

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

1395 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street • Brooklyn • NY • 11234

**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**

# THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 24, 2018

## PARISH STAFF

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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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Email: [mqhchurch@aol.com](mailto:mqhchurch@aol.com)  
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 love to celebrate St. John the Baptist's birthday. All the extraordinary events that led up to his birth: the angel's message to Zechariah, his nine month's of silence (muteness) because of his doubt, "barren" old Elizabeth's pregnancy, Mary's pregnancy and visit to Ain Karim, had the relatives and neighbors wondering, "What will this child turn out to be?" Surely "the hand of the Lord was with him", and the family had experienced "the graciousness of God" - his name, "John".

I believe most parents experience something very similar: a sense of the wonder of having cooperated with God in the mystery of having given life, a recognition of the great potential in this new-born child, and hopes as to how that potential might unfold.

In John's day of birth and his devout parents' joyous celebration I can see how every single life is sacred, special to God, worthy of great respect, and deserving careful development and protection. What a great gift is life; may we use ours well.

*In the Good Shepherd,  
Fr. Tom Leach*

### PARISHIONER IN NEED

#### **Jose Torres is in need of a liver from a living donor.**

The transplant team in Weill Cornell Hospital evaluated Jose for a liver transplant which will restore him to a healthier state. The priority for a liver transplant goes to the sickest patients. Jose isn't sick enough right now to get a liver from the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). However, we prefer not to wait until Jose gets sick because there can be complications, or he may get too sick to get a transplant.

Jose's best chance to get a liver transplant is to receive a liver from a living donor. If you are willing to consider donating a portion of your liver to help Jose, please call the Living Donor Specialist, Ms. Darby Santamour at 646-962-GIFT (4438) or email her at [das9107@nyp.org](mailto:das9107@nyp.org). You may access website <https://weillcornell.org/living-donor-liver-transplantation> for information regarding being tested and about the transplant procedure. There is no cost to you. The first step is a simple blood test to determine if you are compatible with Jose's blood Type O. General criteria: be in good general health, no diabetes, no fatty liver disease, be between the ages of 20 and 60.

You may call or text Jose's wife, Amada, at 917-703-5514.

<i>SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE</i>	
<b>July 8, Sunday</b>	* <i>Holy Name Society Mass</i> – 12 Noon, Church * <i>French Creole Mass</i> – 2:00 pm, Church
<b>July 29, Sunday</b>	* <i>Filipino Mass &amp; Fellowship after Mass</i> – 3:00 pm, Church/Parish Hall
<i>RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE</i>	
<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 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

NOTE: Some ministries do not meet in the summer.

<i>DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE</i>	
<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.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.  
Weekly Tithing Collections for June 17<sup>th</sup>: \$6,056.00  
Attendance: 618**

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> & JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

**GUATEMALA VOLCANO TRADEGY  
SECOND COLLECTION**

As you know, the Fuego volcano in Guatemala erupted on Sunday, June 3, leaving death and destruction in its wake. Many of the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens have family members in Guatemala whom they are desperately trying to assist following this natural disaster.

In an effort to provide aid and comfort to the victims of this terrible event, we will take up a second collection at all of the Masses this weekend.

Hundreds of Guatemalan Catholics will gather to pray for the victims of the Guatemala volcano on **Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** at 11:00 am at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 88-19 Parsons Boulevard, Jamaica.

Auxiliary Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Vicar for Hispanic Concerns will be the celebrant at Mass.

**PARISH PICNIC**

Don't forget to meet us on **Sunday** at 2:00 pm at Bergen Field, 2335 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All are invited to come and enjoy a day of good food, good company and lots of fun. Everyone is asked to bring food for your family, and a little extra to share with others.



**MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28<sup>ST</sup>**

**YOUTH GROUP:** 7:00 pm, Parish Center Youth Room  
**PRAYER GROUP CENACLE:** 7:30 pm, Parish Center

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**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  
***"Behold the Dreamers"***  
by Imbolo Mbue  
for discussion on

**Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the  
Parish Center Lounge Room.

AROUND  
TOWN

**EMERGENCY & DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP**

Hosted by The Office of Assembly  
Member Jaime Williams in partnership  
with the 63<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council.

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>st</sup>**, 7:00 pm, Kings Plaza Community  
Room, 5100 Kings Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11234.

If you would like to attend, please register at <https://prepare.ny.gov/training-events>. For any questions, please call 718-252-2124.

**SUMMER IS HERE**

*Please remember Mary Queen of Heaven  
Parish as you bask in the sun this summer.*

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We welcome and appreciate your continued monetary support during the summer months. You may drop off your tithing envelopes at the Rectory Office before or after your vacation.

**MASSTIMES.ORG**

Continue worship during the summer months. You can still make it to church even while you are on vacation. Check website **masstimes.org** for available churches in the area where you will be vacationing.



