

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 6, 2019

### PARISH STAFF

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*Ministry to the Homebound*

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*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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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

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*Love Lives Here*

*A Touch of Heaven in Brooklyn - Serving God's People for 90 Years: 1927-2018*

*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,

This year the story of the magi strikes me as a strong reminder of one of the truths of our Christian faith: that Jesus came to save everyone.

Matthew was a Jew writing for a community of mostly Jews who had converted to Christianity. He relates this story to show that Isaiah's prophecy had been fulfilled, that gentiles "saw the light" of an unusual star and made a long and dangerous journey to share in the blessings of God's chosen people.

St. Paul expresses it like this: "the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

If people of other nations see the United States as blessed—and we have been—and believe that a light of hope calls them here do we welcome them or wall ourselves in?

*In the Good Shepherd,*

### 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 [angeltoresny@aol.com](mailto:angeltoresny@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](http://www.mqhchurch.net).**

**You may submit any updates to your address and contact information to the Rectory Office.**


### **CALLING ALTAR SERVERS**

5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

<b>January 13, Sunday</b>	* <i>Holy Name Society Mass</i> – 12:00 pm, Church, Holy Name Society Meeting: January 14, 8:00 pm * <i>French Creole Mass</i> – 2:00 pm, Church
<b>January 21, Monday</b>	<i>Rectory Closed in Honor of Martin Luther King Day</i> 
<b>January 27, Sunday</b>	* <i>Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast</i> – 10:00 am, Parish Hall 
<b>February 3, Sunday</b>	* <i>Rosary Society Mass &amp; Meeting</i> – 12:00 pm Mass followed by meeting, Church/Parish Hall. <i>New Members are Always Welcomed!</i> * <i>La Legion De Marie</i> – 1:15 pm, Church

### **RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

<b>Baptisms</b>	Last Sunday of the month, 1 pm. An appointment must be made with one of the priests or the
<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

### **DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE**

<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

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

### 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, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

**PRAYER GROUP CENACLE:** 7:30 pm, Parish Center

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

**CUB SCOUTS:** 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 *"The Girl who Wrote in Silk"* by Kelli Estes for discussion on **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Lounge Room.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please mark your calendars now.

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### **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PRAYER SERVICE**

The Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns presents the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service. Theme: "...for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28. **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 12:00 Noon. Location: Our Lady of Lourdes 92-96 220<sup>th</sup> Street Queens Village, NY 11428. Guest Speaker: Fr. Peter Damian Harris, O.P. Diocese of Houston, Texas. A bus will be available at \$10.00 per person and departs St. Gregory the Great, Brooklyn at 10:30 am. This event is free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Elreta Fowler at 718-774-3806, blackcatholicconcern@diobrook.org.

### **FREE MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS**

Senator Roxanne Persaud, in collaboration with Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, offer Free Mammogram Screenings. **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Starting at 9:00 am One Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn NY 11212. All insurance plans accepted. Free for uninsured women 40 and older. An appointment is necessary. Please call Michelle Petal at 718-240-5276 for an appointment. For more information call Senator Persaud's office at 718-649-7653.

### **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Sunday, January 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**



The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man. Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany. Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. In Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child—while in Northern Europe, it's not unusual to give gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between).

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### **MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

Congratulations to our students at St. Edmund Preparatory H.S. who achieved academic honors for marking period September 7-November 9:

Jackson Cherubin	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Second Honors
Kareema Green	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Principal's List
Juan Recio	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	First Honors
Arden Saintelus	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Principal's List
Lordnel Saint-Jean	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Principal's List
James Wilson III	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Principal's List

*Ms. Mary Bellone, Principal*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019**

*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

**Readings:** *Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12*

8:00 am	<b>Jeff D'Meza</b>	Evelyn D'Meza
10:00 am	<b>In Honor of St. Andre Bessette &amp; St. Joseph</b>	Terry & Mary Beth Dillon
12:00 pm	<b>The Rosary Society</b>	The Rosary Society

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**

*Christmas Weekday*

*Feast of St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest*

**Readings:** *1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mk 4:12-17, 23-35*

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44*

8:00 am **Joseph A. Izzo Sr.**

Requested by:  
St. Bernadette M. Izzo

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52*

8:00 am **Kenneth Fleck**

Requested by:  
John & Rosemary Keyes

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4, Lk 4:14-22*

8:00 am **Rose & Michael Giannettino**

Requested by:  
Ida & Barbara Giannettino

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019**

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16*

8:00 am **Marie Eva Charles (Living)**

Requested by:  
Maria Eva Charles

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

*Christmas Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30*

9:00 am **Peter La'O**  
5:00 pm **Mr. & Mrs. Francis & Godwin Mbadugha & Mrs. Madeline Ibe**

Requested by:  
Helen Abia & Family  
C. Martins & Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

*THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

**Readings:** *Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

8:00 am	<b>Vincent DeLuca, Sr.— Birthday Remembrance</b>	Requested by: Jerri DeLuca
10:00 am	<b>Alourdes Bruny</b>	Robert Bruny
12:00 pm	<b>The Holy Name Society</b>	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	<b>Suzelle Augustin— Special Intention</b>	Suzelle Augustin



**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.



Please remember to stop by the Rectory Office during office hours to schedule your Mass Intentions and Memorial Masses. Also remember our Saints' Shrines and Votive Candle Offerings in Church.

**Bread & Wine**

In Memory of **Charles & Augustin Families**

Requested by: Suzelle Augustin

**Altar Candles**

In Memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Francis & Godwin Mbadugha & Mrs. Madeline Ibe**

Requested by: C. Martins & Family

**Bells**

In Memory of **James Mугan**

Requested by: Nancy & Paul Saucedo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



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

**\*\*\*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 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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

**MOH GIFT SHOP**



Remember to shop our gift shop, open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.