

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



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## **PASTOR:**

Rev. Fulgencio Gutierrez, Ext. 22

## **PARISH PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Michael C. Moss  
Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero  
Deacon Rene Hernandez

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16  
Mrs. Carmen Montero, Ext. 10

## **IN RESIDENCE:**

Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18  
Rev. Fredrick Anawonah, Ext. 17

## **TRUSTEES:**

Miguel Jimenez  
Lillian Virginia Rountree

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:**

Yvonne Hall

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, Ext. 25**

Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496  
Dr. Emy Punsalan, RCIA  
Ms. Estabana Nino, RICA  
Ms. Carmen Macfie, CCD  
Mrs. Susan Singh-Smith, CCD  
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 at St. Gertrude's),  
11:30 (Spanish), 1:15

## **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

12:10—Monday thru Saturday  
9:00 at St. Gertrude's - Thursday  
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

**ENGLISH CHOIR:** FRIDAY 7:30 PM

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** SATURDAY 11:00 AM

**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

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

**Legion of Mary:** Spanish: Mon. 7:00 PM - Rectory; St Mary

**Legion of Mary: (St. Gertrude's)** After the 9:45am mass

**Legion of Mary:** Spanish: Sats. 10:30 AM -Rectory Basement

**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 - Mondays 7:00 P.M. - 9:00  
P.M. in the School Auditorium.

**JDV Group:** Wednesdays 8:00 P.M.

**Prayer Group in English Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. in the Church.**

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

**Sacred Heart Adoration in English: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M.  
Mass**

**Nigerian Committee: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 2, 2013—The Presentation of the Lord**

- 12:10 pm - Carmine & Palma Capone (dec)
- 5:00 pm - Edwin Cardona (healing)  
Rosa L. Feliciano (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Misa disponible

**Sunday, February 3, 2013 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - Jose Crespo (dec)
- 9:45 am - Jorge Santizo & Family—Thanksgiving
- 11:30 am - Presentación del bebe Allison Natasha Urbina  
Alcadio Diaz (dec) Milito Diaz (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Maria Ramona Gutierrez (dec)  
Jose Antonio Gutierrez (dec)

**Monday, February 4, 2013**

- 12:10 pm - Maria Clotilde Gutierrez (dec)  
Ramon Emilio Adamez (dec)

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013 -St. Agatha**

- 12:10 pm - Petronila Gutierrez (dec)  
Tomacina Gutierrez (dec)

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013—St. Paul Miki and companions**

- 12:10 pm - Juan Gutierrez (dec) Mimina Adamez (dec)

**Thursday, February 7, 2013**

- 12:10 pm - Reyna Adamez (dec)  
Marino Adamez (dec)

**Friday, February 8, 2013 - St. Jerome Emiliani**

- 12:10 pm - Jacinto Adamez (dec) Milor Diaz (dec)
- 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

- 12:10 pm - No Mass will be celebrated
- 5:00 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - En honor a la Virgen de Suyapa  
Felipe Santos (dec)

**Sunday, February 10, 2013 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:15 am - Mass available
- 9:45 am - Mass available
- 11:30 am - Por los Sacerdotes  
Julian Rivas (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Mass available

**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 - \$4639.00**  
**Second Collection- \$1371.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$4097.00**

**(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.

*Pray For*

**The Sick and Our Faithful Departed**

Laura Clarke, Sylvia Rodriguez, Dorothy Dumb, Kathleen Briza, Edgar Malave, Emilia Melendez, Pedro Bonilla, and our faithful departed.

**Weekday Readings**

- Sun** \* Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 \* Ps 71:1-6, 15-17 \* Lk 4:21-30
- Mon** \* Heb 11:32-40 \* Ps 31:20-24 \* Mk 5:1-20
- Tues** \* Heb 12:1-4 \* Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 \* Mk 5:21-43
- Wed** \* Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 \* Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18 \* Mk 6:1-6
- Thurs** \* Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 \* Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 \* Mk 6:7-13
- Fri** \* Heb 13:1-8 \* Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 \* Mk 6:14-29
- Sat** \* Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 \* Ps 23:1-6 \* Mk 6:30-34

**Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 9 & 10, 2013**

- Sat. 5:00 PM – Kevin Robles, Jude Ikhalea
- Sat. 7:30 PM – Carolena Mayorga, Aaliyah Mayorga-Miranda  
Carlos Lopez
- Sun. 8:15 AM – Jacques Mathieu, Adaora Madubuko
- Sun. 9:45 – Joseph Santizo, Kayla Marie Rivera
- Sun. 11:30 AM –Alejandra Zarate, Melissa Zarate,  
Melissa Ventura
- Sun. 1:15 PM – Vilmar Jean-Michel, Lisa Deryce

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:

vocations@diobrook.org.



