

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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## LENT APRIL 2, 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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Facebook: "Mary Queen of Heaven Church"

#### 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*  
*Principal, (718) 763-2360, [www.mqhschool.net](http://www.mqhschool.net)*

### *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 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

Again John has fashioned for us a marvelous gospel story that operates on several levels. This one brings each one of us to the tomb to look death in the face.

On one level Jesus manifests God's desire to share his life with all of us, to open our graves and call us back to life. The promise that we will hear the voice of Christ and live is our great hope, our courage to offset the fear of our most ancient enemy.

The miracle also reveals how our God is willing to set us free from all that shackles us, all that holds us in bondage: our sinful habits, our addictions, our unhealthy relationships. Jesus' command, "Unbind him and let him go free", will echo in my consciousness for days. I installed an icon of the moment Lazarus emerges from his tomb in a reconciliation room of one parish, because that is what God's forgiveness does: unbinds and unburdens us.

This is a strong Easter lesson. At the Easter Masses we will profess our baptismal faith and proclaim belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. We will renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises.

So we can see in this great miracle story the sign of Jesus' resurrection (which would happen a matter of days after he raised Lazarus), the promise of our resurrection of Christ (our share in his victory), and all the joy of this new, risen life of 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](http://www.mqhchurch.net).

## 50/50 RAFFLE REMINDER

Envelopes for the March 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.**  
Weekly Tithing Collections for March 26<sup>th</sup>: \$6,118.00

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April 9, Sunday	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
April 15, Saturday	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	
April 23, Sunday	* <i>SVDP Clothing Drive</i> - 9:00 am-12:00 pm, In front of the Church	
April 29, Saturday	* <i>Cub Scouts Bake Sale</i> - After Mass in the vestibule, Church	

## 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>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, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Parish Center Teen Room. Kindergarten-Grade 12. For more info.: Jeanne Cirone 917-601-3460, <a href="mailto:jmcirone@gmail.com">jmcirone@gmail.com</a>
<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

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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> & APRIL 2<sup>ND</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.

**MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**ARISE GROUP:** 7:30 pm, Rectory Basement

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**ARISE GROUP:** 7:30 pm, Rectory Basement

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**ARISE GROUP:** 9:15 am, Parish Center Lounge Room

**CUB SCOUTS:** 6:45 pm, Parish Center

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**ARISE GROUP:** 10:00 am, Parish Center Lounge

**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 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room

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

**OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Legislation has been introduced in the NY State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that suicide is acceptable and lead to an increase in suicides. It will leave people with depression and other mental illnesses untreated. And it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers into killers. Please inform yourself about the dangers in this bill by visiting *NewYorkersFor-Life.org*.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**CUB SCOUTS BAKE SALE**

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



**FILIPINO MASS AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for the Filipino Mass on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm with fellowship to following the Parish Hall.

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**

Have your little one join our MQHCA family. If you have a child born in 2014, you can register them for our Preschool Program. Our curriculum is designed to keep them engaged and entertained throughout the day, as well as having their educational and social needs met. Come by and visit Ms. Warners's class to see us in action.

*Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal*

**WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE**

**AROUND TOWN**

On **Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third stations at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final stations will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 pm. At each station, there will be readings from the passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at 212-337-3580 or visit website *wocbrooklynbridge.com*.

**ST. COLUMBA CHURCH LADIES GUILD SPRING FEST RAFFLE NIGHT (Annual Card Party):**

**Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Monsignor Jolley Hall, 2245 Kimball Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234 (between Avenues U and V). Donation: \$25.00 per person. Includes: Chips, Pretzels, Cookies, Soda, Coffee, Tea. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ADMITTED.**

**MQH WEBSITE: Updated** Our MQH website has joined the Parish Network of sites coordinated by DeSales Media. Visit at *mqhchurch.net*. If you experience any issues, please contact the Rectory Office.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017**

*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Readings:** Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

8:00 am	<b>Mauristine Guervil</b>	Requested by: The Alexandre Family
10:00 am	<b>Frank Lamicella</b>	Carol Polanish
	<b>Arabella Holder (Living) -</b>	Family & Friends
	<b>Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	
12:00 pm	<b>The Rosary Society</b>	The Rosary Society

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, Jn 8:1-11

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

**Readings:** Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30

8:00 am	<b>Rose Gianturco</b>	Requested by: Diane Janicke
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

**Readings:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42

8:00 am	<b>Ricardo Bolido</b>	Requested by: The Furatero Family
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**THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59

8:00 am	<b>Jean Mary Alexandre</b>	Requested by: The Alexandre Family
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

**Readings:** Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

8:00 am	<b>Gertrude Hand—</b>	Loretta Risley
	<b>Anniversary</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Purgatorial Society</b>	

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56

9:00 am	<b>Georgianna Freese</b>	Requested by: Frank Freese
5:00 pm	<b>Joseph Levy</b>	Mary Whalen & Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**

*PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

**Readings:** Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

8:00 am	<b>Terence Noel &amp; Family</b>	Requested by: Pearl Noel
	<b>(Living)</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Ileen Franklyn</b>	Brian Franklyn
12:00 pm	<b>The Holy Name Society</b>	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	<b>In Thanksgiving for Jesus</b>	Suze & Edvard



**REST IN PEACE**

to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including:  
**Annette Pierre-Eugene, Lorraine Ritorto**

**PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

**Linda Burgin, Mary Camponille, Jimmy DeVivo, Mary Filingeri, William Mulrooney, Denzel Robinson, Judith Matiste Rose, Ray Tomassetti, Beatrice Yovinso**

**Bread & Wine**

*In Thanksgiving for prayers offered for Carol Polanish by the beloved MQH parishioners  
Donated by: Carol Polanish*

**Altar Candles**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Adelio Abia	The Laliberte Family
Phyllis Sergeant Andrews	Gloria Landorino
Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Mariano
Maureen Arthur	Gloria Mele
Leandra Adanio	Kenny Mintz & Family
Maryann Adanio	Betty Mitchel
Charles Badami	Mary Moss
Michael Badami	James O'Reilly
Belinda	Rina Pannone
Kathy Bergstrom	Dorothy Pantaleo
Nick Berlingieri	Carol Polanish
Teresa & Joe Burns	Mike Q
John Cala	Ronald Russo
Anthony Corona	Richard Sands
Linda Corona	Louise Schiavone
James Costello	Jerome Sergeant
Josephine Deluca	Julie Taylor
Thomas DiPietro	Ronnie Taylor
Anthony Galati	Marie Trenkle
Joseph Galati	Judy Tropeano
Rosalie Galati	Baby Cane Weeks
Audrey Godfrey	Janet Williams
Teresa Hamalak	Baby Theresa Rose Wunder
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**\*\*\*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](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).

**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.**

