

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:

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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), 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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

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
 Miriam Thomas (birthday)
- 11:30 am - Magaly Guerrero (dec)
 Jorge y Emma de Paz (dec)
 Jorge Alberto Mendoza (dec)
 Blanca Rosa Mendoza (dec)
 Ines Perez Basquez (dec)
 Margarita Diaz (salud)
 Maria Christina Lemus (healing)
 Vanessa & Karla Moreno (cumpleaños)
 Susanna Alvarenga (acción de gracias)
 Presentación del bebe Favio De Alexandro Reyes
- 1:15 pm - Maria Surdo (dec)
 Rosemarie Nanez (dec)

Monday, February 24, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Margaret Reid

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Chanel Reid

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Special Intention

Thursday, February 27, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Amanda

Friday, February 28, 2014

- 12:10 pm - Guylaine Burdes
- 7:30 pm - Zoila Yepez (dec)

Saturday, March 1, 2014

- 5:00 pm - Mass available
- 7:30 pm - Por la liberación de los espíritus malignos

Sunday, March 2, 2014 –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:15 am - For the people of St. Mary & St. Gertrude
- 9:45 am - Mass available
- 11:30 am - Magaly Guerrero (dec)
 Carmela De La Cruz (dec)
- 1:15 pm - Rosemarie Nanez (dec)

The Golden Age Club will resume on March 13, 2014 and will continue on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month.

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 - \$3325.00

Second Collection- \$1218.00

First Collection Last Year: \$7045.00

(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: Gisele Munez, Fernando Flores, Cecilio Gonzalez, Ana Carrion, 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: Marie T. Alexis.

Weekday Readings

- Sun** * Lv 19:1-2,17-18 * Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 * Mt 5:38-48
- Mon** * Jas 3:13-18 * Ps 19:8-10,15 * Mt 9:14-29
- Tues** * Jas 4:1-10 * Ps 55:7-11,23 * Mk 9:30-37
- Wed** * Jas 4:13-17 * Ps 49:2-3,6-11 * Mk 9:38-40
- Thurs** * Jas 5:1-6 * Ps 49:14-20 * Mk 9:41-50
- Fri** * Jas 5:9-12 * Ps 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 * Mk 10:1-12
- Sat** * Jas 5:13-20 * Ps 141:1-3,8 * Mk 10:13-16

Altar Server Assignments for March 1 & 2, 2014

- Sat. 5:00 PM - Christian Rodriguez, Kimora George
- Sat. 7:30 PM - Lisbed Flores, Osvaldo Flores, Melissa Zarate
- Sun. 8:15 AM - Chinelan Chukwu, Chibuikem Chukwu, Iziegbeuwa Odia
- Sun. 9:45 AM - Joseph Santizo, Jorge Santizo
- Sun. 11:30 AM– Michelle Martinez, Cinthia Contreras, Melissa Ventura, Dennys Castillo
- Sun. 1:15 PM– Kevin Robles, Vilmar Jean-Michel



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

WISDOM OR FOOLISHNESS?

Sometimes the idea of “repentance” can seem old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called practical realities of life. St. Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers himself wise had better become a fool, because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:19).

This “foolishness” continues in today’s Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, turn the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “Be perfect,” Jesus says, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

THE “FOOLISHNESS” OF THE GOSPEL

The so-called “wisdom” of this world tells us that it is foolish to keep working for peace, to keep up the struggle for life against the many and various merchants of death. It is foolish to keep siding with the poor and downtrodden against the economic forces of the marketplace. It is foolish, also, to “give to the one who asks of you” (Matthew 5:42). Or so goes the wisdom of this world.

It is foolish to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). It is foolish to let someone get away with striking you in the face, to give in when someone sues you for the very clothes off your back, to let someone make you work without pay. Yet that is what Jesus encourages us to do.

Why? Maybe only the poets, the prophets, and the so-called “fools” can answer, because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:19). It does seem, however, that if we want to follow the path of Jesus, we must eventually come down firmly on the side of what the world deems “foolishness.”



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. Daisie Rodriguez at 917 330-1683, or Ms. Joanne Murray at 917 757-0466.

