

Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

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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

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) 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,

We rarely hear a reading from the Books of Chronicles at Mass. The author of Chronicles covers the same period in Israel's history as the Books of Kings, but does so with more of an explanation of **why** things happened to the chosen people. The author sees a very clear pattern to Israel's relationship with their God.

Everything here begins with God, who chooses to bless this one people above all others. Israel starts out well, but soon forgets God and becomes unfaithful (mainly through idolatry and injustice). God reminds them of their promise, but they choose to continue in their sins. Finally God has to judge and punish them, until they turn back to him, and can be forgiven and restored to his good graces – until, of course, they wander away all over again.

Can any of us deny that this is the experience of our Church over the past 2000 years, or that we as individuals have not done the very same thing repeatedly?

There is a bright spot, a ray of hope even in this concept of sacred history; it is the reaction of God to our “adding infidelity to infidelity”, and “mocking the messengers of God, despising his warnings, and scoffing at his prophets”. Despite our rejection our God **never gives up** on us. Being so “rich in mercy”, God “brought us to life with Christ”, saved us by grace even while we were in sin! As St. John (3, 16) so succinctly put all of this, “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”

That is the “good news”, the gospel that becomes as clear as day when we follow Jesus through all the darkness and the disturbing events of Holy Week. Even with and in our sinful behavior, God's love for each of us remains unconditional and unending. What incredibly good news!

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*



I am **the**
You are **CHURCH**
We are **together**

See the “Other Ways to Give” flyer insert in this weeks bulletin.

Should you have any questions about any of the ways to give, please contact the ACA Office at 718-965-7375 Ex. 1602 or email at Appeal@CFBQ.org. Please visit the Annual Catholic Appeal website to learn more about the Appeal - www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org.

**MASS ATTENDANCE for March 7th, 2021: 394
Church= 299, Website= 15, Facebook=80**



**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
- * If you already Signed Up, next time simply Sign In.

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.

MQH MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Homebound Ministry at Mary Queen of Heaven assists our homebound parishioners.

Friendly services provided include:

- prayer home visits or phone calls
- running small errands
- light housekeeping and care giver support

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in this ministry or are in need of these services, please contact the Rectory Office.



MQH LENTEN SEASON SCHEDULE 2021 STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS IN THE CHURCH

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

March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:

March 27th Mass: 5:00 pm

March 28th Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon

RECONCILIATION MONDAY



will, as usual, be observed on the Monday of Holy Week (**March 29th**). The priests will be available for private confessions in the reconciliation room from 3:00 in the afternoon until 9:00 at night. Please take advantage of this opportunity, as there will be **no** confessions heard on Holy Saturday afternoon (April 3rd).

FAITH FORMATION



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4/24/21, 10-11:30 am

Confirmation “mini” retreat— in Msgr. Burns Parish Center. Please bring a canned food item for the Parish Food Pantry as the donation part of Confirmation Community Service.

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

Saturday, 5/19/21, 7:00-8:00 pm

Confirmation Meeting Parents/Guardians with Students & Sponsors, if possible. Sponsors will be affirmed.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those you know, who have never been Baptized or who have been Baptized in a non-Catholic Church Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been Confirmed, to inquiry sessions. We can arrange to meet in the Msgr. Burns Center at a convenient time. For more information, please contact 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.

Mario & Linda A.	Joanne & Kathryn Kearney
Yolanda Camacho	Helen Matthew
Rose Caruana	Connie & Luke Napodano
Thomas DiPietro	Ron Roaldsen
Teresa Hamalak	



REST IN PEACE

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

LENTEN RICE BOWL CHALLENGE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child’s growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21

8:00 am	Sabine Limage	Her Mom
10:00 am	Alfredo Mendoza	The Zozobrado Family
	Sr. Patricia Tully, CSJ	The Tropeano Family
	Geraldine Iandola	The Tropeano Family
12:00 pm	The Holy Name Society	The Holy Name Society
2:00 pm	Suzelle Augustin (Living)	Suzelle Augustin

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16

8:00 am **George Di Guido** Ida & Barbara Giannettino

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

Lenten Weekday

Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop

Readings: Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

8:00 am **Thomas Risley** Loretta Risley

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

Lenten Weekday

Feast St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47

8:00 am **Adonis Wint** Vaughan Wint

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:00 am **Jennie Lamicella** Carol Polish

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

9:00 am **Eva Garcia—Birthday Remembrance** Alicia Marino

5:00 pm **Jerry Fitzgerald—10th Anniversary in Heaven** Mary Fitzgerald & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

8:00 am **Fredo Percy—Birthday (Living)** Marie Percy

10:00 am **Josefa Dolores Dominguez** The Almodovar Family

12:00 pm **Ensley Luke Pierre** Dcn. Jean Baptiste Boursiquot

Bread and Wine

In Honor of **Suzelle Augustin**
Requested by: **Suzelle Augustin**



MOH GIFT SHOP

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

Set Clocks Ahead



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Clocks are set ahead one hour this weekend.