

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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MS. CAROL ANN SALAMONE
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MS. HELEN JAMES
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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,


This Wednesday we will hear the call of the prophets to repent, to rend our hearts, and return to the Lord, and we will set out on another journey through Lent to Easter. As advised by the gospel for Ash Wednesday, we will try to make prayer, fasting, and almsgiving part of our Lenten experience.

This is a very special period of preparation for those who will be initiated into the Catholic faith on Holy Saturday. Because of that history Lent can serve as a sort of retreat for all of us, even as we continue to work or study or raise children.

The key to a deep experience of renewal in Lent is to journey along with the whole Church, to use the scripture readings of each day's Mass, which have been so carefully chosen for us, as input in a period of quiet prayer. Read the material attentively until it is familiar, then let the words of God speak to your heart. Some days God will console you, and others he will challenge you; always he will speak to you.

At the end of your time in prayer, choose a phrase or sentence from those readings that spoke to you. Write it in a journal, or keep it in mind and return to it during the day. Check it at night. See if this practice doesn't make Lent come alive for you this year.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*



at Mary Queen of Heaven on
Sunday, March 8th from
10:00 am until 2:00 pm.
Sponsored by the
Holy Name Society.
Run by Maimonodies Hospital.


MSGR. JAMIE J. GIGANTIELLO **25th Jubilee**

Join Msgr. Jamie as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. **Sunday, May 17th** at 10:00 am at the Annunciation of the B.V.M. Church, 259 North 5th Street Brooklyn, NY 11211. A reception and light refreshments will follow Mass. All are welcome!!!

If you would like to attend a reception later in the afternoon at Russo's on the Bay, 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm, \$100 per person, please contact one of the individuals listed below for more details and to make arrangements:
Mary Casatelli at mimishoush@aol.com, 917-306-7307
Edwin Delaney at edwindelaney6@aol.com
Jean Spezio at 718-253-6014 or at the MQH Gift Shop

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
February 16th Attendance: 584

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

February 24 thru. 29, Monday-	*Start of the Spring Faith Formation Group Sharing for Lent
February 26, Wednesday	*Ash Wednesday – Ashes will be distributed at 8:00 am Mass, 3:00 pm Service and 7:30 pm 
February 28, Friday	*Stations of the Cross – English , After the 8:00 am Mass, Church *Stations of the Cross – French/Creole , 7:00 pm,

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, 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Church
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
FEBRUARY 22ND & FEBRUARY 23RD**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2020

This week begins the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2019 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2020 appeal.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone.

Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2020 Video online at: CFBQ.org/ACAVideo.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

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



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is currently reading "*Brideshead Revisited*" by Evelyn Waugh for discussion on March 18th, 2020.

The book for April 15th, 2020 is "*Say Nothing*" by Patrick Radden Keefe

MQH ST. PATRICK / ST. JOSEPH DANCE

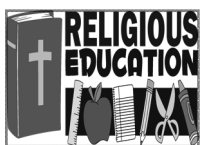
Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Donation: \$30.00 per person.

Includes: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Pastries, Snacks, Beer, Soda, Coffee, Tea and PLENTY OF FUN!

Irish Dancers.

Tickets available for purchase in the Rectory Office during office hours.

FAITH FORMATION



Mini-Retreat Attention Parents/Guardians whose children are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist for the first time this May 2020. There will be a "mini-retreat"

Saturday, February 29th from 10:00 am until 11:30 am, in the Parish Hall in preparation for these celebrations. Parents/guardians are invited and welcome to attend, if possible. Please mark your calendars and plan ahead. Attendance will be taken.



MQH LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 26 --- ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Mass, 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Word,
7:30 pm Mass

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive, are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS --- FRIDAYS

· After the 8:00 am Mass—English, Church
· 7:00 pm—French/Creole, Church

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

April 4th Mass: 5:00 pm

April 5th Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

Reconciliation Monday: will be celebrated on **April 6th**, the Monday of Holy Week. This initiative provides generous opportunity for the faithful to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After the age of reason, the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

Holy Thursday: April 9th

Morning Prayer 9:00 am, Mass of the Last Supper 7:30 pm, Solemn Adoration 9:00 pm (The church will be open for prayer until 11:00 pm)

Good Friday: April 10th

Morning Prayer 9:00 am,
Stations of the Cross-French/Creole 10:00 am,
English 12:00 pm, Solemn Liturgy 3:00 pm,
Stations of the Cross-English 4:00 pm

Holy Saturday: April 11th

Morning Prayer 9:00 am, Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 12th

Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm (Creole)

Easter Duty: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the US, the period of fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent, February 26th, to the celebration of Pentecost, May 31st.

