

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



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Deacon Adalberto Eddie Montero
Deacon Rene Hernandez

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Ms. Joanne Murray, Ext. 16
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Rev. Charles H. White, Ext. 18
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Rev. David Bertolotti, Ext. 27

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Miguel Jimenez
Lillian Virginia Rountree

PASTORAL COUNCIL, CHAIR:

Yvonne Hall

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Deacon Michael Moss, Director, (917) 769-4496
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), 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 15, 2014**

- 5:00 pm - Maria Surdo (dec)
 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 - Sevana Santizo (healing)
 9:45 am - Claudio Irving (dec)
 Marcella Defiore-Negron (dec)
 Santizo Family (healing)
 11:30 am - Magaly Guerrero (dec)
 Patricia Chanona (dec), Javier Martinez (dec)
 Keith Nolasco Mayorga (cumpleaños)
 Diego Zipriano (cumpleaños)
 Mery Caba (acción de gracias)
 Presentación del bebe Kevin James Palaguachi
 1:15 pm - James Sugrue (dec), Rosemarie Nanez (dec)

Monday, February 17, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Mass available

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

- 12:10 pm - For deliverance of evil spirits

Thursday, February 20, 2014

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

Friday, February 21, 2014 - St. Peter Damian

- 12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls
 7:30 pm - Por las almas del purgatorio - por Sinecio

Saturday, February 22, 2014 - The Chair of St. Peter

- 5:00 pm - Camy Labossiere (dec)
 7:30 pm - Leandro Rodriguez (dec)
 Marcelo Suarez (dec)

Sunday, February 23, 2014 –Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - The Rosary Society
 For the People of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
 9:45 am - Por las almas de purgatorio
 11:30 am - Magaly Guerrero (dec)
 Jorge y Emma de Paz (dec)
 1:15 pm - Maria Surdo (dec)
 Rosemarie Nanez (dec)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

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 - \$4386.00

Second Collection- \$1538.00

First Collection Last Year: \$4368.00

(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: Cecilio Gonzalez, 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.

Weekday Readings

Sun * Sir 15:15-20 * Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 * Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

Mon * Jas 1:1-11 * Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 * Mk 8:11-13

Tues * Jas 1:12-18 * Ps 94:12-15,18-19 * Mk 8:14-21

Wed * Jas 1:19-27 * Ps 15:2-5 * Mk 8:22-26

Thurs * Jas 2:1-9 * Ps 34:2-7 * Mk 8:27-33

Fri * Jas 2:14-24,26 * Ps 112:1-6 * Mk 8:34—9:1

Sat * 1 Pt 5:1-4 * Ps 23:1-6 * Mt 16:13-19

Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 22 & 23, 2014

Sat. 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Kimora George

Sat. 7:30 PM - Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada, Jeison Fernandez

Sun. 8:15 AM - Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Adaora Madubuko, Bianca Salonga

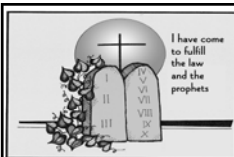
Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo

Sun. 11:30 AM - Sebastian Rosas, Alejandra Zarate, Lexa Torres

Sun. 1:15 PM - Alexis Small, Hilda Hernandez, Dennys Castillo

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Rectory Office will be closed all day Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY

In 1948 the free world was shocked by the trial of József Cardinal Mindszenty. The man who had valiantly withstood Nazi and communist oppression in his native Hungary pleaded guilty to the charges of treason brought against him by the communist regime. But he was clearly a broken man. Somehow that brave, independent spirit had been overcome, but only at the cost of destroying the person. To invade the personal center of another human being is the ultimate act of violence. Each individual has a privacy that is his or hers and that cannot rightly be invaded. No human being may take away that privacy from another.

Privacy is not just something to be enjoyed. Privacy means more than the right to unplug the telephone and shut the door and not be bothered by anybody. The other side of the coin, however, is our personal responsibility for our life. No one can take that responsibility for us. Even if we choose to hand over responsibility for our life totally to another, that is itself a deeply personal act.

GOD AND LORD

Only God is Lord. The Creator alone can touch us gently at the deepest core of our being. God does not invade us from outside to break down our resistances and rob us of our freedom, as a human tyrant does. The Spirit is already within, at the very heart of our being. Yielding ourselves to God is opening ourselves to that life-force that creates us and carries us on to ever fuller life. By yielding ourselves to God we do not lose ourselves or find our dignity compromised. We discover ourselves in a new and exciting way.



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 the Divine Mercy Shrine! – St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude invite you to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 27, 2014. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 A.M. For more information call **516-812-9563**.

