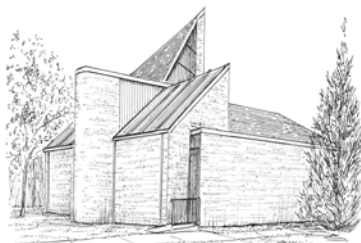


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All children in grades 1-8 should be registered every year for Religious Education classes.

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 18, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Bruce Lester (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Virgen de la Altagracia (Acción de Gracias)
Ylda Castillo (dec)
Gregorio Garcia (dec)
Divino Niño (Acción de Gracias)

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

- 8:15 am - Adaora Madubuko (birthday)
- 9:45 am - Maria A. Naughton
- 11:30 am - Magaly Guerrero (dec)
Erika P. Amaya Hoyos (dec)
Santos Facundo Martinez (dec)
Carolina Mayorga (cumpleaños)
Presentación de la bebe Emely Esperanza Cornejo
- 1:15 pm - Mass available

Monday, January 20, 2014 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 - St. Agnes

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Olayinka Anaknu (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, January 23, 2014 - St. Vincent

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, January 24, 2014 - St. Frances de Sales

- 12:10 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

Saturday, January 25, 2014 - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

- 5:00 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Alfredo Suarez

Sunday, January 26, 2014 –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Mass available
- 9:45 am - Misa disponible
- 11:30 am - Wilson Aldana (dec)
Magaly Guerrero (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Mass available

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

The sanctuary candle is given in thanksgiving for
Deacon Eddie Montero.

BIBLE STUDY

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

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 - \$4497.00

Second Collection- \$1551.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4520.00

(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, Francisco Torres, 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.

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Is 49:3, 5-6 * Ps 40:2,4,7-10 * Jn 1:29-34
- Mon** * 1 Sm 15:16-23 * Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 * Mk 2:18-22
- Tues** * 1 Sm 16:1-13 * Ps 89:20-22,27-28 * Mk 2:23-28
- Wed** * 1Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 * Ps 144:1-2,9-10 * Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs** * 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7 * Ps 56:2-3,9-13 * Mk 3:7-12
- Fri** * 1 Sm 24:3-21 * Ps 57:2-4,6-11 * Mk 3:13-19
- Sat** * Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 * Ps 117:1-2 * Mk 16:15-18

Altar Server Assignments for Jan. 25 & 26, 2014

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Jude Ikhalea
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Jeison Fernandez
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes –Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Bianca Salonga
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM– Sebastian Rosas, Alejandra Zarate, Lexa Torres, Hilda Hernandez
- Sun. 1:15 PM–Kevin Robles, Aaliyah Mayorga-Miranda, Lisbed Flores

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.





Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAMB OF GOD

A lamb was a familiar image for Jewish people in Jesus' day. It was part of the Jewish tradition that lambs be slaughtered for sacrifice, as a way for the people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sinfulness. Of course, Jesus reminded his disciples of this sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.

John the Baptist recognized Jesus as this sacrifice. Upon his approach, John proclaimed Jesus the "Lamb of God." Having already seen the Spirit come down on Jesus, John knew that was the sign by which God had promised to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Passion and Resurrection, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him on that day at the Jordan River.

IN SERVICE OF THE LAMB

We will grow only in service to one another. We may each be individuals feeling at times that we work alone, but in reality, as Paul explained to the Corinthians, we are united. We are united in God by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In our humanity, we may not be able to give as completely as Jesus did, but we strive nevertheless to carry one another in humble service. Through our obedience to God's will, we proclaim to the world Jesus' message of love for even the least by our words and actions as we lift up our brothers and sisters. As we find strength in the Gospel message and in the many exemplary lives of those who have gone before us, the service that we offer to others is truly that of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God.



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, or Ms. Joanne Murray on 917 757-0466.

TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE

Join us on April 12, 2014 to Sight and Sound Theatre in Strasberg, PA to see the "world premiere" of the Bible story of "**Moses**." Reserve your seats early before they are sold out. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more details.

From the Desk of Deacon Mike,

Parents of Religious Education Students, please do not forget: the next **CCD Children's Mass is Sunday January 26 at 1:15pm**...attendance will be taken at this Mass as usual. Please bring your children on time.

Parents of Children scheduled to receive **First Holy Communion** in May **MUST** attend the next meeting on Saturday January 25 at 10am; the meeting will be in St Mary's Church. This is an important meeting.

Parents of Confirmation Candidates, **remember** that you were informed in our first meeting on Sat Nov 9, 2013 that your child's Confirmation Folder is due on the morning of **Saturday February 1**. The Mass of their presentation to our Pastor will be at the 5pm Mass on that same day.

I would like to thank Mr. Mario Chevarria and ALL of the wonderful men and women volunteers who made our Children's Christmas Party a **HUGE SUCCESS!!!** It was truly marvelous!!!

Finally, I would like to mention that a number of parents have approached me to ask me if it is "too late" in the school year to enroll their child(ren) in our Religious Education Classes. My answer is always the same: "IT IS NEVER TOO LATE! WE WELCOME ALL CHILDREN WITH OPEN ARMS AND HEARTS". Obviously the word is out that we have a fine group of Catechists and volunteers who do great work for the Lord each and every Saturday. They are indeed truly dedicated and very well equipped... and it is very obvious that **THE CHILDREN LOVE THEM!!!** As I have told each parent who approached me: please do not hesitate to register your child... all children from Kindergarten through 8th Grade benefit greatly from allowing us to help their parents teach them about our Holy Catholic Faith. We are even working on putting together a new and exciting **High School Bible Study and Faith Sharing Group** (stay tuned)

"...Let the children come to me", says the Lord, "do not prevent them"...(Mark 10)

Pax et bonem
Deacon Mike



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.



