

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.

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SATURDAY EVENING MASSES:

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

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15, 9:45 (Alternating English & Spanish at St. Gertrude),
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: (Tres grupos) Lunes 7:30-9:00 PM - McKenna; Sábados 9:30-11:00 AM—Sta. Gertrudis; Sábados 10:30-12:00 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

Charismatic Prayer Group in English Mondays at 7:00 P.M. at St. Gertrude Church

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

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

Haitian Committee

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.

AA Spanish: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8:00 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 14, 2015 - St. Cyril, Monk and Methodius**

5:00 pm - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

7:30 pm - Ylda Castillo (dec)

Silvia Maria Sanchez (dec)

Adam Aguilar (dec), Rosalina Jimenez (dec)

Jose Ramon Cruz (dec)

Ashley Adriana Velazquez (cumpleaños)

Presentación de la bebe Zully A. Florez

Sunday, February 15, 2015 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 am - Kriston Singh (dec)

Camille A. Marcos (birthday)

9:45 am - Faustino Coronado (dec)

11:30 am - Julia Arias (sanación)

Jovita Moyotl (dec)

Guido Salvador Carabajo Jara (dec)

Luis Jorge Carabajo (dec)

1:15 pm - John & Mary Waldron

Tyrone Obee (dec)

Rosemarie Nañez (dec)

Dr. & Dr. Ruben & Virginia Nañez (wedding anniv.)

Monday, February 16, 2015

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

12:10 pm - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - Ash Wednesday

7:00 am - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude

9:00 am - For the conversion of souls

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

7:30 pm - Fr. James Cunningham (sanación)

Thursday, February 19, 2015

12:10 pm - For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude

Friday, February 20, 2015

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

7:30 pm - Por liberación y sanación

Saturday, February 21, 2015

5:00 pm - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

7:30 pm - Marcello Suarez (dec)

Emma y Jorge Paz (dec)

Sunday, February 22, 2015 – First Sunday of Lent

8:15 am - Saint Andre

9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio

11:30 am - Misa disponible

1:15 pm - Mary B. Waldron

English Charismatic Prayer Group (Special Intention)

PLEASE PRAY for The Sick: Brendan Alexis Corejas Cruz, Marie Claude Guiteau, Clide Oliver, Wendy Blackman, Geraldine Miller, Lyonel Hilaire, Juan Santana, Pedro Bonilla and the homebound.

All the faithfully departed: Donna J. Mohammed.

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 - \$4683.00****Second Collection – \$1642.00****First Collection Last Year: \$4386.00**

"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.

Weekday Readings**Sun** * Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 * Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 * Mk 1:40-45**Mon** * Gn 4:1-15, 25 * Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 * Mk 8:11-13**Tues** * Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 * Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10 * Mk 8:14-21**Wed** * Jl 2:12-18 * Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17 * Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**Thurs** * Dt 30:15-20 * Ps 1:1-4, 6 * Lk 9:22-25**Fri** * Is 58:1-9a * Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19 * Mt 9:14-15**Sat** * Is 58:9b-14 * Ps 86:1-6 * Lk 5:27-32**Altar Server Assignments for Ash Wednesday****7:30 PM** - Sebastian Rosas, Axel Lopez, Carlos Lopez**Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 21 & 22, 2015****Sat.** 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Lexa Marie Torres**Sat.** 7:30 PM - Miguel Garcia, Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Hilda Hernandez**Sun.** 8:15 AM – Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia**Sun.** 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo**Sun.** 11:30 AM – Sebastian Rosas, Edward Peña, Fatima Lopez Damas, Luis Ruiz Lopez**Sun.** 1:15 PM – Jamal Michel, Bianca Ramjassingh, Noah Roberts**Ash Wednesday Schedule****February 18, 2015**

7:00 A.M.	English Mass
9:00 A.M.	Bi-Lingual Mass
12:10 P.M.	Mass in English
5:00 P.M.	Prayer Service/Ashes
7:30 P.M.	Bi-Lingual Mass

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Rectory Office will be closed all day Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD”

What is your true calling in life? Is it to help other people? Is it to develop the talents that God gave you? Is it to love and support your family? While all of these may be true for us we don't often recognize that our deepest calling, or vocation, is to give glory to the God who creates, saves, and sanctifies us. In the First Letter to the Corinthians Paul exhorts us to “do everything for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). The one person who did this better than anyone else was Jesus Christ. So it comes as no surprise that Paul also tells us to “be imitators of Christ.”

