary Moss
Maureen Arthur	Rina Pannone
Kathy Bergstrom	Carol Polish
Nick Berlingieri	Therese Ponessa
Anthia Bispham	Ernest Rossi
Kathleen Bonatakis	Margaret Rossi
Nydia Byrd	Ronald Russo
Anthony Corona	Rodolfo Scott
Linda Corona	Sue Ann Spotts
Josephine Deluca	Julie Taylor
Thomas DiPietro	Ronnie Taylor
Anthony Galati	Elana Thorne
Rosalie Galati	Judy Tropeano
Barbara Giannettino	Baby Cain Weeks
Fred Lopez	Mark Weiner
Jean Madeam	Baby Theresa Rose Wunder
Sheila Madeam	

*****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

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.



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.**

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.