

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 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,

We ended 2019 by watching Jesus, the Son of God, along with his parents, hasten into exile in Egypt in order to escape a jealous King of Judea, intent on his execution. On a symbolic level he represents the experience of his people, who had to be rescued from their long residence in Egypt. In reality Christ's status as a refugee parallels that of 65 million people forcibly separated from family, friends, and homeland because of political oppression.

On this first Sunday of the new year, St. Matthew again connects us with gentiles, three "wise men" (probably Zoroastrian astrologers from Persia) who had come from afar to worship the new-born king of the Jews, the real king (thus Herod's panic). Why would we find the infant Jesus in such close proximity to foreigners in Matthew, the most "Jewish" of the four gospels? I believe that it is because Matthew learned well a lesson we can be slow to accept: that Jesus came for ALL peoples, not just his own.

Paul explained this in the second reading as a mystery God had revealed to him: "that the gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." That was the point of the Epiphany, God's manifestation: this child is the universal Savior!

Not many of us will be given a revelation in a blaze of light as St. Paul was. You and I will have to work hard to locate the Lord and to grasp his vision for our lives (his kingdom). But once we have found him we will begin to see the Lord everywhere.

Happy New Year!

May the Lord envelop you in his presence.

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



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



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST

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SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

January 12, Sunday	* Holy Name Society Mass – 12:00 pm, Church, Holy Name Society Meeting: January 13, 8:00 pm * French Creole Mass – 2:00 pm, Church
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 

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.

THIS WEEKEND—Saturday & Sunday
JANUARY 4TH & JANUARY 5TH

THE ROSARY SOCIETY MASS

will be held at 12:00 Noon on **Sunday** followed by a meeting in the Parish Hall.

LA LEGION DE MARIE

will meet on **Sunday** at 1:15 pm in the Church.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

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 15th, 2020.

The book for February 19th, 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 26th** starting at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.



to the Community Mayors for Special Children for donating wonderful Christmas books about Santa Clause with CDs and DVDs therein, via our parishioner, Eileen Gregan, for this past December.

These books were donated to this organization by Michael Sheahan, a three time award winning author, singer/songwriter and former NYPD Detectives/FBI Joint Task Force member.

The Community Mayors for Special Children has been the only organization that provides the special events program for tens of thousands of children with disabilities each year in the NYC Boroughs all year long, including a sleep away summer camp scholarship. Community Mayors remains a completely all volunteer charitable organization without any paid staff.

FAITH FORMATION



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

**Chalking the Door:
An Epiphany House Blessing**

There is a tradition of gathering the family to bless one's home on the Feast of the Epiphany.

“...A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2020 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 20 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and sixteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen ...”

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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.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

Christmas Weekday

Feast of St. André Bessette, Religious

Readings: *1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

Christmas Weekday

Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

Readings: *1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44*

8:00 am	Raymonde Charles— In Thanksgiving	Requested by:
		Raymonde Charles

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

Christmas Weekday

Readings: *1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52*

8:00 am	The Charles Family	Requested by:
		Suzelle Augustin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

Christmas Weekday

Readings: *1 Jn 4:19-5:4*

8:00 am	In Thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ	Requested by:
		Marie Noel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

Christmas Weekday

Readings: *1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16*

8:00 am	Marie Eva Charles— In Thanksgiving	Requested by:
		Marie Eva Charles

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

Christmas Weekday

Readings: *1 Jn 5:14-2, Jn 3:22-30*

9:00 am	In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Requested by:
		Marie Noel
5:00 pm	Angela Calcaterra	Marie, Jena, Julie (Cincotta)

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	Kevin Rooney	Requested by:
10:00 am	Special Intention	Mary Manuppella
12:00 pm	The Holy Name Society	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	The deceased members of the Tilus, Delauney, & Jean-Baptiste Families	Mireille Samson



Rest in Peace

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

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



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 Nwazuobu
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	Helen Rodriguez
Benedict Ezissi	Ron Russo
Marlyn Gifford	Irene Santise
Joanne Kearney	Vincent Soriano
Dianne & Fred Klink	Achalla State
Jerome Leonard	Marie & Glenn Stawicki
Connie Main	Patricia Thomas
L.A.	Martha Torres
Gloria Landoro	Oby Udorgi
Kalina Malina	Wilbert Watts
Mariano	All the sick in Africa without health insurance
Betty Mitchel	
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.