How did Jesus give glory to God? He sought not his “own benefit but that of the many, that they might be saved” (1 Corinthians 31:33). Today's Gospel gives us a challenging example from Jesus' life. Jesus saves a leper from the stigma and suffering of leprosy. Afterward the leper joyfully returns to the community and tells everyone the good news about what Jesus did for him. As a result Jesus finds that he now experiences the exclusion that the leper had once known. He can no longer “enter a town openly” and must remain “outside in deserted places.”

IMITATORS OF CHRIST

Most of us will probably never cure anyone from leprosy or any other disease. How, then, are we to imitate the Christ who worked such wonders? We are called to give glory to God by using our own gifts with courage and generosity, as Jesus did. We are called to seek not our “own benefit but that of the many,” risking our own pride, status, time, money, or pleasure for the common good. We are called to tell everyone the good news about what Christ does for us—and through us—every day.

Then everything we do will be for the glory of God.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him.” If the Lord is touching your heart with an invitation towards service in the consecrated life or priesthood, call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

Annual Catholic *Final* Update

Thanks to all of you, and your great generosity, we raised \$54,063.00, which not only satisfied our diocesan obligation of \$47,883.00, but returned over \$6,000.00 to our parish. We could not have done it without your commitment.

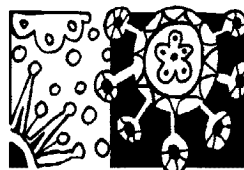
Again, thank you for all that you do for our parish.

Reflecting on God's Word

These first days of Jesus' ministry present him preaching, teaching, and healing to bring people to know that God is near. His message and his deeds bring people back to full life in the community. By casting out demons and curing the sick he restores to full humanity those suffering from possession and illness. Today we find Jesus confronting a condition that must have been even more excruciating—leprosy.

To be a leper was to be cut off from others in all ways. You were cast out of the community, isolated, doomed to live in deserted places, no longer part of the human family, unable to participate in any social events, and considered unfit to worship God. It was assumed that if you had leprosy, you had sinned in some way. Your life was summed up in the words the Law of Moses told you to cry out whenever anyone came near, “Unclean, unclean!”

For Jesus to touch a leper meant that in the eyes of others he also became unclean and unfit to associate and worship with others. Even so, when a leper asked for healing, Jesus was unequivocal in his reply: “I do will it. Be made clean” (Mark 1:41). It is easy to hear in his response the authority of the Son of God, set on giving glory to his Father. Yet Jesus, ever respectful of the law, sent the man to the priest, as commanded in the book of Leviticus. In Jesus, pity took precedence over the law, but did not abolish it.



Living God's Word

Jesus, you came to bring us into deeper communion with the Father and one another. Give us the courage to reach out, as you did, to those in need of our compassion and help. Let us not be afraid of the opinions of others when we see that good can be done. Amen.

Black History Month

Tribute to Maya Angelou

*“Out of the huts of history's shame, I rise.
Up from a past that's rooted in pain, I rise.
I am a black ocean leaping and wide,
welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear, I rise.
Bringing gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and hope of the slave,
I rise, I rise, I rise.”*

*“I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but people will never
forget how you made them feel.”*

Community Happenings Corner

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Please take a moment to visit the display, in the lobby of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, of blacks who have made a difference in our proud history. Blacks in Catholic history are also portrayed; popes, bishops, priests and consecrated life.

Catholic High School Scholarship

Bishop Kearney High School in Brooklyn, NY is offering a Student Sponsored Partners (SSP) scholarship to students who will be starting 9th grade in September 2015. This scholarship is for admittance to Bishop Kearney High School only. For eligibility information, see flyer in church lobby, or call 718 236-6363 or find information on their website at www.bishopkearneyhs.org.

U. S. Immigration – DACA and DAPA

President Obama signed into law an expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA). The guidelines for this expanded action becomes available on February 18, 2015. You will be able to prepare for requesting DAPA once it becomes available in mid-to-late May 2015. Flyers for information about DACA/DAPA may be found in the Church vestibule. Please read these guidelines; avoid scams and unscrupulous lawyers. Join us on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 2:30 PM in the school auditorium at St. Mary Star of the Sea to obtain important information about this problem.

