

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 19, 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

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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,

John the Baptist plays a very specific role in John's gospel; he is a witness to the truth; he testifies to what he has heard from God and seen with his own eyes. What he heard was that God would indicate the Messiah to him; what he saw was a dove (the Holy Spirit) descend on Jesus of Nazareth and remain with him.

Through the Baptist John identifies Jesus right at the beginning of his gospel. He is the **Lamb of God**; his blood will be our deliverance, and he will give himself to be consumed (in the Eucharist). He is the **Servant of God**; he will go meekly to the slaughter, bearing the sins of his people, and he will make them whole. He is the **Son of God**, the preexistent Word, who became man to dwell among us.

In Baptism we were given our identity in Christ. We are like Jesus, beloved sons and daughters of God. We are disciples of Jesus, called to learn and appropriate his teachings in an intimate relationship. We are also apostles, sent to embody the Lord's words and actions and continue his saving mission in our own time, to witness as did John the Baptist.

As we begin again to experience Jesus' ministry through our liturgies, let us do so with minds and hearts open to what God wishes to say and show to us.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years . . . , in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (*cf. John 17:21*)

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The eight days of prayer ends with the celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

DEANERY MIXER

**YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY**




All young adults ages 21-30 years old are invited to a Deanery B11 Mixer on **Saturday, January 25th** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Msgr. John Brown Parish Center, 1550 Hendrickson Street (Parking Lot), Brooklyn, NY 11234. All are invited to attend the 5:30 pm Mass with the Mixer to follow. Bring a friend!

UPDATE TO DEVOTIONS AT A GLANCE – EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

**Beginning Friday, February 7th, Exposition and Benedic-
tion will be held from 9:00 am until 11:00 am in the
Church.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
January 12th Attendance: 755**

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

January 20, Monday	Rectory Office closed in Honor of Martin Luther King Day	
January 26, Sunday	* Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast – After each Mass, Parish Hall	
February 3, Monday	* Blessing of Throats – During the 8:00 am Mass, Church	

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	

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

**THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
JANUARY 18TH & JANUARY 19TH**

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.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

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 **“Half of a Yellow Sun”** by C. N. Adichie for discussion on February 19th, 2020.

The book for March 18th, 2020 is **“Brideshead Revisited”** by Evelyn Waugh

CUB SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Save your appetite for the Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast to be held on **Sunday, January 26th** starting at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.



MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Midwood Catholic Academy, 1501 Hendrickson Street between Flatlands Avenue and Avenue P., will have an Open House on **January 28th, and 30th 2020** from 9:00 am-11:30 am. For more information, call 718-377-1800.

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY- Celebrated 1/20/2020

Lord our God,

see how oppression and violence are our sad inheritance, one generation to the next.

We look for you where the lowly are raised up, where the mighty are brought down.

We find you there in your servants,

and we give you thanks this day

for your preacher and witness, Martin Luther King, Jr..

Fill us with your spirit:

where our human community is divided by racism, torn by repression,

saddened by fear and ignorance,

may we give ourselves to your work of healing.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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ANNUAL MIDDAY PRAISE AND PRAYER

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queen invites you to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Annual Midday Praise and Prayer Celebration on **Monday, January 20th** at St. Martin de Porres Parish Our Lady of Victory Worship site 588 Throop Avenue Brooklyn. For more information contact Elreta Fowler at 718-774-3806.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE—2/3/2020

Blessing of Throats will be done during the 8:00 am Mass.

The blessing of throats traces back to the 8th century. ... St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Cappadocia, and was martyred by beheading about A.D. 316. Not much more can be affirmed of him with any degree of historical accuracy, but legends about him are numerous. One day--so goes the legend--Blaise met a poor woman whose only pig had been snatched up in the fangs of a wolf but at the command of the bishop the wolf restored the pig alive to its owner. The woman did not forget the favor, for later, when the bishop was languishing in prison, she brought him tapers to dispel the darkness and gloom. To this story may be attributed the practice of using lighted candles in bestowing the blessing of St. Blaise. While in prison he performed a wonderful cure on a boy who had a fishbone lodged in his throat and who was in danger of choking to death. From this account we have the longtime custom of invoking the Saint for all kinds of throat trouble.

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FAITH FORMATION



•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 9th** 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.

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 **Angela Calcaterra**

Requested by:
Connie, Bill & Tommy
Main

10:00 am **Rose Gianturco**

Jean & Margaret

12:00 pm **Edward Ritter**

David & Deborah Johnson

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

Weekday

Feast of St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Dr. Martin Luther Kin, Jr. Holiday

Readings: *1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22*

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Readings: *1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28*

8:00 am **In Honor of the
Immaculate
Conception**

Requested by:
Marie Noel

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Readings: *1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3:1-6*

8:00 am **Sophia Cutrone**

Requested by:
Monia Galpine Aroose

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

Weekday

Feast of St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, St. Vincent, Dcn. & Martyr

Readings: *1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12*

8:00 am **Marie Alma
Boursiquot**

Requested by:
Dcn. Jean Baptiste
Boursiquot

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020

Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Readings: *1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19*

8:00 am **Special Intention**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Readings: *Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22, Mk 16:15-18*

9:00 am **Robert & Ellen
Dunlop**

Requested by:
Anne Dunlop

5:00 pm **Ernest Molinaro**

Susan Molinaro & Anita
Anderson
Mirchlynn Prophile

**The Deceased Mem-
bers of the Davis &
Simon Family
Franck Carnot-
Birthday in Heaven**

The Carnot Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

National Catholic Schools Week Begins

Readings: *Is 8:23-9:3, Mt 4:12-23*

8:00 am **Marietta Oriental**
10:00 am **Rev. Emanuel
Franklyn**

Requested by:
Elouse Choisy
Brian Franklyn

12:00 pm **Nessa Finlay Mulligan** Pat Branley



Rest in Peace

to all of the deceased members of the parish and our deceased relatives and friends.



Special Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Abby | Connie Main |
| Mama Adama | Kalina Malina |
| Frank & Teresa Arcuri | Helen Matthew |
| Marie & Linda Avvenire | Kenny Mintze & Family |
| Charles Badami | Sister Danny's Mother |
| Michael Badami | Dominick Mottola |
| Desmond Benimoff | Connie & Luke Napadano |
| Doug Bontempo | James O'Reilly |
| Teresa & Joe Burns | Carol Polanish |
| Baby Christ Carter | Teresa Poncio |
| Terrence Carter | Vincent Poncio |
| Ed Connaughton | Helen Rodriguez |
| Eileen Cook | Ron Russo |
| Josephine DeLuca | Irene Santise |
| Grace Devlin | Louise Schiavone |
| Thomas DiPietro | Vincent Soriano |
| Charlene Dominique | Patricia Thomas |
| Mama Emma | Martha Torres |
| Robert Erhard | Wilbert Watts |
| Francine G. | |
| The Greco Twins | |
| Joanne Kearney | |
| Gloria Landorno | |
| Baby Adonise Mark Thomas | |
| Louis | |

*****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.