

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

3RD SUNDAY OF ADENT DECEMBER 15, 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

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Heaven Church"

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,

The liturgy this Sunday clearly commands us from the very outset to rejoice (“Gaudete”). James, however, advises us to wait patiently, like a farmer for the crop. Waiting in this age of instant gratification tends to make us antsy, not happy.

So what are we waiting for, and why should we be so happy?

The expectation is clearly expressed by Isaiah once again. Desert places will bloom like a garden or an orchard. Those with diseases and handicaps will soon be healed and restored to wholeness. Those on the margins will be invited in to share in the bounty. The weak and the fearful will be imparted strength. The Messiah will do this; it is the wonderful reality of the kingdom of God.

And the Messiah is near, even at hand. It is Jesus. Look at what he is doing; it is precisely what Isaiah predicted. The kingdom is actually at hand.

This Messiah, the Son of David, Jesus, brings with him countless blessings and is eager to bestow them on us. Read Isaiah 35 again and decide which of those many gifts you want to receive this Christmas. Ask for it by name, and believe wholeheartedly that Jesus wants you to grow in health and wholeness. His gift could just be a life-changer.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*

ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Lord,

I lift my heart up to you, Lord, to thank you for the blessings you shower on me each day.

You are the ‘joy of my soul.’ I know that in your great love, I am held and protected by you.

I pray and listen to the good news you send; I ask and feel the healing.

I am freed by you from the things of the world that let me hide from you.

I rejoice, I rejoice, down to my soul. Help me to prepare my heart to be open and able to receive your immense love.

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On **Monday, December 16th**, 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

December 16, Monday	*Reconciliation Monday – 4:00 pm–8:00 pm, Church
December 21, Saturday	*Bishop Massa will be visiting MQH and will celebrate Mass with us at 5:00 pm
December 24, Tuesday	*Parish Family Mass with Pageant – 4:00 pm, Church, *Christmas Vigil Mass , 12 Midnight, Church
December 25, Wednesday	*Christmas Day Masses – 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon



RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

Baptisms	Last Sunday of the month, 1:00 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, 12:00 pm - 3:00 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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
December 8th Attendance: 717**

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
DECEMBER 14th & DECEMBER 15th

GIRL SCOUTS

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



LA LEGION DE MARIE

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

A VISIT FROM BISHOP MASSA

We welcome Bishop Massa this weekend as he celebrates the 5:00 pm Mass with us at Mary Queen of Heaven.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

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 18th.

The book for January 15th, 2020 is "*As We Are Now*" by May Sarton.

FAITH FORMATION



A Confirmation meeting for parents/guardians and students in Religious Education class grade 7 will be held on **Sunday, January 7th, 2020** at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall, followed by an Enrollment Ceremony at the 10:00 am Mass. Families will participate in the Entrance Procession. At this initial meeting, parents/guardians will receive necessary information, materials and details regarding this Sacrament preparation program. As this meeting is very important, attendance will be taken. Please contact Sr. Mary Jane Rolston with any questions.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The preparation for Christmas includes buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: God's Son Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For more information about RCIA, contact Fr. Tom at the Rectory Office.

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.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT



featuring the Irish Tenors, will be held on **Tuesday, December 17th** at 8:00 pm at Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) - Howard Gilman Opera House, Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Benefitting Futures in Education. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Bus transportation is available for an extra \$10.00.

If interested, please contact Jean Spezio in the Gift Shop or call the Rectory Office during office hours, and leave your name and phone number.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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



FILIPINO MASS AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us for the Filipino Mass on **Sunday, December 29th** at 3:00 pm. Fellowship will follow after Mass in the Parish Hall.

MQH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you would like to make an In Memory of (Deceased) or In Honor of (Living) memorial donation towards our 2019 Christmas decorations, please complete the *Christmas Decorations* form available in our Church and Rectory Office.

Please use this form, **ONLY**, for :
Church Christmas Trees & Wreaths,
Large Poinsettias and Garland,
Small Poinsettias, Lights and Ornaments.

Use the flower contribution envelope (Parish Envelope) for other donations.

A Christmas Decorations booklet of names and those who donated will be created.

Memorial contributions received after Friday, December 20th will not be included in the booklet.

MQH GIFT SHOP

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



The Dominican Sisters thank the parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven for their generous donation to the National Fund for Retired Religious.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: *Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10, Mt 11:2-11*

8:00 am **Special Blessing**
10:00 am **Michael Molinari**
12:00 pm **Carl & Grace Lipari**

Requested by:
Lena Molinari & Family
Anne Dunlop

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 20116

Advent Weekday

Readings: *Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27*

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: *Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17*

8:00 am **Sebastian Lamicella**

Requested by:
Carol Polanish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: *Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25*

8:00 am **Adelio Abia—2nd Year Anniversary**

Requested by:
Helen Abia

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25*

8:00 am **Jack Tuohy**

Requested by:
Stephanie & Domenick Puleo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: *Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38*

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

Requested by:
Ida & Barbara Giannettino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Feast of St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: *Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45*

9:00 **Deceased Family Members of the Boursiquot and Durandisse Families**
5:00 pm **Angelina Quattrono**

Requested by:
The Boursiquot Family
Chris & Irene

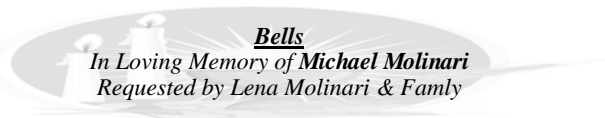
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: *Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24*

8:00 am **Dunlop & Harkin Families**
10:00 am **Joseph Battaglia, Maria Maza Rondan, Rachel Rosa**
12:00 pm **Pearl Noel (Living) - Birthday Blessing**

Requested by:
Anne Dunlop
The Battaglia Children
The Huaylinos Family
Maria Rosa
The Noel Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Mama Adama | Kenny Mintze & Family |
| Regina Aguyi | Beatrice's Mother |
| Dr. Emma Amobi | Dominick Mottola |
| Charles Amobi | Sister Danny's Mother |
| Grace Amobi | Dominick Mottola |
| Frank & Teresa Arcuri | Connie & Luke Napodano |
| Desmond Benimoff | Sr. Chienola Nwazuoby |
| Doug Bontempo | Ethel Nwoke |
| Teresa & Joe Burns | Lady Cecilia Okafor |
| Eileen Cook | Mama James Okafor |
| Josephine DeLuca | Mama Justin Okafor |
| Grace Devlin | Chioma Okoko |
| Thomas DiPietro | Carol Polanish |
| Charlene Dominique | Teresa Ponzo |
| Mama Emma | Jack Reeves |
| Benedict Ezissi | Helen Rodriguez |
| Marlyn Gifford | Ron Russo |
| Joanne Kearney | Irene Santise |
| Dianne & Fred Klink | Vincent Soriano |
| Jerome Leonard | Achalla State |
| Connie Main | Marie & Glenn Stawicki |
| L.A. | Patricia Thomas |
| Gloria Landoro | Martha Torres |
| Kalina Malina | Oby Udorgi |
| Mariano | Wilbert Watts |
| Betty Mitchel | All the sick in Africa without health insurance |
| Helen Matthew | |
| Liz Mbamah | |

*****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 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.



Rest in Peace

to all of the deceased members of the parish and our deceased relatives and friends, including **Clyde Lewis**

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