Black History Month “Celebrating”

Black Catholics - Saints and Others

Our Catholic faith is multicultural in nature and Catholic blacks and Catholic people of color have served the people of God and the Catholic Church in faith. Here are a few:

3 Black Popes. – Pope Victor I, Pope Miltiades and Pope Gelasius I - Only Black Popes in the Catholic Church to date. Pope Victor I was credited with setting the time of the Easter celebration

St. Martin de Porres – The first black American saint
- Born in Lima Peru in 1579, canonized in 1962.

He is the patron saint of blacks and people of color

Bishop James A. Healey – 1st black Roman Catholic Bishop in the United States - ordained Bishop of Portland Maine in 1875

Reverend Augustus Tolton - first black Roman Catholic priest in the United States

St. Augustine – Doctor of the Catholic Church
- Son of St. Monica, who repented of his sinful life and converted to Christianity. He was a theologian whose influential writings developed the concept of the Catholic Church as a spiritual “City of God,” distinct from the material “earthly city.”

St. Josephine Bakita – Born in the Sudan in 1869, died on February 8, 1947 and canonized in October 2000

- Stolen from her family, sold into slavery several times, forced to endure pain and suffering. With the help of the Canossian Nuns, won her freedom, was baptized and joined the Canossian Order

Bishop Guy A. Sansaricq – Auxiliary Bishop of Diocese of Brooklyn - 1st Haitian-American Bishop in the United States and of the Diocese of Brooklyn. He retired upon reaching mandatory age of 75.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. *Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.* Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, Come to the place for which our fathers sighed? *We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. *Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.*

Community Happenings Corner



Action Plan Public Hearings

The previously cancelled public hearing on the proposed Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan has been rescheduled in the Rockaways to: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – 7-9 PM Knights of Columbus Hall – 333 Beach 90th St

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

Job Openings

1. *The Rockaway YMCA is now hiring for Swim Lessons Instructor, Lifeguards, Child Watch Aid, Porters, and other positions. For more information contact the YMCA at 718-251-6950.*

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

Are you between the ages of 17-24? Are you currently out of school (not enrolled in a program) and looking for work? Paid internships are available for qualified participants in animal care, auto mechanics, cosmetology, catering, etc. Contact: The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council for more Information at 718 456-5437, ext. 235 or ext. 225

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

EL DIEZMO—EL REPORTE DE LAS OFRENDAS

Domingo Pasado: \$3325.00

Segunda Colecta: \$1218.00

Mismo Domingo Hace un Año: \$7045.00

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!



Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿SABIDURÍA O IGNORANCIA?

La idea del “arrepentimiento” a veces puede parecer anticuada, inocente o aún tonta. Pero si andas buscando una verdadera ignorancia, la encontrarás en las lecturas de hoy.

Comenzamos con la admonición en Levítico: “No te vengues ni guardes rencor” (19:18). Por supuesto que ya hemos oído ésto antes, así es que podríamos olvidarnos de cuán lejos está este mensaje de las llamadas realidades prácticas de la vida. Sin embargo, san Pablo nos advierte acerca de ser prácticos. Quien se considere a sí mismo sabio, mejor que se convierta en tonto, porque “la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios” (1 Corintios 3:19).

Esta “ignorancia” continúa en el evangelio de hoy: “No hagan resistencia al hambre malo” (Mateo 5:39). De hecho, cuando te golpeen una mejilla, ofrece la otra. Entrega tu manto así como tu camisa. Sé como Dios, que envía el sol y la lluvia sobre malos y buenos. Jesús dice: “[S]ean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto” (Mateo 5:48).

LA “IGNORANCIA” DEL EVANGELIO

La llamada “sabiduría” de este mundo nos dice que es una ignorancia seguir trabajando por la paz, seguir luchando a favor de la vida y en contra de los tantos y variados mercaderes de la muerte. Es una ignorancia ponerse de parte de los pobres y oprimidos y en contra de las fuerzas económicas del mercado. También es una ignorancia “[a] que te pide, dale” (Mateo 5:42). Así lo dice la sabiduría de este mundo. Es una ignorancia eso de “[amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian” (Mateo 5:44). Es una ignorancia dejar que alguien te golpee la cara, o permitir que te quiten hasta la ropa que llevas puesta, o que te hagan trabajar sin remuneración. No obstante, eso es lo que Jesús nos anima a hacer. ¿Por qué? Quizás sean sólo los poetas, los profetas o los llamados “tontos” los que puedan responder, porque “la sabiduría de este mundo es ignorancia ante Dios” (1 Cor 3:19). Tal parece, sin embargo, que, si queremos seguir el camino de Jesús, a la larga tendremos que ponernos firmemente de parte de lo que este mundo considera “ignorancia”.