Summer 2015 Camp Program Registration

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting online applications for its 68th annual summer program for youth 11 through 17 years old. The 2015 summer camp season begins on June 28, 2015. Registrations may only be done online at: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html. The fee is \$350.00 per one-week session, per camper. See flyer in Church lobby for more information.

Far Rockaway Long Term Recovery Assistance "Call to Action"

The Far Rockaway Long term Recovery team meet every other Wednesday night. This group is diligently working to assist in the long term recovery of the Rockaways. They can offer assistance and referrals to families who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Battalion Pentecostal Assembly, Inc., 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. All are welcome; pass the word to your family, friends and neighbors.

Delta Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is giving away free baby items at a workshop on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at SAFE Space, 1600 Central Ave in Far Rockaway. Call 917 648-2385 to register. Flyers are available in the Church lobby.

JOBS ARE AVAILABLE

ReServe is offering paid, part-time positions for afternoon Tutors through the MS ExTRA program with the NYC Department of Education and the After School Corporation (TASC). Visit their website for more information – www.reserveinc.org, or call 212 727-4335.

Build-it-Back is hiring! For an up-to-date listing of positions, visit their website at <https://a127-jobs.nyc.gov/jobsearch.html>? Keyword = build+it+back.

Annual Civil Service Exam Schedule - The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services currently has Computer-based Testing & Applications Centers (CTACs) open to the public. Visit their website to apply for jobs and get exam schedules and filing deadlines at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs.

HHA Jobs Alert! - Join our team of Home Health Aides- Summit Home Health Care is currently seeking home health aides. Immediate hire if you meet all the requirements. No appointments necessary. We are located at 1797 Coney Island Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Call 718 376-3100 or visit our website at www.TrustSummit.com.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$4683.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1642.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4386.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4787.00

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!

Las Damas del Sagrado Corazón se reúnen los cuartos Domingo del mes a las 12:30 P.M

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Movido a compasión, extendiendo Jesús la mano, y tocó al enfermo. Si el Señor está tocando tu corazón con un llamado a servirle en la vida sacerdotal o religiosa, llame a la Oficina Vocacional: 718-827-2454 o envíenos un mensaje: vocations@diobrook.org

Horario para el Miércoles de Cenizas



Miércoles
de Ceniza

7:00 A.M.	Misa en Ingles
9:00 A.M.	Misa bilingüe
12:10 P.M.	Misa en Ingles
5:00 P.M.	Servicio de Oración/cenizas
7:30 P.M.	Misa bilingüe

DIA DE LOS PRESIDENTES—La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 16 de Febrero en observación del Día de los Presidentes.





Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“HAZLO TODO POR LA GLORIA DE DIOS”

¿Cuál es tu verdadero llamado en la vida? ¿Ayudar a otros? ¿Desarrollar los talentos que Dios te ha dado? ¿Amar y sostener a tu familia? Aunque todos estos llamados pueden ser verdad para nosotros, con frecuencia no reconocemos que nuestro llamado o vocación más profunda, es dar gloria a Dios que nos crea, nos salva y nos santifica. En la Primera Carta a los Corintios Pablo nos exhorta a “hacerlo todo para gloria de Dios”. La persona que hizo esto mejor que cualquier otro fue Cristo. Entonces no nos sorprende que Pablo también nos diga que sigamos “el ejemplo de Cristo”.

¿Cómo le dio Jesús gloria a Dios? Él no buscó su “propio interés, sino el de todos para que se salven”. El Evangelio de hoy nos da un ejemplo retador de la vida de Jesús. Jesús salva a un leproso del estigma y el sufrimiento de la lepra. Más tarde el leproso regresa jubiloso a la comunidad y les cuenta a todos la buena noticia de lo que Jesús hizo por él. Como resultado Jesús descubre que ahora él experimenta la exclusión que el leproso había conocido una vez. Él ya no puede “entrar públicamente en el pueblo” y tiene que andar “por las afueras, en lugares apartados”.