Black History Month "Celebrating" *Champions in Courage*

Let us "**never**" forget those who bravely, selflessly, and with faith, paved the way for all people to hope, to strive, to achieve, and to proudly carry the torch with pride. They fought for the rights of everyone and have passed the torch on to us.

These are merely a few of those *Champions in Courage*:

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – Civil Rights Activist

- marched for human rights

Harriet Tubman – Civil Rights Activist

- an abolitionist who led more than 300 slaves out from slave to freedom

Cesar Chavez – Human Rights Activist

- fought for and obtained human rights for migrant farm workers

Carol Mosely Braun - Legislator

- 1st, and only, black woman elected to the United States Senate

Benjamin Banneker – Inventor and Engineer

- designed and engineered the layout of the city of Washington DC

Dr. Mae Jemison – Astronaut

- 1st African American woman astronaut

Barack Obama – President

- 1st black man to be elected as President of the United States of American. He has been elected to 2 terms

Madame CJ Walker – Entrepreneur

- invented a hair growing lotion for black women and became the 1st female self-made millionaire in America

Nelson Mandela – Freedom Fighter

- fought to successfully eradicate apartheid in South Africa and became the 1st black president of South Africa

Marie Brown – Inventor

- received a patent for closed circuit television security system

Thurgood Marshall – United States Supreme Court Judge

- most famous for his Supreme Court decision which led to desegregation of public schools in the United States.

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



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

Job Openings

1. *The new Rockaway YMCA at Arverne is now hiring for Swim Lessons Instructor, Lifeguards, Child Watch Aid, Porters, and other positions. For more information visit the YMCA at 207 Beach 73rd Street at Rockaway Beach Blvd.*

2. There are job openings for rebuilding the Rockaway Boardwalk. Information sessions will be held on March 5th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Far Rockaway Library on Central Avenue, and March 26th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at PS 43, 160 Beach 29th Street.

3. *Emergency Snow Removal Workers*
The New York City Department of Sanitation is now hiring snow removal workers. Call 311 for more information.

Training

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
A free training course is being offered to train volunteers to work in their community as first responders to natural disasters, fires, etc. For more information go the website at nyc.gov/cert or email cert@oem.nyc.gov

Kingsborough Community College comes to the Rockaways— Contact Kingsborough Community College, Office of Continuing Education at 718 368-5050 for more information.

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.

Home Repair Program

The mayor's office of Housing Recovery Operations announced a home repair program to assist New Yorkers who may not be eligible for the Build it Back program. Contact NRNYC for more information at 212 455-9309 or by email at nyc.gov/fund

St. Francis de Sales Bereavement Ministry will be holding an eight-week program entitled:

Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.

Wednesdays—March 5th to April 30, 2014—7:30-9:00 P.M.
For registration information, please call Winifred Fitzgerald 718 -318-2123. There will be a limited registration.

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

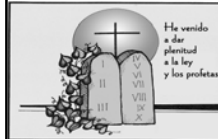
Domingo Pasado: \$4386.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1538.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$4855.00

Un Promedio de Gastos Semanales: \$4368.00

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!



Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LIBERTAD Y PRIVACIDAD

En 1948 el mundo libre se estremeció con el juicio del cardenal József Mindszenty. El hombre que se había resistido valientemente a la opresión nazista y comunista en su Hungría natal se declaró culpable de todos los cargos de traición de los que el régimen comunista lo acusaba. Pero era, claramente, un hombre destrozado. De alguna manera, ese espíritu valiente e independiente había sido vencido, pero sólo a costa de destrozarse a la persona. Invadir lo más central de una persona es el acto supremo de violencia. Cada persona posee una privacidad propia, la cual nadie tiene el derecho de invadir. Ningún ser humano debe quitarle esa privacidad a otro.

La privacidad no es sólo para ser disfrutada. La privacidad significa más que desconectar el teléfono y cerrar la puerta para que nadie me moleste. Al otro lado de la moneda está nuestra responsabilidad personal por nuestra vida. Nadie más puede hacerse cargo de esa responsabilidad. Aun si optamos por darle a otro totalmente la responsabilidad por nuestra vida, ése ha de ser un acto profundamente personal.

DIOS Y SEÑOR

Solamente Dios es Señor. Dios solo puede llegar suavemente hasta lo más profundo de nuestro ser. Dios no nos invade desde afuera para destrozarnos nuestras resistencias y robarnos nuestra libertad como lo haría un tirano humano. El Espíritu ya se encuentra dentro de nosotros, en el mero centro de nuestro ser. Rendimos ante Dios y abrimos a esa fuerza vivificante que nos crea y nos conduce hacia una vida más plena. Al rendirnos ante Dios no nos perdemos ni ponemos en juego nuestra dignidad, sino que nos descubrimos a nosotros mismos de una manera nueva y apasionante.

