

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 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,

Throughout the entire seasons of Advent and Christmas we heard about darkness and light, and a light that would shine through this world's darkness. That promise found its fulfillment last Sunday, when Simeon declared Jesus, the baby in his arms, to be "a light to the nations". Thus, the Feast of the Presentation used to be considered the close of the Christmas season as well as the culmination of this Holy man's life.

But the image of light is already back in the readings, and this time it is us—the "you" of the text is a plural form in Greek—who are being called "the light of the world." The plural indicates that all of us, as Church, and as a parish community, working together, have the responsibility to show forth works of justice and charity as evidence that our faith in Jesus Christ is real. Those works will shine in this dark world like a bright light that will attract others to a belief in Jesus which will bring glory to God the Father.

That is only natural; a disciple is meant to embody the teaching and example of the one he calls "Master." When that fails, the faith is not spread. A classic example is the experience of Mahatma Gandhi, "the great souled one", who was deeply moved by the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially his Sermon on the Mount but never converted because he failed to find Christians who were living according to Christ's teachings.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*



Celebrating Saint Valentine

ST. VALENTINE

St. Valentine's Day, February 14th

Officially recognized by the Roman Catholic Church, St. Valentine is known to be a real person who died around A.D. 270. However, his true identity was questioned as early as A.D. 496 by Pope Gelasius I, who referred to the martyr and his acts as "being known only to God." One account from the 1400s describes Valentine as a temple priest who was beheaded near Rome by the emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. A different account claims Valentine was the Bishop of Terni, also martyred by Claudius II on the outskirts of Rome. Because of the similarities of these accounts, it's thought they may refer to the same person. Enough confusion surrounds the true identity of St. Valentine that the Catholic Church discontinued liturgical veneration of him in 1969, though his name remains on its list of officially recognized saints.

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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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.
February 2nd Attendance: 691

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

February 17, Monday	* <i>Rectory Office Closed</i> In Honor of Presidents' Day	
February 24 thru. 29, Monday-Saturday	* <i>Start of the Spring Faith Formation Group Sharing for Lent</i>	
February 26, Wednesday	* <i>Ash Wednesday</i> – Ashes will be distributed at 8:00 am Mass, 3:00 pm Service and 7:30 pm Mass	

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 8TH & FEBRUARY 9TH

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts will be meeting on **Sunday** at 11:30 am in the Parish Center Teen Room.



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, FEBRUARY 10TH

HOLY NAME SOCIETY VALENTINE MEETING: 8:00 pm, Parish Hall. Wives and sweethearts are invited.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

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 *“Bridgeshead Revisited”* by Evelyn Waugh

MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

SPRING FLING CARD PARTY

Friday, April 3rd, 7:00 pm (Door opens at 6:30 pm), Tickets \$25 (\$30 at the door). 100s of Raffles. Please call 718-377-1800 for more information.



MQH GIFT SHOP

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish the weekend of **February 15th and 16th**. Many of you know the Little Sisters of the Poor in their ministry with the elderly poor. The sisters depend on your generosity to help them provide a safe and comfortable home for the elderly men and women in the Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. The residents are surrounded with love, respect, peace and security until their death. The sisters will receive your donations at the doors of the church. Please be as generous as you can.

SPRING FAITH SHARING

Enhance your spiritual experiences during this Lenten season. **Sign up for our faith sharing groups February 15th and 16th, after each Mass, in the church vestibule.** Groups will begin to meet during the week of February 23rd in the Parish Center to explore the Gospel of St. Matthew over the next six weeks.

DAY	DATE	TIME	FACILATOR
Monday	Feb. 24	7:30 pm	Marybeth & Terrence Dillon
Wednesday	Feb. 26	7:30 pm	Exzera Gaskin
Thursday	Feb. 27	9:15 am	Sr. Mary Jane Rolston
Friday	Feb. 28	9:30 am	William Glenn
Saturday	Feb. 29	11:00 am	Gloria Fields



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



•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 have a meeting this **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.

•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, 1st floor, Parish Center 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.

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, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: *1s 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16*

8:00 am	Roumania Manzano-5th Anniversary in Heaven	Requested by: Russell Hinds
10:00 am	Rachel Rosa	Maria Rosa
12:00 pm	The Holy Name Society	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	Special Intentions	

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Feast of St. Scholastica, Virgin

Readings: *1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13, Mk 6:53-56*

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Weekday

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

Readings: *1Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Mk 7:1-13*

8:00 am	Marie Eva Charles—In Thanksgiving	Requested by: Marie Eva Charles
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Weekday

Lincoln's Birthday

Readings: *1 Kgs 10:1-10, Mk 7:14-23*

8:00 am	Diane Zerilli (Living)- Birthday Blessing	Requested by: Susan Kompa
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Weekday

Readings: *1 Kgs 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30*

8:00 am	Scott Jordan (Living)	Requested by: Irena Swiderski
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

Feast of Sts, Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

Readings: *1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19, Mk 7:31-37*

8:00 am	Thomas Risley	Requested by: Loretta Risley
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Weekday

Readings: *1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34, Mk 8:1-10*

9:00 am	Carl & Grace Lipari	Requested by: Anne Dunlop
5:00 pm	Marie Alma Boursiquot	Dcn. Jean Baptiste Boursiquot

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: *Sir 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37*

8:00 am	Rose Giannettino	Requested by: Ida & Barbara Giannettino
10:00 am	Special Intentions	
12:00 pm	Elisha Ruth George	Melissa Bourne



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.

Special Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Charles Achab	Louis
Mama Adama	Connie Main
Regina Aguyi	Kalina Malina
Charles Amobi	Helen Matthew
Dr. Emma Amobi	Liz Mbamah
Grace Amobi	Kenny Mintze & Family
Vero Amobi	Sister Danny's Mother
Mrs. Anitol	Dominick Mottola
Frank & Teresa Arcuri	Connie & Luke Napadano
Mario & Linda Avvenire	Sister Chienola Nwazoby
Beatrice's mother	Ethel Nwoke
Desmond Benimoff	Lady Cecilia Okafor
Doug Bontempo	Mama James Okafor
Teresa & Joe Burns	Mama Justin Okafor
Eileen Cook	Chioma Okoko
Gabrielle Arthurton Crumb	Carol Polish
Sister Danny's mother	Helen Rodriguez
Josephine DeLuca	Ron Russo
Grace Devlin	Irene Santise
Thomas DiPietro	Vincent Soriano
Charlene Dominique	Achalla State
Mama Emma	Patricia Thomas
Robert Erhard	Martha Torres
Benedict Ezissi	Oby Udorgi
Arne Fridstrom	Valerie Venezia
Marlene Gifford	Maria Vento
Marlyn Gifford	Baby Sophia Rose Vento
The Greco Twins	Wilbert Watts
Joanne Kearney	Kosy Zeab
Gloria Landorno	
Jerome Leonard	

*****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."**

"Let your light shine before others". Shine your light on those closest to you, especially your spouse and family! If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or 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.

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