

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018

PARISH STAFF

REV. THOMAS F. LEACH
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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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Website: www.mqhchurch.net

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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,

The liturgy for today, "Gaudete" Sunday, commands us to "rejoice!" You may not feel joyful for any of a number of reasons: economic difficulties, a failed relationship, a chronic illness, the recent death of a loved one. Perhaps it is because of daily news reports of abuse, murders, and natural disasters. How, you might well ask, is it possible to rejoice when so much is wrong in our world?

I would suggest we look to St. Paul, since he is the one who advised the Philippians to rejoice. Realize he was writing this letter from a prison in Rome, where he was awaiting his execution. What reason did he have to be joyful? He clearly says it is because the Lord is **near.**"

In Advent we can feel the nearness of his birth which we celebrate in the liturgy at Christmas, now only nine days ahead. We also look ahead to a meeting with the Lord at our death and at the end of the world, whenever that may occur.

But I would remind you that our Lord is not only near, he is **here**, with us every day. Our God loves us so intensely that he has chosen to live with us, to dwell within us (because of baptism). This is perhaps the most wondrous truth of our Christian faith, a mystery to ponder these final days of Advent and throughout the Christmas season. God became man to be with us (Emmanuel) and to stay with us, to invite us to live forever with him. Now there is a reason to rejoice!

*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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
Tithing Collections for December 9th: \$6,794.00
Attendance: 712

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

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**December 24,
25
Monday,
Tuesday**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

***4:00 pm** (Christmas Pageant)
***11:30 pm** – Caroling in Church
***Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day

* **10:00 am Mass**
* **12:00 pm Mass**

***Rectory Office –**

*Closed at 12:00 Noon on
Christmas Eve and Closed
on Christmas Day*



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

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
DECEMBER 15TH & DECEMBER 16TH

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 1:15 pm in the Parish Center.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



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

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

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.



The book for **January 16th** is **“The Girl Who Wrote in Silk”** by Kelli Estes.

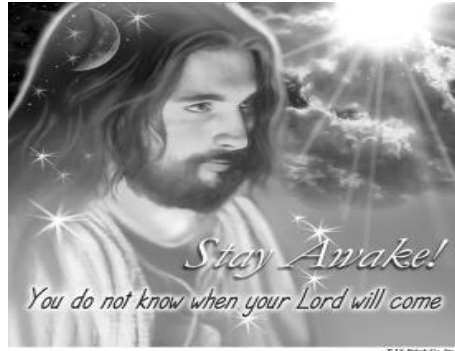
JEREMIAH PROJECT

AROUND TOWN

High School and College Discernment Group. Join monthly overnights and experience Christ through fraternity and prayer. **February 8-9, 2019, March 29-30, 2019, April 12-13, 2019, May 10-11, 2019.** Begins Friday 5:30 pm. Ends Saturday 1:00 pm. 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362. To register, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.

VOCATION RETREAT

March 1-3, 2019. Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362. Encounter Jesus Christ, Hear inspiring talks from Bishop DiMarzio, Reflect on your own vocation, Spend time with God. For more information contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or vocations@diobrook.org.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I lift my heart up to you, Lord, to thank you for the blessings you shower on me each day.

You are the ‘joy of my soul.’ I know that in your great love, I am held and protected by you.

I pray and listen to the good news you send; I ask and feel the healing.

I am freed by you from the things of the world that let me hide from you.

I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul. Help me to prepare my heart to be open and able to receive your immense love.

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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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY



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

HUNGER AWARENESS FUNDRAISER—If you took a fundraiser container to support Hunger Awareness, please return it to the Rectory Office during office hours or to an usher or a youth representative from St. Edmund school at the back of the church on the **weekend of December 22-23.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18

8:00 am Michael Molinari
10:00 am Laurence F. Fealy

12:00 pm Sean McAllister

Requested by:
Lena Molinari
The Gallagher & Logan
Families
Lillian & Tony Pomponio

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17

8:00 am People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25

8:00 am Sebastian Lamicella

Requested:
Carol Polish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25

8:00 am Violette Celestin (Living) -
In Thanksgiving

Requested by:
Marie Percy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

8:00 am Adelio Abia-1st year
Anniversary

Requested by:
The Abia Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Feast of St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45

8:00 am Rose & Michael Giannettino

Requested by:
Barbara & Ida Giannettino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56

9:00 am Dunlop & Harkin Families
5:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving and
Forgiveness—In honor of
Infant Jesus

Requested by:
Anne Dunlop
Edward & Suze Mathador

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

8:00 am In Thanksgiving
10:00 am The Louis Family-
In Thanksgiving
12:00 pm Deceased members of the
Boursiquot & Durandisse
Families

Requested by:
Joan Muscianisi
Olande Louis

Deacon Jean Baptiste



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Mama Adama | Thelma Madeam |
| Dr. Emma Amobi | Victor Maggio |
| Charles Amobi | Jimmie Mitchel |
| Grace Amobi | Mary Moss |
| Regina Aguyi | Lady Cecilia Okafor |
| Beatrice's Mother | Mama James Okafor |
| Nick Berlingieri | Mama Justin Okafor |
| Tracy Thorne Brown | Chioma Okoko |
| Angela Calcaterra | Orel's Husband |
| Eric Carew, Jr. | Janet Pasternack |
| Brother Paul Chikobi | Michael Piccininni |
| Mary Grace D'Allegrio | Carol Polish |
| Josephine Deluca | Helen Rodriguez |
| Zackery DeLuca | Opie Sandoval |
| Thomas DiPietro | Jerome Sergeant |
| Charlene Dominique | Vincent Soriano |
| Mama Emma | Achalla State |
| Denise Fields | Bill Taylor |
| Barbara Giannettino | Oby Udorgi |
| John Keyes | Muriel Taylor |
| Jerome Leonard | Sylvia Thomas |
| Liz Mbamah | Elana Thorne |
| Betty Mitchel | Chinello Uwazoba |

*****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 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.

MOH GIFT SHOP



Please remember the gift shop for special Christmas gifts for yourself, family and friends. Open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.



Rest in Peace:

to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including **America Medina**

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.