

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



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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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 8:15 A.M. Mass

**Haitian Committee**

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

**Golden Age Club: (Club Edad de Oro)** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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  
 The Rosary Society  
 9:45 am - Por las almas del purgatorio  
 11:30 am - Keith Yazeer Nolasco (cumpleaños)  
 1:15 pm - Mary B. Waldron  
 English Charismatic Prayer Group (Special Intention)  
 Isabella Reginio-Abella Family (protection)

**Monday, February 23, 2015 - St. Polycarp**

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

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

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

12:10 pm - Esther Maria Baez (dec)

**Thursday, February 26, 2015**

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

**Friday, February 27, 2015**

12:10 pm - For the conversion of souls  
 7:30 pm - Zoila Yopez (dec)

**Saturday, February 28, 2015**

5:00 pm - Kriston Singh (dec)  
 7:30 pm - Maria Diaz (dec)

**Sunday, March 1, 2015 – Second Sunday of Lent**

8:15 am - Stephanie Grot (dec)  
 9:45 am - Divino Niño Jesús (acción de gracias)  
 Luis Manuel Rosario (dec)  
 11:30 am - Pedro Bonilla Sr. & Pedro Bonilla Jr. (acción de gracias)  
 Maria Alejandra Hidalgo (dec)  
 1:15 pm - John J. Waldron  
 Tyrone Obee (dec)

**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.**

**First Sunday of Lent**

“Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the un-righteous, in order to bring you to God.” Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

**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 - \$3737.22**

**Second Collection – \$999.00**

**First Collection Last Year: \$3325.00**

“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** \* Gn 9:8-15 \* Ps 25:4-9 \* Mk 1:12-15  
**Mon** \* Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 \* Ps 19:8-10, 15 \* Mt 25:31-46  
**Tues** \* Is 55:10-11 \* Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 \* Mt 6:7-15  
**Wed** \* Jon 3:1-10 \* Ps 51:3-4,12-13, 18-19 \* Lk 11:29-32  
**Thurs** \* Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 \* Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 \* Mt 7:7-12  
**Fri** \* Ez 18:21-28 \* Ps 130:1-8 \* Mt 5:20-26  
**Sat** \* Dt 26:16-19 \* Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 \* Mt 5:43-48

**Altar Server Assignments for Feb. 27 & 28, 2015**

**Sat.** 5:00 PM - Jacques Mathieu, Kevin Robles  
**Sat.** 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores,  
 Alex Estrada, Fernando Estrada  
**Sun.** 8:15 AM – Gabrielle Forbes-Bennett, Bianca Salonga, Iziegbeuwa Odia  
**Sun.** 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo  
**Sun.** 11:30 AM – Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras,  
 Jeison Fernandez, Lexa Torres  
**Sun.** 1:15 PM – Miguel Garcia, Edward Peña,  
 Salome Lopez, Elsa de la Cruz

**Catechizing During Lent**

During Lent the Church does not sing the Gloria or the Alleluia due to the penitential character of the Season.

**RENEW YOUR FAITH THIS** 



## First Sunday of Lent

### A POWERFUL PROCLAMATION

As we reflect on how we spend our time, we could well ask ourselves, "What would you want to be caught dead doing?" If we take seriously Jesus' Gospel proclamation, if we chew on the words until they become part of us, we will find our answer.

After coming out of the desert and learning of John's arrest, Jesus knew it was time to act. Forty days of prayer and fasting had prepared him well. He knew exactly what he wanted to be caught dead doing. His desert experience had prepared him. Fully aware that his actions would put his life in jeopardy, he went to Galilee, where he made the powerful proclamation found in today's Gospel.

#### "THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT"

*This* is the time. Not tomorrow, or after Lent, or after you finish your degree, or after you feel a little better about yourself, or after you retire. *This* is the time and the place. Here, today, this minute, now. By your baptism, you *are* fulfilled. All you need to do is realize it.

"The kingdom of God is at hand." It is in the present moment, mirrored back to us many times each day. It is everywhere, even in the darkest corners of the world. To gain access to the kingdom, we just give ourselves to Jesus each morning, and examine ourselves in light of his love each evening. Submit and commit—day after day.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." For those preparing for full Church membership this Lent, today's message is especially liberating. When we drop our own agendas and tune in to God's, miracles begin to happen. And if angels ministered to Jesus in the desert, we know that they will be there for us, too. So as we begin our Lenten observances, let's listen openly and trustingly to the still small Voice whispering in the silence of the season and then pray for the courage to believe and act on what we hear. We will be changed, and the world along with us.

### Black History Month

#### *Tribute to Mario Chiodo*

Remember them when you walk with freedom.

Remember them when you think of liberty.

Remember them when your children get on the school bus.

Remember them while you sleep without fear.

Remember them when you are hungry or lonely.

Remember them when you thirst for knowledge.

Remember them when you cannot see the light or hear the birds sing.

Remember them when you are lost and need hope.

Remember them when others say, "You cannot..."

Remember them when you know you can.

Remember them when it is difficult to see the good.

Remember them when those less fortunate come your way.

Remember them when someone is unkind.

Remember them – forgive and be compassionate.

