

# Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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**A TOUCH OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**  
**CELEBRATING OVER 90 YEARS OF HEAVEN IN BROOKLYN**



FEBRUARY 21, 2021

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

*Mark 1:14-15*

### PARISH STAFF

REV. THOMAS F. LEACH,  
*Pastor*

REV. IKENNA OKAGBUE,  
*Parochial Vicar*

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BOURSIQUOT,  
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SR. MARY JANE ROLSTON, OP  
*Director of Faith Formation*  
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MRS. MARY-CASSANDRA  
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*Parish Secretary*

### LAY MINISTRY LEADERS

MS. KATHLEEN LAURIA  
*Ministry of Consolation*

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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Facebook: "Mary Queen of Heaven Church" (Search

@MQHRCCHURCH)

### 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**

All are welcomed at Mary Queen of Heaven. During this difficult time, and with a required reduction in church attendance, we are able to have 100 people at Mass, socially distanced and wearing face coverings. Meet us in church or watch us live-streamed on our website ([maryqueenofheaven-brooklyn.org](http://maryqueenofheaven-brooklyn.org)) or on Facebook (search for Mary Queen of Heaven Church).



### HELP SUSTAIN OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

As resilient as we are, COVID-19 has exposed some underlying financial vulnerabilities, especially considering that our parish relies heavily on cash and envelope tithing. Please help us sustain our spiritual home by enrolling in electronic giving.

Please scan the code to get started!

**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,

If we were to compare St. Mark's account of the Lord's temptation to that of St. Matthew or St. Luke, with their wealth of details, Mark's would seem to be a very "bare-bones" version. But that would mean we have missed all of the drama that is occurring between the lines.

The Holy Spirit drives Jesus out into the desert to engage in an epic battle with Satan, one that will continue throughout his ministry in exorcisms and healings, and will culminate on Calvary. It was while they were wandering for 40 years in the desert that the people of Israel experienced the nearness and the loving care of their God, and still failed the test. Jesus, while seemingly alone in the wilderness, is ministered to by angels, triumphs over the temptations, and proves himself to be a faithful Son of God. His victory over Satan is so complete that it is like a new creation or a return to Eden, since he is at peace among the wild beasts (see the description of the Messiah in Isaiah 11).

In these 40 days of Lent, just begun, the Spirit will "drive" us to seek silence and solitude, where we can evaluate our relationship with the Lord. The Spirit will remind us that we are, like Jesus, beloved sons and daughters of God with a vocation to follow Jesus Christ into the kingdom of God. This will be our special time to turn our backs on sinful tendencies and addictive behavior and our faces to God, and to live in the "glorious freedom of the children of God".

May God bless you and accompany you on this journey through Lent of 2021.

*In the Good Shepherd,  
Father Tom*

### **LENTEN RICE BOWL CHALLENGE**

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish is again participating in the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl challenge through the rice bowls that will be distributed this weekend. At the end of the Lenten Season, all bowls will be collected and the funds donated to Catholic Relief Services. Please see the calendar in the bowl to guide your Lenten journey.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 369  
Church=270 Website=17 Facebook=82**

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



**Catholic Content.  
All in One Place.**

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish is now utilizing FORMED. One site with access to entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and ebooks. Through your internet browser enter FORMED.org or access "Formed" via the app store on your mobile phone. It is easy to get started:

- Go to FORMED.org/signup
- Enter our parish zip code (11234) or name to select our parish
- Enter your name and email

The FORMED site offers a brief (4 minutes) reflection on the scripture readings for each Mass of the Lenten season. You might find that watching each morning focuses and enriches our experience of Lent.

### **MOH LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE 2021**

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS IN THE CHURCH**

- After the 8:00 am Mass—English
- 7:00 pm—French/Creole

#### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** Mass: 5:00 pm

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

#### **Holy Thursday: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am, Mass of the Last Supper: 7:30 pm, Solemn Adoration: 9:00 pm

#### **Good Friday: April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

#### **Holy Saturday: April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

#### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
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#### **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.

**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.

## FAITH FORMATION



### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, 2/27/21, 10:00 am-11:30 am

First Communion Mini Retreat in the Parish Center

#### Sunday, 3/7/21, during class time

First Penance Practice Remote

#### Wednesday, 3/10/21, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Confirmation Commitment Ceremony in the Church. \*Parent must attend, Sponsor should attend, if possible

#### Saturday, 3/13/21, 1:00 pm

First Penance Ceremony in the Church

#### Saturday, 5/1/21, 1:00 pm

First Communion Practice in the Church. \*One parent must attend.

#### Saturday, 5/8/21, 11:00 am

First Communion Ceremony in the Church

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

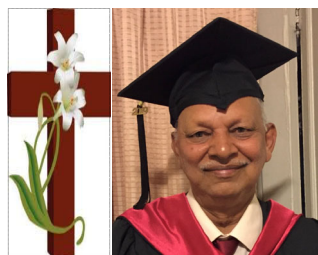
Come and see. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic Faith are being held. Ask about inquiry meetings by contacting the Parish Priests, Deacon or Sr. Mary Jane.



#### SICK LIST—

You must call into the Rectory Office **on Mondays only, 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 the names will be removed.

Michael Atulu	Baby Maya
Barbara Fisher	Cecilia Okafor
Jerome Leonard	Mama James Okafor
Faith Matthew	Ron Roaldsen
Helen Matthew	



#### REST IN PEACE

To all of the deceased members of the parish and our relatives and friends including

**Deacon Anwar Iqbal**

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Readings:** Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

8:00 am	<b>Hector Hodge</b>	Helen James
10:00 am	<b>Cezaire Absalon Sanon</b>	Norma Sanon
	<b>Tony Sans</b>	The Tropeano Family
	<b>Karen Charlot—In Thanksgiving for the Action of Grace &amp; Protection</b>	Karen Charlot
12:00 pm	<b>Martha Torres</b>	Kathy Lauria

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

*Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

**Readings:** 1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19

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

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

*Lenten Weekday*

*Feast of St. Polycarp Bishop & Martyr*

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

8:00 am **Josette Jean Trouillot** Patrick Trouillot

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

*Lenten Weekday*

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

8:00 am **Marie Rejouis** Her children

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

*Lenten Weekday*

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

8:00 am **Josette Crevecoeur—In Thanksgiving** Josette Crevecoeur

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

*Lenten Weekday*

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

8:00 am **Raymonde Charles (Living) - In Thanksgiving** Raymonde Charles

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

*Lenten Weekday*

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

9:00 am **Helen Marie Sentome** Susan Kompa  
5:00 pm **Jean Bataille-Birthday Blessing** Marte Charlestin

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

*SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

**Readings:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

8:00 am	<b>Cleante Jean—Birthday Blessing</b>	Cleante Jean
10:00 am	<b>Marie Louise St. Fleur</b>	Dcn. Jean Baptiste Boursiquot
12:00 pm	<b>Connie &amp; Bill Main</b>	Members of the MQH Food Pantry

#### Bread and Wine

**In Memory of Robert Michael Lombardi Sr.**

Requested by: Bob & Miryam Lombardi

#### MQH GIFT SHOP

Visit our gift shop which is open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.

