

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 21, 2019

PARISH STAFF

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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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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: 1927-2018

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 Easter seems to hold a special meaning and promise for us. We were all shaken by the announcement that our school must close in June. So many families are grieving the recent death of a loved one or are worried about the health of one of the members. We have been shaken by scandal in the Church. We find ourselves in difficult times—but not without hope.

Having walked with Jesus through the worst of his days, we now celebrate his triumph. He who was dead and buried now reigns in glory. Sin, suffering, and death do not have the final word; the God of love and mercy does. At the very center of our faith we are sustained by the truth that out of loss and death comes new life.

Today we celebrate Christ's risen life and our life in him with song and light and flowers. Our proclaiming "Jesus is risen from the dead" expresses an intensity of hope and promise that only Jesus Christ can bring to life. This Easter we begin something new, something beautiful for God.

Happy Easter, everyone!

*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.



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

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



MQH GIFT SHOP
Remember to shop our gift shop after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April 28, Sunday	*Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Church
May 4, Saturday	*First Communion Ceremony 11:00 am, Church
May 5, Sunday	*Rosary Society Mass & Meeting 12:00 pm Mass followed by meeting, Church/Parish Hall. <i>New Members are Always Welcomed!</i> *La Legion De Marie – 1:15 pm, Church
May 12, Sunday	*May Crowning – 10:00 am, Church *Holy Name Society Mass – 12:00 pm, Church, Holy Name Society Meeting: May 13, 8:00 pm *French Creole Mass – 2:00 pm, Church

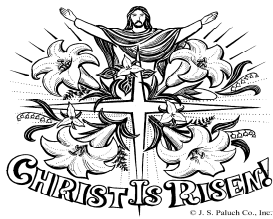
RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

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
APRIL 20TH & APRIL 21ST



**BLESSING OF
EASTER BASKETS**
*will occur at all of the
Masses this weekend.*

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

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 24th** at
7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

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



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

*We must show charity towards the sick,
who are in greater need of help. Let us
take them some small gift if they are
poor, or at least, let us go and wait on
them and comfort them. —St. Alphonsus Maria de
Liguori.* Please support the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal
with Faith and Good Works

ACA STATUS AS OF 4/8/19:

Our Diocesan Goal: \$59,231.00 **Number of pledges:** 77
Amount pledged: \$31,324.00 **Amount received:** \$17,825.00

CELEBRATING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us in this celebration as we gather
together to sing and praise God. **Sunday,
April 28th** at 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm in the
church.

Includes: Opening Prayer, Eucharistic Expo-
sition & Adoration, Rosary, Prayer & Song,
Message of Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
Closing Benediction



**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC
ACADEMY**

Congratulations to **Xavier Russo** for winning Hon-
orable Mention at the Brooklyn Religion Bee. Xa-
vier will compete in the Final Diocesan Bee on
May 1st at the Immaculate Conception Center,
Douglaston. We wish him all the best!

Mary Bellone, Principal

HAPPY EASTER!

Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calen-
dar. On this Sunday, Christians celebrate the resur-
rection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For Catho-
lics, Easter Sunday comes at the end of 40 day(s)
of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving known as Lent.
Through spiritual struggle and self-denial, we have
prepared ourselves to die spiritually with Christ
on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that
we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter....

The Fulfillment of Our Faith

Easter is a day of celebration because it represents
the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. St. Paul
wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our
faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17). Through his
death, Christ saved mankind from bondage to sin,
and He destroyed the hold that death has on all of
us; but it is His Resurrection that gives us the
promise of new life, both in this world and the next.

The Coming of the Kingdom

That new life began on Easter Sunday. In the Our
Father, we pray that "Thy Kingdom come, on earth
as it is in Heaven." And Christ told His disciples
that some of them would not die until they saw the
Kingdom of God "coming in power" (Mark 9:1). The
early Christian Fathers saw Easter as the fulfillment
of that promise. With the resurrection of Christ,
God's Kingdom is established on earth, in the form
of the Church.

New Life in Christ

That is why people who are converting to Catholi-
cism traditionally are baptized at the Easter Vigil
service, which takes place on Holy Saturday (the
day before Easter), starting sometime after sunset.
They have usually undergone a long process of
study and preparation known as the Rite of Chris-
tian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).
Their baptism parallels Christ's own Death and
Resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life
in the Kingdom of God...

Communion - Our Easter Duty

Because of the central importance of Easter to the
Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all
Catholics who have made their First Commu-
nion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during
the Easter season, which lasts through Pentecost,
50 days after Easter. (The Church also urges us to
take part in the Sacrament of Confession before
receiving this Easter communion.) This reception of
the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our
participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we
should receive Communion as frequently as possi-
ble; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum re-
quirement set by the Church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Lk 24:1-12 (41)

8:00 am **Ricardo Percy (Living)-
Birthday Blessing**
10:00 am **Chris Bristol**
12:00 pm **Mary Moss**

Requested by:
Marie Percy

Huguette Fenelon
Terrence & Marybeth
Dillon

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

Monday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Mt 28:8-15

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18

8:00 am **Mercelia Pierre, Henry
Trouillet**

Requested by:
Patrick Trouillet

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35

8:00 am **Marthe Petit Frere-
2nd Anniversary in Heaven**

Requested by:
Jefferson Cherubin

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48

8:00 am **Domenick (Living)-
For Healing**

Requested by:
Stephanie Puleo

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14

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

Requested by:
Marie Eva Charles

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

Saturday within the Octave

Readings: Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15

9:00 am **All Souls in Purgatory**
5:00 pm **Daniel & Ann Marie Lauria**

Requested by:
Edwin Renaud
Richard Lauria

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Readings: Acts 5:12-16, Rv 9:11a, 12-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31

8:00 am **John Fennimore**

10:00 am **Jennie Lamicella**
12:00 pm **Helena O'Hara-
5th Anniversary in Heaven**

Requested by:
Marybeth & Terry
Dillon
Carol Polanish
The O'Hara Family



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

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

Bells

In Loving Memory of **Catherine Pierce & Agatha Hypolite**
Requested: Children & Grandchildren

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Minnie Hannon
Charles Badami	H. Hargraves
Michael Badami	Joanne & Kathryn Kearney
Desmond Benimoff	John Keyes
Nick Berlingieri	Ita & Bill Kulbit
Robert & Rosie Billotti	L.A.
Doug Bontempo	Laurie & Lennie Leeds
Teresa & Joe Burns	Steven Marcopolos
Jamaal Carryl	Mariano
Kareem Carryl	Kenny Mintzes & Family
Keith Carryl	Betty Mitchel
Mitzi Carryl	Dominick Mottola
Charlie Cogan	Carol Polanish
Jeannette David	Monica Powell
Josephine DeLuca	Helen Rodriguez
Zackery DeLuca	Louise Schiavone
Jacques Desravines	Vincent Soriano
Marybeth Dillon	Virginia Stank
Thomas Di Pietro	Margaret Staten
Charlene Dominique	Bill Taylor
Ann Gabriel	Fran & Teresa
Rachael Giacobbe	Carol Zummo
Minerva Gorclon	

*****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.



**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.

GUILD OF MARY, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS

The purpose is to encourage people to pray for vocations to this church ministry by saying a prayer for vocations each day. Please see Father Tom or Father Ikenna, and they will induct you into the guild.

WALKING UP THE 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.