Remember them when you see injustices.

Remember them and know your voice can be heard.

Remember them and stand up for what is right.

Remember them and know that we are all equal.

Remember them and know that our children become what they see.

Remember them and know that your actions determine history.

Remember them and know that obstacles are really opportunities.

Remember them and know the greatest success often comes from failure. Remember them and know you have so much to give. Remember them and walk the path of peace.

Remember them and never give up.

Remember them and reach for the stars.

### Reflecting on God's Word

I suspect that the real reason we avoid the desert is because in all that monotony there are no hiding places, no paths to crawl our way behind some kink of hill, no busyness that allows us to duck beneath the rippling surface of honesty, no phone calls to undo the silence that echoes our real selves. Curious that we should be afraid of the nothing rather than of the something. Yet it is the nothing, in the end, that makes the revelation happen. Such is the unsettling power of any desert, to reveal what we most fear in life, the real self that is perhaps less known and more imposing than anyone else's self. Deserts do that, and so we avoid them like kids dancing about their homework.

Over the years we learn that it's safer to fritter about on the fringe of Lent than to get lost in its vast and desert emptiness. We've grown good at frittering, at tinkering with days stripped of television or meals that have surrendered their dessert. This frittering goes on simply because when it's all over and done we are able to go back to the lives we've come to enjoy and treasure and nothing has been redone, least of all our real selves.

Jesus, however, risked the desert. Never just a tinkerer, he dared to trek about the emptiness for forty days and nights. This week's first scripture is a piece from Noah's tale in the bobbing ark. Thus we might wonder which desert was more daunting, forty days and nights of Noah's deluge or of Jesus' drought. Yet both found themselves in new and different worlds, neither of which had ever before been mapped.



**Living God's Word**—It's time to decide in our own minds who we are and wish to be, to confess it to our God and to ourselves and to the whole world. Do not fear those places of desert; they are where you will recognize your truest self.

### *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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 68<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 67<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Call 718 376-3100 or visit our website at [www.TrustSummit.com](http://www.TrustSummit.com).

#### **EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS**

**Colecta del Domingo pasado: \$3737.22**

**Segunda Colecta: \$999.00**

**Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$3325.00**

**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**

#### **Primer Domingo de Cuaresma**

"Cristo sufrió por nuestros pecados de una vez para siempre, el Justo por los injustos, para llevarnos a Dios" ¿ Crees que el Señor te está invitando a sufrir con El para llevar a otros hacia Dios siendo sacerdote o religioso/a? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454, o escribe a: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

#### **Catequizando durante la Cuaresma**

Durante la Cuaresma no cantamos el Gloria ni el Aleluya debido al carácter de penitencia durante la temporada.

**RENOVEMOS  
NUESTRA FE EN  
ESTA**





## Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

### UNA PROCLAMACIÓN PODEROSA

Al reflexionar sobre cómo pasamos el tiempo, podemos preguntarnos: "¿Por qué causa estaría dispuesto a dar la vida?" Encontraremos la respuesta si tomamos seriamente la proclamación de Jesús en el Evangelio, si "digerimos" sus palabras hasta que sean parte de nosotros.

Después de regresar del desierto y saber del arresto de Juan, Jesús sabía que era tiempo de actuar. Estaba bien preparado por los cuarenta días de ayuno y oración. Sabía exactamente lo que quería hacer aunque le costara la vida. Su experiencia en el desierto lo había preparado. Completamente conciente que sus acciones pondrían en peligro su vida, fue a Galilea donde hizo una proclamación poderosa que se encuentra en el Evangelio de hoy.

### "EL TIEMPO SE HA CUMPLIDO"

*Este* es el momento. No mañana, ni después de Cuaresma, ni cuando termines tu carrera, ni cuando te sientas un poco mejor ni cuando te retires. *Este* es el momento y el lugar. Aquí, hoy, en este minuto, ahora. Por tu Bautismo, el tiempo se te ha cumplido. Sólo necesitas darte cuenta.

"El Reino de Dios está cerca". Está en este preciso momento, que vemos por reflejo muchas veces cada día. Está en todo lugar, hasta en los rincones más oscuros del mundo. Para ganar acceso al reino, solamente debemos entregarnos a Jesús cada mañana y examinarnos a la luz de su amor cada tarde. Sometermos y comprometernos, día tras día.

"Cambien sus caminos y crean en la Buena Nueva". Para los que se preparan para integrarse por completo a la Iglesia en esta Cuaresma, el mensaje de hoy es especialmente liberador. Cuando dejamos nuestras agendas y tomamos la de Dios, los milagros ocurren. Si los ángeles sirvieron a Jesús en el desierto, ellos también nos cuidarán de nosotros. Al empezar la celebración de la Cuaresma, escuchemos abierta y confiadamente a la todavía pequeña voz que susurra en el silencio de este tiempo y después pidamos en oración el ánimo para creer y poner en práctica lo que escuchemos. Seremos cambiados, y también el mundo con 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](http://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. Únase a nosotros el Domingo 22, 2015 a las 2:20 PM en el auditoria de la escuela Santa María 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.TrustSummit.com).