

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

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Sunday of Advent

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your
wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20



December 22, 2019

PARISH STAFF

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MS. CAROL ANN SALAMONE
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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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Website: www.mqhchurch.net
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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,

At a terrible time in their history, when Israel's king and people had strayed far from their God, the Lord gave them, through Isaiah, a sign of hope. A virgin, he promised, would give birth to a son who would become king, and who could be called "Emmanuel" (God-with-us).

In its fullest sense this prophecy would be realized in God's own "Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power" (Rom.1). Born of Mary, Jesus was truly human, and conceived of the Holy Spirit, truly God; no one could ever be more "God-with-us".

What we celebrate every year with so much joy is the goodness of almighty God who would humble himself out of love for us and become one of us, a tiny, needy baby. As we contemplate the child in the wooden feed box, we sense the shadow of the cross, and the excruciating torment that awaits Jesus because of his love for each of us.

We truly feel love at this holy season, the depth of God's love, the love of family and friends; we see love symbolized in cards and gifts and visits. God is so very lavish in his love; may we forget ourselves and give graciously to others in imitation of such a gracious giver.

Merry Christmas to you all!

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*

PARISHIONER IN NEED—MARTHA TORRES

We are pleased to announce that Martha Torres, an active parishioner here at Mary Queen of Heaven, and who has been in kidney failure for the past three years, has now received a kidney. We wish Martha all the best as she recuperates from the kidney transplant.

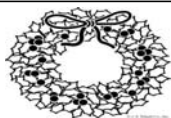
*"O my Lord, My God. I cried to you and you healed me".
Mark 30:2*



**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.
You are encouraged to use your tithing envelopes.***

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



SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

	<u>CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE</u>
December 24, 25 Tuesday, Wednesday	<p>*Christmas Eve 4:00 pm – Christmas Pageant 11:30 pm – Caroling in Church 12:00 am – Midnight Mass</p> <p>*Christmas Day 10:00 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass</p> <p>*Rectory Office – Closed at 12:00 Noon on Christmas Eve and Closed on Christmas Day</p>



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	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.

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
DECEMBER 21st & DECEMBER 22nd

ADVENT POEM
(A poem for Peace)

Calm the voices \ quiet the sounds,
Christ is with us \ and Grace
abounds.

Settle the sorrows \ still the soul,
Love is here \ and close to know.

Let it linger \ in the air,
God is coming \ low to care.

Revealing beauty \ declaring worth,
Love has come \ to all the Earth.

Like a mother \ bringing peace,
Love is mighty \ and will not cease.

Slowly teaching \ throughout all time,
The humble joy \ of Love divine.

As every child \ then and now,
Enthrones the Godhead \ again somehow.

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MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish
Center Chapel

JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS



The Book Club is currently reading
“*As We Are Now*” by May Sarton
for discussion on January 15th, 2020.

The book for February 19th, 2020 is
“*Half of a Yellow Sun*” by C. N. Adichie.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - As of 12/9/19

Our Diocesan Goal is \$59,231.00. 241 members have pledged \$68,795.00 to the 2019 ACA. Out of this pledged amount, the Diocese has received \$66,417.32.

REMINDER:

The end of the year is almost here! The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2019 ends on December 31st. All pledges must be received by this date. All contributions received over our goal amount will be returned to our parish.

If you have not pledged already, you may also make a one time contribution before year's end.

Thank you for your support of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.

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 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, please contact Fr. Tom at the Rectory Office.

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.



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER



Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

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*Merry Christmas to parishioners and
friends of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.*

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 GIFT SHOP



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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Feast of St. John of Kanty, Priest

Readings: *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66*

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

Readings: *2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 16, Lk 1:67-79*

8:00 am **Msgr. John Burns**
4:00 pm **Christmas Pageant**
12:00 am **Christmas Intentions**

Requested by:
The Odenat Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Readings: *Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

10:00 am **Christmas Intentions**
12:00 pm **Christmas Intentions**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Readings: *Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22*

8:00 am **Berrimo Mitchell**

Requested by:
Alicia Marino

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Readings: *1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

8:00 am **Joseph Grosso**

Requested by:
Stephanie & Domenick Puleo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: *1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18*

9:00 **Thanksgiving for Adonise & Louis Families**
5:00 pm **The Mbadugha Family, Madeline Ibeh**

Requested by:
The Louis Family
The Martins Family

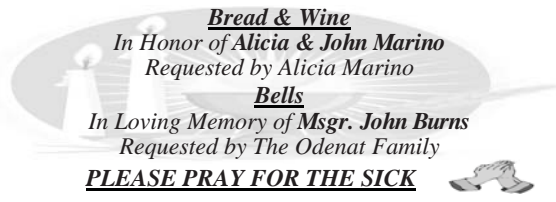
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Readings: *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

8:00 am **Angela Calcaterra**
10:00 am **Brother Becket Ryan OSF - In Thanksgiving**
12:00 pm **Alice Freese - Birthday Remembrance**

Requested by:
The Harsen Family
Terry & Mary Beth Dillon
Frank Freese



Bread & Wine

In Honor of Alicia & John Marino

Requested by Alicia Marino

Bells

In Loving Memory of Msgr. John Burns

Requested by The Odenat Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mama Adama
Regina Aguyi
Dr. Emma Amobi
Charles Amobi
Grace Amobi
Frank & Teresa Arcuri
Desmond Benimoff
Doug Bontempo
Teresa & Joe Burns
Eileen Cook
Josephine DeLuca
Grace Devlin
Thomas DiPietro
Charlene Dominique
Mama Emma
Benedict Ezissi
Marlyn Gifford
Joanne Kearney
Dianne & Fred Klink
Jerome Leonard
Connie Main
L.A.
Gloria Landoro
Kalina Malina
Mariano
Betty Mitchel
Helen Matthew

Liz Mbamah
Kenny Mintze & Family
Beatrice's Mother
Dominick Mottola
Sister Danny's Mother
Dominick Mottola
Connie & Luke Napodano
Sr. Chienola Nwazuobu
Ethel Nwoke
Lady Cecilia Okafor
Mama James Okafor
Mama Justin Okafor
Chioma Okoko
Carol Polish
Teresa Ponzio
Jack Reeves
Helen Rodriguez
Ron Russo
Irene Santise
Vincent Soriano
Achalla State
Marie & Glenn Stawicki
Patricia Thomas
Martha Torres
Oby Udorgi
Wilbert Watts
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 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 our deceased relatives and friends and deceased members of the parish.