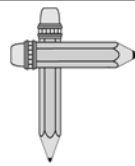
**PARISH CALENDAR 2018—2019**



To all organizations and ministries, please submit your requests to reserve dates and spaces for your events/meetings to the Rectory Office, attention Mary-Cassandra, or via [mqhchurch@aol.com](mailto:mqhchurch@aol.com), with the subject "Parish Calendar". **You must submit your events/meetings request even if they usually occur each year on a regular basis. Please make note of any specific dates within your schedule when you do not meet, as well as the last date you meet before the summer.**

**Please submit your dates by 8/31/2018.**

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION**



Registration for the 2018 / 2019 School Year is currently on-going. All students are expected to return to class each year until they receive their Confirmation.

**The Office will be closed for the summer and will reopen on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

During the summer the Re-Registration Forms can be left for us in the Rectory Office. Any child in Grades 1 through 6 who has not received Religious Education or received their Sacraments is encouraged to join our program. Please call the School of Religion Office (718-763-2590) and leave a message. We will arrange to meet with you to register your child.

*Mrs. Mary Casatelli, Principal*

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC  
ACADEMY NEWS**

**The MQH Academy Marketing Committee is looking for volunteers** with a background in public relations, communications or marketing.

Responsibilities will include:  
assisting with hosting and/or sponsoring marketing activities and participating in developing the annual marketing plan

If you are interested in joining MQH Marketing Committee, please submit your resume to [board@mqhca.org](mailto:board@mqhca.org).

**SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018**

*THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST*

**Readings:** *Is 49:1-6, Acts 13:22-26, Lk 1:57-66, 80*

8:00 am	<b>Deacon Jean Baptiste Boursiquot (Living) - Birthday Blessing</b>	Requested by: Grandsons
10:00 am	<b>Vincent Glazier</b>	Wife and Family
12:00 pm	<b>Adelio Abia</b>	Jorge & Annette Vale

**MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018**

*Weekday (Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time)*

**Readings:** *2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18, Mt 7:1-5*

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36, Mt 7:6, 12-14*

8:00 am	<b>John &amp; Catherine Ondreicka</b>	Requested by: Sister Ann
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018**

*Weekday*

*Feast of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** *2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23-1-3, Mt 7:15-20*

8:00 am	<b>Karlyne Jules - In Thanksgiving</b>	Requested by: Karlyne Jules
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018**

*Weekday*

*Feast of St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr*

**Readings:** *2 Kgs 24:8-17, Mt 7:21-29*

8:00 am	<b>George D. Smith, Jr.</b>	Requested by: Mom & Family
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018**

*Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles*

**Readings:** *Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19*

8:00 am	<b>Raymonde Charles (Living) Special Intentions</b>	Requested by: Raymonde Charles
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**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

*Weekday*

*Feast of The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; BVM*

**Readings:** *Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19, Mt 8:5-17*

9:00 am	<b>Joseph &amp; Bernadette Song - In Thanksgiving</b>	Requested by: Sr. Bernadette
5:00 pm	<b>Anthony T. Spezio</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Ro & Arthur Elinson

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**

*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

**Readings:** *Wis 1:13-15: 2:23-24, 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15, Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43*

8:00 am	<b>Robert Harsen, Sr.</b>	Requested by: Terrence & Mary Beth Dillon
10:00 am	<b>Norris Brown</b>	Mitzi & Family
	<b>Caliste Clarke</b>	Mitzi & Family
12:00 pm	<b>The Rosary Society</b>	The Rosary Society



**REST IN PEACE:** to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including **Robert Harsen, Sr.**

**Bread & Wine**

*In Memory of Bob Harsen*

Requested by: Eileen McAllister

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Charles Achebe	Mariano
Sunday Agha	Dolores Marino
Frank & Teresa Acuri	Theresa Marino
Mama Adama	Alicia Maxwell
Regina Aguyi	John McClarron
Charles Badami	Kenny Mintzes & Family
Michael Badami	Betty Mitchel
Beatrice's Mother	Dominick Mottola
Nick Berlingieri	Mary Moss
Ryan Buckley	Lady Cecilia Okafor
Teresa & Joe Burns	Mama James Okafor
Brother Paul Chikobi	Mama Julie
John Connolly	Mama Justin Okafor
Josephine Deluca	Chioma Opoko
Zackery DeLuca	James O'Reilly
Thomas DiPietro	Carol Polish
Charlene Dominique	John Rosarida
Mama Emma	Mary Russo
Vivian Endall	Ronald Russo
Eric	Louise Schiavone
Virginia Finger	Achalla State
Marie Filosa	Jerome Sergeant
Anthony Galati	Vincent Soriano
Rosalie Galati	Virginia Stank
Barbara Giannettino	Millie Troia
Molly Harmon	Sala Troia
Ed Houston	Jose Torres
Amalia Jeudy	Chinello Uwazoba
Joanne & Cathryn Kearny	Lucille Votto
L.A.	Theresa Rose Wunder
Enza Labush	

**\*\*\*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).

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)-**

**ACA Status as of 6/20/18:**

Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,348.00.

213 donors have pledged \$54,156.00.

Out of this pledged amount, the Diocese has received \$42,965.25

**Please help MOH meet and exceed our goal this year.**



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