

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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

**CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2019

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### 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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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday:  
9:00 am - 12 Noon  
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday:  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

*Love Lives Here*

*A Touch of Heaven in Brooklyn - Serving God's People for over 90 Years: 1927-2019*

*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,

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new year of grace. Our Diocese has designated this as "Red Ribbon Sunday", so you will see churches and Catholic homes decorated with red ribbons until the Feast of the Epiphany.

By becoming a human being, the very miracle we will celebrate at Christmas, and by his death and resurrection, Jesus has united all who believe in him as Son of God into one Body, his. That body has always suffered opposition, even persecution and martyrdom, but never to the extent that we have seen in the last (20<sup>th</sup>) century.

I have heard that said many times, but I honestly found it hard to believe. These are the statistics provided by the November issue of "The Word Among Us": 70 million Christians have been martyred in the Christian era, more than half in the 20<sup>th</sup> century! Every month 322 Christians are killed for their faith, 105 churches are destroyed, and 722 incidents of violence are perpetrated against Christians! This is happening in more than 60 countries!

The red ribbons are intended as a sign of our solidarity for all Christians because of their faith. This day is meant to be a special day of prayer for them, our own brothers and sisters.

*In the Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*

## ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God,  
only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me.

Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.



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## ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating Advent Reconciliation Monday. On this special day, all the parishes of our diocese will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from **4:00 pm until 8:00 pm**.



**All new and returning families  
are welcomed to  
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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| <b>December 7, Saturday</b> | <p><b>*Christmas Tree Lightening –</b><br/>5:00 pm Mass, Church</p> <p><b>*Christmas Wreaths –</b><br/>Sold at the end of the 5:00 pm Mass</p>   |  |
| <b>December 8, Sunday</b>   | <p><b>*Christmas Wreaths –</b><br/>Sold at the end of all of the Masses</p> <p><b>*Holy Name Society Mass –</b> 12:00 pm, Church,<br/>Holy Name Society Christmas Party: Monday, December 9, 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>*French Creole Mass –</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2:00 pm, Church</p> |  |

## RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

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| <b>Baptisms</b>                  | Last Sunday of the month, 1:00 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, jmcirone@gmail.com             |
| <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</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, 12:00 pm - 3:00 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

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| <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,<br>Saturdays 8:45 am                             |
| <b>Rosary</b>                       | Monday to Friday after the 8:00 am Mass,<br>Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass |

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

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> & DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</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 a Rosary Society/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, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

**YOUTH GROUP:** 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

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

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</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 **“Where the Crawdads Sing”** by Delia Owens for discussion on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The book for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is **“As We Are Now”** by May Sarton.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Family Mass and Pageant will be held on **Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 pm. Children meet in church no later than 3:30 pm with Sr. Mary Jane.



All those who are participating in the pageant must be at the church at 3:00 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

All who are interested in participating in the Children's Christmas Pageant, please contact Sr. Mary Jane at 718-763-2590, by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Practice will be held on **Saturday, December 14<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm in the church.

### MQH GIFT SHOP



Shop for your holiday needs at our gift shop open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.

AROUND  
TOWN

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** is being done on a deanery basis. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** of the month at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Saturday** of the month at 11:00 am at St. Bernard.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS** will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** in St. Bernard Church.

**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT** featuring the Irish Tenors, will be held on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 pm at Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) - Howard Gilman Opera House, Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Benefitting Futures in Education. For more information email [events@futuresineducation.org](mailto:events@futuresineducation.org) or call 718-965-7394.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



welcomes any number of turkey and ham donations you wish to make to the MQH SVDP Food Pantry for Christmas. They will also gladly accept monetary donations and food items including “non-expired” canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, rice, cereals and hot oatmeal.

### ADVENT MISSION



Fr. Kisito Dagbevi Comlan Vodounon, a priest from Benin Republic, West Africa, will preside over a one-night Advent Mission on **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** in the church. Program includes: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 4:00 pm–6:00 pm Reconciliation, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm Teaching (Prepare the way of the Lord), 7:30 pm Mass and Candle Procession. Times are approximate.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Christmas Trees on the inside and outside of the church will be illuminated. All children of the parish, especially from our Religious Education Program, are invited to attend with their families. Students from grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will definitely participate. Please meet in the front rows of church no later than 4:30 pm. We will sing an Advent song during Mass as well as at the tree. Parents can meet their children in the church.



Please join us at the garage after Mass for Hot Chocolate and Cookies.

### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Please purchase your Christmas Wreaths from the Boy Scouts and St. Vincent De Paul Society in front of the church after all of the Masses on the weekend of **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**.



### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, following the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. Adults: \$8, Children: \$5, (3 yrs and up). **Reservations required.** Please complete the form on the flyer available in church and return it, with payment, to the Rectory Office **no later than Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 2019**

*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**Readings:** *Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44*

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| 8:00 am  | <b>Betty Deluca—Birthday Remembrance</b> | Requested by:<br>Jerri Deluca |
| 10:00 am | <b>Cookie Freese &amp; Connie Dodd</b>   | Frank Freese                  |
| 12:00 pm | <b>The Rosary Society</b>                | The Rosary Society            |

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019**

*Advent Weekday*

**Readings:** *Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11*

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| 8:00 am | <b>People of the Parish</b> |  |
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

*Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

**Readings:** *Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24*

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| 8:00 am | <b>Renato Sandoval</b> | Requested by:<br>Susan Kompa |
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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**

*Advent Weekday*

*Feast of St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** *Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37*

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| 8:00 am | <b>Thomas Risley-Anniversary</b> | Requested by:<br>Loretta Risley |
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019**

*Advent Weekday*

**Readings:** *Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27*

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| 9:00 am | <b>Luz Barrameda (Living) Birthday Blessing</b> | Requested by:<br>Lydia Reid |
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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019**

*Advent Weekday*

*Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop*

**Readings:** *Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31*

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| 8:00 am | <b>Raymonde Charles (Living)</b> | Requested by:<br>Raymonde Charles |
| 9:00 am | <b>Purgatorial Mass</b>          |                                   |

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019**

*Feast of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**Readings:** *Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8*

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| 9:00    | <b>Elvera Santostefano</b>                  | Requested by:<br>Ida & Barbara Giannettino |
| 5:00 pm | <b>Pitts, Barnes &amp; Ravidia Families</b> | Barbara & Tommy Barnes                     |

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**Readings:** *Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12*

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| 8:00 am  | <b>Kenny Percy (Living) Birthday Blessing</b>        | Requested by:<br>Marie Percy |
| 10:00 am | <b>Baby Abiola Falade (Living) - In Thanksgiving</b> | Grandparents                 |
| 12:00 pm | <b>The Holy Name</b>                                 | The Holy Name                |
| 2:00 pm  | <b>Marie Alma Boursiquot</b>                         | Susan Kompa                  |



***Rest in Peace***

to all of our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish including **Patricia Ann Flanders**

**Bread & Wine**

*In Loving Memory of Thomas Risley*

*Requested by Mom*

**Altar Candles**

*In Loving Memory of the Anniversary of St. Barbara*

*Requested by The Huaylinos Family*

**Bells**

*In Loving Memory of Ning Casatelli*

*Requested by Eileen Cook & Carol Ann Salamone*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



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| Mama Adama         | Loretta Morabito       |
| Regina Aguyi       | Beatrice's Mother      |
| Dr. Emma Amobi     | Sister Danny's Mother  |
| Charles Amobi      | Dominick Mottola       |
| Grace Amobi        | Sr. Chienola Nwazuobu  |
| Salvatore Augeri   | Ethel Nwoke            |
| Doug Bontempo      | Lady Cecilia Okafor    |
| Ed Connaughton     | Mama James Okafor      |
| Eileen Cook        | Mama Justin Okafor     |
| Patrick D'Alliegro | Chioma Okoko           |
| Josephine DeLuca   | Carol Polanish         |
| Grace Devlin       | Teresa Ponzio          |
| Thomas DiPietro    | Helen Rodriguez        |
| Charlene Dominique | Ron Russo              |
| Mama Emma          | Irene Santise          |
| Benedict Ezissi    | Dcn. Charles Smith     |
| Marlyn Gifford     | Vincent Soriano        |
| Richard Kompa      | Achalla State          |
| Jerome Leonard     | Martha Torres          |
| Connie Main        | Mary Voto              |
| Helen Matthew      | Oby Udorgi             |
| Liz Mbamah         | Wilbert Watts          |
| Betty Mitchel      | All the sick in Africa |

**\*\*\*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).



**MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES**

Please remember to stop by the Rectory Office during office hours to schedule your Mass Intentions and Memorials.

Please also remember our Saint Shrines and Votive Candle Offerings in Church.

**PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS**

If you have scheduled a Mass Intention and wish to present the gifts at the altar during Mass, please inform one of the ushers, BEFORE Mass.