

St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church



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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Joseph R. Villadiego, Ext. 24

SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:

5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15, 9:45 (Alternating English & Spanish), 11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

WEEKDAY MASSES:

12:10—Monday thru Friday
7:30 PM (in Spanish) - Fridays

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Mondays after the 12:10 Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Sundays 2:30 - 3:30 PM and Every Friday 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are scheduled for the Third Saturday of each month in Spanish and the Fourth Saturday of each month in English. Parents should call for an appointment with a priest to arrange for the baptism of child. Birth Certificate should be presented at this time.

MARRIAGES: Call the rectory for an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies - ANY TIME. Home bound - call the rectory

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The normal way for being received into full communion with the Catholic Church is through the R.C.I.A. Adults interested in being baptized, confirmed or making first communion should speak with a member of the parish staff to enroll

CORO HISPANO: MIERCOLES 7:30 PM

CIRCULO DE ORACION CARISMATICO: JUEVES 7:30 PM

CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD: VIERNES 7:30 PM

SANTO NOMBRE & SAGRADO CORAZON: 4th DOMINGO DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 11:30

CENÁCULO SACERDOTAL: Rosario el 4to Domingo—11:00 A.M. en Santa Gertrudis

LEGION DE MARIA: (Hay tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM - McKenna; Sábados 9:00-10:30 AM; Sábados 10:30-12 PM - Sótano de la Rectoría

Rosary Society: 1st & 4th Sunday of month after 8:15 & 9:45 Mass

St. Vincent De Paul Society: Contact the Rectory

Jornada Youth Group: Fridays 8:00 PM

Haitian Committee: Sunday 10:30 AM

Charismatic Prayer Group in English Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Rectory Basement

Stewardship Committee: 2nd Sunday 2:30 P.M.

Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2nd Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Nigerian Committee: 4th Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro) 2nd & 4th Thursday (Jueves) 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the McKenna Center

AA English: Thursdays 8:00 P.M. & Sundays 6:30 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, January 11, 2014**

- 5:00 pm - Rosa Lilia Feliciano (dec)
Mirian George (healing)
7:30 pm - Por la Familia Rodriguez
Ana Margarita Posada (cumpleaños)
Pedro y Basilia Gutierrez (35 aniv. de bodas)

Sunday, January 12, 2014 –The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:15 am - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Benito (dec)
Lucy & Francis Benito (dec)
9:45 am - Gillian Theresa Bristow (healing)
Adeline LaBatte (healing)
Miguel Rodriguez (healing)
11:30 am - Fr. Fulgencio Gutierrez (cumpleaños)
Magaly Guerrero (dec)
Wilfredo Coronado (cumpleaños)
1:15 pm - Mary Lou & Nilo Santiago (thanksgiving)
2:30 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude

Monday, January 13, 2014 - St. Hilary

- 12:10 pm - Deacon Eddie Montero (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Deacon Eddie Montero (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Thursday, January 16, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, January 17, 2014 - St. Anthony

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Guadalupe Vasquez (dec)

Saturday, January 18, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Mass available
7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)

Sunday, January 19, 2014 –Second**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - Adaora Madubuko (birthday)
9:45 am - Maria A. Naughton
11:30 am - Presentación del bebe Emely Esperanza Cornejo
1:15 pm - Mass available

MASS INTENTIONS

You may request an announced Mass at the rectory. The customary offering is fifteen dollars. The 2014 Mass Book is now open.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK: In memory of a departed relative or friend.

FLOWERS (each arrangement)	\$55.00
BREAD AND WINE	\$50.00
CANDLES	\$15.00

An Invitation "Don't just come to Church,
be the Church"



We Are A Tithing Community Following God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity, our people returned to His Church the following:

Offertory Collection

1st Collection last weekend - \$6102.00

Second Collection- \$1652.00

First Collection Last Year: \$7688.35

(Parish weekly expenses average: \$8756.25)

"Our Weekly Offering is One Way of Saying: WE BELONG to the Lord... And One Another. What Does **YOUR** Weekly Offering Say? Pray for His Guidance! THEN Make or Renew Your Commitment to Tithing.

