

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12, 2020

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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,

The Christmas season has ended. Today Jesus stands before everyone as a mature adult, ready to accept John's rite of baptism as a sign of his readiness to undertake a special mission in the service of his Faith.

He is the Messiah, "the anointed one", anointed not like other priests, prophets and kings, as a sign that they shared in God's power. He is anointed with the very Spirit of God, who will remain with him throughout his earthly ministry and empower his saving work.

He comes to the Jordan humbly, surprising, even confusing John. Jesus' whole ministry will be characterized, according to Isaiah 42, by lowliness and gentleness, by his not shouting, not snapping off what is broken, not dousing the flickering flame of faith. It seems to be an interesting symbolic truth that the site honored as the place of Jesus' baptism is the lowest land on the earth (1,412 feet below sea level).

As Jesus accepts his Father's will, his mission as Lamb of God and Servant of Yahweh, the Father expresses his pleasure in this obedient Son. Thus Jesus shows us that surrender to God leads to a new creation, that a ritual death in baptism should lead us to a new and full life—if we are willing to be reborn and renewed in Christ every day.

Today we give thanks not only for the baptism of Jesus that revealed his identity and initiated his public ministry, but also for that blessed day when we were proclaimed beloved children of God and were given the Holy Spirit to dwell in us, the day of our baptism in Jesus Christ.

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

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



**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.

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE</b>		
<b>January 20, Monday</b>	Rectory Office closed in Honor of <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	
<b>January 26, Sunday</b>	<b>*Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast</b> – After each Mass, Parish Hall	
<b>February 3, Monday</b>	<b>*Blessing of Throats</b> – After 8:00 am Mass, Church	

<b>RECURRING EVENTS/MEETINGS AT A GLANCE</b>	
<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

<b>DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE</b>	
<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.  
January 5<sup>th</sup> Attendance: 662**

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday  
JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MASS

The Holy Name Society Mass will be held on **Sunday** at 12 Noon in the Church.

### FRENCH/CREOLE MASS

The French/Creole Mass will be held on **Sunday** at 2:00 pm in the Church.

### MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY:** 8:00 pm, Parish Center

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

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

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

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17<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 "*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.

### CUB SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Save your appetite for the Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast to be held on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.



### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Sunday, January 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do. In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for Him, but for us.

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### MARCH FOR LIFE

Join the Diocese of Brooklyn on **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** in Washington, DC for the March for Life. One bus will leave from 310 Prospect Park West at 6:30 am.

Roundtrip transportation to Washington, DC is \$25. To reserve your seat, please contact Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540 or email to [mhernandez@diobrook.org](mailto:mhernandez@diobrook.org) by January 17, 2020. Please make checks payable to Diocese of Brooklyn. Mail payment to: Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, Attn: March for Life, 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, NY 11215.

### FAITH FORMATION



#### Confirmation Meeting

A Confirmation meeting for parents/guardians and students in Religious Education class grade 7 will be held on **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.

#### First Penance/First Holy Communion Meeting

A meeting for parents whose children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Penance in March and First Holy Communion in May of this year will be held on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 am until 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. As this preparation is very important, attendance will be taken.

#### Special Needs Religious Education Program???

Is there a need for special needs classes in our Parish Religious Education program? To help assess and develop a special needs program, we are asking for feedback from you. We ask only the parent/guardian that is interested to contact Sr. Mary Jane at 718-763-2590 and to provide the following information:

1. Name, school and grade level of the child/ren,
2. Name, address and phone number of Parent/Guardian
3. Preferred day and time for classes (i.e. during the week at 3:30 pm or on Sundays at 8:00 am)



### 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.

*Sr. Mary Jane Rolston, OP*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Readings:** *Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-3, Mt 3:13-17*

8:00 am	<b>Kevin Rooney</b>	Requested by:
10:00 am	<b>Special Intention</b>	Mary Manuppella
12:00 pm	<b>The Holy Name Society</b>	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	<b>The Deceased Members of the Tilus, Delauney, &amp; Jean-Baptiste Families</b>	Mireille Samson

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020**

*Weekday (First Week of Ordinary Time)*

*Feast of St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the church*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 1:1:8, Mk 1:14-20*

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28*

8:00 am	<b>Vincent DeLuca Sr.— Birthday Remembrance</b>	Requested by: Jerrri DeLuca
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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-1-20, Mk 1:29-39*

8:00 am	<b>Rose &amp; Michael Giannettino</b>	Requested by: Ida & Barbara Giannettino
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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45*

8:00 am	<b>In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	Requested by: Marie Noel
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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020**

*Feast of St. Anthony, Abbot*

**Readings:** *1 sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12*

8:00 am	<b>In Honor of Our Lady of Guadeloupe</b>	Requested by: Marie Noel
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020**

*Weekday*

**Readings:** *1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1, Mk 2:13-17*

9:00 am	<b>Mary &amp; Cornelius Harkin</b>	Requested by: Anne Dunlop
5:00 pm	<b>Roselande Louis—26<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	The Louis Family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

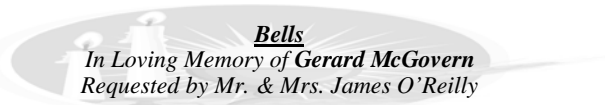
**Readings:** *Is 49:3,5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34*

8:00 am	<b>Angela Calcaterra</b>	Requested by: Connie, Bill & Tommy Main
10:00 am	<b>Rose Gianturco</b>	Jean & Margaret
12:00 pm	<b>Edward Ritter</b>	David & Deborah Johnson



**Rest in Peace** to all of the deceased members of the parish and our deceased relatives and friends, including **Virginia Franca, John Molinari**

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



**Bells**

*In Loving Memory of Gerard McGovern  
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. James O'Reilly*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Abby	Beatrice's Mother
Mama Adama	Sister Danny's Mother
Regina Aguyi	Dominick Mottola
Dr. Emma Amobi	Sr. Chienola Nwazuobu
Charles Amobi	Ethel Nwoke
Grace Amobi	Lady Cecilia Okafor
Charles Badami	Mama James Okafor
Michael Badami	Mama Justin Okafor
Desmond Benimoff	Chioma Okoko
Doug Bontempo	James O'Reilly
Baby Christ Carter	Carol Polanish
Terrence Carter	Teresa Poncio
Ed Connaughton	Vincent Poncio
Eileen Cook	Helen Rodriguez
Josephine DeLuca	Ron Russo
Grace Devlin	Irene Santise
Thomas DiPietro	Louise Schiavone
Charlene Dominique	Vincent Soriano
Mama Emma	Achalla State
Benedict Ezissi	Patricia Thomas
Francine G.	Martha Torres
Marlyn Gifford	Oby Udorgi
Jerome Leonard	Wilbert Watts
Baby Adonise Mark Thomas	All the sick in Africa without health insurance
Louis	
Connie Main	
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.