Más que ninguna otra obra externa de Jesús, lo que distingue su divinidad es su poder de llegar a nuestro corazón y transformarlo. No hay en Jesús el dominio destructivo que existe tan a menudo en los seres humanos, sino el dominio creativo que es sólo de Dios. El cristiano descubre que Jesús es el Señor y consecuentemente lo conoce como Dios.

Sexto Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario

"Es la lealtad a hacer Su voluntad." Has contemplado seguir la voluntad de Dios en la vida consagrada o en el sacerdocio? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: vocations@diobrook.org.

Mes de la Herencia Afroamericana "Celebrando"

Campeones Valientes

Nunca olvidemos a aquellos quienes valiente y desinteresadamente y con su Fe, allanaron para todos el camino para que pudiéramos tener esperanza, realizarnos, alcanzar nuestra meta y cargar la antorcha con orgullo. Ellos lucharon por los derechos de todos y han pasado esa antorcha a nosotros. Estos son algunos de estos **Valientes Campeones**:

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – Activista de los Derechos Civiles- Marchó por los derechos humanos
Harriet Tubman – Activista de los Derechos Civiles
- Abolicionista quien llevo a más de 300 esclavos a su libertad

Cesar Chavez – Activista de los Derechos Humanos
- luchó y obtuvo los derechos humanos para los trabajadores agrícolas migrantes

Carol Mosely Braun - Legisladora
- Primera y única mujer afroamericana elegida para el Senado de los Estados Unidos

Benjamin Banneker – Inventor e Ingeniero
- Diseñó y desarrolló los planos de la Ciudad de Washington DC

Dr. Mae Jemison – Astronauta
- Primera mujer astronauta afroamericana

Barack Obama – Presidente
- Primer afroamericano electo como Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América. Ha sido electo por 2 términos consecutivos

Madame CJ Walker – Empresario
- invento una loción para el hacer crecer el cabello para las mujeres afroamericanas y por si misma se convirtió en la primera mujer millonaria en América.

Nelson Mandela – luchó por la Libertad
- luchó para erradicar exitosamente la segregación racial y se convirtió en el primer presidente afroamericano de África del Sur

Marie Brown – Inventora
- recibió una patente para el sistema de seguridad del circuito cerrado de televisión

Thurgood Marshall – Juez de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos - famoso por su decisión que llevo a la desegregación de las escuelas publicas en los Estados Unidos.

Paseo al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia

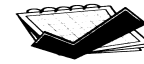
Santa María y Santa Gertrudis les invitan al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia en Massachusetts el domingo, 27 de Abril del 2014. Costo \$50.00 por persona. Salida a las 6:00 A.M. Para mas información favor llamar al 516-812-9563.



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

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Escriba en



su calendario

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 nuevo Rockaway YMCA en Arverne está buscando personal para Instructor de Clases de Natación, Salva vidas (Socorristas) Cuidado de Niños, Conserjes, y otras posiciones. Para más información visite el YMCA en el 207 Beach 73rd Street at Rockaway Beach Blvd.

2. Hay puestos de trabajo disponibles para la reconstrucción del paseo entablado (Boardwalk) de Rockaway . Las sesiones informativas se llevarán a cabo el 5 de marzo de 3:00-5:00 pm en la Biblioteca de Far Rockaway en Central Ave. y el 26 de marzo de 7:00-9:00 pm en la escuela PS 43, 160 Beach 29th Street.

3. Trabajadores para remover nieve

El Departamento de Sanidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York está ahora contratando trabajadores para remover nieve. Favor llamar al 311 para más información.

Entrenamiento

Equipos de Primeros Auxilios

Un curso de entrenamiento gratuito para capacitar a voluntarios para trabajar en su comunidad como primeros respondedores a los desastres naturales, incendios, etc. 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 Ilega a Rockaways

Favor de 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.

Programa de Reparación de Viviendas

La oficina del alcalde de Operaciones de Recuperación de Viviendas anunció un programa de reparación para ayudar a neoyorquinos que no fueron elegibles para el programa **Volviendo a Reconstruir** . Póngase en contacto con NRNYC para más información llame al 212 455-9309 o por correo electrónico al nyc.gov/fund



OFICINA ESTARA CERRADA

La Oficina de la Rectoría estará cerrada el Lunes 17 de Febrero en observación del Día de los Presidentes.