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



Cancellation - Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM *Public Hearing City Action Plan - Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)* – This public hearing has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Rescheduled date has been determined at this time.

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**



REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PRAYER

God of our work and of our rest, again and again your creatures take sides against one another. Oppression and violence are our sad inheritance. But we still look for you where the lowly are raised up, where the mighty are brought down. We find you in your servants, and we give you thanks for the witness and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Fill us with a spirit and strength like his, so that day by day we may see where our community is torn by repression and fear and ignorance, and so give ourselves to healing. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy Martin Luther King Day
The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014 in commemoration of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4497.00
Segunda Colecta: \$1551.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4520.00

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!



Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

CORDERO DE DIOS

En tiempos de Jesús, el cordero era una imagen familiar para el pueblo judío. Era parte de la tradición judía sacrificar un cordero con el fin de que el pueblo volviera a Dios después de haberse separado por el pecado. Por supuesto, Jesús les recordó a sus discípulos este sacrificio durante la Última Cena. Sus acciones en esa cena vincularían para siempre a sus discípulos al sacrificio que él hizo por cada uno de nosotros. Jesús se convirtió en el nuevo Cordero de la Pascua.

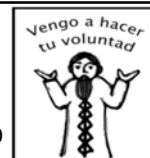
Juan Bautista reconoció que Jesús era ese sacrificio. Al acercarse, Juan proclamó a Jesús "Cordero de Dios". Después de ver al Espíritu descender sobre Jesús, Juan supo que ésa era la señal prometida por Dios para indicar al Elegido. Aunque no estaría claro lo que significaba ser el Cordero de Dios hasta después de la pasión y resurrección, Juan sabía que ése era el título más apropiado para la persona que se acercó a él ese día en el río Jordán.

AL SERVICIO DEL CORDERO

Creceremos solamente si nos ponemos al servicio los unos de los otros. A veces nos puede parecer que trabajamos solos, pero en realidad, como Pablo le explicó a los corintios, estamos unidos. Estamos unidos en Dios por el poder del Espíritu Santo y por Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios. En nuestra humanidad, puede ser que no podamos entregarnos tan completamente como Jesús, pero a pesar de todo, nos esforzamos por apoyarnos los unos a los otros en un servicio humilde. Con nuestra obediencia a la voluntad de Dios y con nuestras palabras y acciones de apoyo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, proclamamos al mundo el mensaje de amor de Jesús aún por los más pequeños. En el mensaje del evangelio y en las muchas vidas ejemplares que nos han precedido, encontramos la fortaleza para ofrecer nuestro servicio a los demás, que es realmente el servicio de Jesús mismo, el Cordero de Dios.

Segundo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"A aquellos que han sido consagrados a Cristo Jesús a través de su llamado a ser santos. ¿"Tu o alguien en tu familia está siendo llamado al contemplar el sacerdocio o la vida consagrada? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.



Desde el Escritorio del Diácono Mike,

Padres de los estudiantes del Programa de Educación Religiosa, por favor no se olviden de la **Misa de los Niños** el próximo Domingo 26 de Enero a la 1:15 pm ... Tomaremos asistencia como de costumbre. Favor de traer sus hijos a tiempo.

Los padres de los niños que van a recibir la **Primera Comunión** en Mayo deberán asistir a una reunión el Sábado 25 de Enero a las 10 am en la Iglesia Santa María. Por favor haga todo lo posible por asistir, es muy importante.

A todos los padres de los candidatos para la Confirmación, como se les informo en la primera reunión que tuvimos el pasado 9 de noviembre del 2013, su hijo (a) deberá tener la carpeta de Confirmación completa para ser presentada a nuestro Párroco durante la Misa de las 5:00 P.M. **el Sábado 1 de Febrero del 2014.**

Quisiera agradecerle al Sr. Mario Chevarria y a TODOS los maravillosos voluntarios que hicieron la fiesta de Navidad de nuestros niños un GRAN ÉXITO ! Fue realmente maravillosa!

Y por último, me gustaría mencionar que varios padres se han acercado a mí para preguntarme si no es " demasiado tarde " para matricular a su hijo (s) en nuestras clases de Educación Religiosa de este año. Mi respuesta es siempre la misma:

" NUNCA ES DEMASIADO TARDE ! LE DAMOS LA BIENVENIDA A TODOS LOS NIÑOS CON LOS BRAZOS Y CORAZONES ABIERTOS ". Es evidente que han escuchado que nuestro programa tiene un gran grupo de catequistas y voluntarios que todos los Sábado hacen un magnifico trabajo para el Señor. De hecho, son verdaderamente dedicados y muy bien preparados ... es muy obvio que los niños **LOS AMAN A TODOS!** Como le dije a cada uno de estos padres que se acercaron a mí, por favor no duden en inscribir a sus hijos ... todos los niños desde el kindergarten hasta el octavo grado se benefician mucho al permitirnos ayudar a sus padres enseñarles sobre nuestra Santa Fe Católica. Todavía estamos trabajando para organizar un nuevo y emocionante **Grupo de Estudio de la Biblia para estudiantes de High School** y un **Grupo para Compartir nuestra Fe** (estén atentos)

"... Dejad que los niños vengan a mí", dice el Señor, "no le impidan" ... (Marcos 10)

Diácono Mike

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, por favor llame lo mas pronto posible.



Servidores del altar

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 ayuda 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 a Daisy Rodríguez al 917 330-1683, o a Joanne Murray al 917 757 a 0466.



¿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 Abróchate 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.

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Escriba en



su calendario

Cancelada -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) - Esta audiencia fue cancelada y será programada para otra fecha.

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**

Día de Martin Luther King Jr.

La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 20 de Enero del 2014 en conmemoración del Día de Martin Luther King Jr.