

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 29, 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,

Can you believe that we are about to celebrate the turning of another year already? I feel as though it was yesterday that I started to write 2019 on checks. People say time seems to pass quickly as you age, and I guess they are right.

This is the year of St. Matthew, so we have been following his version of the events of Christmas, which means we are seeing them through the eyes of St. Joseph, a righteous man and a faithful protector of his family. As such, he serves as a wonderful model for us in our families and our parish family.

One thing we notice in today's gospel is how quickly St. Joseph responded to the instructions he received from the angels in his dreams; he rose from sleep and went with Mary and Jesus as told. This is an example of what St. Paul calls "the obedience of faith".

As we turn to God in prayer, asking his blessing on all of us as we move into a new calendar year, let us remember that obedience to God in faith and trust is the best way to secure God's blessings. And let us keep St. Joseph before our eyes as the model family man.

*Happy New Year to you all!*

*In the Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*



**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 our website [www.mqhchurch.net](http://www.mqhchurch.net).  
You are encouraged to use your tithing envelopes.**



*Joseph rose and took the child  
and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.  
— Matthew 2:14*

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

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

<b>NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>December 31, January 1, Tuesday, Wednesday</b>	<p><b>*New Year's Eve</b> 5:00 pm – Mass</p> <p><b>*New Year's Day</b> 10:00 am <b>Tree of Lights Memorial Mass</b> 12:00 pm Mass</p> <p><b>*Rectory Office –</b> Closed at 12:00 Noon on New Year's Eve and Closed on New Year's Day</p>



### **RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE**

<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, <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, 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**

<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

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

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> & DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY  
& JOSEPH—12/29/2019**

In a beautiful address on December 28, 2011, at his Wednesday audience, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth... "The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, drawing our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this gap later. I would, then, like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth". The Christian family is the first cell of the whole Church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness and become more fully human. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental..."

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**FILIPINO MASS AND FELLOWSHIP**

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

**MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</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

**JANUARY 1, 2020**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

AROUND  
TOWN

**COMMUNION & FLOWER GIRL  
TRUNK SHOW**

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am  
until 5:00 pm and **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**,  
11:00 am until 5:00 pm. For more in-

formation: @LITTLEWHITEDRESS1 or LITTLE-  
WHITEDRESS1215@GMAIL.COM.

**WOMEN—NEED A FEW DAYS  
ALONE WITH GOD?**

Come spend some time in the enclosure of the Sisters of Brooklyn Visitation Monastery and share their daily life of prayer, enriching yourself in the presence of God. Contact the Brooklyn Visitation Monastery, 8902 Ridge Blvd, Brooklyn NY or call 718-745-5151.

**JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS**



BOOK  
CLUB

The Book Club is currently reading  
"As We Are Now" by May Sarton  
for discussion on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The book for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is  
"Half of a Yellow Sun" by C. N. Adichie.

**MQH GIFT SHOP**



Visit our MQH gift shop for your gift and personal needs. Our gift shop is open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) - As of December 16, 2019**

Our Diocesan Goal is \$59,231.00. 244 members have pledged \$69,500.00 to the 2019 ACA. Out of this pledged amount, the Diocese has received \$67,916.82

**REMINDER:**

The end of the year is almost here! The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2019 ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program allows you to focus on the teachings of the Church and prepare you to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter Season. For more information, please contact Fr. Tom at 718-763-2330 or Sr. Mary Jane at 718-763-2590.

**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	<b>Angela Calcaterra</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>Brother Becket Ryan, OSF—In Thanksgiving</b>	The Harsen Family
12:00 pm	<b>Alice Freese—Birthday Blessing</b>	Terri & MaryBeth Dillon Frank Freese

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019**

*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019**

*Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

*Feast of St. Sylvester 1, Pope*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

8:00 am	<b>In Thanksgiving Special Intention</b>	Requested by:
5:00 pm		_____

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020**

*SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD*

*New Year's Day*

*World Day of Prayer for Peace*

**Readings:** Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

10:00 am	<b>Tree of Lights Memorial</b>	Requested by:
12:00 pm	<b>Jesus on the Cross— In Thanksgiving</b>	Francois Jean-Louis

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020**

*Feast of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28

8:00 am	<b>In Thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	Requested by:
		Marie Noel

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020**

*Christmas Weekday*

*Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34

8:00 am **The Purgatorial Society**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020**

*Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42

9:00 am	<b>Msgr. John Burns</b>	Requested by:
5:00 pm	<b>Patricia Flanders</b>	Ida & Barbara Giannettino Mary & Michael Whalen

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

*EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

8:00 am	<b>Jeff Emmanuel D'Meza</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>Rachel Rosa</b>	Evelyn D'Meza
12:00 pm	<b>The Rosary Society</b>	Maria Rosa The Rosary Society



**Rest in Peace**  
to all of the deceased members of the parish and  
our deceased relatives and friends.  
**Purgatorial Society**  
**Rosemary DiFonzo, James Scully**



*Special Memorial Intentions*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



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 Ponzio
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](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.