

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

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, February 8, 2014 - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita**

- 5:00 pm - Kemi George (Thanksgiving)
 7:30 pm - Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Suyapa
 Felipe Santos (dec)
 Silvia Sanchez Blanco (dec)
 Dolores Antonia Lopez (dec)

Sunday, February 9, 2014 –Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Mass available
 9:45 am - Victorina Nuñez (dec)
 11:30 am - Por los sacerdotes
 Magaly Guerrero (dec)
 Jose Antonio Osorto (dec)
 Julio Sr. & Julio Jr. Barillas (dec)
 Silvia Maria Sanchez Blanco (dec)
 Gustavo Fernandez (cumpleaños)
 Gerard Villalta (cumpleaños)
 Martha & Wilson Flores (Acción de Gracias)
 Presentación del bebe Mark Pacheco
 1:15 pm - Gisela Berrocal Rodriguez (dec)

Monday, February 10, 2014 - St. Scholastica

- 12:10 pm - For Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 - Our Lady of Lourdes

- 12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

- 12:10 pm - For deliverance of evil spirits

Thursday, February 13, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Friday, February 14, 2014 - Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius

- 12:10 pm - Camille Marcos (birthday)
 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio

Saturday, February 15, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Mass available
 7:30 pm - Divino Niño (Acción de Gracias)
 Marina Nuñez (dec)
 Presentación de la bebe Hailey Abreu

Sunday, February 16, 2014 –Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - Mass available
 9:45 am - Claudio Irving (dec)
 11:30 am - Magaly Guerrero (dec)
 Patricia Chanona (dec)
 1:15 pm - James Sugrue (dec)

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 - \$4851.00

Second Collection- \$1666.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4855.00

(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: Ana Carrion, Kathleen Briza, Martha Chanona, Geraldine Miller, Naomi Rodriguez, Derrick Heron, Sylvia Lendore, Miguel Mena, Lila Bacchus, Mary Morin, Edwin Cardona, Pedro Bonilla, Laura Clarke.

All the faithful departed especially Rose Marie Nañez.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Is 58:7-10 * Ps 112:4-9 * Mt 5:13-16
Mon * 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 * Ps 132:6-10 * Mk 6:53-56
Tues * 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 * Ps 84:3-5,10-11 * Mk 7:1-13
Wed * 1 Kgs 10:1-10 * Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40 * Mk 7:14-23
Thurs * 1 Kgs 11:4-13 * Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40 * Mk 7:24-30
Fri * 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19 * Ps 81:10-15 * Mk 7:31-36
Sat * 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 * Ps 106:6-7,19-22 * Mk 8:1-10

Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 15 & 16, 2014

Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Kevin Robles
 Sat. 7:30 PM - Miguel Garcia, Wendy Rodriguez, Joseph Rodriguez
 Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chuwku, Chibuikem Chuwku, Iziegbeuwa Odia
 Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
 Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Melissa Ventura, Joselin Lopez, Hilda Hernandez
 Sun. 1:15 PM - Jamal Michel, Lisa Deryce

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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





Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our society loves celebrity.

We love it so much that we've created a whole social class of them, people who are celebrated: celebrities. The place we often find them is "in the spotlight." But in one of his usual twists on our usual assumptions about what is right and good, Jesus today informs us that we shouldn't be *in* the spotlight, we should *be* the spotlight. Paul understood this when he was writing to the Corinthians. He did not come to them as a celebrity, as the one to be celebrated; he came weak, fearful, and trembling so that the light of the gospel, and not his own, might shine. Isaiah gives us a bit more information about whom we should shine our light upon: the hungry who need to be fed, the homeless who need shelter, the oppressed who need a voice. Our own little spotlight, then, becomes the very light of the dawning day, as we build lives and communities that live in charity and justice.

WHOSE LIGHT IS IT, ANYWAY?

But if we are to be that spotlight, or the beacon on a hill as Jesus states it, our light needs a source of power. Paul informs us that the Spirit and power of God are what we need to energize the light we shine for all to see. Even though Jesus says that people see our light, it must first be the light of God, to whom the glory truly belongs. Our individual and community lives need to be placed in a curious kind of "loop" wherein we receive the power to shine from God alone, so that we might shine it on the poor, weak, and lowly, the "little ones" whom Christ will one day call to our attention. And so we place God, the one we celebrate, back into the spotlight. It is through this continual "loop" of our turning and re-turning again and again to the Lord that we walk the path of the Christian disciple.



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 any questions, please call Ms. Daisy Rodriguez at 917 330-1683, or Ms. Joanne Murray at 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. For tickets please call Alejandro at 516-491-1255, Estebana 347-306-141, Joyce 718-308-7747, Susan 718-327-1133 ext. 25 or Joanne at 718-3271133 ext. 16.

