

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2018

PARISH STAFF

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MS. CAROL ANN SALAMONE
Ministry to the Homebound

MS. HELEN JAMES
Parish Social 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 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,

Many of us have noted that due to climate changes we seem to have much shorter seasons of real spring and fall weather. Another beautiful season that is endangered is Advent; it is becoming increasingly difficult to observe it in our modern society.

Bright holiday lights already beckon us to enter stores with the intention that we exit with our arms laden with packages. Lite FM is playing Christmas music 24/7. Groups are getting ready for their Christmas parties. And as I write this, it is not yet even Advent.

All of our seasonal "busy-ness" can become a burden and make us lose the proverbial Christmas spirit. And to skip over Advent would actually impoverish our experience of Christmas. So, what can we do about this? I have two suggestions, and they both have to do with mindfulness.

First of all, carry out all the necessary tasks, but do them with awareness. Think of the person to whom you are addressing a card, or for whom you are buying a gift, and say a prayer for him or her. Imagine the people you are cleaning, decorating, and cooking for, those you will host, and realize you are toiling in love.

Secondly, resist the temptation to skip prayer. Increase your time for prayer and reflection instead. You need that focus more precisely when you feel you are being swamped.

I heard Advent described as a time when we are waiting in the midst of doing ordinary things. That is true, but we are about unusual, once-in-a-year things too. Enjoy it all; live it deeply, and mindfully, and lovingly.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom Leach*

PARISHIONER IN NEED—MARTHA TORRES

Martha has been an active parishioner here at Mary Queen of Heaven and has also served as a minister of Holy Communion for many years. Martha has been in kidney failure for the past three (3) years and is now in dire need of a kidney transplant. She is hopeful that a generous parishioner will heed the call and be willing to donate a kidney for her transplant.

If the Lord moves you to be a donor or you know someone who might be interested in giving the gift of life, please contact Lauren Syed, Transplant Coordinator at New York Presbyterian Hospital at 212-305-8597.


If you need further information, feel free to email Martha at angeltorresny@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessions will be heard in the church from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on **Monday, December 17th**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
Tithing Collections for November 25th: \$5,916.00
Attendance: 616

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

December 7, 8, Friday, Saturday	<p>*THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Day of Obligation 7:30 pm Mass on December 7, 9:00 am and 10:00 am on December 8</p> <p>*Christmas Tree of Lights – Following the 5:00 pm Mass, Church</p> 
December 16, Saturday	<p>*Breakfast with Santa – Following the 10:00 Mass, Parish Hall</p> 

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.
Boy Scouts	Every Friday, 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm, Parish Center Teen Room
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, 11:30 am-1:30 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

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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
DECEMBER 1ST & DECEMBER 2ND**

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 Rosary/Seniors Christmas party in the Parish Hall.

LA LEGION DE MARIE

will meet on **Sunday** at 1:15 pm in the Parish Center.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

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 *"In the Midst of Winter"* by Isabel Allende for discussion on **Wednesday, December 19th** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room.

CHRISTMAS CORNER

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

If you take a tag from the giving tree displayed in the church vestibule, please **place the wrapped gifts you purchase, with tags attached, under the tree by Sunday, December 16th**. (Please ignore the number on the front of the gift tag. This number is for office use only) up.

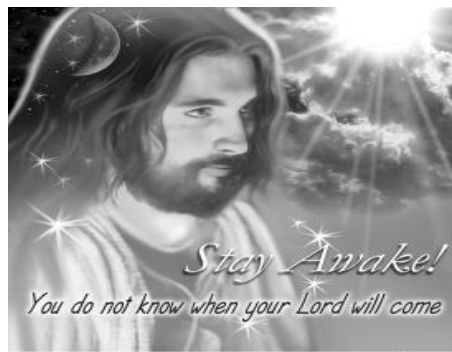


CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS

The lighting of our Christmas Trees will be done after the 5:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, December 8th**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Enjoy breakfast, games and a visit with Santa on **Sunday, December 16th** in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am Mass. Tickets: \$10 per adult, \$6 per child. **Purchase tickets before Thursday, December 13th**. No tickets will be sold after this date or at the door.



