

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 4, 2018

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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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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: 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,

I recently read a statement from a Bishop that grabbed my attention. He said that our fundamental vocation as human beings is to give God right praise, which would be worship or adoration. When that primary obligation is in place, then all else in our lives can be in their proper order.

We see that reality in God's instruction to his people in the Ten Commandments. The first three tell us how the Lord desires to be honored, the remaining seven how we are to honor our brothers and sisters.

When Jesus came to the Temple he found that business had crept into the sacred precincts and was contaminating the worship of his Father. Zeal for the house of the Lord seized him and he reacted strongly and clearly to the disorder.

What does Jesus see today? We have a decreasing number of worshippers and, in the judgment of some, a more widespread disregard of the commandments than at anytime in memory.

That does not include you; you are here to worship and you are seriously trying to obey God's word. Still, the call of Lent is to clean house, to get our priorities in life straight.

At the end of today's gospel (John 2) Jesus refers to himself as the Temple, and St. Paul clearly taught that every baptized Christian is a temple of the Holy Spirit's presence. Is there an attitude or habitual sin in our lives that has no place in a temple? Lent is the time to identify it and root it out.

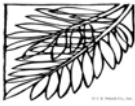

*In the Good Shepherd*  
*Fr. Tom Leach*



**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](http://www.mqhchurch.net).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.**  
**Weekly Tithing Collections for February 12<sup>th</sup>: \$5,5807.00**  
**Attendance: 551**

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE</b>	
<b>March 8, Thursday</b>	<b>*MQH Lenten Mission &amp; Healing Mass</b> 7:00 pm, Church
<b>March 17, Saturday</b>	<b>*St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dance</b> 7:00 pm, Parish Hall
<b>March 24, 25, Saturday, Sunday</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Masses 5:00 pm, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon 
<b>March 29, Thursday</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 9:00 am Morning Prayer, 7:30 pm Mass, 9:00 pm Solemn Adoration 
<b>RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE</b>	
<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, <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</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. All
<b>Youth Group</b>	First & Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Parish Center Youth Room
<b>DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE</b>	
<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  
MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> & MARCH 4<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.

### **MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK**

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

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

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>

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

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

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

### **JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS**



The Book Club is currently reading "*Surrender, New York*" by Caleb Carr. for discussion on **Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room



The book for **April 18<sup>th</sup>** is "*The Reporter Who Knew Too Much*" by Mark Shaw.

### **REMEMBER YOUR RICE BOWL**

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish is participating in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl challenge through the rice bowls that were distributed last week.



At the end of the Lenten Season, all bowls will be collected and the funds donated to Catholic Relief Services. See the calendar in the bowl to guide your Lenten journey.

### **PAX CHRISTI'S 36<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS**

Join with hundreds of others in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This Way of the Cross is a modern-day Stations of the Cross, witnessing for peace and justice in the streets of our city. The theme this year is "Looking through the eyes of Jesus." At each Station we reflect on our participation in a world still characterized by crucifixion. The walk begins at 8:30 am on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 47<sup>th</sup> Street between First and Second Avenues and proceeds along 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, ending on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro New York at 212-420-0250, or [info@nypaxchristi.org](mailto:info@nypaxchristi.org), or [www.nypaxchristi.org](http://www.nypaxchristi.org).

*Please wear or carry a cross.*

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 is currently ongoing, call Father Tom at 718-763-2330.

### **MQH LENTEN MISSION & HEALING MASS**

The MQH Charismatic Prayer Group invites all to a Lenten Mission and Healing Mass on **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Presided by Fr. Kisito Daghevi Comlan Vodounon, a priest from Benin Republic, West Africa.

Includes:

- 4:00 pm-6:00 pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:30 pm—Teaching ·Mass ·Teaching—Laying of the hands
- Venerations of the True Relic of the Holy Cross

### **MQH ST. PATRICK / ST. JOSEPH DANCE**



**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Donation: \$30.00 per person.

*Includes:* Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Pastries, Snacks, Beer, Soda, Coffee, Tea and PLENTY OF FUN!

Tickets available for purchase in the Rectory Office during office hours.

**Tickets will also be on sale in the vestibule this weekend, and the weekends of March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019**

Join a group from our church going to Panama City, Panama from January 19—29, 2019, less than one year away. We are looking for young adults 18-40 years of age, and/or families who are interested in getting a chance to deepen their faith and be challenged! The cost is approximately \$3,000 with many fundraising opportunities, if needed. For more information, please contact Kenny Wodzanowski at 718-490-4469 or email [kennodwz@aol.com](mailto:kennodwz@aol.com). This is a chance of a lifetime and you may get a chance to meet Pope Francis and a couple of million people from all over the world!

### **MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS**

#### **Why Have Your Child Travel to Another Afterschool Program?**

Qualified Teachers-Quality Care at MQHCA. Afterschool includes: Homework Enrichment, Zumba, Choir, Sport Activities, Organized Play. 2:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Only open to MQHCA students (Pre-K-3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Call now to register! 718-763-2360

*Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018**

*THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Readings:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25

8:00 am **Ana Baez (Living) - for Healing**

Requested by:  
Fatima Alcantara & Grandchildren

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

The Rosary Society

**MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2017**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35

8:00 am **In Thanksgiving**

Requested by:  
Suzelle Augustin

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

**Readings:** Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19

8:00 am **Concepcion Lim Tan**

Requested by:  
Socrates-Abia Families

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. John of God, Religious*

**Readings:** Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23

8:00 am **Monsignor O'Toole-1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Requested by:  
Barbara & Ida Giannettino

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

**Readings:** Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34

8:00 am **Agatha & Andrew Hypolite**

Requested by:  
Children & Grandchildren

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14

9:00 am **O'Hara & Keane Family**  
5:00 pm **The Rich Family**

Requested by:  
The O'Hara Family  
The Croom & Sabatino Families

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

*Daylight Saving Time Begins*

**Readings:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

8:00 am **Anne Edouard (Living)—26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessing**

Requested by:  
The Louis Family

10:00 am **Anthony Spezio**

Evelyne, Joyce, Connie, Joy, Betty

12:00 pm **The Holy Name Society**

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**REST IN PEACE:** to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including: **Adellia Ellis, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Medilon Rosemond**

Please remember Mary Queen of Heaven when you are completing your Estate Planning and your Will.

**Bread & Wine  
In Thanksgiving**

Requested by: *Suzelle Augustin*

**Bells**

*In Memory of Norma George*

Requested by: *The Hypolite Family*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Mama Adama  
Regina Aguyi  
Maureen Arthur  
Mama Emma  
Beatrice's Mother  
Nick Berlingieri  
Brother Paul Chikobi  
Ciarra  
Josephine Deluca  
Zackery DeLuca  
Thomas DiPietro  
Domenick D'Orazio  
Vivian Endall  
Anthony Galati  
Joseph Galati  
Rosalie Galati  
Barbara Giannettino  
Holli Hupart  
Lauri

Jerome Leonard  
Julia's Mother  
Betty Mitchel  
Mary Moss  
Carol Polanish  
Baby Joseph Posy  
Lady Cecilia Okafor  
Mama James Okafor  
Mama Justin Okafor  
Chioma Otoko  
Delta Robinson & Family  
Ronald Russo  
Jerome Sergeant  
Achalla State  
Chinello Uwazoba  
Frank Weeks  
Baby Theresa Rose Wunder

**\*\*\*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.**

**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.



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

Please also remember our Saints' Shrines and Votive Candle Offerings in Church.