

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9, 2018

PARISH STAFF

REV. THOMAS F. LEACH
Pastor

REV. IKENNA OKAGBUE
Parochial Vicar

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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)
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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*
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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,

John the Baptist makes his appearance today and, as usual, he challenges us to make changes in our lives, to get ready because the Lord and his kingdom are coming close.

It is Baruch, Jeremiah's secretary, who I think gives us some practical areas to consider. He imagines "Jerusalem" standing on Mt. Zion and facing east, searching for signs of her children returning from exile. To make their passage easier mountains will need to be leveled and valleys filled in.

What in your life has gotten in the way of your relationship with God and needs to be torn down? Is there pride or arrogance or a know-it-all attitude that has you puffed up? Advent is the time to control it.

Having worked a bit on humility, ask yourself where do you see holes (valleys)? What do you lack: joy, peace, hope, security? What is it that you seek from God? Advent is the time to ask for it.

Are there people in your family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers who have drifted away from the Catholic Church or left it in anger or hurt? Perhaps they could be led back, if someone showed a real interest and concern and tried to bridge the gap. Advent is the time to invite people home for Christmas, home for good.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*

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 December 2nd:\$4,949 .00
Attendance: 578

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

December 16, Sunday	* Breakfast with Santa – Following the 10:00 Mass, Parish Hall	
December 24, 25 Monday, Tuesday	* 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

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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
DECEMBER 8TH & DECEMBER 9TH**

CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS

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

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts will be meeting on **Sunday** at 11:30 am in the Parish Center Teen Room.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY MASS

The Holy Name Society Mass will be held on **Sunday** at 12 Noon in the Church.

FRENCH/CREOLE MASS

The French/Creole Mass will be held on **Sunday** at 2:00 pm in the Church. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: 8:00 pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

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.

CHRISTMAS CORNER

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

If you took 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).



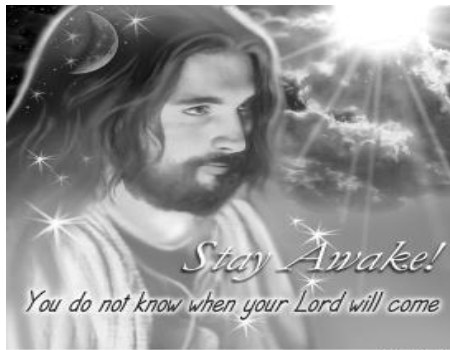
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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.**



Thank you!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks the St. Bernard Knights of Columbus Council #14269 for their generous donations of turkeys and hams, 4 cases of children's jackets and \$750.00 to our Food Pantry.



**SECOND
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT**

Dear Lord,
Through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us.
Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.
Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

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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

The following students from MQHCA attending Bishop Kearney High School made the honor role this past quarter. Bishop Kearney Academic Honorees: **Daisy Custodio**, Grade 9/, Principal's List Principals List =95-100% average. No grade below a 90% or A.

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



to the winner of November's **50/50 Raffle** with \$1,050.00:
Debbie Malafrente.

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	Requested by: Joan Muscianisi
10:00 am	Special Intentions	
12:00 pm	The Holy Name Society, Kathleen Delaney Ryan	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	Marie Lourdes Charles (Living)	The Charles Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

Advent Weekday, Feast of St. Damasus I, Pope

Readings: Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14

8:00 am	Marie Percy (Living) - Birthday Blessing	Requested: Marie Percy
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

8:00 am	Diane Ondreicka	Requested by: Sister Margaret
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

Feast of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Readings: Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15

8:00 am	Margaret Demeter	Requested by: Yolanda Cintron
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

Feast of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19

8:00 am	John Harrison	Requested by: Larry & Janis DeVito & Joan Doyle
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

Advent Weekday

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

9:00 am	Virginia Byrne	Requested by: Sister Margaret The Whalen Family
5:00 pm	Thomas Confessore	

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	Requested by: Lena Molinari The Gallagher & Logan Families Lillian & Tony Pomponio
10:00 am	Laurence F. Fealy	
12:00 pm	Sean McAllister	



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Mama Adama | Jimmie Mitchel |
| Dr. Emma Amobi | Mary Moss |
| 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 | Michael Piccininni |
| Eric Carew, Jr. | Carol Polish |
| Brother Paul Chikobi | Helen Rodriguez |
| Josephine DeLuca | Opie Sandoval |
| Zackery DeLuca | Jerome Sergeant |
| Thomas DiPietro | Vincent Soriano |
| Charlene Dominique | Achalla State |
| Mama Emma | Bill Taylor |
| Denise Fields | Oby Udorgi |
| Barbara Giannettino | Muriel Taylor |
| John Keyes | Sylvia Thomas |
| Jerome Leonard | Elana Thorne |
| Liz Mbamah | Chinello Uwazoba |
| Betty Mitchel | |
| Thelma Madeam | |

*****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.

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.