

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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*Ministry to the Homebound*

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*Immigration Resource Ministry*

### 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 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**

Dear Parishioners,

I think we have a tendency to misinterpret the parable of the talents (Matt. 25) due to the sense the word "talent" developed over time. In Jesus' time a talent was money, and a lot of money, with a value of many years' wages. The three servants in this story would have been an ancient equivalent of Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffet.

We should be amazed that the master entrusts these ordinary men with such a treasure, that he knows their abilities so well, and that he gives them no instructions. Who is this master? As usual it is God the Father. And what has he handed over to them; what is it that is so very valuable? It has to be the most valuable asset the Father has, and that is his only Son, his Beloved Son, Jesus.

God hands him over to us (as Jesus will soon be "handed over" to the religious and political authorities), thus entrusting each of us Christians with an incredible treasure. We are not to bury the treasure, or ignore it, or use it solely for ourselves. The treasure that is our life in Christ must be developed, increased, and shared. As disciples we are to learn from the Lord's words and deeds in the gospels; as apostles we are expected to share our faith with others. If we do so, we will be invited, after our time here on earth, to share our Master's joy.

Today (Sunday) Bishop Chappetto will hand over the Holy Spirit to 26 of our young men and women in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray that they will recognize what a treasure they have in Jesus, that they will develop their relationship with Jesus, and that they will be clear in the witness of their faith.

*In the Good Shepherd,  
Fr. Tom Leach*

A sincere "Thank you" to the facilitators of our "ARISE" groups during this fall season. The program will begin again in Lent. We invite all participants back for season four, and remind everyone that the groups are open to new members.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.**  
*Weekly Tithing Collections for November 12<sup>th</sup>: \$6,691.00*  
*Attendance: 821*

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

<b>November 23, 24, Thursday, Friday</b>	<b>*Rectory Office Closed In Celebration of Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>December 2, Saturday</b>	<b>*Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:00 pm, Church</b>	
<b>December 3, Sunday</b>	<b>*90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch, after the 12 Noon Mass, Parish Hall</b>	
<b>December 9, Saturday</b>	<b>*Rosary Society/Seniors Christmas Party, 1:00 pm, Parish Hall</b>	
<b>December 17, Sunday</b>	<b>*Breakfast with Santa, 11:00 am, Parish Hall</b>	

### **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 Cenacle</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 seniors are invited.</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  
NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> & NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**GIRL SCOUTS**

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



**LA LEGION DE MARIE**

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



to those who are receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Sunday at 2:00 pm.**

**MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE/PAC:** 7:15 pm, Parish Center

**JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS**



The Book Club is currently reading **"Americanah"** by *Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie* for discussion on **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room

The book for **January 17<sup>h</sup>** is **"The Wright Brothers"** by *David McCullough*



to the following organizations who donated to Mary Queen of Heaven during this season of Thanksgiving:

- **St. Bernard Knights of Columbus** donated \$1,500.00 to the parish of Mary Queen of Heaven
- **The Brooklyn Lions** also donated \$500.00 to the parish
- **Kiwanis Club of Kings Plaza** donated \$300.00 to the MQH St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
- **Cub Scouts Pak 505** also donated \$500.00 to our Pantry

**We also thank all of the parishioners and friends of Mary Queen of Heaven who donated food to the MQH SVDP Food Pantry to help those less fortunate during this season of giving.**

*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."* Lk 6:38

**90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES BEGIN**

To kick-off the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of Mary Queen of Heaven Church, the parish will host a **Brunch on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** after the 12:00 Noon Mass in the Parish Hall. Catered by Bon Soir. Speaker: Msgr. Jamie Gigantiello

Tickets are available at the Rectory Office and after all of the Masses.

Adults: \$10.00

Children (Under 12 years old): \$5.00

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.