**The Year of Faith**

During the year of faith, please consider taking home the Vocations Cross for one week. Invite your family, friends, neighborhoods and fellow parishioners to join you to pray for our priests, deacons and religious; in addition to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Remember, without priests, there can be no Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of our faith.



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"TODAY THIS PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING"**

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' preaching ministry following his forty days in the desert. Filled with the power of the Spirit, Jesus entered the synagogue of his hometown, unrolled the scroll, read from the prophet Isaiah, then declared, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). The people, seeing only the carpenter's son, demanded, "Prove it!" When he refused, things turned ugly. But, miracle of miracles, when they were about to push him off the cliff, he "passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:30).

If we try to live our faith, at some point we will be challenged to speak the hard truth and do the hard task, and suffer the uncomfortable consequences. Will God really stand by us in our anguish? Can we muster enough trust to "walk our talk" and not worry too much about the outcome?

### "I HAVE MADE YOU A FORTIFIED CITY"

Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the few church leaders who stood in opposition to Hitler, was executed by the Nazis for speaking truth to power. His good friend told of his peacefulness and joy while awaiting his death. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he proclaimed the truth in the face of opposition. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, he died in the process. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, his influence was greater after his death.

So let us dare to live a bit more dangerously, trusting that, like Jeremiah, we will hear God's assurance and support: "It is I this day / who have made you a fortified city, / a pillar of iron, a wall of brass" (Jeremiah 1:18). Or like the psalmist, perhaps we will find refuge and hope and our mouths will be filled with praise. Paul reminds us of the only three things that really matter: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is what drove Jesus, Jeremiah, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer to the top of the cliff. If we dare to follow their example, then maybe it won't make that much difference one way or the other how we get down.

### SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US

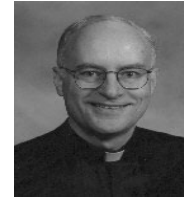
Are you still recovering from Hurricane Sandy? Are you still without electricity or hot water or heat? Have you been unable to return to your home/apartment? Do you have mold in your home/apartment? Are you getting the runaround from FEMA or other government agencies? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, we would love to hear your story. We don't want the residents of Far Rockaway to be forgotten. Please share your story with us so that we can let them know that we still need assistance in Far Rockaway. It is important that we keep pressure on those in government that Far Rockaway is not to be ignored. Contact the rectory if you would like to share your story.

### Year of Faith Prayer

Accept the prayers of your servants Lord, and prepare our hearts to praise your holy name. Come to our aid in times of trouble, and make us worthy to sing songs of thanksgiving.

### Year of Faith Corner

#### SAVE THE DATE



Please mark this date on your calendar: **Tuesday, February 26, 2013**. Our new Auxiliary Bishop, Bishop Raymond Chappetto, will visit us for Lent and lead us in the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:30 PM in St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. Let us continue to celebrate the "Year of Faith" by coming out to welcome Bishop Chappetto to our parish.

### Parish of St Mary Star of the Sea & St Gertrude

#### 2013 Holy Season of Lent

7:00PM TUESDAY EVENINGS

#### PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 19

For The Conversion of Sinners

February 26

For Vocations with BISHOP CHAPPETTO

Preceded by Holy Rosary for Vocations

March 4

For SPIRITUAL Healing ...Scriptural Readings

March 12

The Way of the Cross with Mary the Mother of Jesus

March 19

For a Deeper Understanding of the Paschal Mystery

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation originally scheduled for Nov. 2012 will be on Saturday February 23, at 5pm at

St. Rose of Lima RC Church  
130 Beach 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rockaway Beach, NY 11693



The month of February is celebrated as Black History to honor and pay tribute to all people of color who have contributed so much to our history. This year, during the month of February, we will pay tribute to some of the prominent Blacks in the history of the catholic (universal) Church.

