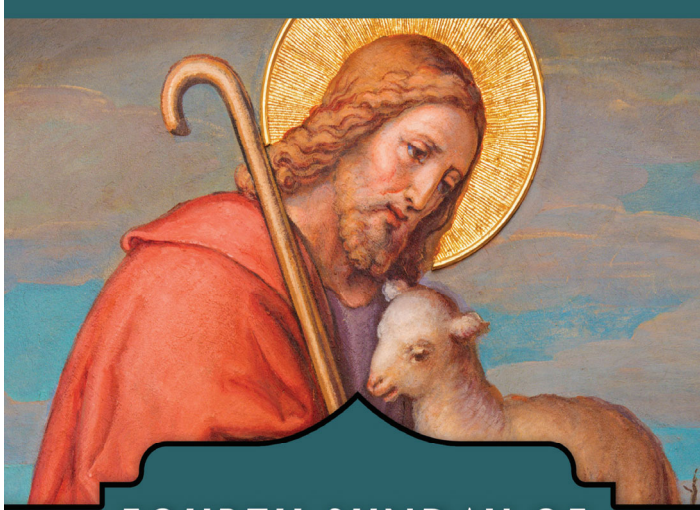


Mary Queen of Heaven Church

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

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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,

Most of our images of the Good Shepherd picture Jesus with a lamb in his arms or draped over his shoulders. They express the tenderness the shepherd feels for his flock, but miss the strength, the courage, and the commitment of the shepherds of Jesus' time.

The oldest such image we have, found in Caesarea Maritima and dated at 60 AD, is a statue of a shepherd carrying a full-grown adult sheep. These shepherds physically protected their flocks from predators. David, who tended his father's flock as a teenager, had to wrestle with lions and wolves before he confronted Goliath and became Israel's warrior-king. Bad shepherds ran away from danger; good shepherds met the danger head-on, knowing they might have to lay down their lives for their sheep.

Jesus was incredibly tender with his disciples, calling them by name, instructing them ("feeding them"), and leading them to physical and spiritual health, to a fullness of life. To do that he had to confront and wrestle with all the forces of evil that were arrayed against him. He did have to lay down his life for his sheep. And he did so, believing that his Father would raise him from the dead. He laid his life down to take it up again, as John tells us.

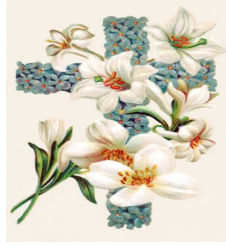
None of us think of ourselves as shepherds, but almost all of us have people we do take care of and are responsible for. They are our "sheep", our "lambs". Like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we strive to show them tender, loving care. Also like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we must learn to forget ourselves and concentrate on their well-being, even if it means laying down our lives for them.

May God grant us all the prudence to be patient and loving with one another, and the fortitude to sacrifice for one another, and thus fulfill the risen Lord's command to Peter: "Feed my lambs", "Tend my sheep".

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*



All new and returning families are welcomed to
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.



EASTER SEASON

We Are One With the Risen Christ

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.

May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive Truck will be in front of Mary Queen of Heaven church to collect donated clothing **THIS WEEKEND on Sunday, April 25, 2021** from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm.

MQH GIFT SHOP



All are welcomed to visit our gift shop, open after each Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.



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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA) 2021 **As of 4/18/2021**

Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690.00, 88 Pledged \$39,030.00
The Diocese received \$23,949.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH.

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 18th, 2021:
Church= 354 Website= 13 Facebook=97

FAITH FORMATION



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, 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



Many people have said that what drew them to the Catholic Church was the Eucharist. As we reflect on recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, think for a moment whether there is someone you could invite to Mass and to explore what else the Catholic Faith might hold for them. For information, please contact the Priests of the Parish and/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.

Mario & Linda A.	Joan & Bob Mutone
Yolanda Camacho	Cicilia Okafor
Mama Justina	Chris Okolo
Joanne & Kathryn Kearney	Ugoyi Okolo
Ita & Bull Kulbit	Mike Piccininni
Lorraine, Gregg & Laura	Ray
Jerome Leonard	Ron Roaldsen
Kaso Leonard	Ernie and Margaret Rossi
Barbara & Jake Maynor	
Melvin	



REST IN PEACE

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



MASS INTENTIONS, MEMORIAL MASSES

Please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours to schedule your Mass Intentions and Memorial Masses.

Please also remember our Saints' Shrines and Votive Candle Offerings in Church.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Readings: Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

8:00 am	Adonise Louis— Happy 2nd Birthday	The Louis Family
10:00 am	Jennie Lamarella Connie & Bill Main Martha Torres	Carol Polish Joe & Gloria Sirna Peter & Mary Casatelli
12:00 pm	Martha Torres	Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30

8:00 am **Joseph & Antoinette Izzo** Sr. Bernadette Izzo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

Easter Weekday

Feast of St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a, Jn 12:44-50

8:00 am **Erna Kraker (Living) -
Birthday Blessing** Monika & Michael
Abel

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20

8:00 am **Martha Torres** Rita DAmato

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

Easter Weekday

Feast of St. Pius V, Pope

Readings: Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6

8:00 am **Enrique Caro** Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore
Pisano

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Easter Weekday

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Readings: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

9:00 am **Sandra Jeune-
Birthday Blessing** Sandra Jeune

5:00 pm **Marie Croom—10th
Anniversary** The Croom Family

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8

8:00 am **Gabrielle Anne
Arthurton-Crumb** Her family

10:00 am **Diane Wharton** The Tropeano Family

12:00 pm **The Rosary Society
Barbara Fisher** The Rosary Society

Bread and Wine

In Memory of **Martha Torres**

Requested by: Thomas & Teresa Sorrentino

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL MOBILE DEVICES WHILE IN CHURCH.