Séptimo Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario—“Sean santos, ya que yo, el SEÑOR tu Dios, soy santo. ” Su vocación es la santidad para ser vivida como sacerdote o en la vida consagrada? Llama a la Oficina Vocacional al 718-827-2454.

Mes de la Historia Afroamericana "Celebrando"

Católicos Afroamericanos - Santos y Otros

Nuestra fe católica es por naturaleza multicultural en la naturaleza y católicos afroamericanos y personas católicas de color han servido al pueblo de Dios y la Iglesia católica en la fe. Éstos son algunos de ellos:

3 Papas Afroamericanos. - El Papa Víctor I, Papa Milciades y el papa Gelasio I

- Únicos Papas afroamericanos negros en la Iglesia Católica hasta la fecha. Al Papa Víctor I se le atribuye haber establecido el tiempo de la celebración de la Pascua

San Martín de Porres - Primer santo afroamericano

- Nació en Lima Perú en 1579 , canonizado en 1962. Él Santo patrono de los afroamericanos y personas de color

Obispo James A. Healey - Primer obispo católico afroamericano en los Estados Unidos

- Ordenado Obispo de Portland Maine en 1875

Reverendo Augustus Tolton - Primer sacerdote católico afroamericano en los Estados Unidos

San Agustín - Doctor de la Iglesia Católica

- Hijo de Santa Mónica, quien se arrepintió de su vida pecaminosa y se convirtió al cristianismo. Teólogo cuyos escritos influyentes desarrollaron el concepto de la Iglesia católica como espiritual "Ciudad de Dios" distinta de la material "ciudad terrenal".

Santa Josefina Bakita - Nació en el Sudán en 1869, murió el 8 de febrero 1947 y canonizada en octubre de 2000

- Robada de su familia, vendida como esclava varias veces, obligada a soportar el dolor y el sufrimiento. Con la ayuda de las Monjas Canosianas , ganó su libertad , fue bautizada y se unió a la Orden Canosiana

Monseñor Guy A. Sansaricq - Obispo Auxiliar de la Diócesis de Brooklyn - Primer Obispo haitiano-estadounidense en los Estados Unidos y de la Diócesis de Brooklyn . Se retiró a la edad correspondiente obligatoria de 75.

El Club de la Edad de Oro reanudará el Jueves 13 de Marzo del 2014 y continuará cada segundo y cuarto Jueves del mes.

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 vengán a la Iglesia, sean la Iglesia"

Rincón de Eventos en la Comunidad

Escriba en



su calendario

Audiencia Pública del Plan de Acción—La audiencia pública de la propuesta del Plan de Acción para el Desarrollo de Recuperación de la Comunidad por Subsidios Globales de Desastres previamente cancelada ha sido programada para el Martes 25 de Febrero, 2014 – 7-9 PM en Rockaway en el Centro de los Caballeros de Colon - 333 Beach 90th St .

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 Rockaway YMCA está buscando personal para Instructor de Clases de Natación, Salva vidas (Socorristas) Cuidado de Niños, Conserjes, y otras posiciones. Para más información favor de llamar al YMCA al 718-251-6950.

2. **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.

¿Está usted entre las edades de 17 a 24? ¿Acaba de terminar la escuela (no está inscrito en un programa) y esta buscando trabajo? Hay clases pagadas disponibles para los participantes calificados en cuidado de animales, mecánica automotriz, cosmetología, clases de cocina etc Contacto: Concejo Juvenil Ridgewood (The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council) para más información al 718 456-5437, ext. 235 o ext. 225

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 o al correo electrónico cert@oem.nyc.gov

El Colegio Comunitario Kingsborough llega 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