**3 Black African Popes**

**Victor 1 (189 – 199 AD)** was said to be the 1<sup>st</sup> African pope. He is credited with ordering all catholic churches to celebrate Easter on the Sunday following the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the vernal equinox.

**Melchiades (Miltiades) (311 – 314 AD)** was said to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> African pope. He is credited with being given permission to build the Lateran Basilica, which became the residency for popes.

**Gelasius 1 (492 – 496 AD)** was said to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> African pope. He decreed that the Eucharist had to be received “under both kinds,” with wine as well as bread.



The Golden Age Club will be meeting on Thursday, February 7th and Thursday, February 28, 2013 from 9:30 to 12 Noon at the McKenna Center.

The 2012 tax statements are now available. Please fill in the form below and drop it in the collection basket at the weekend Mass, or bring it to either rectory, or mail request form to:  
St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church

1920 New Haven Avenue  
Far Rockaway, NY 11691  
Attn: Joanne Murray

NOTE: Tax statements are will not be automatically mailed out. Statements are given by request only.

**Request for 2012 Tax Statement**

Please fill in and print all information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

select one: \_\_\_\_\_ Will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail

**NOTE:** Tax letters will only be mailed to the address on our files.



**Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**“HOY SE CUMPLEN ESTAS PROFECÍAS QUE ACABAN DE ESCUCHAR”**

El Evangelio de este domingo marca el principio de la predicación de Jesús, después de sus cuarenta días en el desierto. Lleno del poder del Espíritu Santo, Jesús entra a la sinagoga de su pueblo, abre el pergamino de las Escrituras, y lee del profeta Isaías. Y entonces declara, “Hoy se cumplen estas profecías que acaban de escuchar” (Lucas 4:21). Sus compueblanos, viendo en él nada más que al hijo del carpintero, exigen, “¡Pruébalo!” Cuando él se niega a darles lo que piden, las cosas se ponen feas. Pero –¡oh, milagro de milagros!– cuando estaban a punto de tirarlo por el barranco, “Jesús pasando en medio de ellos, siguió su camino” (Lucas 4:30).

Si tratamos de vivir nuestra fe, llegará el momento en que tendremos que cantar las verdades duras, o hacer la tarea pesada, y sufrir las consecuencias desagradables. ¿Estará de veras Dios a nuestro lado en esos trances apurados? Y nosotros, ¿podremos encontrar en nuestro corazón bastante confianza en Dios como para pasar del dicho al hecho, sin preocuparnos demasiado sobre cómo acabará la cosa?

**“ESTE DÍA HAGO DE TI UNA FORTALEZA”**

El teólogo luterano Dietrich Bonhoeffer, uno de los pocos cristianos que se atrevieron a dar la cara en contra de Hitler, fue ejecutado por los Nazis por haberle cantado las verdades a los poderosos. Un buen amigo suyo contó más tarde sobre la tranquilidad y hasta la alegría de Bonhoeffer mientras esperaba su muerte. Al igual que Jesús y que Jeremías, él se atrevió a proclamar la verdad frente a la oposición. Al igual que a Jesús y a Jeremías, esto le costó la vida. Y, como sucedió con Jesús y Jeremías, su influencia ha sido mucho mayor después de su muerte que cuando estaba vivo.

Así es que, atrevámonos a vivir un poco más peligrosamente confiando en que, al igual que a Jeremías, Dios nos asegura su apoyo. “Este día hago de ti una fortaleza, un pilar de hierro y una muralla de bronce” (Jeremías 1:18). O tal vez, como el salmista, esperaremos en Dios sin cesar y anunciaremos sus maravillas.

San Pablo nos recuerda que las únicas tres cosas que de veras importan son la fe, la esperanza y el amor. Y la mayor de esas tres empujó a Jesús, a Jeremías y a Dietrich Bonhoeffer al borde del barranco. Si nos atrevemos a seguir el ejemplo que ellos nos han dejado, tal vez no tenga mucha importancia la manera en que lleguemos a bajar del barranco.