**FIRST
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT**

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God,
only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life. My heart desires the warmth of your love and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness. Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me. Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.

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PARTY FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

In recent years more than half of our invitations to the party have not been accepted. I can only imagine that people have many other obligations or are beginning to feel "partied out" as we get close to Christmas. For that reason our volunteer "thank you" will become a Mardi Gras party, and will take place in our Hall on **Saturday, March 2nd**. Please mark your calendars now.

CALLING ALTAR SERVERS

5th graders and up in our school, and in public school, are eligible, and are encouraged, to become Altar Servers. **Practice Day and Time: Every Thursday at 4:00 pm in the Church.** Please meet with Fr. Ikenna for Parent's Permission Slip and other information.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Call our office at 718-763-2360 and make an appointment to see our school. We are saving a seat for your child.

Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal

AROUND TOWN

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE CO-CATHEDRAL

Thursday, December 6th at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph, 856 Pacific Street, Brooklyn. 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Open to the public. No RSVP Required. stjosephs-brooklyn.org.

Featuring Kelly Wright (Emmy Award Winning Journalist and Recording Artist. Hosted by Liz Faublas (*Currents* News Anchor) with Guest Anthony Mangiano (*City of Churches* Host) and Diana Marie Paunetto (14-year-old Opera Singer). Coat Drive: Coats can be donated at the front door of St. Dominic's Homeless Shelter.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thes 3:12—4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00 am **Special Intention**
10:00 am **Gloria Varban**

12:00 pm **The Rosary Society**

Requested by:
Terrence & Marybeth
Dillon
The Rosary Society

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

Feast of St Francis Xavier, Priest

Readings: Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

Advent Weekday, Feast of St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24

8:00 am **Diane Ordreicka**

Requested:
Sister Regina

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37

8:00 am **Marie Marthe**

Requested by:
Marie Percy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

Advent Weekday, Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop

Readings: Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:00 am **Thomas Risley—
Anniversary**

Requested by:
Loretta Risley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

Feast of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31

8:00 am **Elvera
Santostefano**
9:00 am **Purgatorial Mass**
7:30 pm **Special Intentions**

Requested by:
Barbara & Ida
Giannettino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38

9:00 am **Maryanne T. Izzo Germino**
10:00 am **Jack & Luc Pavrette &
Celime Sconete**
5:00 pm **Kenny Percy (Living) -
In Thanksgiving**

Requested by:
Sr. Bernadette Izzo
Esia Pavrette

Marie Percy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6

8:00 am **Rose & Enrico
Giovanniello**
10:00 am **Special Intentions**
12:00 pm **The Holy Name Society,
Kathleen Delaney Ryan**
2:00 pm **Marie Lourdes Charles**

Requested by:
Joan Muscianisi

The Holy Name Society

The Charles Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Mama Adama | Thelma Madeam |
| Beverly West-Alcindor | Mary Moss |
| Dr. Emma Amobi | Dominick Mottola |
| Charles Amobi | Lady Cecilia Okafor |
| Grace Amobi | Mama James Okafor |
| Regina Aguyi | Mama Justin Okafor |
| Beatrice's Mother | Chioma Okoko |
| Nick Berlingieri | Orel's Husband |
| Tracy Thorne Brown | Janet Pasternack |
| Angela Calcaterra | Gregory Philogene |
| Eric Carew, Jr. | Carol Polish |
| Brother Paul Chikobi | Helen Rodriguez |
| Josephine Deluca | Opie Sandoval |
| Zackery DeLuca | Jerome Sergeant |
| Thomas DiPietro | Vincent Soriano |
| Mama Emma | Achalla State |
| Denise Fields | Bill Taylor |
| Barbara Giannettino | Oby Udorgi |
| Marlene Gifford | Muriel Taylor |
| Veda Hamilton | Sylvia Thomas |
| John Keyes | Elana Thorne |
| Jerome Leonard | Chinello Uwazoba |
| Liz Mbamah | |

*****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 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.



Rest in Peace: to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including **Yolande Leblanc-Charles**

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.