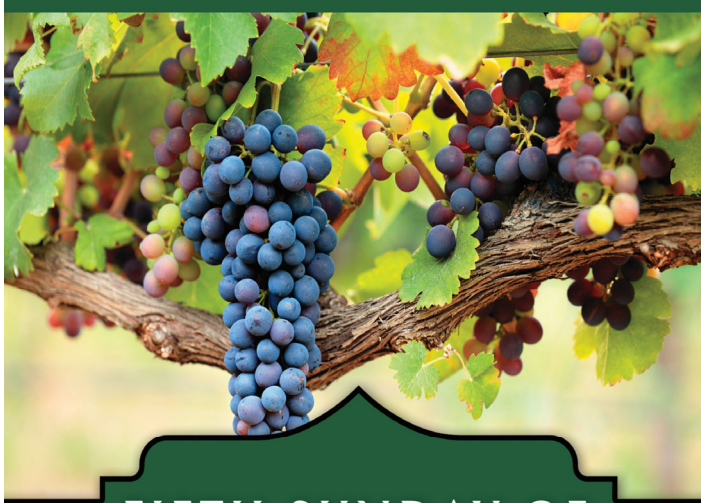


Mary Queen of Heaven Church

1395 East 56th Street • Brooklyn • NY • 11234

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 2, 2021

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

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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,

Israel was very familiar with the vineyard as an image of themselves, a people precious to God, of whom he takes special care. At the Last Supper Jesus expanded that image to reflect a very intimate and life-giving relationship that he shares with every believer (that is, as St. John clearly explains in his first letter, all those who believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ and love one another).

To be really alive we must "remain" in him, and he promises that if we do, he will "remain" in us, dwell within us. With Christ's life flowing through us, we will bear good fruit and bring glory to God. Should anything block the flow of his life, his grace in us (sin, worldly concerns, pleasure, laziness), it will need to be pruned before we die on the vine. For once that happens, we will be cut off and burned in the fire.

It is with and in Christ that we make progress in this life; without him, he reminds us, we can do nothing. So it is essential that we "remain" in Jesus. How do we do that? It seems to have a great deal to do with Jesus' words. We have already been pruned because of the words that Jesus spoke to us. Not only is Jesus to "remain" in us, but his words are also to "remain" in us.

So we have two questions to consider this week. First of all, how often do we turn to the Lord in the scriptures? Do we spend time not just in study, but in prayer and reflection, wondering what the Word of God is saying to us right now? Have we become familiar with the Word, so that it has taken root in our hearts?

Secondly, what might be getting in the way of God, taking his rightful place in our lives? What, if it continues to grow in its importance to us, might in time cut off the life of God and cause us to dry up? We want the Lord to "remain" with us. Now is the time to prune away anything that is beginning to obstruct his life within us.

*In the Good Shepherd,
Father Tom*



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



EASTER SEASON **PRAYERS**

As the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over death that you conquered, help us, Lord, tomorrow as well, when the dresses are put away and the candy is all eaten and on with life we go let us not forget.

The celebration of your resurrection over death is a celebration of life that should continue well beyond the sunrise service and the music, rehearsed for days prior; it is beyond the sign of spring, beyond the lily, beyond new lambs grazing in open fields.

Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear; man's greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of our yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young our old our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action.

This alone, the most touching and profound of your signs that fear is dead and belief in you brings, not just hope but life.

What better living parable could You have brought? All fear death. All. Even in the garden, You took on our fear if for only moments, it was as real as our fears can be real and You knew then that this single enemy must be destroyed.

And, You sacrificed your life, leaving those who had been comfort, and follower; You left them behind, to conquer fear. I shall cling to this now, and the tomorrows given me. Peace and thanksgiving lifted unto you. Amen.

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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 4/26/2021**

Our Diocesan Goal: \$62,690.00, 88 Pledged \$44,909.00
The Diocese received \$28,448.00

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

MASS ATTENDANCE for April 25th, 2021:
Church= 299 Website= 22 Facebook=69

FAITH FORMATION



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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
Barbara & Jake Maynor	
Melvin	



REST IN PEACE

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

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

**Joan M. Curry, Zoraida Corcino Domenech,
Josefa Dolores Dominguez**



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, 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

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

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

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a

8:00 am **Kristina Kraker** Erna Kraker

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

Easter Weekday

National Day of Prayer

Readings: Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11

8:00 am **Grace & Vincent Molonia** Carol Polanish

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

8:00 am **The Purgatorial Society**

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21

9:00 am **Rose Giannettino** Ida & Barbara Giannettino

5:00 pm **All Mothers**

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

8:00 am	All Mothers
10:00 am	All Mothers
12:00 pm	All Mothers

Bread and Wine
In Memory of **Diane Wharton**
Requested by: Jean Spezio

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL MOBILE DEVICES WHILE IN CHURCH.