

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

1395 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street • Brooklyn • NY • 11234

**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2019

### PARISH STAFF

REV. THOMAS F. LEACH  
*Pastor*

REV. IKENNA OKAGBUE  
*Parochial Vicar*

DCN. JEAN BAPTISTE  
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ODENAT  
*Parish Secretary*

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*Ministry of Consolation*

MS. CAROL POLANISH  
*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](http://www.mqhchurch.net)  
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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MS. MARY BELLONE, *Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy*  
*Principal, (718) 763-2360, [www.mqhca.org](http://www.mqhca.org)*

*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,

I think we can say that when we use the term in a spiritual sense a “transfiguration” is a momentary revelation of something that is always true about an object; thus it is a penetrating insight.

In today’s gospel it is as though the divine glory (doxa) that is always dwelling within Jesus bursts through his skin to illuminate the perception of Peter, James, and John.

In our case I would imagine that we have experienced moments of clarity where the presence of God, which is always there, suddenly seems to shine through nature or a person, and we grasp what is always true.

These are peak spiritual moments; our Lord’s Transfiguration occurs on the top of Mt. Tabor, and mountains have a distinct spiritual aura. Such experiences are meant, when they are remembered, to carry us through the troughs of the difficult day that will inevitably come. For the apostles, those days involved the brutality of their Master’s final hours on earth. For us, the Church hopes we recall the glory we have seen, and expect again at Easter, as we endure the sacrifices of this rigorous season of Lent.

*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 [angel-torresny@aol.com](mailto: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 REMEMBER TO TURN OFF ALL MOBILE DEVICES WHILE IN CHURCH.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.  
Tithing Collections for 3/10/19: \$5,949.00  
Attendance: 564**

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

<b>March 23, 24, Saturday, Sunday</b>	<b>*Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale</b> – After all of the Masses, Church Vestibule
<b>March 31, Sunday</b>	<b>*Confirmation Commitment Ceremony</b> – Church, 10:00 am <b>*Filipino Mass &amp; Fellowship</b> – Church/Parish Hall, 3:00 pm

### ***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 deacon.
<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  
MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>

### GIRL SCOUTS

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



The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies on the weekend of **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** in the church vestibule.

### LA LEGION DE MARIE

La Legion de Marie will meet on **Sunday** at 1:15 pm in the Parish Center.

### MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

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

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

**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 **“Radium Girls”** by Kate Moore for discussion on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

The book for **May 15<sup>th</sup>** is **“The Grapes of Wrath”** by John Steinbeck



**Annual Catholic Appeal 2019**  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries: Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison

Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation Please remain assured that your gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their above listed intended purpose.

*The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.*

*Please support the 2019 ACA with Faith and Good Works.*

#### ACA STATUS AS OF 3/11/19:

Our Diocesan Goal: \$59,231.00

Number of pledges: 23

Amount pledged: \$10,750.00

Out of this pledged amount, amount received:  
\$4,640.00

### GUILD OF MARY

Are you willing to pray every day for vocations? During this Lenten season of prayer, please consider becoming a member of the parish's Guild of Mary Mother of Vocations. Please see Father Tom or Father Ikenna and they will induct you into the guild.

### PILGRIMAGES

Hosted by Dcn. Jean Baptiste Boursiquot.

Pick up flyers from the Church or Rectory Office.

\***July 23—August 1, 2019.** Visiting Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem. \$3,659 per person from New York

\***July 6—16, 2020.** Visiting Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Munich, includes the Passion Play of Oberammergau. \$3,899 per person from New York.

### MQH GIFT SHOP



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



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY

During this season of Lent, please help us to “stock the shelves” of the MQH Food Pantry. Please bring “non-expired” canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, cereals, dry and wet beans. Please place your donations in the food barrels at the back of the church.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted as well. Please make checks payable to the “MQH St. Vincent De Paul Society”.

AROUND  
TOWN

### EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, 7201 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228, will be hosting a once in a lifetime exposition of Sacred Relics on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe church with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures on display will be relics of Pope John Paul II, Padre Pio, St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Faustina Kowalska, Mother Teresa, as well as St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Jude. In addition, there will be one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross of Our Lord in the world...a portion of the Veil of Our Lady...and an actual fragment from the Holy Crown of Thorns. For more information please call Our Lady of Guadalupe Rectory Office at 718-236-8300.

### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY

We wish you a prayerful Lenten season.

*Mary Bellone, Principal*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**

*SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Readings:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1, Lk 9:28b-36

8:00 am	<b>Norris Brown</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>Jennie Lamicella</b>	Mitzi & Family
	<b>In Honor of St. Patrick</b>	Carol Polanish
	<b>Pearl Thomas</b>	Terri & Marybeth Dillon
12:00 pm	<b>Maureen Arthur</b>	The Thomas Family
		Jerri DeLuca

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

*Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Readings:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

8:00 am	<b>In Honor of St Joseph</b>	Requested by:
		Terry &
		Marybeth Dillon

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28

8:00 am	<b>Resia Pavrette— For Deliverance</b>	Requested by:
		Resia Pavrette

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31

8:00 am	<b>Fredo Percy (Living) - Birthday Blessing</b>	Requested by:
		Marie Percy

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019**

*Lenten Weekday*

**Readings:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:00 am	<b>Marie Eva Charles (Living)</b>	Requested by:
		Marie Eva Charles

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

**Readings:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

9:00 am	<b>Marjorie Boucher</b>	Requested by:
5:00 pm	<b>Gerard Fitzgerald</b>	Edwin Renaud
		Mary Fitzgerald

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019**

*THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Readings:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9

8:00 am	<b>Benefactors of the St. Vincent DePaul Society</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>John Pierce</b>	St. Vincent DePaul
12:00 pm	<b>John McDonald</b>	Society
		The Harsen Family
		Pat & Jim O'Reilly



***Rest in Peace***

to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including **John Fennimore**

Please remember Mary Queen of Heaven when you are completing your Estate Planning and your Will.

**Bread & Wine**

In Honor of **Suzelle Augustin—Special Intentions**

Requested: Suzelle Augustin

**Altar Candles**

In Memory of **Daisy Brown**

Requested: Mitzi & Family

**Bells**

In Memory of **Maureen Cleary Arthur**

Requested: Peggy Wagner

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Naomi Martinez
Nick Berlingieri	Barbara Maynor
Robert & Rosie Billotti	Betty Mitchel
Doug Bontempo	Kenny Mintzes & Family
Teresa & Joe Burns	Mary Moss
Jamaal Carryl	Dominick Mottola
Kareem Carryl	Mary Nicola
Keith Carryl	Carol Polanish
Mitzi Carryl	Mary Russo
Josephine DeLuca	Delta Robinson
Zackery DeLuca	Helen Rodriguez
Jacques Desravines	Vincent Soriano
MaryBeth Dillon	Virginia Stank
Thomas Di Pietro	Margaret Staten
Minnie Hannon	Glenn & Marie Stawicki
Joanne & Kathryn Kearney	Fran & Teresa
John Keyes	Clare Vincent
Fred Klink	Carol Zummo
Ita & Bill Kulbit	
L.A.	
Laurie & Lennie Leeds	
Mariano	

**\*\*\*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).

**GIFTS AT MASS:**

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.



**MASS INTENTIONS,  
MEMORIAL MASSES**

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