BACK TO BASICS

Salt and light are the two symbols that Jesus sets before us in today's Gospel. He says we are salt and light in the world, but only when we put ourselves to good and useful purposes. In ancient times salt was valuable not only as seasoning, but also to preserve foods and disinfect wounds. Salt signified permanence, loyalty, and commitment. In those days salt came either from evaporated sea water or from the Dead Sea. The crystals were large and grayish in color because of the presence of other minerals. The taste was different from what we are used to, and without additives to keep it stable, the salt could eventually leach out. What is left tastes "flat" and was worthless as a seasoning and useful only for keeping footpaths free of vegetation and occasional snow in winter. That may be why Jesus says it is then "no longer good for anything but to be . . . trampled underfoot" (Matthew 5:13). A light is only useful if it provides illumination for human purposes. Houses in Jesus' time were lit with small oil lamps. Oil was not cheap; therefore, lamps were only lit for what were essential and important activities—the Sabbath meal for example—to be shared by all. In a time before electricity, even one small oil lamp would have seemed very bright in the darkness, and a reminder of God as the creator of light. The prophet Isaiah in today's first reading gives us a "road map" of how to be light and salt in the world: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked . . . and do not turn your back on your own" (Isaiah 58:7). Take care of the human family, and your good deeds, says Jesus, will be like light and cause others to "glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16).

Living Stewardship Now—What are your deeds of salt and light? Do you serve your fellow parishioners? Are you involved with local charities or community action? Do you need to increase or change your involvement?

The 2013 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 2013 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.

Community Happenings Corner



Heating and Electricity Help Available

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—A HEAP representative will be available to assist low-income New Yorkers with the cost to heat their homes. **Location:** The office of Councilman Donovan Richards, 1526 Central Ave.

FEMA—The proof of loss deadline has been extended to **April 28, 2014**

Job Openings

1. *The Far Rockaway YMCA is now hiring for the following positions:*

Swim Lessons Instructor, Lifeguards, Child Watch Aid Porters, as well as, many other positions.

For more information contact the YMCA at 718 337-9622.

2. *Emergency Snow Removal Workers*

The New York City Department of Sanitation is now hiring snow removal workers. Requirements are as follows:

Must be at least 18 years old and provide 2 forms of ID
Call 311 for more information.

Training

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

A 10 week, one night a week free training course is being offered to train volunteers to work in their community as first responders to natural disasters, fires, etc. Requirements are:

Must be at least 18 years old, and a NYC resident

Must participate in a pre-training interview

For more information go the website at nyc.gov/cert or email cert@oem.nyc.gov

Kingsborough Community College comes to the

Rockaways—Kings borough Community College is proud to announce a partnership between Beacon Rehabilitation Nursing Center located at 140 Beach 113th St, Rockaway Beach. The partnership will provide various training programs, and educational and recreational workshops. To register, or for more information, contact Kingsborough Community College, Office of Continuing Education at 718 368-5050.

Housing Alert – Housing Lotteries in Queens

To participate in a lottery for housing, with rent starting at \$500.00, contact the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development (ANHD) at 212 747-1117 for a complete list of current listings and filing deadlines.

FINY Congregational Team – St. Mary Star of the Sea and St.

Gertrude and Mt. Carmel—Please join our team and help make a difference in our community for social justice jobs, job training, fair housing, opportunities for youth. Let us come together to make sure that the voices of the Rockaways are strong, powerful and serious; that we will no longer be the 'forgotten' community; especially Far Rockaway. Stand up and be counted!

Contact: Shermane Stewart Lester at 917 690-2835.

The Beginning Experience weekend February 28-March 2, 2014 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. For info and reservations, call John at 516-822-0635, Jim at 718-474-3779 or Jean at 631-903-0973. Email us at:

BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com

Rockaway Little League—Registration is open for the 2014 baseball and softball seasons. Go to www.rockawaylittleleagueny.com for more information or to register. Call Marty Andresen (917-226-9156) if you need to register in person.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$4851.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1666.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4855.00

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!



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

VIAJE AL TEATRO SIGHT AND SOUND

Acompáñenos a un viaje al Teatro Sight and Sound en Strasberg, PA el 12 de Abril del 2014 para experimentar la presentación en vivo la historia de la Biblia de "Moisés." Haga su reservación a tiempo. Para bolletos favor llamar a Alejandro al 516-491-1255, Estebana 347-306-141, Joyce 718-308-7747, Susan 718-327-1133 ext. 25 o Joanne at 718-3271133 ext. 16.

Quinto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"Deje que tu luz brille para los demás" tal vez como un sacerdote o en la vida consagrada. Llama a la Oficina de Vocación al 718-827-2454.