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick: Naomi Rodriguez, Derrick Heron, Sylvia Lendore, Evangelina Bustamante, Stephanie Loayza, Kiara Velazquez, Miguel Mena, Kathleen Briza, Lila Bacchus, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

All the faithful departed especially Magaly Guerrero, Susan Marvilli.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 42:1-4, 6-7 * Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10 * Mt 3:13-17

Mon * 1 Sm 1:1-8 * Ps 116:12-19 * Mk 1:14-20

Tues * 1 Sm 1:9-20 * (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 * Mk 1:21-28

Wed * 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 * Ps 40:2,5,7-10 * Mk 1:29-39

Thurs * 1 Sm 4:1-11 * Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 * Mk 1:40-45

Fri * 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22 * Ps 89:16-19 * Mk 2:1-12

Sat * 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a * Ps 21:2-7 * Mk 2:13-17

Altar Server Assignments for Jan. 18 & 19, 2013

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Kimora George
Sat. 7:30 PM - Miguel Garcia, Wendy Rogriguez,
Joseph Rodriguez
Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu,
Iziegbeuwa Odia
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Melissa Ventura,
Joselin Lopez, Alexis Small
Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The bread and wine are given in **Thanksgiving.**

The sanctuary candle is given in **Thanksgiving.**

The flowers are given in **Thanksgiving**



The Baptism of the Lord

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

As a church musician I have had the privilege of providing the music for hundreds of weddings over the years. During those moments when I am not playing the keyboard or singing, instead of always focusing on the bride and groom, I often turn my attention to their parents. I marvel at the wonderful expressions of love and pride that emanate from those parents as they witness their children's love blossom before them. This is the sentiment I am reminded of as I listen to today's Gospel. At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry—at the moment of his baptism in the Jordan—we glimpse the love emanating from Father to Son. The Father's voice, coming from the heavens, declares that this one is his beloved son, in whom he is well pleased.

PLEASING IN GOD'S EYES

What is it that made Jesus pleasing to his Father? And what makes us pleasing to God? Perhaps the prophet Isaiah holds the key. The prophecy announced in today's first reading gives us a glimpse of the kind of person who is found pleasing in God's eyes. Too often we see these prophecies fulfilled solely in Jesus. As people baptized into Christ Jesus, we, too, can be the fulfillment of these prophecies. In baptism, we are called to be people who establish justice on the earth; we are summoned to be the light for people who are blind to the needs of others; we are charged with being the servants of God. This work is not easy. It demands the strength that comes only from a deep relationship with God. Today is the day to begin anew to grow in our love for God. Let us strive to become those who are the beloved of God, those in whom God is well pleased. This demands growth in intimacy with God, which can be nurtured each day in prayer, as well as each week when we come to Mass to offer God praise and thanksgiving.

The Baptism of the Lord

Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or as deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



MARCH FOR LIFE

The 41st Anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States will take place this month. Abortion is the greatest genocide in human history. In the U.S. alone, over 56 million babies have been killed. About 19.5 million of these were African-American. The Diocese of Brooklyn is sponsoring two free buses to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. To get on the bus please call Fr. David at the rectory. Space is limited so please call soon.

Far Rockaway, the "Forgotten" Community *There is great "power" in numbers*

Our community must become actively involved in laws that impact our community, especially with regards to Hurricane Sandy funds. The Rockaway Peninsula has been the "forgotten" area for years. Unless we come out in great numbers, the politicians (local, state and federal), will continue to "pass us by" or give us what we will accept with no regard to our actual needs.

We must all "step up" and take responsibility for ourselves and for our community by letting our voices be heard, by joining others in our community to make sure that we hold our elected officials responsible for all of the services that we are entitled too.

There is great "power" in numbers. The more people are actively involved, the more we will be listened to, and the more improvement in services we will receive.

We must stay vigilant! We must stay the course! We must stop making excuses! Pope Francis asks us the following:

"Let us courageously ask ourselves: How did we live the time God gave us? Did we use it above all for ourselves, for our interests, or did we know how to spend it for others as well?"

We must all ask ourselves how well we took care of ourselves, family, friends and neighbors, as well as our community. Let us start now, in 2014, by participating in making a better community.



New Altar Servers Needed!!!

If you have received your First Communion and you are at least 10 years old, please consider becoming an altar server. Our priests need your assistance to help them during the Mass. Won't you please say yes, and fill out the Altar Server Registration Form as soon as possible. The forms are available in the Sacristy or In the Rectory.

Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this wonderful ministry. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Daisy Rodriguez on 917 330-1683,

BIBLE STUDY

There will be Bible Study in English Sunday, January 26, 2014 after the 1:15 P.M. Mass in the Church. All are welcome!