MQH GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop is open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18, 1 Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48

8:00 am	Jean Bataille (Living) - Birthday Blessing	Requested by: Marthe Charlestin
10:00 am	Josette Trouillot Jean	Patrick Trouillot
12:00 pm	Nicolina Savona—Happy Birthday in Heaven	The Salamone Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Weekday

Readings: Jas 3:13-18, Mk 9:14-29

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Weekday

Readings: Jas 4:1-10, Mk 9:30-37

8:00 am	Elizabeth Fitzgerald—2nd Anniversary in Heaven	Requested by: Christopher Fitzgerald & Family
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

Readings: JI 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00 am	Special Intention Service	Requested by:
3:00 pm	For Family Blessing	Melissa Bourne
7:30 pm		

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25

8:00 am	Mary Pedrotti	Requested by: Alan & John Loschiavo
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

8:00 am	John Ventrice, Jr.	Requested by: Ms. Felice
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Readings: Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32

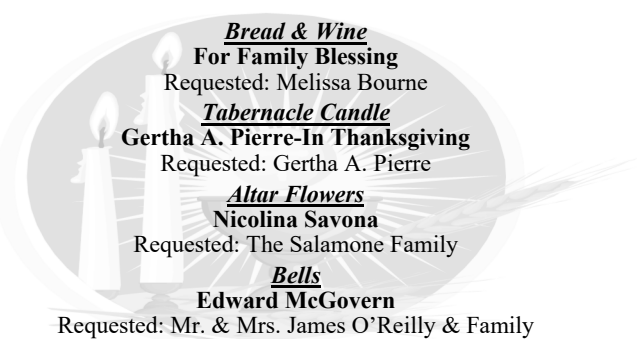
9:00 am	Daisy & Norris Brown	Requested by: Mitzi & Family
5:00 pm	Carlisle Clarke & Janet Ceasar	Mitzi & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19, Mk 4:1-11

8:00 am	Andre Balbosa	Requested by: The Mitzi Family
10:00 am	Concetta D'Amore	Eleanor Saturno
12:00 pm	The Rosary Society	The Rosary Society



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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| Abbey | Anne Maccaro |
| Charles Achab | Connie Main |
| Mama Adama | Klina Malina |
| Regina Aguyi | Helen Matthew |
| Charles Amobi | Liz Mbamah |
| Dr. Emma Amobi | Kenny Mintzes & Family |
| Grace Amobi | Dominick Mottola |
| Vero Amobi | Connie & Luke Napodano |
| Mrs. Anitol | Sister Chienola Nwazoby |
| Mario & Linda Avvenire | Ethel Nwoke |
| Beatrice's mother | Lady Cecilia Okafor |
| Desmond Benimoff | Mama James Okafor |
| Doug Bontempo | Mama Justin Okafor |
| Charlie Cetta | Chioma Okoko |
| Ed Connaughton | Carol Polanish |
| Eileen Cook | Helen Rodriguez |
| Sister Danny's mother | Gustavo Rojas |
| Josephine DeLuca | Ron Russo |
| Grace Devlin | Irene Santise |
| Thomas DiPietro | Vincent Soriano |
| Charlene Dominique | Achalla State |
| Mama Emma | Patricia Thomas |
| Benedict Ezissi | Martha Torres |
| Marlene Gifford | Oby Udorgi |
| Marlyn Gifford | Maria Vento |
| Joanne Kearney | Baby Sophia Rose Vento |
| Gloria Landorno | Wilbert Watts |
| Jerome Leonard | Kosy Zeab |
| 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."**

"Thus, should one regard us, as servants of Christ." Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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



Rest in Peace

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

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.