

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

1395 East 56th Street • Brooklyn • NY • 11234

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 23, 2018

PARISH STAFF

REV. THOMAS F. LEACH
Pastor

REV. IKENNA OKAGBUE
Parochial Vicar

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Ministry of Consolation

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St. Vincent DePaul Society
Respect Life Committee

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

(718) 763-2330 (Telephone)
(718) 763-6592 (Fax)

Website: www.mqhchurch.net
Email: 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*
Principal, (718) 763-2360, www.mqhca.org

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 have always been moved by this “homey” scene of the meeting of these two holy women, both of them expecting children through divine intervention. Both of them can be described as “handmaids”; they are so responsive to the direction of the Spirit of God.

What stays with me and echoes in me are Elizabeth’s words, “and how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe I imagined Juan Diego wondering just that. Sometimes, when I receive holy communion, I ask, “Who am I that my Lord should come to me? When I sit in silence before the stable, I know that will be my question, “Who am I that my Lord should become a human to save me?”

I think that deep-down we all wonder about that. The answer that Christmas gives is that we are all precious to God, each of us, as beloved sons and daughters. We are so precious to him that the Son of God “pitched his tent among us” (John 1:14) to reveal the depth of God’s love and invite us into intimacy with him.

Merry Christmas, and may the love of God, incarnate in the baby Jesus, show you how much you are loved.

*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 angel-torresny@aol.com.



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.

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*



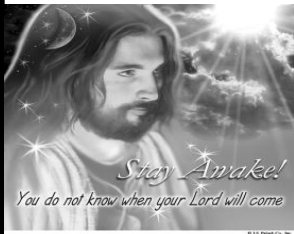
RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Baptisms	Last Sunday of the month, 1 pm. An appointment must be made with one of the priests or the
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 22ND & DECEMBER 23RD



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Almighty, eternal, just, and merciful God, give us miserable ones the grace to do for You alone what we know you want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You. Inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footsteps of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God almighty, forever and ever. Amen.”

~ from Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St. Francis of Assisi

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MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

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

JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS



The Book Club is currently reading “*The Girl who Wrote in Silk*” by Kelli Estes for discussion on **Wednesday, January 16th** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE PARISHIONERS OF MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

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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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal

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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: *2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79*

8:00 am **People of the Parish**
4:00 pm **Al & Mary Lallo, and Alice &**
Dave Leone
12:00 **Christmas Intentions**
Midnight

Requested by:
Maria DePalma & Gloria
Varban

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

Readings: *Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

10:00 am **Christmas Intentions**
12:00 pm **Christmas Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Readings: *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22*

8:00 am **Pearl Noel (Living) -**
Birthday Blessing

Requested by:
The Noel Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Readings: *1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

8:00 am **Berrimo Mitchell**

Requested by:
Alicia Marino &
The Joseph Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: *1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Mt 2:13-18*

8:00 am **Valerie Ann Balsamo**

Requested by:
Sister Bernadette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018

Fifth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: *1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35*

9:00 am **In Honor of St. Thomas**
Becket
5:00 pm **Pitts, Barnes & Ravida**
Families

Requested by:
Marybeth & Terry Dillon

Barbara & Thomas Barnes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Readings: *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52*

8:00 am **For the Families of the Parish**
10:00 am **For the Families of the Parish**
12:00 pm **For the Families of the Parish**

Rest in Peace: to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish.

Bread & Wine
In Honor of the **Deceased & Living Members of the**
Pierre-Louis Family

Requested by: Monna Pierre-Louis

Altar Candles
In Honor of the **Deceased & Living Members of**
the Pierre-Louis Family

Requested by: Monna Pierre-Louis

Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of **Helen & Stanley Kompa**
Requested by: Susan Kompa

Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of **Ronald Brack-2nd Christmas in Heaven**
Requested by: Your wife & daughters

Altar Flowers
In Memory of **Eva Garcia, Kenneth Joseph & Berrimo Mitchell**
Requested by: Alicia Marino

Bells
In Memory of **Gloria Varban 1st Christmas in Heaven**
Requested by: Your Daughter Maria & Granddaughter Laura

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 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.

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.