Did you know? Seat belts save lives by:

- Spreading the force of impact over a large portion of the body.
- Minimizing contact with the vehicle's interior.
- Protecting occupants from being ejected from the car.

Cohen Children's Medical Center and the Buckle Up For Life Program are partnering with St. Mary Star of the Sea Church to provide an educational session and a car seat check up event where free car seats will be given to the participants of the program! The session will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2014 in the auditorium, 10:00 A.M. in English and 12:30 P.M. in Spanish.

Community Happenings Corner



Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 7:15 PM

Community Board # 14 – Monthly Meeting

Loc: Bayswater Jewish Center 2355 Healy Avenue (corner of Dickens St)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Public Hearing City Action Plan - Community Development

Block Grant – Disaster Recovery

(CDBG-DR) – To discuss the distribution and use of Hurricane Sandy funds designated to rebuild our community. **Loc:** Knights of Columbus Hall – 333 Beach 90th St

Fridays – January 24, 2014 through March 21, 2014 – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Free Swim Lessons – Children ages 6 to 17

Loc: Far Rockaway High School – 821 Bay 25th St

Register online only

www.nyc.gov/parks/citywideaquatics

From: Wednesday, January 8, 2014 - 4:00 AM through

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 11:59 PM

Saturday – January 25, 2014 - 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (by appointment only) *Free Breast Cancer Screening*

Loc: Rockaway Free Clinic – 2-30 Beach 102nd St (mobile clinic)

Call to make an appointment – 877 628-9090

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$6102.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1652.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7688.35

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$8756.25

Si usted es nuevo en nuestra parroquia, puede hacerse miembro oficial de Santa María llenando una tarjeta de inscripción que está disponible en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Que Dios les bendiga!



El Bautismo del Señor

LOS PADRES DE LOS NOVIOS

Como soy músico pastoral en una iglesia, he tenido el privilegio de encargarme de la música en centenares de bodas. Durante los ratos en que no estoy ni cantando ni tocando el órgano, no siempre miro a los novios, sino que a menudo me fijo en sus padres, y me maravillo ante la expresión de amor y de orgullo que brilla en sus rostros al ver florecer el amor de sus hijos. Al escuchar el evangelio de hoy, me acuerdo de la alegría que he visto brillar en los padres de tantos novios. Al comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús –en el momento de su bautismo en el Jordán– vislumbramos por un momento el amor de Dios Padre hacia su Hijo. La voz de Dios, resonando desde los cielos, proclama que éste es su Hijo amado, en quien tiene sus complacencias.

DIOS NOS MIRA COMPLACIDO

¿Qué es lo que hace que el Padre se complazca en Jesús? Y, ¿qué hace que el Padre se complazca en nosotros? Tal vez la clave está en el libro del profeta Isaías. La profecía que escuchamos en la primera lectura nos deja ver la clase de persona en quien Dios se complace. Con demasiada frecuencia pensamos que esas profecías se cumplen en Jesús, y nada más que en él. Pero, como cristianos bautizados en Jesucristo, también en nosotros se cumplen esas profecías. Por nuestro bautismo estamos llamados a ser personas que establecen la justicia en esta tierra, a ser luz para los que están ciegos a las necesidades de los demás, y a ser siervos de Dios. Este trabajo no es fácil. Exige la clase de fuerza, que sólo nos puede venir de una relación muy profunda con Dios. Hoy es el día de comenzar una vez más a crecer en nuestro amor a Dios. Esforcémonos por llegar a ser los amados de Dios, aquellos en los que Dios tiene sus complacencias. Esto exige un crecimiento de intimidad con Dios, lo cual se nutre con la oración diaria y con nuestra alabanza y acción de gracias a Dios cuando participamos cada semana en la misa.

El Bautismo del Señor

Celebre nuestra vocación común de Bautismo. Oren por los que contemplan el llamado a vivir su compromiso bautismal como hermanos religiosos, hermanas, sacerdotes o como diáconos. Si usted siente que Dios le ofrece la gracia de estar llamado al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada, Comuníquese a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escriba vocations@diobrook.org.



¿Sabía usted? Los cinturones de seguridad salvan vidas ayudándole a:

- Extender la fuerza del impacto sobre una gran parte del cuerpo.
- Reducir al mínimo el contacto con el interior del vehículo.
- Evitar que los ocupantes sean expulsados del auto.