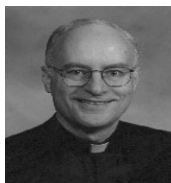
El Club Edad de Oro se reunirá el Jueves 7 de Febrero y el Jueves 28 de Febrero del 2013 de 9:30 AM a 12:00 mediodía en el Centro McKenna.

**EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS****Domingo Pasado: \$4639.00****Segunda Colecta: \$1371.00****Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4097.00****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!

**Año de la Fe**

RESERVE LA FECHA

**SOLAMENTE EN INGLES**

Marque esta fecha en su calendario: Martes, 26 de febrero 2013. Nuestro nuevo Obispo Auxiliar, Monseñor Raymond Chappetto, nos visitará para la Cuaresma y nos guiará en las Estaciones de la Cruz comenzando a las 7:30 pm en Santa María Estrella del Mar. Sigamos celebrando el "Año de la Fe" uniéndonos para darle la bienvenida al Obispo Chappetto a nuestra parroquia.

**El Año de la Fe**

Durante el Año de la Fe, por favor traten de llevar a casa la Cruz de Vocaciones por una semana. Invite a su familia, amigos, vecinos y feligreses a unirse para rezar por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas, y también por un aumento de vocaciones al sacerdocio. Recuerden, sin sacerdotes, no tendríamos Eucaristía, y la Eucaristía es el centro de nuestra fe.

**Oración del Año de la Fe**

Acepta las oraciones de tus siervos, Señor,  
y prepara nuestros corazones para  
alabar tu santo nombre.

Ayúdanos en momentos difíciles y haznos dignos para cantar  
canciones de alabanzas.

**SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN**

El Sacramento de Confirmación que fue originalmente programado para Nov. 2012 se llevara a cabo el Sábado 23 de Febrero, a las 5pm en la

Iglesia Santa Rosa de Lima  
130 Beach 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
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En el mes de Febrero se celebra el mes de la Herencia Afroamericana en el cual honramos y le rendimos tributo a todas las personas afroamericanas que contribuyeron tanto en nuestra historia. Este año, durante el mes de Febrero, vamos a rendirle tributo a algunos afroamericanos prominentes en historia de la Iglesia Católica (universal).

**3 Papas Afroamericanos**

**Victor 1 (189 – 199 DC)** se dice que fue el primer papa africano. Se le atribuye haber ordenado que todas las Iglesias católicas celebraran la Pascua el domingo siguiente al equinoccio vernal.

**Melquiades (311 – 314 DC)** se dice que fue el segundo papa afroamericano. Se le atribuye haber dado el permiso para construir la Basílica de Letrán, la cual se convirtió en la residencia para los papas.

**Gelasio 1 (492 – 496 DC)** se dice que fue el tercer papa afroamericano. El decreto que la Eucaristía debía ser recibida "bajo las dos formas," con el vino y el pan.

**COMPARTA SU HISTORIA CON NOSOTROS**

¿Todavía esta usted recuperándose del Huracán Sandy?  
¿Sigues sin electricidad, agua caliente o calefacción? No has podido regresar a tu casa / apartamento? ¿Tiene moho en tu casa / apartamento? ¿Sientes que FEMA y otras agencias gubernamentales lo tienen corriendo de un lado a otro?

Si su respuesta es sí a cualquiera de estas preguntas, nos gustaría escuchar tu historia. No queremos que los residentes de Far Rockaway sean olvidados.

Por favor, comparta su historia con nosotros para que podamos hacerles saber a ellos que Far Rockaway todavía necesita ayuda. Es importante que mantengamos la presión sobre los gobernantes para que Far Rockaway no sea ignorado. Póngase en contacto con la rectoría si te gustaría compartir tu historia.

**MEMORIALES DE LA SEMANA**

En memoria de un ser querido, familiar o amigo.

FLORES (cada arreglo) \$55.00    VELAS \$15.00  
PAN Y VINO \$50.00

**Cuarto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario**

"Antes que tu nacieras yo ya te tenía consagrado." Si tu crees que haz sido apartado por el Señor para servirle como Sacerdote, Diacono o en una Vida

Consagrada. Favor de llamar a la Oficina de Vocaciones al (718) 827-2454 o correo electrónico: vocations@diobrook.org.