

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

1395 East 56th Street • Brooklyn • NY • 11234

CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1ST, 2020

PARISH STAFF

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MS. CAROL ANN SALAMONE
Ministry to the Homebound

MS. HELEN JAMES
Parish Social Ministry

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,

We have heard the call to turn back wholeheartedly to God, and we have begun another Lenten pilgrimage. The liturgy of this first Sunday invites us to accompany Jesus to the desert.

The desert is the great Lenten symbol. A place of barrenness, it offers few distractions, except for those that spontaneously rise up within us. It is a place that forces us to deal with the basics, what we need to live. There Israel and later Jesus had their loyalty to God tested.

Adam and Eve began with all the riches of a garden, but they wanted more; they chose to be like God. Israel over the course of 40 years complained of the food God had provided for them, tested God repeatedly, and worshipped false gods. They obviously failed the test of the desert.

Jesus, however, passed with flying colors. He would not choose the easy way or think first of himself. He would not test God's faithfulness. He would rely on God's Word in the sacred scriptures, quoting Deuteronomy to Satan three times.

Lent provides an opportunity for each of us to orient ourselves and our activities to God, to offer more of ourselves to God and our neighbors. We will no doubt be tempted at times to give in and reach for creature comforts and selfish gain. May the Lord provide us with the strength to reach out instead to him.

*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.




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 23rd Attendance: 657

SPECIAL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

March 6, Friday	* <i>Stations of the Cross (English)</i> – 8:30 am, Church * <i>Stations of the Cross (French/Creole)</i> – 7:00 pm, Church	
March 8, Sunday	* <i>Blood Drive</i> – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Parish Hall	
March 13, Friday	* <i>Stations of the Cross (English)</i> – 8:30 am, Church * <i>Stations of the Cross (French/Creole)</i> – 7:00 pm, 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, 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 29TH & MARCH 1ST**

GIRL SCOUTS



Satisfy your sweet tooth with Girl Scout cookies on sale after all of the Masses.

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 Parish Center.

MEETINGS—REMINDER FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Hall

PRAYER GROUP CENACLE: 7:30 pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

CUB SCOUTS MEETING: 6:45 pm, Parish Hall

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: 7:00 pm, Parish Center Chapel

BOYSCOUTS MEETING: 7:15 pm, Parish Center Teen Room

JOIN IN OUR READING AND DISCUSSIONS



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 GIFT SHOP

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



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



at Mary Queen of Heaven, Parish Hall (School Basement). Sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Run by Maimonides Hospital.

Sunday, March 9th, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

·Each eligible donor will receive 2 movie tickets.

·A light breakfast and lunch will be served

·Please bring ID. ·No appointment necessary.

For more information, call Taylor Berardicurti at 718-283-7694

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.

AROUND TOWN

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

at St. Bernard Academy, 2030 East 69th

Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 am. Cost: \$50.00 per person. Proceeds to benefit St.

Bernard Academy. Call Andrea at 718-965-7375 ext. 1601 for more information and to register.

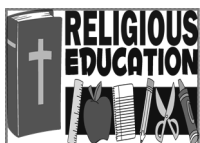
**MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY
SPRING FLING CARD PARTY**

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.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY For over ten years, Sr. Diane Kirwan OP, of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY has collected hundreds of old and/or broken electronic devices such as cellphones, iPads, iPods and chargers, and has sent them to a buy back company in Oklahoma, who erases and cleans them. These devices are then provided to those in need: abused women, underprivileged children, senior citizens, and our servicemen and women to allow them to call their loved ones at home. Sr. Diane receives a check from the company that received the electronics, and mails it to the Motherhouse in Bayamon, Puerto Rico where there are 23 Amityville Dominican Sisters. A Senior Center located in the Motherhouse provides nutrition and activities and prayer opportunities for the members. Drivers also deliver “meals on wheels” to the local homebound elderly.

Please donate your old electronic devices to this cause. A box, specifically designated to receive your electronic devices, will be located at the front door of the church (Avenue M entrance). Thank you for your generosity in helping the needy in Puerto Rico who are still recovering from Hurricane Maria and the recent earthquake.

FAITH FORMATION



Sunday, March 1st - Lures Presentation (Protecting all of God’s children), 8:30 am until 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. Parents are invited and welcomed.

Sunday, March 8th - Stations of the Cross in the Convent Chapel for students, (2 sessions: 8:30 am until 9:15 am, 9:15 am until 9:45 am)

Sunday, March 14th - Confirmation Retreat at St. Bernard Church, 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Sunday, March 15th - Parents meeting for First Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, 8:30 am until 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. 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, 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
10:00 am Concetta D'Amore
12:00 pm The Rosary Society

Requested by:
The Mitzi Family
Eleanor Saturno
The Rosary Society

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46

8:00 am People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

Lenten Weekday

Feast of St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Readings: Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

8:00 am Raymonde Charles –In Thanksgiving

Requested by:
Raymonde Charles

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

Lenten Weekday

Feast of St. Casimir

Readings: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

8:00 am Matthew Weinert

Requested by:
Eileen Gregan

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12

8:00 am Teddy Scarlato

Requested by:
Mary Scarlato

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

Lenten Weekday

World Day of Prayer

Readings: Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26

8:00 am Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

Lenten Weekday

Feast of Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Readings: Dt.26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

9:00 am Tia, Brittney, & Helen James—(Living)
5:00 pm The Rich Family

Requested by:
Helen James
The Croom Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Readings: Gn 12:1-4a, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

8:00 am Msgr. O'Toole
10:00 am Lucia & Augustin Previlon
12:00 pm The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm Suzelle Augustin (Living) - Birthday Blessings

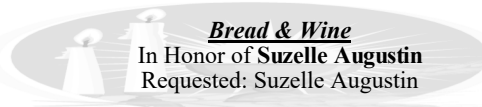
Requested by:
Ida Giannettino
Lisbethe Previlon
The Holy Name Society
Suzelle Augustin



Rest in Peace to all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including:
Marie Bottex, Marian Conk, Anne Misrulli

Purgatorial Society

Mary Cougan, Vincent August Conti, Donna Damadian, James Hadgkiss, Irene Veronica Gafner, Thomas Malagreca, Daniel Simon, Christina Vincelli



Bread & Wine

In Honor of **Suzelle Augustin**

Requested: **Suzelle Augustin**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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

*****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 Deaconate, 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."**
"Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? 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.

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

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.