**ROSARY/SENIORS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Tickets for the Rosary Society/Seniors Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** are now on sale at the Rectory Office. Cost: \$35.00 per person

**CALLING ALTAR SERVERS**

Anybody from 5<sup>th</sup> grade up is eligible to become an Altar Server. Students in our school and in the public schools are encouraged to be part of this service group.



**Practice Day and Time: Every Thursday at 4:00 pm, and Saturday 1:30 pm in the Church. Please meet with Fr. Ikenna for Parent's Permission Slip and other information.**

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC  
ACADEMY NEWS  
SPREAD THE WORD!**

Join the movement and give back on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Giving Tuesday, which is next week. Our financial aid recipients and their families **give thanks** to all those who have generously provided them the **"Gift of a Catholic Education"**. Remember, your gift creates a positive impact on a child's life!

During the season of giving thanks, consider making a contribution to Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy on Tuesday, November 28.

Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy forms children in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. We teach, we learn and we serve.

*The faculty, staff and students wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.*

*Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Readings:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

8:00 am	<b>Godwin Mbadugha</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>John O'Brien &amp; Gloria A. Weber</b>	Bernadette Orji
		The Howe Family
12:00 pm	<b>Domenico Gambino</b>	Rosario Gambino

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

Weekday

**Readings:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, Lk 18:35-43

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Readings:** 2 Mc 6:18-31, Lk 19:1-10

8:00 am	<b>In Thanksgiving for Gina Douyon</b>	Requested by:
		Gina Douyon

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017**

Feast of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

**Readings:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31, Lk 19:11-28

8:00 am	<b>Josephine Teague— Birthday in Heaven</b>	Requested by:
		Margaret Cirillo

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017**

Weekday

Feast of St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr, St Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr Thanksgiving Day

**Readings:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

9:00 am	<b>Suze Leonce Mompoin</b>	Requested by:
		Daphne Phanord

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017**

Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

**Readings:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, Lk 19:45-48

8:00 am	<b>O'Hara &amp; Keane Families</b>	Requested:
		The O'Hara Family

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

Weekday

Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr; BVM

**Readings:** 1 Mc 6:1-13, Lk 20:27-40

9:00 am	<b>Thomas Sullivan- Anniversary</b>	Requested by:
		Loretta Risley
5:00 pm	<b>Osmond Hypolite &amp; John Fournieller</b>	Ellen & Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

OUR LORD JESUS KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**Readings:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mt 25:31-46

8:00 am	<b>Special Intentions</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>Patrick Connelly</b>	The Harkin Family
12:00 pm	<b>The Giacobbe Family</b>	Rachel Giacobbe



**REST IN PEACE**

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

**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.

**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of **Godwin Mbadugha**

Requested by: **Bernadette Orji**

**Bells**

In Memory of **Members of the Spezio & Malafronte Families**

Requested by: **Jean Spezio**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Adelio Abia	Joy
Margarita Alvarez	Carol Lenahan
Phyllis Sergeant Andrews	Harold Litvack
Maureen Arthur	Norma Morales
JR Battiest	Gloria Mele
Belinda	Mary Moss
Charles Badami	Carol Polish
Michael Badami	Erma Reyes
Nick Berlingieri	Ernest Robinson
Terry Cadet-Donald	Mary Russo
John Connelly	Louis Schiavone
Domenick D'Orazio	Jerome Sergeant
Josephine Deluca	Helen Sentoine
Thomas DiPietro	Anthony T. Spezio
Larry Goyette	Theresa Spezio
Barbara Giannettino	
Harold & Terry	

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

**MOH GIFT SHOP**



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

**MEMORIAL TREE OF LIGHTS**

Honor your deceased and living loved ones by memorializing them on our Tree of Lights this Christmas. The names of those being memorialized or honored will be listed and placed by our Christmas trees in church. **You may complete the "Memorial Tree of Lights" flyer and provide to the Rectory Office NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>. Donation: \$5.00 per name.**

All are welcomed to join us at the 5:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the lighting of our Christmas Trees.