Brille la luz de ustedes ante los hombres



"No solo vengan a la Iglesia, sean la Iglesia"



Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

A LA LUZ

Nuestra sociedad le rinde culto a la celebridad. Tanto la apreciamos que hemos creado toda una clase social de gente notoria: las celebridades. A éstas las encontramos a menudo "a la luz" pública. Pero Jesús, haciendo una torcedura de nuestras suposiciones, como frecuentemente lo hace, nos dice que nuestro afán no debe ser ése, *estar* a la luz pública, sino *ser* la luz del mundo. Pablo entendió esto bien cuando escribió a los corintios. Él no fue a ellos como una celebridad, como alguien a quien hay que celebrar, sino que vino débil, tímido y tembloroso, para que brillara la luz del Evangelio y no la suya propia. Isaías nos dice aún más acerca de sobre quiénes debemos dejar brillar nuestra luz: los hambrientos que necesitan ser alimentados, los desamparados que necesitan abrigo, los oprimidos que necesitan una voz. Así, al edificar vidas y comunidades que viven en amor y justicia, nuestra pequeña luz personal se convierte en la misma luz de la aurora.

AL FIN Y AL CABO, ¿DE QUIÉN ES LA LUZ?

Mas, si hemos de ser esa luz o el faro sobre el cerro, como dice Jesús, nuestra luz necesita una fuente de energía. Pablo nos dice que necesitamos el Espíritu y el poder de Dios para poder dar esa luz que ilumine a todos. Si bien Jesús dice que la gente ve nuestra luz, primero que nada debe ser la luz de Dios, a quien verdaderamente pertenece toda la gloria. Nuestra vida personal y comunitaria necesita estar entrelazada, de manera que brillemos conforme a la luz recibida de Dios y así dejar que esa luz brille sobre los pobres, los débiles, los humildes y los "pequeños" que un día Cristo nos mostrará. De este modo, Dios será siempre el centro y motivo de nuestra celebración. Es en ese continuo circuito de volver una y otra vez al Señor, que caminamos por la senda de los discípulos de Cristo. Hoy, al acercarnos al tiempo de Cuaresma, podemos comenzar la jornada con una gran ventaja.

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Escriba en



su calendario

Ayuda disponible para Electricidad y Calefacción

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes-Un representante del Programa HEAP estará disponible para ayudar a aquellas personas de bajos ingresos con el costo de calefacción en sus hogares. Localizado en: La oficina del Concejal Donovan Richards, 1526 Avenida Central.

FEMA

La fecha límite para aplicar por los daños del Huracán Sandy se ha extendido hasta el 28 de abril 2014

Empleos disponibles

1. El Far Rockaway YMCA está buscando personal para los siguientes puestos:

- Instructor para Clases de Natación
- Salva vidas (Socorristas)
- Cuidado de Niños
- Conserje, así como, muchas otras posiciones.

Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con el YMCA al 718 337-9622.

2. Trabajadores para remover nieve

El Departamento de Sanidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York está ahora contratando trabajadores para remover nieve. Los requisitos son los siguientes:

- Debe tener al menos 18 años de edad
- Debe proveer 2 formas de identificación

Favor llamar al 311 para más información.

Entrenamiento

Equipos de Primeros Auxilios

Entrenamiento de 10 semanas, curso de entrenamiento gratuito una noche por semana para capacitar a voluntarios para trabajar en su comunidad como primeros respondedores a los desastres naturales, incendios, etc. Los requisitos son:

- Debe tener al menos 18 años de edad
- Debe ser un residente de Nueva York
- Debe participar en una entrevista previa al el entrenamiento

Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web al [nyc.gov / cert](http://nyc.gov/cert) o al correo electrónico cert@oem.nyc.gov

El Colegio Comunitario Kingsborough llega a Rockaways

El Colegio Comunitario Kingsborough se enorgullece en anunciar una asociación con el Centro de Enfermería y Rehabilitación Beacon localizado en el 140 Beach 113th St, Rockaway Beach. La asociación ofrecerá diversos programas de formación, y talleres educativos y recreativos. Para inscribirse o para obtener más información, favor contactar el Colegio Comunitario Kingsborough, Oficina de Educación Continua al 718 368-5050 .

Alerta de Vivienda - Loterías de Vivienda en Queens

Para participar en una lotería para viviendas, con una renta comenzando en \$500.00, póngase en contacto con la Asociación para el Desarrollo de Vecindarios y Viviendas (AHND) al 212 747-1117 para obtener una lista completa de los anuncios actuales y fechas de registración .

Equipo Congregacional de FINY - Santa María Estrella del Mar y Santa Gertrudis y el Monte. Carmelo

Por favor únase a nuestro equipo y ayude a hacer una diferencia en nuestra comunidad para que se haga justicia social, mas trabajos, capacitación laboral, viviendas justa , oportunidades para los jóvenes . Unámonos para asegurarse de que la voz de Rockaways sea fuerte, potente y firme, no dejemos que nuestra comunidad se quede "olvidada"; especialmente Far Rockaway . Ponte de pie y sea contado! Contacte a : Shermane Stewart Lester al 917 690-2835