IMITADORES DE CRISTO

La mayoría de nosotros probablemente nunca curará a un leproso ni a otro enfermo. ¿Cómo, entonces, podemos imitar al Cristo que realizó tales maravillas? Somos llamados a dar gloria a Dios usando nuestros propios dones con valor y generosidad, como lo hizo Jesús. Somos llamados a buscar no nuestro “propio interés sino el de todos”, arriesgando nuestro propio orgullo, nuestra posición, nuestro tiempo, nuestro dinero, o nuestros placeres, por el bien común. Somos llamados a decir a todo el mundo la buena noticia de lo que Cristo hace por nosotros, y por medio de nosotros,

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Becas Para Escuelas Secundaria Católicas (Catholic High School) - La Escuela Secundaria Obispo Kearney en Brooklyn, en unión con Student Sponsored Partners (SSP) están ofreciendo becas a estudiantes que comenzaran el noveno grado en septiembre del 2015. Esta beca es para la admisión a Bishop Kearney solamente. Para información sobre elegibilidad, ver folleto en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, o llame al 718 236-6363 o visite el sitio web en www.bishopkearneyhs.org.

Programa de Acción DACA y DAPA - El Presidente Obama anunció que en un palacio de seis meses El Servicio de Inmigración de los Estados Unidos comenzara a aceptar aplicaciones a DAPA (Programa de Acción Deferida para Padres de Ciudadanos y residentes permanentes legales. Los requisitos para esta acción deferida estará disponible para el 18 de Febrero, 2015. Usted podrá hacer la solicitud una vez este disponible a mediados de Mayo 2015. Para mas información vea los volante en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Por favor lea los requisitos: evite estafas y abogados inescrupulosos. Unase a nosotros el Domingo 22, 2015 a las 2:20 PM en el auditoria de la escuela Santa Maria para obtener información importante sobre este tema.

Registración para el Programa de Campamento de Verano 2015 El Departamento de Estado de Nueva York de Conservación Ambiental (DEC) está aceptando solicitudes en línea para su programa anual de verano para los jóvenes de 11 a 17 años. La temporada del Campamento de Verano 2015 comienza el 28 de junio de 2015. Las inscripciones sólo se pueden hacer en línea en: www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html. El costo es de \$ 350.00 por sesión de una semana, por campista. Ver folleto en el vestíbulo Iglesia para más información.

"Llamada a la Acción" Asistencia de Recuperación a Largo

Plazo de Far Rockaway—El equipo de recuperación a largo plazo de Far Rockaway se reúne cada segundo Miércoles en la noche. Este grupo está trabajando diligentemente para ayudar en la recuperación a largo plazo de los Rockaways. Pueden ofrecer ayuda y referencias a las familias que fueron afectadas por el huracán Sandy. Únete a ellos en su próxima reunión el Miércoles, 25 de Febrero de 2015 de 7:00 a 8:30 en la Iglesia Batallón Asamblea Pentecostal, 454 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY. Corra la voz a sus familiares, vecinos y amigos. Todos son bienvenidos.

Taller/Baby Shower de la Comunidad

Delta Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., tendrá un taller/Baby Shower el Sábado, 28 de febrero 2015 donde estará regalando artículos de bebé gratis en el SAFE Space, 1600 Central Ave en Far Rockaway. Llame al 917 648-2385 para registrarse. Los volantes están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia.

Mes de la Historia Afroamericana

Febrero es el Mes de la Historia Afroamericana. Por favor tome un momento para visitar la exposición en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia Santa María Estrella del Mar, de todos los afroamericanos que han hecho una diferencia en nuestra orgullosa historia. También se encuentran afroamericanos en la historia católica como; papas, obispos, sacerdotes y la vida consagrada.

Horario de exámenes del Servicio Civil - El Departamento de Servicios Administrativos de la Ciudad de Nueva York tiene actualmente Centros de Exámenes & Aplicaciones (CTACS) abiertos al público. Visite su sitio web www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs para solicitar puestos de trabajo y obtener los horarios de exámenes.

ALERTA DE EMPLEOS EN CUIDADO DE ENFERMOS/

ANCIANOS EN EL HOGAR—Únete a nuestro equipo de Home Health Aides. Summit Home Health Care está actualmente buscando personas para cuidado de enfermos/ancianos en el hogar. Empleo inmediato si cumple con todos los requisitos. No necesita hacer cita. Estamos localizados en el 1797 Coney Island Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11230. Llámenos al 718-376-3100 o visítenos en: www.TrustSummit.com.