El Centro Médico Para Niños Cohen y el Programa Abóchate Por La Vida se han asociado con la Parroquia Santa María Estrella del Mar para proporcionar una sesión educativa. Se darán asientos de auto gratis a los que participen en el programa! La sesión se llevará a cabo el Domingo, 9 de febrero del 2014 en el auditorio a las 10:00 am en Inglés y 12:30 pm en español.

Far Rockaway, la Comunidad Olvidada" ***Hay un gran "poder" en números***

Nuestra comunidad debe participar activamente en las leyes que afectan a nuestra comunidad, especialmente en lo que respecta a los fondos del Huracán Sandy. La Península de Rockaway ha sido el área "olvidada" durante años.

A menos que nos unamos en gran número, los políticos (locales, estatales y federales), seguirán "olvidándonos" o darnos lo que aceptemos, sin importarles nuestras necesidades reales.

Todos debemos "ponernos de pie" y asumir nuestra responsabilidad y la de nuestra comunidad permitiendo que se escuchen nuestras voces, uniéndonos con otros en nuestra comunidad para hacer que los funcionarios electos se hagan responsables de todos los servicios a los cuales tenemos derecho.

Hay un gran "poder" en números. Mientras más personas estén activamente envueltas, mas oportunidad tendremos de ser escuchados, y mejor serán los servicios que recibiremos.

Debemos permanecer vigilantes! Debemos mantener el rumbo ! Debemos dejar de poner excusas ! El Papa Francisco nos pide lo siguiente :

"Vamos con valentía a preguntarnos: ¿cómo hemos de vivir el tiempo que Dios nos dio ? ¿Lo usaremos sobre todo para nosotros, por nuestros intereses, o lo compartiremos con los demás? "

Todos debemos preguntarnos qué bien nos ocupamos de nosotros mismos, familiares, amigos y vecinos, así como por nuestra comunidad. Empecemos ahora, en el 2014, participemos unidos para una mejor comunidad.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA

En este mes se lleva a cabo el 41 aniversario de la legalización del aborto en los Estados Unidos. El aborto es el mayor genocidio de la historia humana. Solamente en los EE.UU., más de 56 millones de bebés han sido asesinados. Cerca de 19.5 millones de ellos eran afroamericanos. La Diócesis de Brooklyn está patrocinando dos autobuses gratuitos para unirse a la Marcha por la Vida en Washington, DC el miércoles 22 de enero del 2014. Para un asiento en el autobús, por favor llame al Padre David en la rectoría. El espacio es limitado así que por favor llame lo mas pronto posible.



Necesitamos Nuevos Monaguillos!

Si tú tienes por lo menos 10 años de edad y recibiste tu primera comunión, por favor considera en ser monaguillo. Nuestros sacerdotes necesitan de tu asistencia para ayudar durante la Misa. No te gustaría servir como monaguillo? Llena el formulario de inscripción lo antes posible. Los formularios están disponibles en la Sacristía o en la Rectoría.

Padres, por favor animen a sus hijos a participar en este maravilloso ministerio. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame la Daisie Rodríguez al 917 330-1683, o a Joanne Murray al 917 757 a 0466.

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Escriba en



su calendario

Martes, 14 de Enero 2014 - 7:15 PM

Junta Comunitaria # 14 - Reunión mensual

Loc : Bayswater Jewish Center 2355 Healy Avenue (esquina de Dickens St)

Miércoles, 15 de enero 2014 - 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Audiencia Pública del Plan de Acción de la Ciudad - Subvención para el Desarrollo Comunitario - Recuperación de Desastres (CDBG- DR) - Para discutir sobre la distribución y el uso de los fondos del Huracán Sandy designado para reconstruir nuestra comunidad.

Loc : Knights of Columbus Hall - 333 Beach 90th St

Viernes - 24 de enero 2014 al 21 de marzo 2014 - 6:00-8:00

PM Lecciones de Natación gratis- Niños entre 6 y 17 Loc : Far Rockaway High School - 821 Bay 25th St

Regístrese en línea - www.nyc.gov/parks/citywideaquatics desde el Miércoles, 08 de enero 2014 - 4:00 AM hasta el Martes, 14 de enero 2014 - 11:59 PM

Sábado - 25 de enero 2014 - 9:00 AM a 4:30 PM (sólo con cita previa) Detección de cáncer de mama Gratis

Loc: Rockaway Free Clinic - 2-30 Beach 102nd St (clínica móvil) **Llame para hacer una cita - 877 628-9090**